GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
King Sultan ABDULLAH Sultan Ahmad Shah
Head of Government
Prime Minister Tan Sri MUHYIDDIN Yassin
Government Type
federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Capital
Kuala Lumpur
Legislature
bicameral Parliament or Parlimen consists of: Senate or Dewan Negara (70 seats) and House of Representatives or Dewan Rakyat (222 seats)
Judiciary
Federal Court (consists of the chief justice, president of the Court of Appeal, chief justice of the High Court of Malaya, chief judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak, 8 judges, and 1 "additional" judge); note - Malaysia has a dual judicial hierarchy of civil and religious (sharia) courts
Ambassador to US
Ambassador AZMIL Mohd Azbidi
US Ambassador
Ambassador Kamala Shirin LAKHDHIR

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
an upper middle-income country; has transformed itself since the 1970s from a producer of raw materials into a multi-sector economy
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$933.3 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$29,100 (2017 est.)
Exports
$187.9 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Singapore 15.1%, China 12.6%, US 9.4%, Japan 8.2%, Thailand 5.7%, Hong Kong 4.5% (2017)
Imports
$160.7 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 19.9%, Singapore 10.8%, US 8.4%, Japan 7.6%, Thailand 5.8%, South Korea 4.5%, Indonesia 4.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
32.7 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.29% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Bumiputera 62% (Malays and indigenous peoples, including Orang Asli, Dayak, Anak Negeri), Chinese 20.6%, Indian 6.2%, other 0.9%, non-citizens 10.3% (2017 est.)
Language
Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai
Religion
Muslim (official) 61.3%, Buddhist 19.8%, Christian 9.2%, Hindu 6.3%, Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 0.8%, unspecified 1% (2010 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 77.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.13% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
93.7% (2016)