

Indonesia – Alberta Relations



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PROFILE

Capital: Jakarta

Population: 243.0 million (July 2010 est.)

Language: Bahasa Indonesia (official), English, Dutch, and local dialects

Government: Presidential Republic

Head of State/Government: President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Democratic Party (since October 2004)

Currency: \$1 CDN = 8,955 Indonesian Rupiahs (December 2010)

GDP: \$540.3 billion USD (2009)

GDP (PPP): \$961 billion US (2009 est.)

GDP Per Capita (PPP): \$4,000 USD (2009 est.)

GDP growth rate: 4.5% (2009)

Unemployment: 8.1% (2009)

Inflation: 4.8% (2009)

Key Industry Sectors: petroleum and natural gas, textiles, apparel, footwear, mining, cement, chemical fertilizers, plywood, rubber, food and tourism.

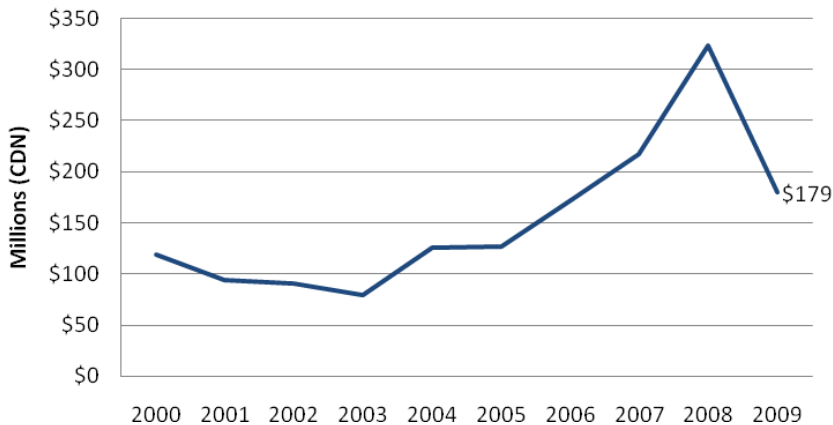
DID YOU KNOW?

- Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country and the most populous Muslim-majority nation.
- Indonesia is one of the original member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), founded in 1967.
- In July 2004, Indonesia bestowed its highest civilian honour on General Andrew George McNaughton posthumously for his contribution to Indonesian independence while serving as the Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) in 1947-49.
- Canada-Indonesia relations continue to deepen in the areas of trade and investment, disaster and pandemic risk reduction and ensuring lasting peace in the province of Aceh.
- Canada and Indonesia also engage in regular consultations in areas including protection of human rights, governance and pluralism, economic development, reducing vulnerability to poverty, and foreign policy planning.

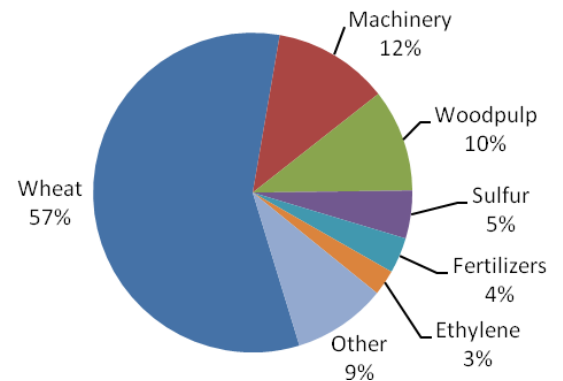
RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- On December 26, 2004, the Indonesian island of Sumatra was hit by the devastating tsunami killing over 126,000 people. The province of Alberta donated \$5 million to the Canadian Red Cross in support of tsunami disaster relief efforts.
- Indonesia was Alberta's 13th largest export market in 2009. Alberta has strong links to Indonesia's oil and gas sector.
- Indonesia has been the recipient of matched aid funds from the Government of Alberta. Projects have included the provision of health services, micro-credit loans, the establishment of a blood bank, and providing elementary school children with the opportunity to receive a basic education.
- In May 2008, the Indonesia Consul General gifted Alberta with two hand-carved wooden chairs in celebration of multiculturalism and the Indonesian community's contribution to the province.

Alberta's Exports to Indonesia (2000-2009)



**Alberta's Merchandise Exports to Indonesia 2005-2009
(Total Average CDN\$203.7 Million)**



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- From 2005 to 2009, Alberta exports to Indonesia totaled \$203.7 million CDN on average. Primary exports included wheat, machinery, woodpulp and sulfur.
- Between 2008 and 2009, Alberta's exports to Indonesia declined sharply, due primarily to a decrease in wheat exports.
- From 2005 to 2009, Alberta's direct imports from Indonesia averaged \$17.7 million CDN per year and included such items as wooden furniture, electrical machinery, paper, and rubber.

ENERGY

- Indonesia was the sole Southeast Asia member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but suspended its membership in January 2009.
- Indonesia's oil reserves were 4.05 billion barrels (2010 est.) and oil production was 1.023 million barrels per day (2009 est.). Oil production in Indonesia has decreased steadily during the last decade, owing to disappointing exploration efforts and declining production at Indonesia's large, mature oil fields. This has created an opportunity for Alberta's oil and gas equipment and services companies, especially in the area of oil recovery technologies.
- Indonesia's proven natural gas reserves are 105.98 trillion cubic feet (tcf) (2009 est.), the largest among all Asia Pacific nations. Indonesia is the 12th largest holder of proven natural gas reserves in the world.
- Indonesia is the world's third largest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exporter.

- The Indonesian government announced plans in 2009 to increase the country's coal bed methane investment through incentives, and has awarded four contracts that will require a total investment US \$20 million by 2012.
- The Indonesian government expects investment in the country's oil and gas sector to reach \$14.93 billion in 2011 and \$17.10 billion in 2012. Of the total 2011 investment, \$12.99 billion will be in the upstream exploration and production sector, while the remaining will be in the downstream sector.

AGRICULTURE

- Alberta agrifood exports to Indonesia are primarily commodity based, as wheat comprises 87% of annual shipments. However, other items are gradually increasing in importance, particularly prepared animal feeds and halal beef, which have both increased in value significantly in the last few years. Processed potatoes are also an important export.
- In 2009, agrifood exports were valued at CDN \$114 million. \$100 million of this was wheat, \$7 million animal feed, \$5 million processed potatoes, and \$2.3 million beef.
- Indonesia is Alberta's largest export market for halal beef, and is open to all boneless Canadian halal beef, regardless of age. This is significant given limitations in other Asian markets.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

- There are approximately 2,000 Albertans of Indonesian descent.
- From 2005 to 2009, 256 immigrants and 141 temporary foreign workers arrived in Alberta from Indonesia.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- Indonesia's rapid industrialization and urbanization, coupled with tough new environmental regulations, provide excellent opportunities for Alberta's environmental consulting and engineering firms, particularly in waste-water treatment and sludge systems, purification systems for households and groundwater, training services and building products.
- In the long term, Indonesia offers excellent opportunities for Alberta companies in areas such as oil and gas equipment sales and service, telecommunications, environmental technology, infrastructure development, livestock management and cattle genetics, value-added food products, educational and training services, and building products.

RECENT VISITS

- May 2008: Indonesian Consul General, Mr. Bunyan Saptomo, visited Alberta.
- September 2004: Mr. Sutrisno, Deputy Mayor of Sleman Regency, led a delegation to Alberta.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The Indonesian Ambassador in Ottawa is Dienne Hardianti Moehario.
- Mr. Mackenzie Clugston is the Canadian Ambassador in Jakarta.
- Mr. Bambang Hiendrasto is the Indonesian Consul General in Vancouver responsible for Alberta.

