

**FACT SHEET - MALAYSIA**

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**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**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
Exports	103.6	118.4	192.0	218.7
Imports	208.4	257.5	323.9	320.1
Balance	-104.8	-139.1	-131.9	-101.4

**Major Canadian Exports 1989 (Cdn \$'000)**

Fertilizers &amp; fertil. material 36,933

Wheat 26,535

Newsprint and paper 23,696

Asbestos 18,256

Aircraft 17,211

**Major Canadian Imports 1989 (Cdn \$'000)**

Integrated circuits 45,669

Clothing 37,505

Rubber 29,278

Radios 28,106

Transformers 12,917

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

1. Advanced Technology Products/Services

2. Oil &amp; Gas Equipment and Services

3. Agriculture &amp; Food Products &amp; Services

4. Defence Programs, Products/Services

5. Power &amp; Energy Equipment/Services

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