

## Papua New Guinea

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):	US\$4.6 billion (1993 est.); US\$4.6 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate:	14.4% (1993); 0.3% (1994 est.)
GDP Per Capita:	US\$1,185 (1993 est.); US\$1,100 (1994 est.)
Population:	4 million (1994)
Head of State:	Queen Elizabeth II, represented by Governor General Wiwa Korowi
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade:	Julius Chan

### Canada-Papua New Guinea Relations

- In both area and population, Papua New Guinea is the second-largest country in the South Pacific, after Australia. It achieved independence from Australia in 1975.
- Canada's bilateral relations with Papua New Guinea are limited. APEC and the annual South Pacific Forum dialogue meetings provide the only regular contact.
- The Canadian High Commission in Canberra administers a Canada Fund program in Papua New Guinea of \$500,000 a year, which primarily supports community development and services.

### Trade and Investment

- In 1994, Canada exported nearly \$2.1 million in goods to Papua New Guinea and imported \$1.9 million.
- Canadian direct investment in the mining industry is valued at more than \$500 million.

### Development Assistance Co-operation

- In 1993-94, total Canadian development assistance to Papua New Guinea was \$3.8 million.
- One of the Canadian International Development Agency's most important bilateral projects is the Canada-South Pacific Ocean's Development Program. The program supports activities in the South Pacific aimed at strengthening regional organizations.