

SINGAPORE

GENERAL INFORMATION

located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula; the island of Singapore and 14 adjacent islets constitute the Republic of Singapore, encompassing a total land area of 677 square kilometers. The country's population is predominantly Chinese (76%) with Malays, Indians and a variety of other ethnic groups making up the balance. Singapore is a unitary democracy.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

A Republic since 1965, Singapore has a public spirit and a reputation for efficiency. The Prime Minister is Lee Kuan Yew. The Government is headed by the People's Action Party (PAP) since 1959. The PAP has been in power since 1959, although the participation of other parties in the 1971, 1976, 1980 and 1984 elections is generally regarded as a sign of a dynamic and open political system. The country has a highly developed economy, with a per capita income of approximately \$10,000. The country is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Since 1965, Singapore has pursued a policy of non-alignment and has established friendly relations with all major powers. The country is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Singapore has a strong and growing economy, with a per capita income of approximately \$10,000. The country is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).