

1977

- Foreign Minister Huang Hua makes an official visit to Canada.

1978

- Xinhua (New China News Agency) reporters join the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

1979

- Canada and China sign a memorandum of understanding on educational co-operation permitting Chinese students to attend Canadian universities and Canadians to study at institutions of higher education in China.
- An economic co-operation protocol is signed to promote trade in high technology goods and services and to establish a joint committee to review bilateral trade progress.
- On the 40th anniversary of the death of Dr. Norman Bethune, the Canadian physician who worked in China and gave medical assistance to the "Red Army," a Canadian delegation to China participates in commemorations.
- The CTV television network assigns a resident correspondent in Peking.

1980

- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation opens a bureau in Peking and assigns a permanent correspondent.

1981

- Development assistance funds are sent to China for the first time.
- Close to three per cent of the Canadian population is now of Chinese ancestry.

1984

- Premier Zhao Ziyang visits Canada and is the first Communist leader to address Parliament.
- Canada-China trade exceeds \$2 billion.
- China opens a consulate general in Toronto.