

# China Market Trends for Economic Growth and Trade Relations Facts

<b>Chinese economic growth - cautiously optimistic</b>	
World GDP growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CY 2013 World GDP growth at 2.3% (1.8% U.S.)<sup>i</sup></li> <li>• CY 2014 World GDP growth at 3.0% (2.6% U.S.)<sup>i</sup></li> </ul>
Chinese economic growth targets	Former Premier Wen Jiabao set a target for 7.5% economic growth this year (same as last year) <sup>ii</sup>
Chinese GDP growth	FedEx expects Chinese GDP growth of 8.5% in CY13 <sup>iii</sup>
Growth of Air Cargo Market	China’s domestic air cargo market grew 2.8% in 2011, following growth of 13.6% in 2010 and 11.6% in 2009. Scheduled freight accounts for 94% of domestic China air cargo traffic. Mail accounts for the remaining 6%. <sup>iv</sup>

<b>China solidifying its importance as a global trade leader</b>	
China exports and imports of goods for 2012	\$3.87 trillion (vs. U.S. which totaled \$3.82 trillion) <sup>v</sup>
Growth in Chinese exports in 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up 25% vs. Jan 2012 (fastest pace since Apr 2011 and up from 14.1% in Dec 2012)<sup>v</sup></li> <li>• Exports in Feb 2013 rose by a fifth (21.8%) in Feb 2013 vs. this time last year<sup>v</sup></li> </ul>
China as a leading trading partner	In 2012, China was the larger trading partner for 124 countries (76 for the U.S.) <sup>vi</sup>
China’s trade surplus	The boom in imports trimmed China’s trade surplus to \$29.2bn in Jan 2013 (from \$31.6bn a month earlier) <sup>vii</sup>
Forecast for freight trade volume	8% growth forecasted in freight trade volume in 2013 <sup>viii</sup>

<b>China as a bilateral trading partner</b>	
Trade with Latin America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazil is likely to see the fastest growth in exports over the coming years, of over 8% a year</li> <li>• China is expected to account for around 30% of Brazilian exports by 2030 (currently 18%)</li> <li>• Brazilian sales of raw materials and metals are set to increase strongly, with growth of around 12% a year</li> <li>• In April, 2012 China and Mexico reached an accord aimed at promoting fairer bilateral commerce &amp; joint business deals worth some \$560 million<sup>ix</sup></li> </ul>

Trade with Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beijing's trade with its neighbors rose to \$1.2 trillion (£800bn) in 2012 - \$120m more than its combined trade with the European Union (EU) and the US</li> <li>• Forecast to rise at an average annual rate of almost 15% throughout the period 2013-20</li> <li>• China became Japan's biggest export market in 2009, surpassing the United States</li> <li>• Japan's shipments to China accounted for nearly a fifth of its total exports in 2011 compared to less than 7.7% in 2001</li> <li>• Exports to China, South Korea's largest market, increased 16% to \$129.8 billion in 2011 vs. year ago</li> <li>• China is now its third-largest Indian trading partner in goods, and the biggest if you include Hong Kong<sup>x</sup></li> </ul>
Trade with Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade from Germany to Asia Trade is expected to grow at an average rate of 11% pa during 2013-15</li> <li>• UK merchandise exports to Asia expected to grow at an average pace of 9% a year over the period 2013-15 (4% for exports to Continental Europe)<sup>xi</sup></li> </ul>

<b>Global rise in e-commerce</b>	
Number of worldwide internet users	2.4 billion with growth driven by emerging markets
Percentage of E-Commerce Sales to come from APAC Region in 2013	34%
Market rankings	China ranks as the second-largest e-commerce market in the world, with total online sales of \$194 Bn in CY12 <sup>xii</sup>
Percentage of Internet Users who Bought Goods for the First Time Online in 2010	74%
Number of Customers who Shopped online for the first time in 2010	5.5 million
Percentage of all e-commerce transactions in 2011 that included free shipping	52%

<sup>i</sup> FedEx Economic Forecast

<sup>ii</sup> China Daily - [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2013-03/06/content\\_16281698.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2013-03/06/content_16281698.htm)

<sup>iii</sup> Gene Huang, FedEx Chief Economist, Vice President

<sup>iv</sup> Boeing, World Air Cargo Forecast 2012 -2013

<sup>v</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce; China Customs Administrations

<sup>vi</sup> AP, 2012

<sup>vii</sup> FT.com - <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/505ff602-719d-11e2-9b5c-00144feab49a.html>

<sup>viii</sup> National Development and Reform Commission

<sup>ix</sup> HSBC Global Connections - <http://globalconnections.hsbc.com/global/en/tools-data/trade-forecasts/latinamerica>

<sup>x</sup> BBC Online - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-21737875>

<sup>xi</sup> HSBC Global Connections - <http://globalconnections.hsbc.com/united-kingdom/en/tools-data/trade-forecasts/europe>

<sup>xii</sup> Alibaba Group