

**FACT SHEET - SINGAPORE**

April 1990

Area: 626 sq km

Population: 2.7 million (1990)

Capital: City State System of Government: Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy

Head of State: President Wee Kim Wee Prime Minister: Lee Kuan YewMinister of Trade and Industry: Lee Hsien LoongLanguage: English, Mandarin, Malay,  
TamilEthnic Background: Chinese 77%, Malay 15%,  
East Indian 7%

GDP: (1989) US \$29.8 B Per Capita Income: US \$10,484 Currency: Spore Dollar = Cdn \$0.63

Inflation Rate: (1989) 2.4% Unemployment Rate: 2.5% (1986) Debt Service Ratio: 0.7%

**Major Trading Partners (1989):**Exports (Total: US \$47.0 billion)

1. USA	\$10.9 b
2. Malaysia	\$6.4 b
3. Japan	\$4.0 b
4. Hong Kong	\$2.5 b
5. Thailand	\$2.1 b

Imports (Total: US \$52.3 billion)

1. Japan	\$11.2 b
2. USA	\$9.0 b
3. Malaysia	\$6.9 b
4. Saudi Arabia	\$2.9 b
5. Taiwan	\$2.6 b

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

	1986	1987	1988	1989
Exports	146.3	168.0	275.2	243.5
Imports	208.3	291.4	466.9	502.4
Balance	- 62.0	-123.4	-191.7	-258.9

**Major Cdn Exports (\$Cdn million) 1989**

Machinery, Elec Eqpt & Parts	(58.2)
Special Transactions/Commodities	(31.6)
Paper & Paperboard Articles	(25.3)
Aircraft & Parts (incl. engines)	(24.7)
Base Metals & Articles	(19.0)

**Major Cdn Imports (\$Cdn million) 1989**

Telecom, Electrical Eqpt/Parts	(168.2)
AutoData, Proc. Machines/Eqpt	(167.5)
Machinery, Mech Appliances/Parts	(59.0)
Textiles and Articles	(32.8)
Organic Chemicals	(15.0)

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

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| 1. Advanced technology products & services | 4. Transportation systems/equipment     |
| 2. Defence Programs/Products/Services      | 5. Oil & Gas Equipment/Services         |
| 3. Agriculture & Food Products             | 6. Education, Medical & Health Products |

EDC Status: on cover

CIDA Status: not programme country

Resident Canadian Banks: Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada; Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion Bank

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