

FACT SHEET - MALAYSIA

March 1988

Area: 329,744 sq. km.

Population: 16.1 million (1986)

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

System of Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Head of State: Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Iskandar

Prime Minister: Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

Minister of Trade/Industry: Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz

Language: Bhasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Tamil

Ethnic Background: Malay 50%, Chinese 33%, East Indian 10%, indigenous tribes 7%

GDP: (1986) US \$27.7 B

Per Capita Income: US \$1,720

Currency: Mlsian Ringgit = Cdn \$0.50

Inflation Rate: 0.7%

Unemployment Rate: 9%

Debt Service Ratio: 18.8% (1986)

Major Trading Partners (1986):

Exports (Total: US \$13.8 billion)

- 1. Japan \$3.1 b
- 2. Singapore \$2.4
- 3. USA \$2.3
- 4. S. Korea \$0.7
- 5. W. German \$0.5

Imports (Total: US \$10.8 billion)

- 1. Japan \$2.2 b
- 2. USA \$2.0
- 3. Singapore \$1.6
- 4. U.K. \$0.5
- 5. W. German \$0.5

Canadian Trade Statistics: (Cdn \$ 000's)

	1985	1986	1987
Exports	204,350	103,645	118,387
Imports	146,067	149,630	187,277
Balance	+ 58,283	- 45,985	- 68,890

Major Cdn Exports (1987)

- Potassium chloride, muriate
- Newsprint and paper
- Wood pulp
- Asbestos
- Telephone apparatus equip & parts

Major Cdn Imports (1987)

- Crude natural rubber, except latex
- Clothing
- Textile fabrics
- Tuna, canned
- Transformers, electronics type and parts

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

- 1. Communications and informatics
- 2. Agriculture and food products and services
- 3. Oil and gas equipment and services
- 4. Power and energy equipment and services
- 5. Transportation systems, equipment

EDC Status: on cover

CIDA Status: Category II

Resident Canadian Banks: Bank of Nova Scotia

Canadian Reps in Malaysia:

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Malaysia Reps in Canada:

High Commissioner - Tan Sri Datuk Thomas Jayasurya
 Commercial Reps - Toronto