

CANADA-SINGAPORE  
BILATERAL RELATIONS FACT SHEET

**1. GENERAL RELATIONS**

Establishment of Diplomatic Relations: 1966  
 Canadian High Commission opened: 1966 (Trade Commission 1921-26, 1934-1942 and 1946-1966)  
 Singapore High Commission: Singapore's Permanent Mission to the UN has responsibility for Canada  
 Prime Ministerial Visits: John Diefenbaker, December 1958  
 Pierre E. Trudeau, May 1970,  
 January 1971

Canadian High Commission (since 1981): George W. Seymour, 52. B.Comm, University of B.C., 1956. Royal Canadian Navy (Air) 1956-58. Joined External Affairs June 1958. Postings: Saigon, Hague, Colombo, Washington, D.C.

High Commission Operations: Canada based staff: 21  
 locally-engaged staff: 32

Singapore High Commissioner to Canada: Tommy T.B. Koh (resident in New York)

Treaties and Agreements in Force:

- Trade between Singapore and Canada is carried out under the GATT. Singapore is a beneficiary of the General Preferential Tariff as well as the British Preferential Tariff.
- The Textiles Exports Restraint Agreement: renegotiated in June 1982.
- Double Taxation Convention and Foreign Investment Insurance Agreement

**2. ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

Trade (US\$ millions)

	Canadian Exports	Canadian Imports	Trade Balance	Philippines as % of Canada's two-way trade with ASEAN
1980	198.1	149.5	48.6	31%
1981	145.7	174.6	- 28.9	32%
1982 (6 months)	82.4	106.4	- 24.3	34%

Major Canadian Exports (1982): Potassium chloride; aircraft engines, zinc; polyethylene resins; soya beans

Major Canadian Imports (1982): Civil aircraft; crude natural rubber; refrigeration compressor units; clothing

Canadian Investment: \$28.4 million

Singapore as % of total Canadian Investment in ASEAN: 2%

Visits by Canadian Businessmen 1980: 280  
 1981: 566  
 1982: 1,002