MALAYSIA

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 Dato' AZMIL Zabidi

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, 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%, 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)

as of August 2020