China’s Economy
Discussion Questions

1. How large is China’s economy compared to the U.S.? EU? Japan? What about its growth rate? Inflation?

2. Describe China’s labor force – size, growth rate, unemployment, composition. How does this compare with China’s population, growth rate and age distribution?

3. What are the major sectors of China’s economy? How is the composition of the economy changing over time? How does this compare to the U.S. or other Asian countries?

4. What are the key economic reforms enacted in China over the past 30 years? Have they been successful? Other consequences?

5. What role does foreign direct investment (FDI) play in China’s development and foreign policy?

6. What can you say about poverty in China?

7. How does China compare on the basis of other “development indicators”?

8. Describe China’s trade patterns – imports, exports, composition, (what is traded, with whom), trends?

9. What is China’s currency? How is the exchange determined? What impact does the exchange rate have on China’s economic growth? Competitiveness? Trade?

10. What can you say about labor migration and policies in China?

11. What are China’s major domestic development policies or programs?

12. What is the status of the banking system in China?

13. Are state-owned enterprises being privatized in China? Why or Why not?

Some Resources:

- UNDP: http://www.undp.org/
- UNDP Poverty Center: http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/
- IMF: http://www.imf.org/
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