

- Hong Kong is now Canada's 12th-largest trading partner, and the fourth-largest in Asia. Bilateral trade peaked at more than \$3 billion in 1995. Canadian exports to Hong Kong increased by more than 50 per cent in 1995 to \$1.3 billion. They included semi-processed items such as precious metals, plastics and plastic articles, electrical equipment and paper.
- Imports to Canada from Hong Kong totalled \$1.2 billion in 1995. Imports included apparel and footwear, electrical and mechanical equipment, clocks, toys, games and sports equipment.
- Hong Kong is an important source of investment for Canada. In 1995, Hong Kong investment in Canada amounted to \$4.6 billion. Investments range from electronics and textiles to telecommunications and plastics, from oil and gas to real estate.
- Cumulative Canadian direct investment in Hong Kong was valued at \$2 billion at the end of 1995.
- Opportunities for Canadian companies exist in construction (primarily as part of the plan to develop a new port and airport), building materials, environmental protection, security products and processed foods.

Immigration

- Today, some 100 000 Canadians, mostly of Hong Kong origin, live in the territory and an ever-increasing number visit Hong Kong each year.
- In addition, large numbers of people from Hong Kong continue to emigrate to Canada. In recent years, more than 20 percent of Canada's immigrants have come from Hong Kong. Approximately 500 000 Canadians of Hong Kong origin live in Canada. These immigrants strengthen the family ties between their homeland and their adopted home, enhance the diversity of Canada's multicultural society and act as a major impetus for increased trade across the Pacific.

Education

- During her recent visit to Hong Kong, Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, inaugurated the new Canadian Education Centre (CEC). This is the latest in a network of seven CECs in Asia promoting Canadian education services and products.
- Canada has become the country of choice for many people looking to study abroad. Nearly one quarter of all foreign students in Canada come from Hong Kong. At present, there are close to 17 000 Hong Kong students studying at Canadian universities and schools.