

CHINA

Capital: Beijing

GEODATA

Area

9,596,961 km²

Major language

Mandarin

Major religious groups

Taoist, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian

Surrounding countries

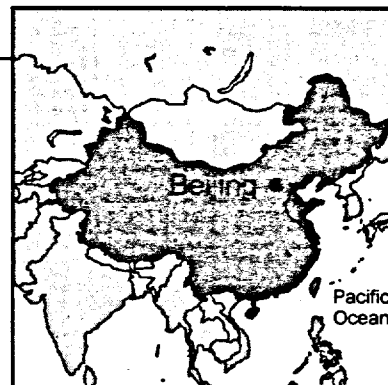
Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Vietnam

Population

1.26 billion (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

0.9% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: National People's Congress; one party

Leaders

President Jiang Zemin

Premier Zhu Rongji

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Tang Jiaxuan

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation

Shi Guangsheng

UN Human Development Index (2001)

China ranks 87th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$47.05 million (bilateral disbursement, 1999-2000)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$991.2 billion US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate

7.1% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$782 US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate

-1.3% (1999, year-on-year change)

Unemployment rate

3.1% (1999)

Main exports

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

Main imports

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

Main exports to Canada

\$11.3 billion (2000), including electrical machinery, toys, games and sports equipment, machinery, footwear, woven apparel

Main imports from Canada

\$3.7 billion (2000), including wood pulp, vehicles (not railway), fertilizer, grain, seed and fruit

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