

SINGAPORE  
FACT SHEET

1. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>Singapore</u>	<u>Canada</u>
Area:	603 sq. km.	9,203,054 sq. km.
Land Use:	44% urban; 15% agricultural; 15% forests; 5% marsh; 21% other	7.3% agriculture; 35% forest; 54% wilderness (including 8.2% water); 2.8% other

2. DEMOGRAPHY (1982 estimates unless otherwise indicated)

Population:	2.4 million	24.625 million
Average Annual Growth:	1.2%	1%
Population Density:	3,980 inhabitants per sq. km.	2.6 inhabitants (1981) per sq. km.
Population Distribution:	75% urban	75.7% urban
Birth Rate per 1,000:	17.1	15.5 (1980)
Infant Mortality per 1,000:	11.7	10.4 (1980)
Life Expectancy:	71 years	74 years
Doctors per 1,000:	0.82	1.86
Refugees:	200 Vietnamese boat people	

3. SOCIETY

Ethnic Composition:

About 76.1% of the population is Chinese; 15% Malay; 7% Indian and Pakistani and 1.8% other.

Religion:

The majority of the Chinese are Buddhists; the Malays are predominantly Muslim; other minorities are Christians, Hindus and Taoists.

Language:

Although Malay is the National language, English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil are also official languages. The main Chinese dialects are Hokkien, Teochew, Cantonese and Hakka.

4. GOVERNMENT

Head of State: President C.V. Devan Nair

Head of Government: Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew

Deputy Prime Minister: Sinnathamby Rajaratnam

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Suppiah Dhanabalan

Type of Government:

Promulgated on August 9, 1965, the Constitution declared Singapore to be a republic with a President as head of state, but otherwise it retained essentially the same political institutions it had since June 3, 1959 when it became a self-governing member of the Commonwealth. Between September 16, 1963 and August 9, 1965, Singapore was a member of the Malaysian Federation. The structure and