Indonesia

Gross Domestic Product (GDP): US\$144 billion (1993); US\$154 billion

(1994 est.)

GDP Growth Rate: 6.5% (1993); 6.7% (1994 est.)

GDP Per Capita: \$765 (1993); \$805 (1994 est.)

Population: 192 million (1994)

Head of State and Government: President Haji Mohamed Soeharto

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Ali Alatas

Minister of Trade: Satrio Budiardjo Joedono

Canada-Indonesia Relations

• Indonesia's role in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), its membership in the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum and its moderating influence in the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Group of 77 and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, make it an important partner in the region.

- In 1993, Canada marked the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta. Canada-Indonesia relations have developed from a traditional development co-operation relationship into a mature, mutually supportive and beneficial partnership at all levels.
- 1995 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Indonesian independence.
- Several visits at the ministerial level helped raise Canada's profile in Indonesia. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's visit last November was testament to Canada's desire to broaden its bilateral and commercial relationship with Indonesia. In May, Indonesia's Minister of Investment led over 50 business representatives to Canada to promote opportunities for bilateral partnerships. This mission was followed by a visit to Indonesia by Canada's Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan in July.

Trade and Investment

Indonesia is Canada's most important export market in the ASEAN region. Two-way trade is currently valued at \$1 billion. In 1994, Canadian exports were worth \$475 million, an increase of \$14 million over the previous year. Imports were valued at \$522 million, compared to \$444 million in 1993.