

Beyond infrastructure, we're smoothing our borders. We're investing in technology to improve security and border facilitation.

And we're creating a regulatory framework that will continually and substantially improve the "origin-to-destination" economics of the Gateway.

We want Chinese partners. We want Chinese investors. We want Chinese customers. We want strategic partnerships to help us build even more powerful links between Asia and North America.

As a government, we are committed to strengthening our trade and competitive position.

- We're committed to trade policy improvements, both multilateral and bilateral;
- We're committed to communicating a new story about Canada's capabilities high up the value chain; and
- We're committed to building globally competitive connections between Asia and North America.

Our relationship with China is a strategic priority, and these initiatives will take us a long way toward realizing our true potential.

But commerce doesn't grow in isolation.

As Canadians we do carry our values and perspectives beyond Canada, to the rest of the world.

We talk candidly about democratic governance, about the importance of the rule of law, and about corporate social responsibility.

Like China, we promote international norms and standards that support peace, harmony and cooperation in the world.

As Canadians, we generally believe in market-based economic development, rules-based trade and the rights of individuals. We see these things as fundamental to eliminating poverty and improving living standards.

Open discussion and engagement in these broader issues should not conflict with commercial interests.

China's breathtaking economic success has come hand-in-hand with economic reforms and freedoms. And it has brought unprecedented opportunities for the Chinese people.