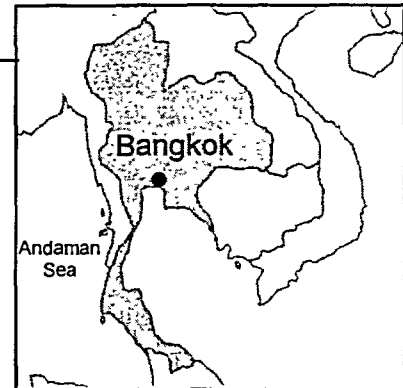


# THAILAND

Capital: Bangkok

## GEODATA

<b>Area</b> 513,115 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 61.8 million (2001 est.)
<b>Major languages</b> Thai, Chinese	<b>Population growth rate</b> 0.9% (2001 est.)
<b>Major religious group</b> Buddhist (95%)	
<b>Surrounding countries</b> Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia	



## POLITICAL DATA

<b>Type of government</b> Constitutional monarchy	<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b> Surikiart Sathirathai
<b>National legislature</b> Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty	<b>Minister of Commerce</b> Adisai Bodharamik
<b>Leaders</b> King Adunyatet Phumiphan Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra	<b>UN Human Development Index (2002)</b> Thailand ranks 70th among 173 countries
	<b>Canadian official development assistance</b> \$5.56 million (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$114.8 billion US (2001)	<b>Inflation rate</b> 1.6% (2000)
<b>GDP growth rate</b> 4.3% (2000)	<b>Unemployment rate</b> 3.6% (2000)
<b>GDP per capita</b> \$6,550 US (2001, PPP)	
<b>Main exports</b> Textiles and garments, computers and parts, electrical appliances, rice	
<b>Main imports</b> Electrical and other machinery, fuel and lubricants, vehicles and parts	
<b>Canadian imports from Thailand</b> \$1.7 billion (2001), including electronics, agri-food products, textiles, plastics and rubber, machinery, forest products, chemicals	
<b>Canadian exports to Thailand</b> \$438 million (2001), including agri-food products, fertilizer, forest products, base metals, machines, transportation equipment	

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