

CHINA

Capital: Beijing

GEODATA

Area

9,596,961 km²

Population

1.27 billion (2001 est.)

Major language

Mandarin

Population growth rate

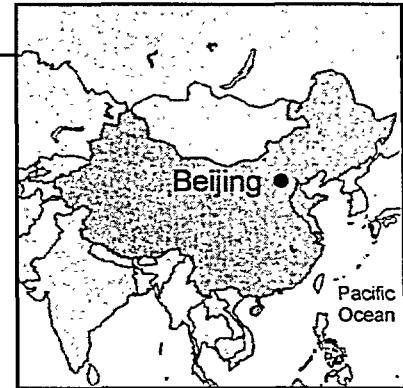
0.9% (2001 est.)

Major religious groups

Taoist, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian

Surrounding countries

Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Vietnam



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic

Co-operation

Shi Guangsheng

National legislature

Single chamber: National People's Congress;
one party

UN Human Development Index (2002)

China ranks 96th among 173 countries

Leaders

President Jiang Zemin

Premier Zhu Rongji

Canadian official development assistance

\$67.45 million (2000-01)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Tang Jiaxuan

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$1.16 trillion US (2001)

Inflation rate

0.4% (2000)

GDP growth rate

7.3% (2001)

Unemployment rate

3.1% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$4,260 US (2001, PPP)

Main exports

Electrical machinery, other machinery, woven apparel, knit apparel, footwear

Main imports

Electrical machinery, other machinery, plastic, mineral fuel, iron and steel

Canadian imports from China

\$12.7 billion (2001), including electrical machinery, toys, games and sports equipment, machinery, footwear, woven apparel

Canadian exports to China

\$4.2 billion (2001), including wood pulp, vehicles (not railway), fertilizer, grain, seed and fruit

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