

projected to grow yearly at 12-15 percent over the next few years. The government of Malaysia considers rural communications to be a priority area for development.

4. **Power and energy equipment and services:**  
With the expansion of electricity utilization, there has been an increased demand for the development of hydro-electric projects. These projects create opportunities for Canada, especially in the areas of consulting services and project management.
5. **Agri & food products and services:**  
Although agriculture makes up 21 percent of the country's GDP, Malaysia remains very much a net importer of food. Due to growth in population and in disposable income, food

imports are expected to grow further. With the introduction of more Canadian agri-food technology, food processing and packaging and food biotechnology, the prospects for expanding Canada's agri-food exports are excellent.

While 23 percent of Canada's imports from the ASEAN region come from Malaysia, Canada's share of total Malaysian exports is only about 1.1 per cent. Exports from Malaysia to Canada continue to be predominantly manufactured goods, primarily electrical products (accounting for 54.7 percent of all exports to Canada) fabricated locally by foreign-owned companies for the export market. Articles of apparel and rubber products account for another 22 percent of all exports to Canada.

**TABLE VII MAJOR CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM MALAYSIA**  
(\$ CDN millions)

PRODUCT CATEGORY	1980	%	1985	%	1990	%	1991	%
Electrical mchy equip parts thereof; sound recorder etc.	9.2	(11.0)	19.3	(13.1)	184.8	(48.6)	238.8	(54.7)
Articles of apparel & clothing access textiles	11.5	(13.8)	33.1	(22.7)	54.7	(14.3)	50.1	(11.5)
Rubber & articles thereof	32.2	(38.6)	36.4	(24.9)	57.0	(15.0)	45.8	(10.5)
Boilers, mchy & mech. appliance; parts	0.2	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	8.3	(2.2)	20.4	(4.7)
Toys, games & sports requisites	0.2 <sup>†</sup>	(0.2)	3.2 <sup>†</sup>	(2.2)	6.9	(1.8)	9.9	(2.3)
Animal/veg fats & oil	14.2	(17.0)	33.9	(23.2)	11.7	(3.1)	7.9	(1.8)
Furniture; bedding, mattress, etc.	#		#		3.2	(0.8)	7.0	(1.6)
Prep of meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs	2.1 <sup>*</sup>	(2.5)	3.8 <sup>*</sup>	(2.6)	8.2	(2.2)	5.0	(1.2)
Cocoa & cocoa preparations	—		—		3.9	(1.0)	4.7	(1.1)
Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal	7.0	(8.4)	5.7	(3.9)	7.2	(1.9)	4.6	(1.1)
Plastics & articles thereof					2.0	(0.5)	4.2	(0.9)
Tin & articles thereof	0.7	(0.7)	—		3.1	(0.8)	4.0	(0.9)
Man-made staple fibres	N/A		N/A		8.5	(2.2)	3.8	(0.9)
Optical, photo, etc.	N/A		N/A		1.2	(0.3)	3.6	(0.8)
Miscellaneous articles of base metal	—		—		3.0	(0.8)	2.9	(0.7)
Articles of iron or steel	N/A		N/A		0.7	(0.2)	2.4	(0.6)
<b>SUBTOTAL OF ABOVE</b>	<b>77.3</b>		<b>135.6</b>		<b>364.4</b>		<b>415.1</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.4</b>		<b>146.0</b>		<b>380.2</b>		<b>436.0</b>	

\* Includes fish and seafood only

† Includes miscellaneous manufactured articles

# Included in toys and Misc. manufactured articles

Source: STATISTICS CANADA