

MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

GEODATA

Area
329,744 km²

Population
19.5 million (1994)

Population growth
2.6% (1994)

Major languages
Malay, Chinese dialects, English, Tamil

Major religions
Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian

POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Federation, constitutional monarchy

Leaders
Sultan Tuanku Ja'afar Ibni Al Marhum Tuanku
Abdul Rahman

Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

Democratic Institutions
Bicameral parliament, multiparty elections

UN Human Development Index
Malaysia ranks 59th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$66.74 billion US (1994 est.)

GDP growth rate
8.7% (1994)

GDP per capita
\$3,380 US (1994 est.)

Main Exports
Electronic products, air conditioners, petroleum, natural rubber and rubber products, tin, timber and logs, iron ore, textiles, palm oil, cocoa, and pepper

Main Imports
Manufactured consumer goods, machinery and transport equipment, food, beverages, tobacco, and crude oil

Main Exports to Canada
\$1,213.6 million (1994), including consumer electronics and electronic machinery, rubber articles, boilers and clothing

Main Imports from Canada
\$288.8 million (1994), including fertilizers, paper and paper board, organic chemicals, machinery and cereals

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$7.71 million (1993-1994)