

The visit by the Vietnamese trade minister is the latest in a series of activities between the two countries designed to strengthen trade and economic ties.

"We have assigned a senior trade commissioner to our embassy in Hanoi and have planned a number of trade delegations and trade shows in Viet Nam for the coming year," said Mr. Hockin. "Canadian companies have bid on projects in Viet Nam that would involve the export of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of equipment and services and create many jobs at home."

Trade between Canada and Viet Nam, while modest, is growing. Bilateral trade in 1992 was valued at nearly \$31 million.

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