

# MONGOLIA









# INTRODUCTION

The Mongols gained fame in the 13th century when they established a huge Eurasian empire through conquest. The Mongols eventually retired to their original steppe homelands and in the late 17th century came under Chinese rule. The Mongolian Revolution of 1921 ended Chinese dominance, and a communist regime, the Mongolian People's Republic, took power in 1924.

# **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Ukhnaagiin KHURELSUKH

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Luvsannamsrai OYUN-ERDENE

# **Government Type**

semi-presidential republic

# Capital

Ulaanbaatar

# Legislature

unicameral State Great Hural or Ulsyn Ikh Khural (76 seats)

# **Ambassador to US**

Ambassador BATBAYAR Ulziidelger

## **US Ambassador**

Ambassador Richard L. BUANGAN

## **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 1,553,556 sq km Land: 1,564,116 sq km Water: 10,560 sq km

#### Climate

desert; continental (large daily and seasonal temperature ranges)

#### **Natural Resources**

oil, coal, copper, molybdenum, tungsten, phosphates, tin, nickel, zinc, fluorspar, gold, silver, iron

## **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

lower middle-income East Asian economy; large human capital improvements over last 3 decades; agricultural and natural resource rich; export and consumption-led growth; high inflation due to supply bottlenecks and increased food and energy prices; currency depreciation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$39.06 billion (2021 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$11,700 (2021 est.)
Industries - construction and construction materials; mining (coal, copper, molybdenum, fluorspar, tin, tungsten, gold); oil; food and beverages; processing of animal products, cashmere and natural fiber manufacturing

**Agricultural products -** milk, wheat, goat milk, potatoes, mutton, sheep milk, beef, goat meat, horse meat, carrots/turnips

Exports \$8.95 billion (2021 est.)

copper, coal, gold, iron, animal hair, crude petroleum, zinc (2021) **partners:** China 73%, Switzerland 19%, Singapore 2%, South Korea 2%, Russia 1% (2021)

**Imports** \$9.256 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, delivery trucks, trailers, electricity, iron (2021)

partners: China 37%, Russia 27%, Japan 7%, South Korea 5%, Germany 3% (2021)

#### PEOPLE & SOCIETY

#### **Population**

3.3 million (2023 est.)

# **Population Growth**

0.83% (2023 est.)

# **Ethnicity**

Khalkh 83.8%, Kazak 3.8%, Durvud 2.6%, Bayad 2%, Buriad 1.4%, Zakhchin 1.2%, Dariganga 1.1%, other 4.1% (2020 est.)

# Language

Mongolian 90% (official) (Khalkha dialect is predominant), Turkic, Russian (1999)

## Religion

Buddhist 51.7%, Muslim 3.2%, Shamanist 2.5%, Christian 1.3%, other 0.7%, none 40.6% (2020 est.)