

FACT SHEET - BRUNEI

April 1990

Area: 5,765 sq km

Population: 227,000 (1989)

Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan

System of Government: (Monarchy) Sultanate

Head of State: Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah

Prime Minister: Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah

Minister of Finance (responsible for Trade): Prince Jefri Bolkiah

Language: Malay, English, Chinese

Ethnic Background: Malays 65%, Chinese 20%  
Indigenous tribes 8%, Indian & others 6%

GDP: (1988) US \$3.1 B Per Capita Income: US \$17,000 Currency: Brunei Dollar on  
par with Spore \$= Cdn \$0.63

Inflation Rate: 2.0% (1988) Unemployment Rate: N/A Debt Service Ratio: Nil

**Major Trading Partners (1988):**

Exports (Total: US \$2 billion)

- 1. Japan (\$1.04 b)
- 2. S. Korea (\$0.3 b)
- 3. U.K. (\$0.24 b)
- 4. Thailand (\$0.16 b)
- 5. Singapore (\$0.1b)

Imports (Total: US \$1.3 billion)

- 1. Singapore (\$0.47 b)
- 2. U.K. (\$0.34 b)
- 3. Switzerland (\$0.09 b)
- 4. USA (\$0.09 b)
- 5. Japan (\$0.78 b)

**Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ '000s)**

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	37	232	2,339
Imports	192	37	56
Balance	-155	195	2,283

**Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:**

- 1. Oil and Gas Equipment and Services
- 2. Advanced Technology Products and Services
- 3. Defence Programs, Products and Services

EDC Status: on cover

CIDA Status: not programme country

Resident Canadian Banks: None

**Canadian Reps in Brunei: (resident in Singapore)**

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