

MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

GEODATA

Area

329,758 km²

Population

23.3 million (2000)

Major languages

Malay, English, Hokkien, Cantonese, Tamil

Population growth rate

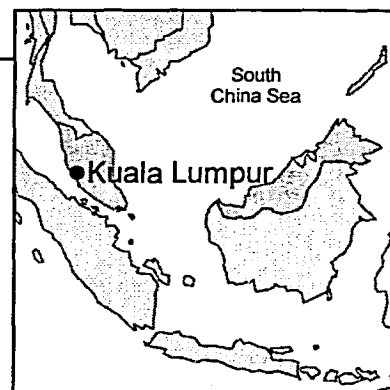
2% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Muslim (58%); Buddhist and Taoist (26%); Christian (9%); Hindu (7%)

Surrounding countries

Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Syed Hamid

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

Minister of International Trade and Industry

Rafidah Aziz

Leaders

Sovereign: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong XII
Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Malaysia ranks 56th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$4.37 million (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$89.3 billion US (2000)

Inflation rate

1.5% (2000)

GDP growth rate

8.5% (2000)

Unemployment rate

3.1% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$3,833 US (2000)

Main exports

Electronics, electrical machinery, petroleum, timber and logs, textiles, palm oil

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food, fuel and lubricants

Main exports to Canada

\$2.49 billion (2000), including electrical machinery and parts, other machinery, boilers, mechanical appliances, rubber and rubber articles, furniture, bedding, mattresses, knitted and crocheted clothing

Main imports from Canada

\$405.8 million (2000), including fertilizers, cereals, electrical machinery, paper and paperboard, oil seed, oleaginous fruit, grain and seed

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