

Singapore

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):	US\$55 billion (1993); US\$62.79 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate:	9.9% (1993); 10% (1994)
GDP Per Capita:	US\$19,195 (1993); US\$22,580 (1994)
Population:	2.93 million (1994 est.)
Head of State:	President Ong Teng Cheong
Head of Government:	Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Shanmugam Jayakumar
Minister of Trade and Industry:	Yeo Cheow Tong

Canada-Singapore Relations

- Canada-Singapore relations are strengthened by shared membership in the Commonwealth, the United Nations and the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum, as well as a similar outlook on many international issues. Canada is also a "dialogue partner" with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), of which Singapore is a member. Canada and Singapore regularly exchange views on international issues such as trade liberalization, peacekeeping, security, and political and economic developments.
- The Canada-ASEAN Centre, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), has been based in Singapore since 1989. The centre's mandate is to increase awareness and co-operation between ASEAN members (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and Canadian private and non-governmental individuals and organizations. This is achieved by promoting academic and business relations through small, regional development projects. The Centre's Women's Network is active in supporting and promoting women's leadership in business and in other areas such as public policy, academic, legal and non-governmental affairs.
- Canada will soon open a Canadian education centre in Singapore. It will be the third of its kind in Asia and its mandate will be to promote Canada's educational institutions and training services that provide quality education at reasonable costs.