

# Burma



**Official Title** Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## General Information:

**Capital** Naypyitaw  
**Total Area** 678,500 km<sup>2</sup>      **Population (million)** n/a  
**Currency** 1 CAN\$= 6.13 Kyat Myanmar (MMK) (2010)  
**National Holiday** Independence Day, 4 January (1948); National day 11 November  
**Language(s)** Burmese (ethnic languages widely used)

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Presidential Republic  
**Type of Government**  
 Nominally civilian with strong military influence

\* Canada does not recognize the name Myanmar which was imposed by the Burmese regime in 1989, and continues to refer to the country as Burma in support of the ongoing struggle for democracy in that country.

**Head of State** President Thein Sein  
**Head of Government** President Thein Sein

**Ministers** Foreign Affairs: Wunna Maung Lwin

## Main Political Parties

Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) (party associated with the former military regime), National League for Democracy (NLD) (the party led by Aung San Suu Kyi), National Unity Party (NUP) (associated with a former military regime), Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, All Mon Regions Democratic Party, National Democratic Force (NDF), and other smaller parties (often ethnic or regional based)

**Elections** Last in 2010, Next scheduled for 2015

## Economic Information: (2010)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	Burma	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	n/a	\$1,624.26
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	n/a	\$47,688.92
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	n/a	3.215
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	n/a	1.777
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	7.992

## Trade and investment: (2010)

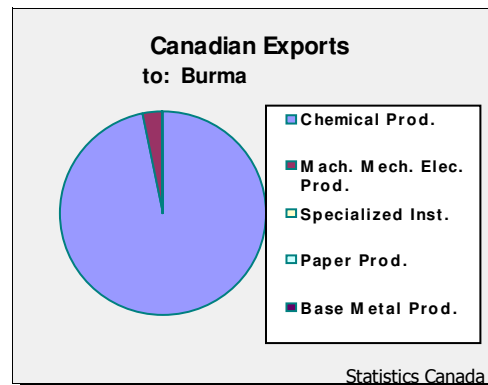
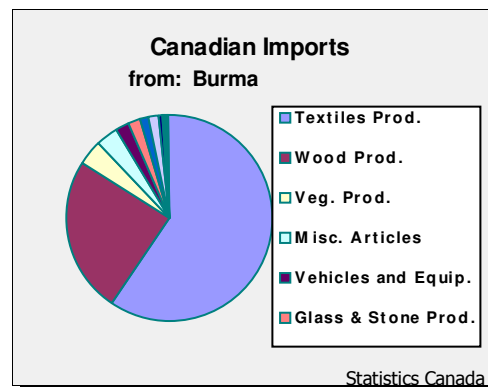
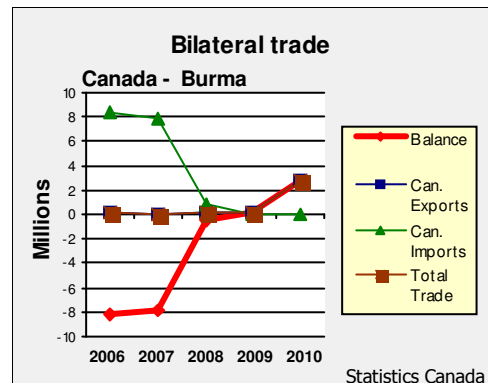
Statistics Canada

**Canadian Exports:** \$2,747,774  
**Canadian Imports:** \$14,623  
**Foreign Direct Investment in Canada** n/a (million)  
**Canadian Direct Investment to Burma** n/a (million)

## Representation:

**Foreign Representation in Canada**  
 Ambassador U Kyaw Tin

**Canadian Representation Abroad**  
 Ambassador Ron Hoffmann



Sources:  
 Statistics/Industry Canada  
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 IMF  
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