

The Canadian High Commission in Singapore observes 11 statutory holidays annually selected from Canadian and local holidays, varying from year to year.

**Electricity.** The supply of electricity for domestic use is 230 V, single phase, 50 cycles AC. For industrial purposes the supply is 415 V, three phases, 50 cycles AC. There is no uniformity of plug design.

**Measures.** In Singapore the metric system is now officially in use. As the change is relatively recent, the imperial system is still widely used.

**Post, Telex, Telephone.** Air mail from Canada may take from 10 to 20 days to reach Singapore. International telex, telegraph, and telephone facilities are available 24 hours a day.

## Business Practices

Singapore time is 13 hours ahead of Canadian Eastern Standard Time.

**Business Hours.** Business hours in Singapore are generally from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for commercial enterprises and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for industrial enterprises, with most places normally closing for lunch between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. On Saturday most businesses are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is advisable to telephone the government department or the company you intend to visit and check their business hours. The Canadian High Commission is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Dress.** For men, a shirt and tie will usually suffice for daytime office calls. Some of the better hotels and restaurants require that a jacket be worn at dinner. There is a need for frequent changes of clothing because of the tropical climate. For ladies, summer clothes (containing at least 65 per cent cotton) are advisable.