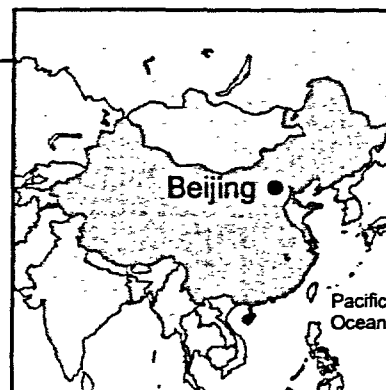


# CHINA

Capital: Beijing

## GEODATA

<b>Area</b> 9,596,961 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 1.3 billion (2003)
<b>Major language</b> Mandarin	<b>Population growth rate</b> 0.6% (2002)
<b>Major religious groups</b> Taoist, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian	
<b>Surrounding countries</b> Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Vietnam	



## POLITICAL DATA

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

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$1.6 trillion (September 2003)	<b>Inflation rate</b> -0.8% (2002)
<b>Real GDP growth rate</b> 8% (2002)	<b>Unemployment rate</b> 4% (urban rate 2002)
<b>GDP per capita</b> \$1,510 (2002)	
<b>Main exports</b> Electrical machinery, other machinery, woven apparel, knit apparel, footwear	
<b>Main imports</b> Electrical machinery, other machinery, plastic, mineral fuel, iron and steel	
<b>Canadian imports from China</b> \$16 billion (2002), including electrical machinery, machinery, toys, sports equipment, furniture, woven apparel	
<b>Canadian exports to China</b> \$4.1 billion (2002), including wood pulp, auto parts, fertilizers, organic chemicals	

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