

annually for entry to study or in a few cases to work (eg. specialized Chinese chefs).

Provincial Relations and Twinning

Canadian provinces have become increasingly involved in Canada-China relations over the past few years, often in conjunction with PRC provinces sharing similar economic and cultural interests. Alberta and China's northeasternmost province of Heilongjiang, for example, have signed a twinning agreement and Premier Lougheed this fall returned an earlier visit by his counterpart, Governor Chen Lei. Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia (among other provinces) have also had extensive contacts with China in the fields of trade, sports, education, etc. The phenomenon of "twinning" or establishing close cooperative relations with an equivalent organization or government unit, also exists below the provincial level, for example the linking of the two garden cities of Victoria, B.C. and Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, and the understanding between Guelph and Beijing Agricultural Universities.

Media

The interest of the Canadian public in China has been promoted by the establishment of a small but active Canadian press community in Peking. At the present time, three of the four resident Canadian correspondents in Asia are based in Peking, one from the Globe and Mail (which has operated a bureau in Peking since 1959) one from the CBC and the other from CTV. The New China News Agency has two correspondents in Ottawa.

Conclusion

Although Canada no longer enjoys in Chinese eyes the special position which immediately followed recognition in 1970, Canada continues to be a country on which China focuses much attention. The positive efforts made by Canada toward bringing China into full participation in the international community since 1970, and the contributing factors that pre-dated recognition, have created a solid base of goodwill upon which to build. The prospects for future cooperation in trade, political, cultural and other fields are promising as both sides work to expand relations on a basis of mutual respect and benefits.