1985

President Li Xiannian and Vice-Premier Li Peng visit Canada.

1986

- Canada opens a consulate general in Shanghai.
- Prime Minister Brian Mulroney makes an official visit to China.
- Vice Premier Yao Yilin visits Canada.

1987

- Governor General Jeanne Sauvé visits China.
- Patricia Carney, Minister for International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, visits China.
- Bilateral air relations are improved with the signing of the Air Agreement. Canadian Airlines International begins flights to Beijing. The Civil Aviation Authority of China (now Air China) begins flying to Toronto via Vancouver.

1988

- Wan Li, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, visits Canada.
- Vice Premier Tian Jiyun visits Canada.

1990

• Two-way trade exceeds \$3 billion. Capital goods constitute 50 per cent of total Canadian exports to China.

1992

- Michael Wilson, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, visits China.
- Two-way bilateral trade reaches \$4.6 billion.

1993

- Joe Clark, Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs, visits China.
- Vice Premier Zhu Rongji visits Canada.