

Chapter 7 Opening Doors to Asia

have compounded these problems. In addition, a range of non-tariff barriers continue to limit trade in many agri-food and forest products. Such barriers also affect trade in some manufactured products in the automotive, defence, life sciences, and information and communications technology industries.

In January 2008, Canada and Japan agreed during the annual Japan-Canada Joint Economic Committee discussions to establish a regulatory dialogue. Possible topics for collaboration include the following four areas: organics equivalency, mutual recognition for telecommunications equipment, automotive standards and regulation of biotechnology. Canada and Japan also agreed to continue cooperation on food safety.

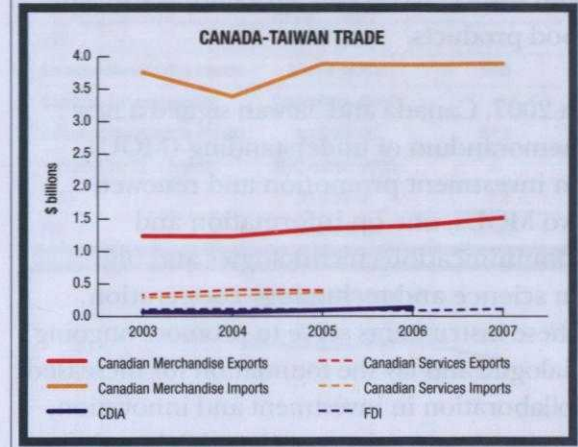
In 2008, Canada will work to improve market access for Canadian exporters by continuing to press for:

- access for all beef products based on Canada's BSE controlled-risk status as determined by the World Organisation for Animal Health; and
- a reduction of duties applied to vegetable oils (particularly canola), processed foods, red meats, fish, forest products, non-ferrous metals and leather footwear.

We will also monitor reforms in financial and insurance services—including the privatization of Japan Post—to ensure that Japan meets its WTO obligations with respect to market access for Canadian firms.

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)

	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population	23 million	0.9
GDP	\$412 billion	5.7
Canadian Merchandise exports	\$1 520 million	8.9
Canadian Services exports	\$406 million (2005)	-
Canadian Merchandise imports	\$3 895.4 million	0.4
Canadian Services imports	\$371 million (2005)	-
CDIA	\$136 million (2006)	-
FDI	\$114 million	25.3



Taiwan is regarded as one of Asia's economic success stories and a critical player in the global technology supply chain. Taiwan's economy remains highly dependent on trade. The country is a major exporter and investor in the Asia-Pacific region, with a particular focus on China and Southeast Asia. These factors have provided a strong impetus for trade and market liberalization.