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1. Economic Information of Taiwan
1.1. Principle Economic Indicators of Taiwan

TAIWAN			
<i>19th largest world economy, GDP PPP / IMF (2012)</i>			
<i>7th in world's most competitive economy/ IMD (2012)</i>			
<i>17th/18th mayor export/import country / WTO (2011)</i>			
	2011	2012	2013 (predict)
Economic growth rate	+4.03%	+1.3%	+3.6%
GDP per capita (USD)	20,006	20,378	20,951
Area: 36.188 km ² / Population: 23 million	Foreign exchange reserves (2012): \$403.200 Million USD (<i>4th in the world</i>)		
Unemployment rate (2013 Jan.): 4.16%	FDI in Taiwan(2012): \$5.59 Billion USD		
Labor force: 11.3 million College graduate: 45.4%	Industrial Structure (as % of GDP) Agriculture: 1.8% Industry (include Manufacturing): 30.8% Manufacturing: 25.7% Services: 69%		
CPI Variation (2012): 1.93%	Tourists from Taiwan to foreign countries (2012): 10,239,760 (+6.8%)		

1.2. International Trade of Taiwan 2011-2012

Unit: Million USD, %

TAIWAN		2011	2012
Total Trade (World)	Total Exports	308,253 (+12.2%)	301,076 (-2,3%)
	Total Imports	281,434 (+12.0%)	270,706 (-3.8%)
	Trade Balance	26,818	30,369

Source: BOFT, Taiwan, ROC

1.2.1 Major Trade Partners & Items (2012 data)

Main EXP Partners (As % of Taiwan total export)	China (+HK): 39.39% ASEAN: 18.78 % US: 10.95% EU: 8.70% Japan: 6.30%	Main IMP Partners (As % of Taiwan total export)	Japan: 17.58% China(+HK): 16.10% ASEAN: 11.67% US: 8.72% EU: 8.31%
Major EXP. Items	Electronic, flat panels, machinery, metals, textiles, plastics, chemicals, optical photographic, measuring and medical instruments	Major IMP. Items	Electronic, machinery, crude petroleum, precision instruments, organic chemicals, metals