

# MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

## GEODATA

### Area

329,758 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major languages

Malay, English, Hokkien, Cantonese, Tamil

### Major religious groups

Muslim (58%); Buddhist and Taoist (26%); Christian (9%); Hindu (7%)

### Surrounding countries

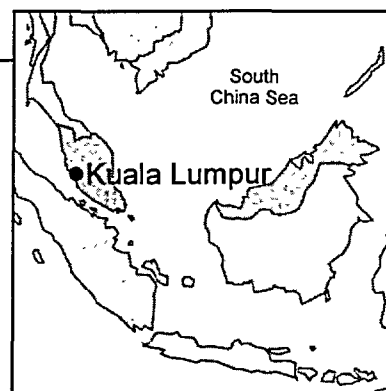
Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

### Population

22.2 million (2001 est.)

### Population growth rate

2% (2001 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

### National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

### Leaders

Sovereign: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong XII

Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Syed Hamid

### Minister of International Trade and Industry

Rafidah Aziz

### UN Human Development Index (2002)

Malaysia ranks 59th among 173 countries

### Canadian official development assistance

\$4.37 million (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$87.5 billion US (2001)

### GDP growth rate

0.4% (2001)

### GDP per capita

\$8,340 US (2001, PPP)

### Main exports

Electronics, electrical machinery, petroleum, timber and logs, textiles, palm oil

### Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food, fuel and lubricants

### Canadian imports from Malaysia

\$1.9 billion (2001), including electrical machinery and parts, other machinery, boilers, mechanical appliances, rubber and rubber articles, furniture, bedding, mattresses, knitted and crocheted clothing

### Canadian exports to Malaysia

\$344 million (2001), including fertilizer, cereals, electrical machinery, paper and paperboard, oil seed, oleaginous fruit, grain and seed

### Inflation rate

1.5% (2000)

### Unemployment rate

3.1% (2000-01)

### Canadian Representative

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