

- In the late 1980s, Canada and China signed a memorandum of understanding renewing the China-Canada Scholars Exchange Program, under which a dozen or so university professors and students from each country travel to the other country to study every year.
- More than 4,000 Chinese students are now studying at Canadian universities, mainly in engineering and pure sciences. About 100 Canadian students are studying in China.
- Canada has long considered cultural relations with China an important facet of bilateral relations. Official consultations on cultural relations take place regularly.
- In 1994, the Oliver Jones Trio, a jazz ensemble, accompanied the Governor General on his visit to China and performed for enthusiastic audiences.
- A feature film on the life of Norman Bethune was made under a Canada-China film and television co-production agreement, signed in 1987. Because of the film's success, the Canadian film and television industry is eager to renew production contacts with the Chinese film industry.
- In 1990, Canada's National Film Board and China's Xi'an Film Studio co-produced *The First Emperor*, the first Imax (large screen) film made with a Chinese partner. TVOntario has made several exploratory trips to China in the past few years, and has expressed interest in co-producing educational materials with Chinese television producers.

Development Assistance Co-operation

- The Canadian International Development Agency launched its official development assistance program with China in 1981. Since 1990, bilateral (government-to-government) funding has been in the range of \$30-32 million. Bilateral projections for 1995-96 are \$36 million.
- The New Country Development Policy Framework for China was launched by both governments in July 1994. All CIDA programs in China now focus on economic co-operation, environmental sustainability, human rights and democratic development, and good governance. Women in development and poverty reduction also figure prominently in the new policy framework. Letters of intent have been signed for 17 new initiatives in the areas of environmental sustainability, economic co-operation, good governance and women in development.