

- most large scale infrastructural projects have now been completed and new projects will be on a smaller scale more attractive to Canadian firms;
- the maintenance of existing infrastructure and other service contracts will provide opportunities in areas where Canada is highly competitive.

Saudi awareness of Canadian technological competence is evident from the priority they place on educational cooperation with us. Saudi Arabia has established an educational mission in Canada which has made special efforts to find post-graduate places for Saudi doctors at Canadian teaching hospitals. Other areas of training have included journalism, law and air traffic control. About 350 students are currently studying in Canada.

Canada has endeavoured to enhance its relationship with Saudi Arabia by establishing itself not only as one of a large number of suppliers of goods and services but also as a valuable interlocutor with interests across a wide spectrum: the Iran-Iraq war, Arab-Israeli dispute and various international economic issues, especially the international oil market.

CIDA and the Saudi Fund for Development cooperate on aid projects in Third World countries such as Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Cameroons. Regular contacts are maintained between CIDA and the Saudi Fund which have included a visit to Riyadh by CIDA's president early in 1985.