

# MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

## GEODATA

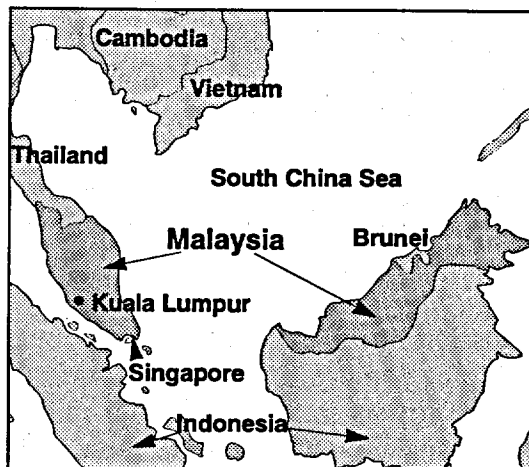
**Area**  
329,744 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
19.5 million (1994)

**Population growth**  
2.6% (1994)

**Major languages**  
Malay, English, Hokkien, Cantonese, Tamil

**Major religions**  
Islam, Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity, Hinduism



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Federated constitutional monarchy, bicameral multiparty parliament

**Head of state**  
Sultan Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Al Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman

**Head of government**  
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

**Minister of International Trade and Industry**  
Rafidah Aziz

**UN Human Development Index**  
Malaysia ranks 59th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$74.39 billion US (1994)

**GDP growth rate**  
8.7% (1994)

**GDP per capita**  
\$3,815 US (1994)

**Main exports**  
Electronics and electrical machinery, petroleum, timber and logs, textiles and palm oil

**Main imports**  
Manufactured goods, machinery and transport equipment, metal products, food, beverages, tobacco and consumer goods

**Main exports to Canada**  
\$1,213.8 million (1994), including consumer electronics, mechanical machinery including boilers, electronic machinery, rubber articles, footwear and clothing

**Main imports from Canada**  
\$291.5 million (1994), including fertilizers, pulp and paper, organic chemicals, machinery and cereals

**Canadian direct investment**  
\$354 million (1994)

**Canadian development assistance**  
\$7.71 million (1993-94)