Basic Facts on East Asia

Japan (Nihon Koku 日本國)
   Capital: Tōkyō (東京); Prime Minister (內閣總理大臣): Abe Shinzō (安部晉三) LDP (自民党) since September 2012 (LDP 1955-1993, DPJ since 2009-12, LDP 2012 on)
   Population: 127 million; average annual population growth -0.1
   Area: 377,800 km² (14.1% cultivated)
   Population Density: 350/km² (agricultural 2,355/km²); 65.5% urban
   Literacy: 99%
   GDP: $4,616 billion (3rd in world, 2nd in Asia); agriculture 2%; growth -0.6
   Per Capita GNI: $36,298 (PPP $37,800)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Chosŏn Minjujuŭi Inmin Konghwaguk) 조선민주주의 공화국 “朝鮮民主主義共和國”
   Capital: P'yŏngyang (平壤)
   Population: 23.5 million; annual population growth .07%
   Area: 122,300 km² (19% cultivated)
   Population Density: 189/km² (agricultural 940/km²); 61.4% urban
   Literacy: 99%
   GDP: $28 billion (102nd in the world); agriculture and fisheries 37%; annual growth 1.3% last year
   Per Capita GNI: $696 (PPP $1,800)

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¹ Most figures are from the 2010 CIA Factbook for 2013-14.
Republic of Korea (Taehan Min'guk) 대한민국 “大韓民國”
Capital: Seoul (서울); president (대통령 大統領): Geun-hye Park (박근혜 “朴槿惠”)
Population: 48.4 million; 1990-2001 average annual population growth 0.3%
Area: 99,000 km² (21.6% cultivated)
Population Density: 493/km² (agricultural 2,116/km²); 80.5% urban
Literacy: 98%
GDP: $1,410 billion (13th in world, 4th in Asia); agriculture 3%; growth 3.6
Per Capita GNI: $28,166 (PPP $35,400)

People's Republic of China (Zhōnghuá Rénmín Gònghéguó) 中華人民共和國
Capital: Běijīng (Peking) 北京: President and Party General Secretary (中华人民共和国主席, 中国共产党中用央
委书记): Xi Jinping （习近平); Prime Minister (国务院总理): Li Keqiang (李克强)
Population: 1,330 million (91% Han Chinese 漢族); annual growth 0.6%
Area: 9,561,000 km² (10.1% cultivated)
Population Density: 136/km²; 39.6% urban
Literacy: 95%
GDP: $10,380 billion (2nd in world, 1st in Asia); agriculture and fisheries 14.6%; growth 8.9%
Per Capita GNI: $7,617 (PPP $12,900)

Republic of China (Zhōnghuá Mínguó—i.e. Taiwan) 中華民國卽臺灣
Capital: Táiběi 臺北; President (總統): Ma Ying-jeou 馬英九 (president-elect Tsai Ing-wen 蔡英文 of Democratic Progressive Party takes office in May 2016)
Population: 23.1 million (84% "Taiwanese", 2% aborigine, 14% “mainlander”); annual growth 0.2%
Area: 36,000 km² (25% cultivated)
Population Density: 633/km² (agricultural 2,333/km²); 69% urban
Literacy: 96%
GDP: $529 billion (26th in world, 7th in Asia); agriculture and fisheries 3.5%; growth 4.1%
Per Capita GDP: $35,700 (PPP $43,600)

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (part of PRC since July 1, 1997) 香港特別行政區
Capital: Hong Kong Island; Chief Executive: Leung Chun-ying (梁振英; 行政長官曾蔭權 (until June 30, 2017)
Population: 7.0 million; annual growth 1990-2001 average population growth 1.4%
Area: 1,071 km² (8.8% cultivated)
Population Density: 6,352/km² (agricultural 62,247/km²); 100% urban
Literacy: male 96%, female 88%
GNP: $289 (37th in world if a country) billion; agriculture 0%; growth 5%
Per Capita GDP: $40,292 (PPP $55,200)
Macau Special Administrative Region (part of PRC since December 20th, 1999) 澳門特別行政區

Capital: Macau; Chief Executive, Fernando Chui Sai On 行政长官崔世安
Population: 0.5 million; annual growth 1.7%
Area: 29.2 km² (n.a. cultivated)
Population Density: 18,428/km²; 99% urban
Literacy: 93.5
GDP: $52 billion (79th in the world if a country)
Per Capita GDP: $36,357 (PPP $88,700)

Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Cộng hòa Xã hội chủ nghĩa Việt Nam) “共和社會主義越南”
Capital: Hanoi “河內”; President (formal head of state): Trương Tấn Sang; Communist Party General Secretary, Nguyễn Phú Trọng; Prime Minister: Nguyễn Tấn Dũng (both members of the Politburo of the Vietnamese Communist Party)
Population: 91.5 million (85.7% Kinh); 1990-2001 average annual growth 1.9%
Area: 332,000 km² (20% cultivated**)
Population Density: 253/km² (agricultural 1,094/km²); 26.24% urban
Literacy: male 96%, female 91%
GNP: $188 billion (55th in world); agriculture 21.8%, Growth 5.9%
Per Capita GDP: $890 (PPP $5,600)

**substantial reclaimable land still exists

N.B. US GDP $17,420 billion (2013-4)
US Per capita GNI $54,306 (PPP $54,800) (2013-4)