

# MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

## GEODATA

### Area

329,758 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major languages

Malay, English, Hokkien, Cantonese, Tamil

### Major religious groups

Muslim (58%); Buddhist and Taoist (26%); Christian (9%); Hindu (7%)

### Surrounding countries

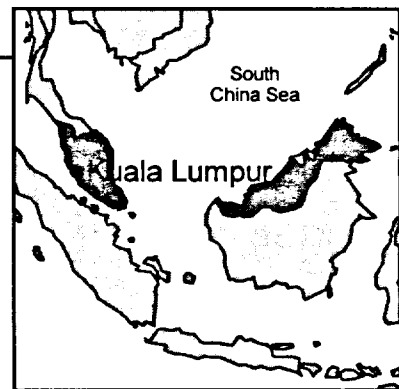
Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

### Population

23.3 million (2000)

### Population growth rate

2% (2000 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

### National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

### Leaders

Sovereign: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong XI  
Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hamid Albar

### Minister of International Trade and Industry

Rafidah Aziz

### UN Human Development Index (2001)

Malaysia ranks 56th among 162 countries

### Canadian official development assistance

\$3.3 million (1999–2000)

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$89.3 billion US (2000)

### Real GDP growth rate

8.5% (2000)

### GDP per capita

\$3,833 US (2000)

### Main exports

Electronics, electrical machinery, petroleum, timber and logs, textiles, palm oil

### Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food, fuel and lubricants

### Main exports to Canada

\$2.49 billion (2000), including electrical machinery and parts, other machinery, boilers, mechanical appliances, rubber and rubber articles, furniture, bedding, mattresses, knitted and crocheted clothing

### Main imports from Canada

\$406.2 million (2000), including fertilizer, cereal, electrical machinery, paper and paperboard, oil seed, oleaginous fruit, grain and seed

### Inflation rate

1.5% (2000)

### Unemployment rate

3.1% (2000)

### Canadian Representative

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