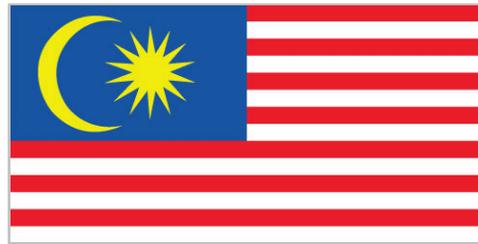




MALAYSIA



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 LAKHDIR

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 329,847 sq km

Land: 328,657 sq km

water: 1,190 sq km

Climate

tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

Natural Resources

tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas, bauxite

as of December 2020

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)

\$1 trillion (2019 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12,482 (2019 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)

