

Peripheral units that are categorised under SITC 752.500.00 include adapters for connecting two computer systems, plotters, printers, magnetic core storages, magnetic disc or drum storages and computer terminals.

Trends of these imports for 1984 to 1987 are shown in Table 2 below:

TABLE 2
IMPORTS OF COMPUTER HARDWARE
1984 TO 1987

<u>SITC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1984</u> C\$'000	<u>1985</u> C\$'000	<u>1986</u> C\$'000	<u>1987</u> C\$'000
752.200.00	Digital data processing machines	11,097	6,401	7,273	9,618
752.300.00	Digital central processing units	16,435	13,929	11,245	16,547
752.400.00	Digital central storage units	118	-	245	1,079
752.500.00	Peripherals units	<u>26,122</u>	<u>43,061</u>	<u>42,254</u>	<u>46,699</u>
		<u>53,772</u>	<u>63,391</u>	<u>61,017</u>	<u>73,943</u>
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Source: Malaysian Trade Statistics, 1984 to 1987.

Total imports of computer hardware increased from C\$53.7 million in 1984 to C\$73.9 million in 1987, although suffering a decline in 1986 in line with the domestic recession. The significant increase in 1987 alone reflects the increase in demand for Automatic Teller Machines (ATM's). Industry sources estimate that in that year alone, about C\$17 million worth of ATM's were installed.

The main sources of imports in 1987 were the U.S.A. and Japan while other significant sources include Singapore, France, the United Kingdom and Taiwan. In 1987 Canada sold a substantial mainframe computer system to the Malaysian Government. As this equipment was shipped from the US parent, however, it appears in the official statistics as an import from the United States. The Canadian share of hardware imports in other areas was negligible, although the previous year had also seen some orders for digital data processing machines supplied directly from Canada.