SINGAPORE

Capital: Singapore

GEODATA

Area 647.5 km²

Major languages English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil

Major religious groups Buddhist (31%), Taoist (22%), Muslim (15%), Christian (12%), Hindu (4%)

Surrounding countries Indonesia, Malaysia

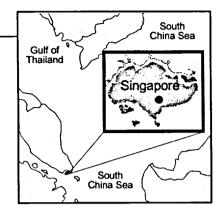
POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic

National legislature Single chamber: Parliament; multiparty

Leaders President Sellapan Rama Nathan Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong Population 4 million (2000)

Population growth rate 3.5% (2000 est.)



Minister for Foreign Affairs Shanmugam Jayakumar

Minister for Trade and Industry George Yon-Boon Yeo

UN Human Development Index (2001) Singapore ranks 26th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance \$1.6 million (1999–2000)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$94.3 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate 9.9% (2000)

GDP per capita \$23,575 US (2000)

Main exports

Machinery and equipment, petroleum products, rubber, manufactured goods, processed foods, coconut oil, palm oil, copra

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, mineral fuel, chemicals, manufactured goods, food

Main exports to Canada

\$1.4 billion (2000), including boilers, mechanical machinery, electrical machinery, organic chemicals, optical instruments and equipment, mineral fuel and oils

Main imports from Canada

\$368 million (2000), including boilers, mechanical machinery, electrical machinery, nickel, paper and paperboard, organic chemicals

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Inflation rate 1.3% (2000)

Unemployment rate 3.1% (2000)