

**FACT SHEET - MALAYSIA**

July 1991

**Area:** 329,744 sq. km

**Population:** 17.6 million (1990)

**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 Commerce:** Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz

**Minister of Foreign Affairs:** Datuk Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi

**Language:** Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Tamil    **Ethnic Background:** Malay 50%; Chinese 33%; East Indian 10%; Indigenous Tribes 7%

**GDP:** US \$32.67 b (1990f)    **Per Capita Income:** US \$1,856    **Currency:** Mlsian Ringgit=Cdn \$0.43

**Inflation Rate:** 4.0% (1990f)    **Debt Service Ratio:** 12.0% (1989)    **Unemployment Rate:** 7.6% (1990f)

**Major Trading Partners (1988):**

**Exports** (Total: US \$20.8 billion)

1. Singapore (\$4.0b)
2. USA (\$3.6b)
3. Japan (\$3.5b)
4. South Korea (\$1.0b)
5. United Kingdom (\$0.7b)

**Imports** (Total: US \$16.6 billion)

1. Japan (\$3.9b)
2. USA (\$2.9b)
3. Singapore (\$2.2b)
4. United Kingdom (\$0.8 b)
5. Taiwan (\$0.7 b)

**Canadian Trade Statistics:** (Cdn \$ millions)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Exports	103.6	118.4	192.0	218.7	248.3
Imports	208.4	257.5	323.9	320.1	380.2
Balance	-104.8	-139.1	-131.9	-101.4	-131.9

**Major Canadian Exports 1990** (Cdn \$'000)

Fertilizers	64,368
Cereals	22,077
Railw/tramw/locom	21,771
Paper & paperboard	16,482
Electrical mchy eqpt parts	15,720

**Major Canadian Imports 1990** (Cdn \$'000)

Electrical mchy eqpt parts	184,788
Rubber & articles thereof	57,036
Clothing, not knitted/crocheted	29,828
Clothing, knitted or crocheted	24,875
Animal/veg fats & oil	11,679

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

1. Power & Energy Equipment/Services
2. Agriculture & Food Products & Services
3. Advanced Technology Products/Services
4. Oil & Gas Equipment and Services
5. Transportation Equipment/Services

**EDC Status:** On cover

**CIDA Status:** Category II

**Resident Canadian Bank:** Bank of Nova Scotia

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