

Sri Lanka

Country Official Name: Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Capital: Colombo



Geodata

Area: 65 610 km²

Population: 17 631 528 (92),
growth 1.2%

Natural Resources: limestone,
graphite, mineral sands, gems,
phosphates, clay

Major Religions: 69% Buddhist,
15% Hindu, 8% Christian, 8% Muslim

Major Language(s): Sinhala (official),
Tamil, English



Political Data

Type of Government:
Republic

Leaders:
President
Dingiri Banda Wijetunge

Prime Minister
Ranil Wickramasinghe

Foreign Minister
Harold Herath

Democratic Institutions:
Unicameral parliament, multiparty

UN Human Development Index:
86/173 (medium)

Economic Data

GDP (per capita):
US \$ 410, growth 5% (91) est.

Main Exports:
tea, garments, textiles, petroleum
products, coconut, rubber, gems,
jewellery, marine products

Main Imports:
food and beverages, petroleum,
machinery, textile materials, wheat

Export to Canada:
C \$ 41.7 million (92)

Import from Canada:
C \$ 19.8 million (92)

External Debt:
US \$ 6.6 billion (91)

Main Donors:
Japan, United States, U.K.

Canadian ODA:
C \$ 25.77 million (FY 91-92) est.