

FACT SHEET—MALAYSIA

July 1995

Area: 329 744 km²
Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Population: 19.5 million (1994)
System of Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Head of State: Yang di-Pertuan Agong, H.M. Tuanku Ja'afar Ibni Al Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman

Prime Minister: Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad

Minister of International Trade and Industry: Datin Paduka Rafidah Abdul Aziz

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi

Language: Malay (Bahasa Malaysia), English, Hokkien, Cantonese, Tamil

Ethnic Background: Malay 61%, Chinese 30%, East Indian 7%, Indigenous Tribes 2%

GDP: C\$101.9 billion (1994) **Per Capita Income:** C\$5226 (1994) **GDP Growth:** 8.7% (1994)

Currency: Ringgit (RM) =C\$0.55 **Inflation:** 3.7% (1994) **Unemployment:** 3% (1993)

Major Trading Partners (1993) (US\$ million)

Exports (Total: 47.0)		Imports (Total: 45.5)	
1. ASEAN members	(13.1)	1. Japan	(12.5)
2. United States	(9.6)	2. ASEAN members	(5.5)
3. Japan	(6.1)	3. United States	(7.7)
4. United Kingdom	(2.0)	4. Taiwan	(2.5)
5. Hong Kong	(1.9)	5. Germany	(1.7)

Canadian Trade Statistics (C\$ million)

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 (Jan-June)
Exports	256.7	295.7	238.9	223.7	267.0	219.0
Imports	380.2	436.0	603.9	877.1	1,213.6	683.1
Balance	-123.6	-140.3	-365.0	-653.3	-946.6	-464.1

Major Canadian Exports 1994 (C\$ million)

Fertilizers	61 901
Pulp and paper	54 499
Organic chemicals	37 389
Mechanical machinery, parts	17 704
Cereals	17 135

Major Canadian Imports 1994 (C\$ million)

Electrical machinery, parts	805 226
Mechanical machinery, parts	112 479
Textiles	74 204
Rubber, articles thereof	70 777
Toys, games	20 579

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business

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| 1. Oil and gas equipment and services | 4. Power, energy equipment and services |
| 2. Transportation equipment and services | 5. Agri-food products and services |
| 3. Advanced technology products and services | |

EDC Status: On cover

CIDA Status: Category II

Resident Canadian Bank: Bank of Nova Scotia

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