

## FACT SHEET - BRUNEI

November 1992

**Area:** 5,765 sq km

**Population:** 260,000 (1990)

**Capital:** Bandar Seri Begawan

**System of Government:** Sultanate (Monarchy)

**Head of State:** Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah

**Prime Minister:** Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah

**Minister of Foreign Affairs:** Prince Mohammed Bolkiah

**Minister of Finance (responsible for Trade):** Prince Jefri Bolkiah

**Language:** Malay, English, Chinese

**Ethnic Background:** Malays 65%, Chinese 20%, Indigenous tribes 8%, Indian & others 6%

**GDP:** (1989) US \$3.5 B **Per Capita Income:** US \$14,262 (1989) **Currency:** Brunei \$ on par with Spore \$ = Cdn \$0.63

**Inflation Rate:** 1.3% (1989)

**Debt Service Ratio:** Nil

**Unemployment Rate:** 3.7% (1989)

### **Major Trading Partners (1990):**

Exports (Total: US \$2.2 billion)

1. Japan (53%)
2. ASEAN (17%)
3. U.K. (12%)
4. S. Korea (9%)

Imports (Total: US \$1.7 billion)

1. ASEAN (43%)
2. U.K. (26%)
3. Switzerland (9%)
4. USA (9%)
5. Japan (5%)

### **Canadian Trade Statistics:** (Cdn \$ 000s)

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	Jan-June <u>1992</u>
Exports	37	232	2,239	604	2,358	1,086
Imports	192	37	56	143	207	564
Balance	-155	195	2,283	747	2,151	522

### **Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:**

1. Oil & Gas Equipment and Services
2. Advanced Technology Products and Services
3. Defence Programs, Products and Services

**EDC Status:** On cover

**CIDA Status:** Not program country

**Resident Canadian Bank:** None

**Canadian Reps in Brunei:** (resident in Singapore)

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