

## Malaysia

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):	US\$64 billion (1993); US\$66.74 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate:	8.5% (1993); 8.7% (1994)
GDP Per Capita:	US\$3,345 (1993); US\$3,380 (1994 est.)
Population:	19.5 million (1994)
Head of State:	Sultan Tuanku Ja'afar Ibni Al Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman
Head of Government:	Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi
Minister of Trade and Industry:	Paduka Rafidah Abdul Aziz

### Canada-Malaysia Relations

- Canada's bilateral relations with Malaysia are based on Commonwealth ties, co-membership in the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, development co-operation and the significant number of Malaysian students in Canadian educational institutions.
- Canada and Malaysia share mutual interests in a number of international issues, including peacekeeping and the environment. Canada and Malaysia co-chaired the Intergovernmental Working Group on Global Forests, which first met in Malaysia in April 1994 and again in Canada in October 1994.
- Canada's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment Sheila Copps led a 25-member environmental mission to Malaysia in September. This mission followed a visit in July by Minister of Human Resources Lloyd Axworthy.

### Trade and Investment

- Canada-Malaysia trade has grown considerably over the past decade reaching nearly \$1.5 billion in 1994. Between 1991 and 1994, Canadian exports increased by almost 30 per cent, reaching nearly \$289 million in 1994. Exports of services, principally engineering consultancy services, are worth an estimated \$50 million annually. Imports from Malaysia were valued at \$1.2 billion in 1994, up from \$877 million in 1993.
- Canadian merchandise exports include fertilizer; paper and paperboard; organic chemicals; cereals; and manufactured products such as boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances. Principal imports include