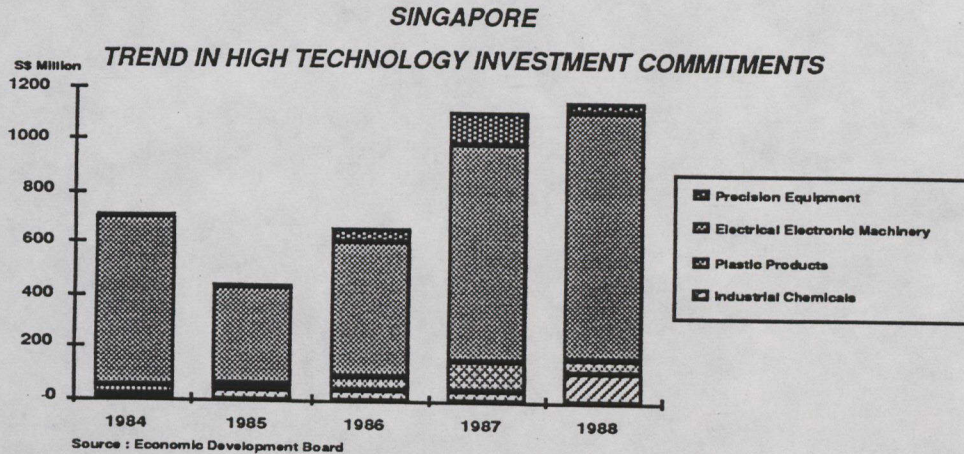


INDUSTRY OVERVIEW ...

CURRENT SITUATION

Industry Specifics

Over the last decade, Singapore has witnessed major growth in several high technology industries. The most significant growth was in the Industrial Chemicals, Plastics, Machinery, Electrical and Electronics, and Precision Equipment.



The electronics industry has been growing the fastest. In 1988, it posted a 28% increase due to demand for integrated circuits, semi-conductor devices, computer, audio-visual and telecommunications equipment.

The electrical industry grew by 20%, reflecting growth in precision motors, compressors and power systems. Growth in investment commitments is occurring in aerospace, machinery, plastic product and fabricated metal product sectors.

Research and Development

Comparatively speaking, Singapore is striving to be a major player in the R&D arena. Gross expenditure for R&D in 1987-1988 was \$374.7 million, equivalent to 0.9% of GNP.

