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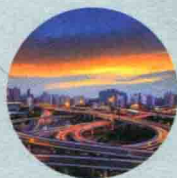
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Ancient China created one of the greatest human civilizations. The Great Wall, the Terracotta Army, the Forbidden City and many other achievements are known to the whole world as the best representatives of Chinese civilization. But that was yesterday. Today's China is making new achievements. Steadfastly following the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the Chinese people have achieved economic, political and cultural prosperity through over 30 years of reform and opening up. More importantly, China is exploring a new model for the long-expected harmonious development of its people and Nature.

This book, titled *China*, gives to the reader a comprehensive look at the yesterday, today and tomorrow of this huge and important country.

At present, China is performing an even greater miracle while experiencing tremendous transformations. It has obtained widely recognized achievements in economy, politics and society. As the world's second-biggest economy, China is the new engine driving the global economic recovery. Its prosperity is also bringing benefits to the world as a whole. Today's China, with a new target of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, is striving to write a new chapter of its history and fulfill the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

What is happening and what is going to happen in China are what this book is all about. Previous editions have won it a good reputation among readers worldwide, as it continues to embody new contents. Serving as an encyclopedia, the book offers wider, deeper and more updated knowledge of China in a straightforward narrative style, an abundance of maps, charts, pictures and data, and colorful online content in various language versions.

We hope you will learn about, feel and understand China through this book!

## Foreword





# Fast Facts

Located in the east of the Asian Continent and west coast of the Pacific, the People's Republic of China is the third-largest country of the world with 9.6 million sq km of land area, behind Russia and Canada.

Name of the country: People's Republic of China

Capital: Beijing

Location: East Asia, to the west of the Pacific Ocean

National Flag: Five-starred Red Flag

National Emblem: Tiananmen Rostrum under the Five Stars

National Anthem: *March of the Volunteers*

National Day: October 1

National Memorial Day: December 13, for the victims of the Nanjing Massacre of 1937

Official language: Chinese

Number of ethnic groups: 56

Currency: Renminbi (RMB) / yuan

Weights and measures: metric system

Time zone: Beijing Time (UTC+8)

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## National Flag, Emblem and Anthem



National Flag of the People's Republic of China



# 中华人民共和国国歌

(义勇军进行曲)

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进行曲速度

田 汉 词  
聂 耳 曲



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起来! 不



1· 1 567 | 1 1 | 0 3 1 2 3 | 5 5 | 3· 3 1· 3 | 5· 3 2 |  
愿做奴隶的人们! 把我们的血肉, 筑成我们新的长



2 - | 6 5 | 2 3 | 5 3 0 5 | 3 2 3 1 | 3 0 | 5· 6 1 1 |  
城! 中华民族到了最危险的时候, 每个人被



3· 3 5 5 | 2 2 2 6 | 2· 5 | 1· 1 | 3· 3 | 5 - | 1· 3 5 5 |  
迫着发出最后的吼声。起来! 起来! 起来! 我们万众



6 5 | 3· 1 5 5 5 | 3 0 1 0 | 5 1 | 3· 1 5 5 5 | 3 0 1 0 | 5 1 |  
一心, 冒着敌人的炮火 前进! 冒着敌人的炮火 前进!



5 1 | 5 1 | 1 0 ||  
前进! 前进! 进!

## March of the Volunteers

Lyrics by: Tian Han

Music by: Nie Er

Arise, all of you who

refuse to be slaves -

With our very flesh

and blood,

Let us build

our new Great Wall!

People of China:

In this most vital hour,

Everyone must roar

defiance!

Arise! Arise! Arise!

Millions of hearts with

one resolve:

Brave the enemy's gunfire!

March on!

Brave the enemy's gunfire!

March on!

March on! March on,

March on!

National Anthem of the People's Republic of China



National Emblem of the  
People's Republic of China





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## Land and Resources

Seen from above, the Chinese continent is shaped like four broad steps descending from the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau over 4,000 m above sea level on average in the west to the continental shelf zone less than 200 m deep in the east. The land area of China almost equals that of the whole of Europe. But the landform differs greatly from one place to another, as do resources.



- Sea and Land Territory ● Topography ● Water Resources
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# Sea and Land Territory

## Map of China

### Total land area:

9.6 million sq km

### Total maritime area:

4.73 million sq km

### Distance from north to south:

5,500 km

### Distance from east to west:

5,200 km

### Total length of land boundary:

22,800 km

### Total length of coastline:

32,000 km

### Adjacent seas:

Bohai Sea, Yellow Sea, East China Sea, South China Sea

### Bordering countries:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the east; Mongolia to the north; Russia to the northeast; Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the northwest; Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bhutan to the west and southwest; and Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam to the south

### Maritime neighbors:

Republic of Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia

