## **THAILAND**

Capital: Bangkok

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Area

513,115 km<sup>2</sup>

Major languages
Thai, Chinese

Major religious group

Buddhist (95%)

Surrounding countries

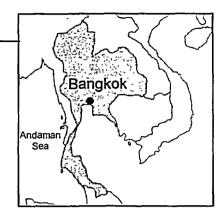
Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia

**Population** 

61.8 million (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

0.9% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;

multiparty

Leaders

King Adunyadet Phumiphan

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Surikiart Sathirathai

**Minister of Commerce** 

Adisai Bodharamik

UN Human Development Index (2002)

Thailand ranks 70th among 173 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$5.56 million (2000-01)

**ECONOMIC DATA** 

**GDP** 

\$114.8 billion US (2001)

GDP growth rate

4.3% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$6,550 US (2001, PPP)

Inflation rate

1.6% (2000)

**Unemployment rate** 

3.6% (2000)

Main exports

Textiles and garments, computers and parts, electrical appliances, rice

Main imports

Electrical and other machinery, fuel and lubricants, vehicles and parts

Canadian imports from Thailand

\$1.7 billion (2001), including electronics, agri-food products, textiles, plastics and rubber, machinery, forest products, chemicals

Canadian exports to Thailand

\$438 million (2001), including agri-food products, fertilizer, forest products, base metals, machines, transportation equipment

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