

## **Thailand**

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP):</b>	US\$124 billion (1993); US\$141 billion (1994 est.)
<b>GDP Growth Rate:</b>	7.8% (1993); 8.5% (1994 est.)
<b>GDP Per Capita:</b>	US\$2,110 (1993); US\$2,360 (1994 est.)
<b>Population:</b>	59.5 million (1994)
<b>Head of State:</b>	King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX)
<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister Banharn Silapa-archa
<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs:</b>	Kasem S. Kasemri
<b>Minister of Commerce:</b>	Chucheap Harnsawat

### **Canada-Thailand Relations**

- Canada-Thailand bilateral relations date back to the 1950s and have broadened over time with Canada's increased interest in the Asia-Pacific region. In October 1995, Canada's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment Sheila Copps led an environmental mission to Thailand. Canada's acceptance of more than 37,000 Indo-Chinese refugees from camps in Thailand also contributed to bringing the two countries together.
- In October 1994, Canada and Thailand signed a treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters to enhance co-operation between their respective police forces in investigating crimes, especially drug trafficking. The Canadian Space Agency and Thailand's Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment also signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a framework for co-operation in space technology research and applications.
- Canada and Thailand signed an economic co-operation agreement in July 1988 to promote greater economic, commercial, industrial and development co-operation. Regular meetings on trade issues are taking place.

### **Trade and Investment**

- Two-way trade reached \$1.3 billion in 1994, up from \$1.1 billion in 1993. Canadian exports — of which nearly two-thirds were fully manufactured goods — were valued at \$408 million in 1994, up from \$375 million the previous year. Canada imported \$895 million worth of goods in 1994, compared to \$768 million in 1993.