

FACT SHEET - THAILAND

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Area: 513,115 km²**Population:** 55.9 million (1989 approx)**Capital:** Bangkok (Krung Thep)**System of Government:** Constitutional Monarchy**Head of State:** HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX)**Prime Minister:** Chatichai Choonhavan**Minister of Commerce:** Subin Pinkhayon**Language:** Thai/Chinese/English **Ethnic Background:** Thai 80%; Chinese 10%; Malay 3%;
Other 7%**GDP:** 1987-US \$46.6 B**Per Capita Income:** US \$1000
(1989)**Currency:** Baht (100 Satang)
Cdn \$1 = approx 21.9 baht**Inflation Rate:** 4.0% (1989) **Debt Service Ratio:** (1989) 12.9% **Unemployment Rate:** 4.6%
(1989) **Economic Growth (1989)** 9.1% (1989)**Major Trading Partners (1988):**Exports (Total: US \$14.7 billion)

1. USA (\$3.1 b)
2. Japan (\$2.5 b)
3. Singapore (\$1.2 b)
4. Germany (0.7 b)
5. Hong Kong (0.7 b)

Imports (Total: US \$17.5 billion)

1. Japan (\$5.8 b)
2. USA (\$2.7 b)
3. Singapore (\$1.5 b)
4. Germany (\$1.1 b)
5. U.K. (\$0.6 b)

Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ millions)

	1986	1987	1988	1989
Exports	105.3	194.9	259.0	339.8
Imports	161.5	209.8	343.4	419.9
Balance	- 56.2	- 14.9	- 84.4	-74.5

Major Cdn Exports 1989 (Cdn \$'000)

Boilers (parts of)	37,946
Flat Rolled Steel	37,287
Products	
Asbestos	29,539
Chemical Wood Pulp	27,906
Newsprint	20,848
Flight Simulators	15,606

Major Cdn Imports 1989 (Cdn\$'000)

Automobiles	73,982
Clothing	52,020
Tuna	45,977
Storage Units	26,145
Pineapples	15,056
Textile Fabrics	12,872
Footwear	11,233

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

1. Advanced Technology (Products/Services)
2. Oil & Gas
3. Power & Energy Equipment/Services
4. Defence Sector
5. Agriculture & Food Products

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