

FACT SHEET - BRUNEI

August 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: (1989) US \$3.5 B **Per Capita Income:** US \$14,262 (1989) **Currency:** Brunei \$ on par with Spore \$ = Cdn \$0.63

Inflation Rate: 1.3% (1989)

Debt Service Ratio: Nil

Unemployment Rate: 3.7% (1989)

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 (\$0.1 b)

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 (\$0.08 b)

Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ 000s)

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Exports	37	232	2,239
Imports	192	37	56
Balance	-155	195	2,283

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

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

EDC Status: On cover

CIDA Status: Not program country

Resident Canadian Bank: None

Canadian Reps in Brunei: (resident in Singapore)

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