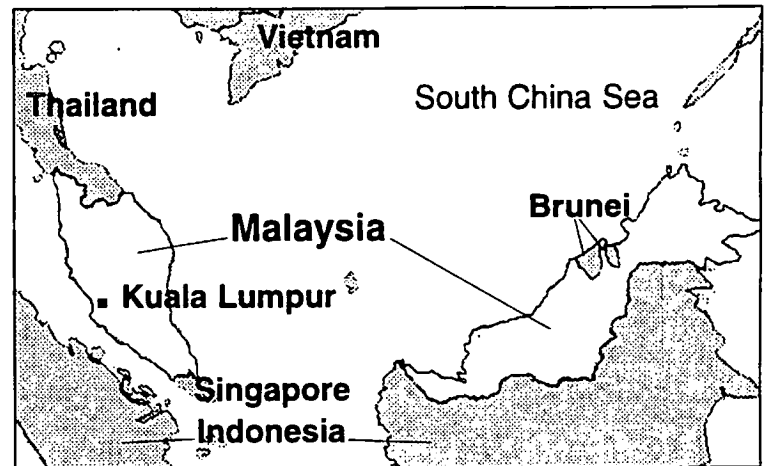




## CANADA-MALAYSIA RELATIONS

### Bilateral

- Bilateral relations are warm and cordial. The principal features of these relations are Commonwealth links, Canada's strong interest and support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), for development assistance and education.
- The two countries share mutual interests in a number of international issues including trade negotiations, peacekeeping and the environment. Canada and Malaysia co-chair the Inter-Governmental Working Group on Global Forests, which will meet in Canada in October 1994. The first meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur in April 1994.



- The Commonwealth Games, which, are being held this August in Victoria, British Columbia, will take place next in Kuala Lumpur in 1998.

### Trade and investment

- Trade between the two countries has tripled since 1987, reaching \$1.07 billion in 1993. Canadian exports were worth \$205.7 million and imports stood at \$870.4 million.
- Canada's most important exports are fertilizers, paper and paperboard, cereal crops, boilers and organic chemicals. There is a great potential to sell more manufactured and value-added commodities such as transportation equipment, processed food and high technology equipment.
- Exports of services, which are already considerable at an estimated \$50 million annually — mostly in engineering consulting, offer even greater potential given Malaysia's infrastructure requirements.
- Canada's imports from Malaysia are mostly manufactured products such as electrical machinery, rubber articles, boilers and clothing.
- In 1992, Canadian investment in Malaysia totalled to \$91 million and Malaysian investment in Canada was \$44 million.

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