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## Conclusion

Political and economic relations between Canada and Brunei Darussalam are still at an early stage but efforts to broaden relations and to explore new areas of co-operation are already paying some dividends. The initiatives currently under way in the education and training sector constitute important stepping-stones for relations which will increase awareness about the respective countries and encourage further exchanges between education, health and other professionals.

Bilateral trade will likely remain modest and the prospects for it to increase will largely depend on the success of a few key Canadian firms competing for public sector contracts or elements thereof.

ASEAN, the Commonwealth and the UN offer productive fora for Canada and Brunei to continue expanding their dialogue on a broad range of political and economic issues. Canada will continue to work at the multilateral level to complement the efforts made to date bilaterally to provide more substance to Canada-Brunei relations.