Malaysia

East Asia and Pacific  UPPER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)  27.5
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)  1.9
Population density (people per km², 2008)  82.2
Labor force (millions, 2008)  11.6
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)  –
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)  71.3
Surface area (1,000 km², 2008)  329.7
GNI (US$ billions, 2009)  185.5
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US$, 2009)  7,230
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)  4.1
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)  0.5
Age dependency ratio (2009)  52.0

Migration

EMISSION, 2010
■ Stock of emigrants: 1,481.2 thousands
■ Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 5.3%
■ Top destination countries: Singapore, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, India, Japan, Germany

SKILLED EMISSION, 2000
■ Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: 11.1%
■ Emigration of physicians: 1,727 or 9.6% of physicians trained in the country (Source: Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010)

IMMIGRATION, 2010
■ Stock of immigrants: 2,357.6 thousands
■ Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 8.4%
■ Females as percentage of immigrants: 45.2%
■ Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 1.5%
■ Top source countries: Indonesia, the Philippines, China, Bangladesh, India, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Myanmar, Pakistan

Remittances

US$ millions  2003  2004  2005  2006  2007  2008  2009  2010e
Inward remittance flows*  571  802  1,117  1,365  1,570  1,329  1,110  1,576
of which
Workers’ remittances  –  –  –  –  –  –  –  –
Compensation of employees  571  802  1,117  1,365  1,563  1,329  –  –
Migrants’ transfers  –  –  –  –  –  7  –  –
Outward remittance flows  3,464  5,064  5,679  5,597  6,412  6,786  6,800  –
of which
Workers’ remittances  2,643  4,001  4,435  4,147  4,644  5,238  –  –
Compensation of employees  821  1,064  1,244  1,449  1,738  1,547  –  –
Migrants’ transfers  –  –  –  –  29  –  –  –

a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US$7.4 bn, net ODA received US$0.2 bn, total international reserves US$92.2 bn in 2008.