

giant, observing more than leading events, and playing a generally stabilizing role in the Asian arena.

Despite China's internal troubles, relations between Canada and the PRC continued to reflect Canada's strong interest in reducing China's political isolation, and developing a climate of relations conducive to our important commercial interests there. A vigorous program of trade, cultural, scientific, sports, medical and educational exchanges helps build a solid basis for better communication with this potential economic and political super-power.

Naturally, Canada's relations with the Pacific-area countries cover a number of elements of interest to you as well as to us, which time does not permit me to discuss. These include: political developments, such as human rights; the activities of great powers in the region; multilateral political and economic questions such as the law of the sea; and our constant effort to promote a positive image of Canada in societies and cultures often very different from our own....

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