

## CHINA BY THE NUMBERS

- China's has a population of 1.3 to 1.5 billion people -- not even the Chinese know how many people are in their country. The .2 billion people fudge factor (1.3 to 1.5) is equivalent to the US population from the Mississippi to the East coast.
- China's people represent approximately 20% of the world's 6.5 billion people.
- The people of the US represent about 4.6% of the world's 6.5 billion people.
- China recently passed the US and the UK as the largest steel importer.
- China and the US are the largest users of energy in the world.
- China just recently surpassed the US as the largest generator of man made atmospheric CO2.
- The number of vehicles in China will likely rise from 26 million in 2003 to 120 million in 2020.
- 200 million Chinese are studying English.
- In the US 65,000 students competed in local (science / IT) fairs in China 6 million.
- A thread cutter in the Chinese garment industry making blue jeans for Wal-Mart earns ~ 10 cents US / hour, lives in a factory dormitory, and typically has three months wages withheld by the factory to insure that the worker will not leave the factory.
- More details on China at: [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov) . Search via Google using the key words: CIA CHINA.

## The BRICs

- China's changes are being mirrored by what some are starting to call the BRICs: **B**razil, **R**ussia, **I**ndia, and **C**hina.
- India & China (I&C) together producing 950,000 engineers annually (2, 3 & 4 year programs) an apples to apples comparison I&C produce 135,000 engineers to US's 60,000.
- Thirty years ago, the US could lay claim to having 30 percent of the world's population of college students. Today that proportion has fallen to 14 percent and is continuing to fall.
- "Grunt work will remain very cheap for a long time. In the end, 3 billion new capitalists are going to insure that everyone is paid exactly what he or she is worth not on the old local scale, but on a new global one. To survive in this world, you'd better do something no one else can do or do what you do far better than anyone else." From *Three Billion New Capitalists*