

BRIEF-BANGLADESH

AREA: 144,555 sq. km

POPULATION: 106.5 million

CAPITAL: Dhaka

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT: Constitutional Republic

HEAD OF STATE: Hossain Mohammad Ershad PRIME MINISTER: Moudud Ahmed

LANGUAGE: Bangla (Bengali) 98%
English, Urdu

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: 98% Bengali,
250,000 Biharis, under 1 mn. tribal

GDP: \$19.3 bn

PER CAPITA INCOME: \$170 U.S. CURRENCY: 27.1 Takas = \$1 Cdn.

INFLATION RATE: 11% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: N/A REAL GDP: 2.5%

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (1988):

Exports (Total: \$1,231 mn. U.S.)

1. USA	31%
2. Italy	9%
3. Japan	6%
4. UK	6%
5. USSR	3%

Imports (Total: \$2,987 mn. U.S.)

1. Japan	13%
2. Singapore	8%
3. USA	8%
4. India	5%
5. UK	5%

CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS (in Cdn \$ mn)

	1986	1987	1988
Exports	101.3	124	127
Imports	18.5	23	30
Balance	+92.8	+101	+97

MAIN SECTORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS:

1. Oil and Gas Equipment and Services
2. Power and Energy Equipment and Services
3. Grains and Oilseeds
4. Telecommunication Equipment and Services

RESIDENT CANADIAN BANKS None

CANADIAN REPS.

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