

CHINESE TAIPEI

Capital: Taipei

GEODATA

Area

36,002 km²

Population

21.6 million (1997)

Population growth rate

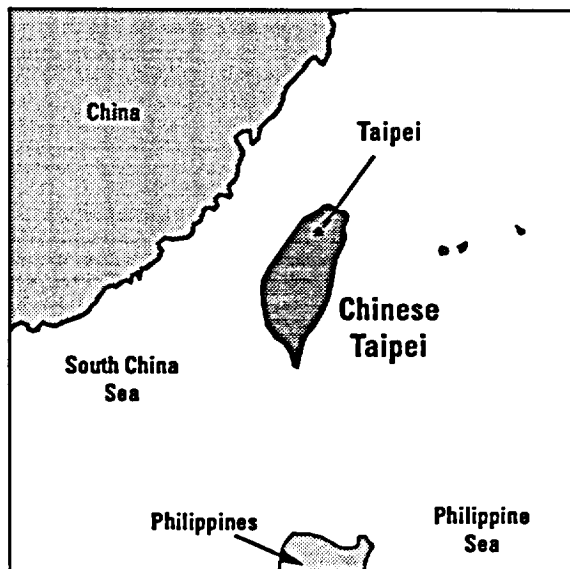
0.8% (1996)

Major languages

Mandarin and Fukienese

Major religious groups

Taoist (95%), Buddhist, Confucian



GENERAL INFORMATION

UN Human Development Index (1996)

Chinese Taipei ranked 25th among 174 countries
(Not listed in 1997 or 1998)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$276 billion US (1997)

GDP growth rate

5.4% (1998 est.)

Real GDP per capita (purchasing power parity)

\$14,640 US (1997)

Inflation rate

0.8% (1997)

Unemployment rate

3% (1998)

Main exports

Machinery, textiles, metals, foodstuffs, wood

Main imports

Machinery, metals, chemicals, petroleum, foodstuffs

Main exports to Canada

\$3.4 billion (1997), including mechanical and electrical equipment, railway and streetcar rolling-stock parts, furniture, footwear, toys and sports equipment, plastics, clothing, tools, base metal articles, optical precision equipment

Main imports from Canada

\$1.6 billion (1997) including mineral fuels, wood pulp, paper, electrical equipment, paperboard, agricultural products, processed foods, pollution control and environmental engineering services, transportation equipment, telecommunications, avionics, high-tech products, engineering services

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