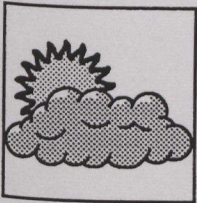


May 31	Awal Muharram* (Maal Hijrah)
June 3	Birthday of HM Yang di Pertuan Agong
August 9	Birthday of the Prophet Mohammed*
August 31	National Day
October 23	Deepavali (Hindu holiday)
December 25	Christmas Day

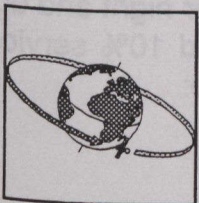
The most important religious and cultural festivals of all groups are set aside as national holidays. A unique development within Malaysia is the "open house" whereby members of all groups visit the homes of those celebrating religious holidays, for example, Deepavali (Indian Hindus), Chinese New Year, Christmas and Hari Raya (Malays, Muslims). Do not expect to conduct business effectively during the fortnight after start of Chinese New Year or during Hari Raya, the Muslim New Year. Appointments are also kept to a minimum during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. The Canadian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur closes for some of these holidays and some Canadian holidays. Always check before you plan a business trip to ensure the organization or company you wish to see will be open.

CLIMATE



Malaysia's climate is hot and humid, varying little throughout the year except in terms of rainfall, which tends to be seasonal. The wet season for the east coast of West Malaysia (peninsular Malaysia) and all of East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) is from October to March. The wet season for the west coast of West Malaysia is May to September. Rainfall ranges from 2000 to 2500 millimetres annually. Daily coastal temperatures typically range between 21°C (70°F) and 32°C (89°F), depending on elevation. Relative humidity is high.

COMMUNICATIONS



Telecommunication services are excellent and all major cities in the world can be reached by telephone, telex or fax. The direct-dial country code for Malaysia is 60, the city code for Kuala Lumpur is 3. Postal services are extensive and efficient. It takes about one week for air mail between Canada and Malaysia.