

FACT SHEET - THAILAND

July 1991

Area: 513,115 km²**Population:** 55.9 million (1989 approx)**Capital:** Bangkok (Krung Thep)**System of Government:** Constitutional Monarchy**Head of State:** HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX)**Prime Minister:** Anand Panyarachun**Minister of Foreign Affairs:** Arsa Sarasin**Minister of Commerce:** Amaret Sila-On**Language:** Thai/Chinese **Ethnic Background:** Thai 80%; Chinese 10%; Malay 3%; Other 7%**GDP:** US \$75.34 B (1990f) **Per Capita Income:** US \$1,176 (1990f)**Currency:** Baht (100 Satang)

Cdn \$1 = approx 21.9 baht

Inflation Rate: 5.5% (1990f)**Debt Service Ratio:** 9.7% (1990f)**Unemployment Rate:** 4.6% (1989)**Economic Growth:** 9% (1990f)**Major Trading Partners (1988):**Exports (Total: US \$14.7 billion)

1. USA (\$3.1 b)
2. Japan (\$2.5 b)
3. Singapore (\$1.2 b)
4. Germany (\$0.7 b)
5. Hong Kong (\$0.7 b)

Imports (Total: US \$17.5 billion)

1. Japan (\$5.8 b)
2. USA (\$2.7 b)
3. Singapore (\$1.5 b)
4. Germany (\$1.1 b)
5. UK (\$0.6 b)

Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ millions)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Exports	105.3	194.9	259.0	339.8	492.1
Imports	161.5	209.8	343.4	419.9	406.0
Balance	-56.2	-14.9	-84.4	-74.5	86.1

Major Canadian Exports 1990 (Cdn \$'000)

Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	153,460
Boilers, mchy & mech appliance	58,648
Salt; sulphur; earth & ston;	47,185
Paper & paperboard	32,483
Pulp of wood/of other fib cell	28,640

Major Canadian Imports 1990 (Cdn \$'000)

Prep of meat, fish or crustaceans	44,877
Vehicles o/t railw/tramw roll-stock	39,041
Clothing, not knitted/crocheted	31,240
Electrical mchy eqpt parts	29,179
Boilers, mchy & mech appliance	28,200

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

1. Advanced Technology (Products/Services)
2. Oil & Gas
3. Power & Energy Equipment/Services
4. Defence Sector
5. Agriculture & Food Products

EDC Status: On cover**CIDA Status:** CORE country (Category 1)**Resident Canadian Bank:** Bank of Nova Scotia, Bangkok - Kobsak Duangdee

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