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## Conclusion

Political and economic relations between Canada and Brunei Darussalam are still at an early stage. Brunei's position as Canada's dialogue partner in ASEAN between 1988-1991, however, served to enhance this relationship.

Bilateral trade will likely remain modest and may grow as Canadian firms compete for public sector contracts and tap opportunities in the Bruneian oil and gas exploration and services sector.

ASEAN, the Commonwealth and the United Nations offer productive fora for Canada and Brunei to expand their association on a range of political, economic, and human resource development issues. Canada will continue to complement on-going bilateral efforts with work at the multilateral level to further Canada-Brunei relations.