

F. TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Several trade and manufacturing associations exist in Malaysia. They range from ethnic-based associations to those which are more international in scope. Canadian manufacturers intending to move into joint-venture arrangements with Malaysian companies may contact these associations for assistance and more information.

These associations primarily serve the same broad function in that they

- o promote, preserve and protect the interests of companies in the industry and to assist in industrial and trade development.
- o to act as a spokesman for a particular group/sector in its dealings with the government/private sector bodies.
- o to provide a focal point for companies to meet, discuss and solve problems.
- o to obtain disseminate relevant information to its members.
- o to organize trade fairs at home and abroad and to undertake other activities beneficial to members.

The major associations are:

National Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia

The National Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM) is an apex organisation comprising the five principal private sector bodies concerned with commerce and industry, which in turn represent the business interests of the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities, the international investors and the Malaysian manufacturers. The NCCIM presently consists of the following constituent members:

- (1) The Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (MCCIM)
- (2) The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM)