

As a foreign investor, you are not only interested in finding the right technical skill sets, but also the right management skill sets. Here, too, Canada excels. The World Economic Forum ranks Canada among the top 10 countries in the world when it comes to locally available management education in first-class business schools.

In the 2006 MBA survey published in *Business Week* magazine, five Canadian business schools ranked among the top 10 outside the United States: Queen's University (1st place), University of Western Ontario (2nd place), University of Toronto (3rd place), York University (9th place), and Hautes études commerciales (HEC), Montreal (10th place).

Canada also has some of the best engineering schools in North America according to the Gourman Report, with 18 of North America's top 40 electrical engineering schools located in Canada.

Canada's diverse workforce

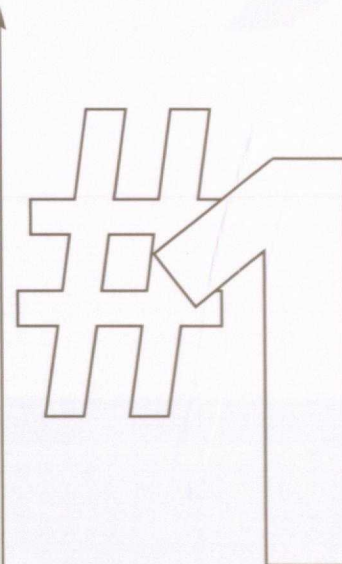
Canada's multicultural society and the diversity of its workforce represent core advantages over other investment destinations.

Canadian society has undergone profound change in the last 25 years. The expanding role of women in the workplace, the celebration of cultural diversity and the contribution of visible minorities are all important cornerstones of Canada's pluralistic and diverse society. This is perhaps nowhere more evident than in Canadian cities, which have become rich centres of creativity attracting talented people from around the world.

One-fifth of Canadians speak a mother tongue other than English or French. In fact, according to Canada's latest census, Canadians reported more than 200 mother tongues. Chinese languages comprise Canada's third most common mother tongue group, after English and French. Over one million Canadians identified Chinese as their mother tongue.

For foreign investors, Canada's diverse workforce offers a key strategic advantage over other investment destinations. As a result of this language diversity in the workplace, investors with Canadian operations will have a truly global reach. In sectors such as business process outsourcing and software development, foreign investors have already taken advantage of this Canadian asset, establishing successful operations that service global markets.

In recognition of the importance of overseas talent in the operations of Canadian and foreign businesses, the Government of Canada has established an agency that will expedite the assessment of foreign degrees and the process by which foreign workers are accepted into Canada.



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