

China

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):	US\$544 billion (1993); US\$495 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate:	13.8% (1993); 11.8% (1994)
GDP Per Capita:	US\$455 (1993); US\$410 (1994 est.)
Population:	1.2 billion (1994)
Head of State:	President Jiang Zemin
Head of Government:	Premier Li Peng
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice Premier:	Qian Qichen
Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade:	Wu Yi

Canada-China Relations

- Canada-China relations have been enhanced significantly over the past year. Last November, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien led the largest-ever Canadian delegation to China, including nine provincial premiers, two territorial leaders and close to 400 Canadian business representatives. In October, Premier Li Peng visited Canada to commemorate the 25th anniversary of bilateral relations.
- Canada is developing a broadly based relationship with China based on four equally important and mutually reinforcing pillars: economic partnership; sustainable development; human rights, good governance and the rule of law; and peace and security.
- Given China's economic growth and potential, Canada is working to build an economic partnership that will create jobs and prosperity at home and benefit the people of China as well.
- Sustainable development is an integral component of Canada's policy towards China. Canada seeks to assist China — the world's largest consumer of coal — in managing its environment to the benefit of the global environment.
- Canada continues to work in multilateral fora to ensure that China respects its obligations under the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Canada continues to raise concerns over the detention of political dissidents and the general lack of political freedoms in China.