MALAYSIA

**Location:** Southeastern Asia, peninsula bordering Thailand and northern one-third of the island of Borneo, bordering Indonesia, Brunei, and the South China Sea, south of Vietnam

**Capital:** Kuala Lumpur

**Government Type:** Federal Constitutional Monarchy

**Area:**
- Total: 329,847 sq km
- Land: 328,657 sq km
- Water: 1,190 sq km

**Population:** 30,949,962 (July 2016 est.)

**Population Density** (per sq KM) 92 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 1.4% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 3.8% (2009 est.)

**Ethnic Groups:** Malay 50.1%, Chinese 22.6%, indigenous 11.8%, Indian 6.7%, other 0.7%, non-citizens 8.2% (2010 est.)

**Climate:** Tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

**Natural Resources:** Tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas, bauxite

**Languages:** Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai

**Religions:** 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.)

**Land Use:**
- Agricultural Land: 23.2% (arable land 2.9%; permanent crops 19.4%; permanent pasture 0.9%)
- Forest: 62%
- Other: 14.8% (2011 est.)

**Natural Hazards:** Flooding; landslides; forest fires

**Literacy:** 94.6%

**GDP - Real Growth Rate:** 4.3% (2016 est.)

**GDP - Per Capita (PPP):** $27,200 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** $167.3 billion (2016 est.)

**Export Commodities:** semiconductors and electronic equipment, palm oil, petroleum and liquefied natural gas, wood and wood products, palm oil, rubber, textiles, chemicals, solar panels

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 98.2% of population

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 96% of population