

Canada has focused on developing close co-operation with the PRC on the environment because of the importance of China to global environmental security. Environment Canada has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the PRC concerning environmental co-operation.

ii) Political

Canada has a comprehensive human rights strategy in the PRC which consists of raising Canadian concerns at the highest levels of leadership while at the same time developing projects, primarily in the legal and judicial fields, designed to engage the PRC in a practical way on human rights questions. For example, Canada has recently sponsored a conference on democracy in Beijing.

Canada has engaged the PRC in a substantive and sustained dialogue on non-proliferation questions, including those in North Korea. Canada registered with the Chinese its concerns over the implications of China's recent nuclear weapons test for wider non-proliferation efforts.

Canada wishes to see a smooth transfer of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 that will help to ensure the future prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. Canada has made its position clear to the PRC.