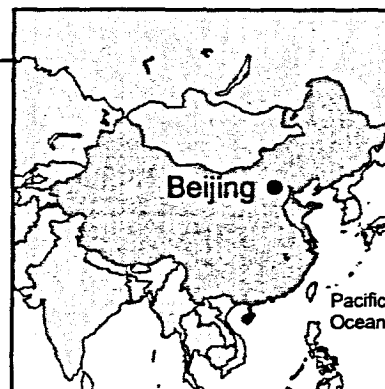


CHINA

Capital: Beijing

GEODATA

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| Area 9,596,961 km ² | Population 1.3 billion (2003) |
| Major language Mandarin | Population growth rate 0.6% (2002) |
| 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

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| Type of government Republic | Minister of Commerce Lu Fuyuan |
| National legislature Single chamber: National People's Congress; one party | UN Human Development Index (2003) China ranks 104th among 175 countries |
| Leaders President Hu Jintao Premier Wen Jiabao | Canadian official development assistance \$65.45 million (2001-2) |
| Minister of Foreign Affairs Li Zhaoxing | |

ECONOMIC DATA

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| GDP \$1.6 trillion (September 2003) | Inflation rate -0.8% (2002) |
| Real GDP growth rate 8% (2002) | Unemployment rate 4% (urban rate 2002) |
| GDP per capita \$1,510 (2002) | |
| 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 \$16 billion (2002), including electrical machinery, machinery, toys, sports equipment, furniture, woven apparel | |
| Canadian exports to China \$4.1 billion (2002), including wood pulp, auto parts, fertilizers, organic chemicals | |

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