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# **CANADA-BANGLADESH**

## ***TOWARDS AN INNOVATIVE FUTURE***

Canada established relations with Bangladesh after independence in 1971. Bangladesh and Canada celebrated 30 years of relations in the year 2002.

Relations between Canada and Bangladesh are excellent. Over the past three decades Canada has focussed on development cooperation, trade and investment and most recently on educational links. The Bangladesh business community is well disposed toward Canada, and business opportunities with Canadian firms will expand as the economy grows.

### **CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY**

The three pillars of Canadian foreign policy outlined in the 1995 policy paper 'Canada In The World' are:

- Promotion of prosperity and employment
- Protection of our security, within a stable global framework
- Projection of Canadian values and culture

This foreign policy is reflected in the relations between the two countries.