

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Capital: Beijing

GEODATA

Area

9.57 million km²

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