

# PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Capital: Beijing

## GEODATA

### Area

9.57 million km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

1.2 billion

Beijing (metropolitan area): 10.8 million (1990)

### Population growth

1.1%

### Official language

Mandarin



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Communist Party-led state

### Head of state

President Jiang Zemin, in office since March 27, 1993

### Head of government

Premier Li Peng, in office since April 9, 1989

### Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice Premier

Qian Qichen

### Minister of Foreign Trade and

### Economic Co-operation

Wu Yi

### UN Human Development Index

China ranks 94th among 173 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$542.9 billion US (1993)

### GDP growth rate

11.8% (1994)

### GDP per capita

\$458 US (1993)

### Unemployment rate

3% (est. 1994)

### Main exports

Outerwear, cotton/apparel, games and toys, leather goods, footwear, mechanical equipment, oil and seeds

### Main imports

Electrical and mechanical equipment, wheat, wood pulp, fertilizers, plastics

### Main exports to Canada

\$4.63 billion (1995), including electrical machinery and equipment, apparel, toys and games

### Main imports from Canada

\$3.38 billion (1995), including wheat, electrical machinery and equipment, and wood products

Sources: World Bank and others