

## FACT SHEET - SINGAPORE

August 1990

Area: 626 sq km

Population: 2.7 million (1990)

Capital: City State

System of Government: Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy

Head of State: President Wee Kim Wee Prime Minister: Lee Kuan Yew

Minister of Trade and Industry: Lee Hsien Loong

Language: English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil Ethnic Background: Chinese 77%, Malay 15%, East Indian 7%

GDP: US \$31.73 b (1990f) Per Capita Income: US \$10,270 (1989) Currency: Spore \$ = Cdn \$0.63

Inflation Rate: 3.1% (1990f) Debt Service Ratio: 4.3% (1990f) Unemployment Rate: 2.5% (1989)

### Major Trading Partners (1989):

Exports (Total: US \$47.0 billion)

1. USA (\$10.9 b)
2. Malaysia (\$6.4 b)
3. Japan (\$4.0 b)
4. Hong Kong (\$2.5 b)
5. Thailand (\$2.1 b)

Imports (Total: US \$52.3 billion)

1. Japan (\$11.2 b)
2. USA (\$9.0 b)
3. Malaysia (\$6.9 b)
4. Saudi Arabia (\$2.9 b)
5. Taiwan (\$2.6 b)

### Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ millions)

	1986	1987	1988	1989
Exports	146.3	168.0	275.2	243.5
Imports	208.3	291.4	466.9	502.4
Balance	-62.0	-123.4	-191.7	-258.9

### Major Canadian Exports 1989 (Cdn \$ million)

Machinery, Elec Eqpt & Parts	58.2
Special Transactions/Commodities	31.6
Paper & Paperboard Articles	25.3
Aircraft & parts (incl. engines)	24.7
Base Metals & Articles	19.0

### Major Canadian Imports 1989 (Cdn \$ million)

Telecom, Electrical Eqpt/Parts	168.2
Auto Data, Proc. Machines/Eqpt	167.5
Mchy, Mech Appliances/Parts	59.0
Textiles & articles	32.8
Organic Chemicals	15.0

### Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

1. Advanced Technology Products & Services
2. Defence Programs/Products/Services
3. Agriculture & Food Products
4. Transportation Systems/Equipment
5. Oil & Gas Equipment/Services
6. Education, Medical, & Health Products

EDC Status: On cover

CIDA Status: Not program country

Resident Canadian Banks: Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion Bank

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