

- Many of China's import and infrastructure requirements correspond to Canada's prime export strengths, especially in areas such as telecommunications, oil and gas, power generation, environmental technologies and services, transportation, the mining and petrochemical industry, agricultural products and technology.
- Canada has consistently supported the efforts of the Chinese government to open its markets by extending to it most-favoured-nation status. This status gives China access to the Canadian market on the same basis as most other trading partners. Canada also supports China's application for entry into the World Trade Organization, which would give Canadian businesses better access to the Chinese market.
- Chinese authorities are promoting foreign investment. Several Canadian firms, especially the larger ones with world-renowned technology, have invested \$1.8 billion in China since this country began to open its doors to the world. Canadian small and medium-sized businesses are also starting to pay attention to China as an investment destination.
- More than 100 Canadian companies have offices in China, and Canadian firms are increasingly interested in expanding operations there.

#### **Development Assistance Co-operation**

- The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) launched its official development assistance program with China in 1981. Since 1990, bilateral (government-to-government) funding has been in the range of \$30 to \$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.
- Major ongoing projects include the Canada-China Enterprise Management Training Centre, assistance to open cities, the China Council for International Co-operation on Environment and Development, lean swine production, South China power studies, the Oil and Gas Technology Transfer Program and comprehensive transport management training.