

JAPAN FACT SHEET

Head of State: HM Emperor Akihito

Prime Minister: Tsutomu Hata

Canadian Ambassador:
Donald W. Campbell

GNP: C\$5 trillion

Currency: Cdn \$1 = 75 Yen

Unemployment Rate: 3%

New Housing Starts: 1.5 million/year

Foreign Minister: Koji Kakizawa

Minister of International
Trade and Industry: Eijiro Hata

System of Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 125 million

Economic Growth: 0.1% (GNP)[†]

Inflation Rate: 1.0% (CPI)[†]

Major Trading Partners (1992)

Exports (Total: US \$340 billion)

1. USA	\$99.9
2. Taiwan	\$21.1
3. Hong Kong	\$20.8
4. Germany	\$20.3
5. South Korea	\$17.8

Imports (Total: US \$233 billion)

1. USA	\$52.2
2. China	\$16.9
3. Australia	\$12.4
4. Indonesia	\$12.2
5. South Korea	\$11.6

Trade with Canada

Customs Basis

(C\$ millions)	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Exports to Japan	8,708	8,749	8,171	7,111	7,413	8,393
Imports from Japan	9,267	9,549	9,517	10,249	10,758	10,690
Balance	-559	-800	-1,345	-3,137	-3,345	-2,297

Major Exports to Japan (C\$ millions)*

Lumber, Plywood	2,295
Coal	1,205
Pulp & Paper	841
Fish, Seafood	624
Oilseeds	503

Major Imports from Japan (C\$ millions)

Motor vehicles & Parts	3,956
Office Machines, Computers	1,473
Telecommunications & Electronics	1,444
Photographic Equipment	344
Chemicals	302

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canada

1. Processed Foods and Seafood
2. Building Products
3. Aerospace
4. Information Technologies
5. Auto Parts
6. Tourism

[†] Current Estimate

* 1993 figures