

development program has increased the amount of funding available for co-operative work.

- A number of bilateral, high-level visits over the last year have emphasized good governance. State Councillor Li Guixian and Personnel Minister Song Defu held discussions in May 1995 in Ottawa on civil service reform and public service management. This visit provided an opportunity to share views on a number of issues at the forefront of China's agenda for reform: corruption and abuse of power, structural problems in government institutions and reform of the role of government.
- During his visit to Beijing in July 1995, then Human Resource Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy followed up with discussions on Canada's experiences in improving programs dealing with pension system reform, labour adjustment, job creation and education. Canada and China signed a memorandum of understanding on training and personnel management.
- Three projects announced during Prime Minister Chrétien's visit to China in November 1994 — senior judges training, the implementation of China's Women's Law and statistical information management training — are all in the final design stages.

Peace and Security

- International peace and security are key elements of Canada's foreign policy. This cannot be achieved without the full participation of China, one of the world's most powerful and influential countries. China has one fifth of the world's population and is a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and a nuclear weapons state with the world's largest active forces.
- Canada and China maintain a dialogue on regional security, non-proliferation, arms control and peacekeeping. The two countries last held bilateral security talks in August 1995 and the next round of discussions will be held in Ottawa in the Spring of 1996. Canada intends to remain engaged in this dialogue, particularly on issues such as the Korean peninsula and nuclear non-proliferation.
- As Pacific countries and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum, Canada and China share an interest in global and regional peace and security. The ASEAN Regional Forum is an annual meeting of foreign ministers from the seven ASEAN countries, seven "dialogue partners" and five other consultative partners. The forum has dealt with key concerns such as the South China Sea/Spratly Islands, the Korean peninsula, and Taiwan.