

## Business Hours and Dress

**Business Hours.** Thailand is 12 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. When it is 9:00 a.m. in Toronto or Montreal, it is 9:00 p.m. in Bangkok. Thailand does not use daylight saving time; therefore, the summer time difference is plus 11 hours. The Thai calendar is based on the Buddhist System: 1986 A.D. is B.E. 2529.

Government offices are open from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:00–4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Most businesses have working hours from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Bank hours are from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Canadian embassy in Bangkok is open from 7:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on Friday.

**Dress.** Lightweight clothes such as tropical suits are worn year-round. Business suits are usually worn only on calls to senior officials.