Going Global

Tips for Taking Your Business International

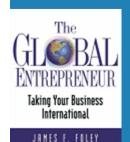
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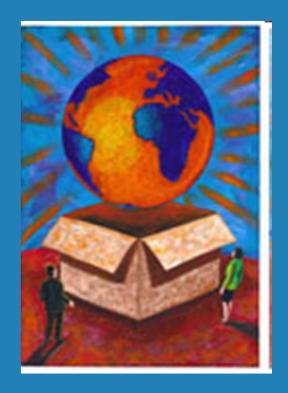
Don't just fall into international business.





Why go global?

Increased sales
Diversification
Lower costs
Enhanced profits
More competitive





What Are the Risks?

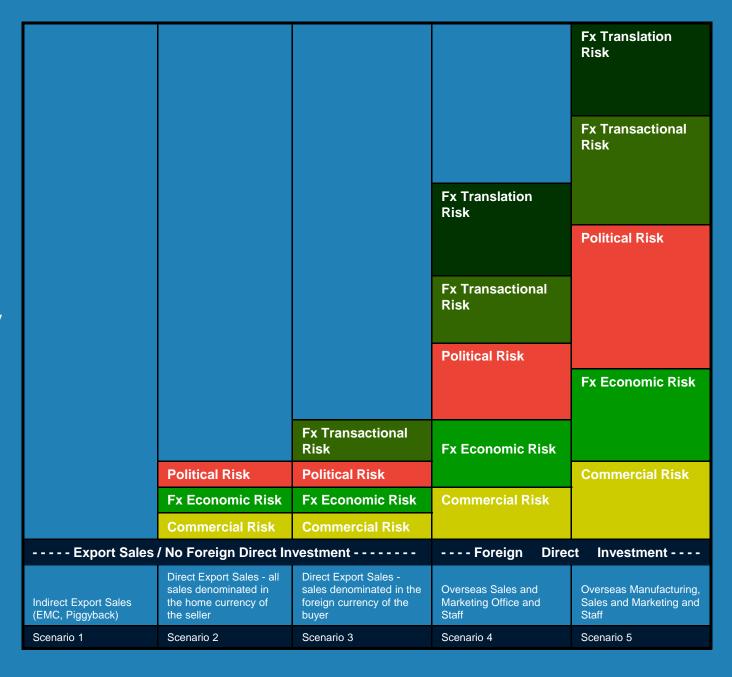
- Opportunity costs
- Financial risk
- Economic risk
- Logistics
- Legal (compliance)
- Cultural risk





Risk Assessment

Risk is related to foreign market entry mode.





Biggest mistake made by business: A re-active strategy





Don't let markets and partners choose you!

Being more proactive, requires access to data:

- Online data provides
 - Industry reports
 - Trade statistics
 - Market insights
 - Country risk ratings
 - Most are all free

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Canada	62,732,936	456,848	78,537,381	588,505	70,149,298	599,567	55,336,233	556,615	48,197,880	529,059
Australia	12,850,531	26,468	28,333,939	65,852	22,432,638	53,739	17,135,110	117,365	13,666,491	74,635
Netherlands	6,776,058	21,429	20,919,694	74,654	9,668,312	32,701	3,250,510	12,868	2,562,756	11,822
United Kingdom	14,969,063	50,091	18,844,376	79,707	12,877,408	59,711	11,726,535	67,884	12,497,599	81,125
Japan	8,478,138	31,342	13,309,097	55,272	10,699,329	41,508	8,523,175	32,530	3,537,337	15,619
Mexico	8,357,294	48,908	12,785,219	62,542	12,313,296	141,335	7,965,008	170,795	8,610,207	165,257
France	12,207,713	24,178	11,464,029	23,897	17,862,715	43,834	19,393,340	48,147	22,790,310	85,116
Italy	17,591,654	52,386	8,058,663	30,815	4,849,640	16,983	3,475,404	26,221	4,408,288	38,196
Brazil	2,707,007	49,110	7,255,354	122,061	7,000,399	134,923	6,885,253	165,865	5,180,452	73,069
Korea, South	4,736,409	16,086	6,476,388	20,767	4,688,488	13,055	3,751,320	9,171	3,246,377	13,003
Federal Republic of Germany	6,354,705	12,732	6,093,203	13,065	4,821,539	13,070	4,944,415	46,206	1,253,714	16,179
United Arab Emirates	3,942,334	31,400	5,233,831	42,102	1,572,949	12,433	593,598	9,161	1,405,203	10,338
Hong Kong	7,518,683	20,742	4,474,398	15,526	3,201,150	13,357	2,891,917	18,854	1,551,549	15,148
Singapore	2,355,362	8,820	3,510,567	12,854	2,004,733	7,429	1,878,206	14,302	411,712	3,812
South Africa	1,588,786	4,216	3,413,159	12,456	2,895,321	14,644	2,303,542	16,879	1,795,614	15,013
Spain	3,024,145	12,355	2,637,292	14,017	2,110,253	15,281	1,249,234	16,786	1,170,966	18,473
Thailand	872,894	1,875	1,796,306	11,187	1,109,839	2,663	1,025,034	3,091	907,502	4,465
Venezuela	789,683	2,202	1,553,486	3,453	2,321,684	10,744	841,017	3,173	478,237	4,779
Iraq	1,210,076	3,825	1,403,274	5,694	2,165,185	6,172	782,799	2,016	69,613	223
Colombia	451,968	1,816	1,325,078	10,327	1,241,352	8,447	761,186	6,505	800,836	5,707
Malaysia	651,161	1,010	1,192,326	3,591	786,517	1,937	669,700	3,090	48,347	223
Indonesia	662,865	1,614	1,154,024	2,610	241,960	421	1,221,242	4,533	768,241	3,097
Israel	505,579	9,893	1,029,172	8,216	579,975	8,777	465,818	11,588	668,783	12,827
Chile	384,628	2,406	896,203	7,541	706,875	6,133	570,298	9,852	586,354	8,484
Panama	1,115,727	5,685	835,619	5,140	489,140	3,780	430,354	5,929	428,652	2,067
China	1,417,956	6,786	832,322	5,607	692,290	7,982	653,322	37,224	488,553	43,496
Cayman Islands	579,861	2,206	817,658	3,109	621,119	1,448	351,034	497	397,138	3,429
Greece	426,820	2,512	813,018	3,431	903,166	6,449	1,049,331	2,225	648,918	4,433
Aruba	583,307	1,047	796,015	1,338	395,771	1,000	349,513	1,518	523,290	4,226



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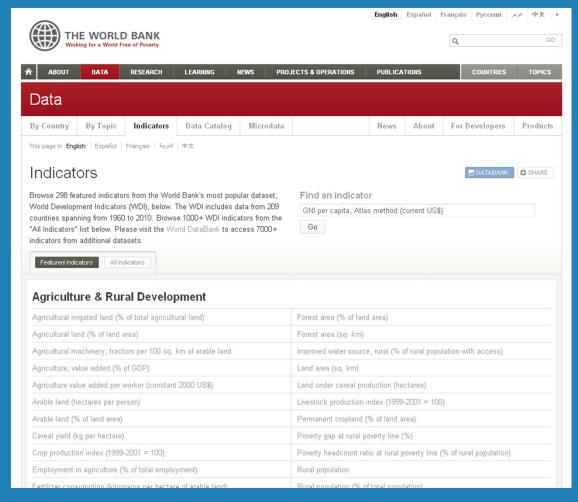
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People	
Population, total	5.2 million
Population growth (annual %)	0.2
Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	77.5
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)	1.7
Mortality rate, infant (per 1,000 live births)	3.7
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000)	4.0
Births attended by skilled health staff (% of total)	
Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)	96.0
Prevalence of HIV, total (% of population ages 15-49)	
Primary completion rate, total (% of relevant age group)	97.1
School enrollment, primary (% gross)	100.5
School enrollment, secondary (% gross)	124.3
School enrollment, tertiary (% gross)	82.8
Ratio of girls to boys in primary and secondary education (%)	104.8
Environment	
Surface area (sq. km)	338.2 thousand
Forest area (sq. km)	224.8 thousand
Agricultural land (% of land area)	7.3
CO2 emissions (metric tons per capita)	10.3
Improved water source (% of population with access)	
Improved sanitation facilities, urban (% of urban population with access)	
Energy use (kg of oil equivalent per capita)	6,374.0
Energy imports, net (% of energy use)	54.1
Electric power consumption (kWh per capita)	15,285.5
International	

Economy	
GNI, Atlas method (current US\$)	129.0 billion
GNI per capita, Atlas method (current US\$)	24,920.0
GDP (current US\$)	119.9 billion
GDP growth (annual %)	5.1
Inflation, GDP deflator (annual %)	3.2
Agriculture, value added (% of GDP)	3.9
Industry, value added (% of GDP)	34.4
Services, etc., value added (% of GDP)	61.7
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	43.0
Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	33.7
Gross capital formation (% of GDP)	20.6
Revenue, excluding grants (% of GDP)	41.6
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	6.9
States and markets	
Time required to start a business (days)	
Market capitalization of listed companies (% of GDP)	244.9
Military expenditure (% of GDP)	1.3
Fixed line and mobile phone subscribers (per 1,000 people)	1,270.7
Internet users (per 1,000 people)	372.3
Roads, paved (% of total roads)	62.0
High-technology exports (% of manufactured exports)	27.3
Global links	
Merchandise trade (% of GDP)	67.2
Net barter terms of trade (2000 = 100)	100.0
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (BoP, current US\$)	9.1 billion
Workers' remittances and compensation of employees, received (US\$)	473.0 million

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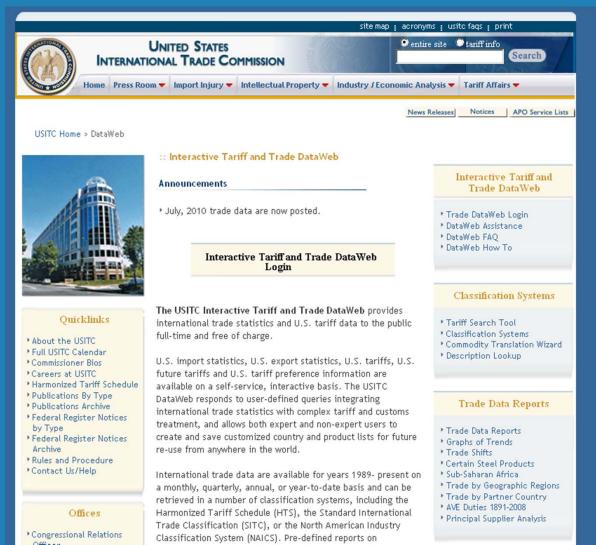
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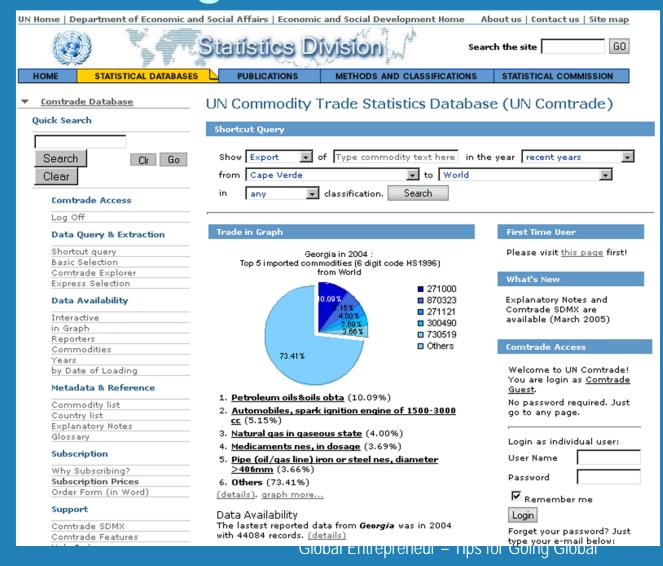


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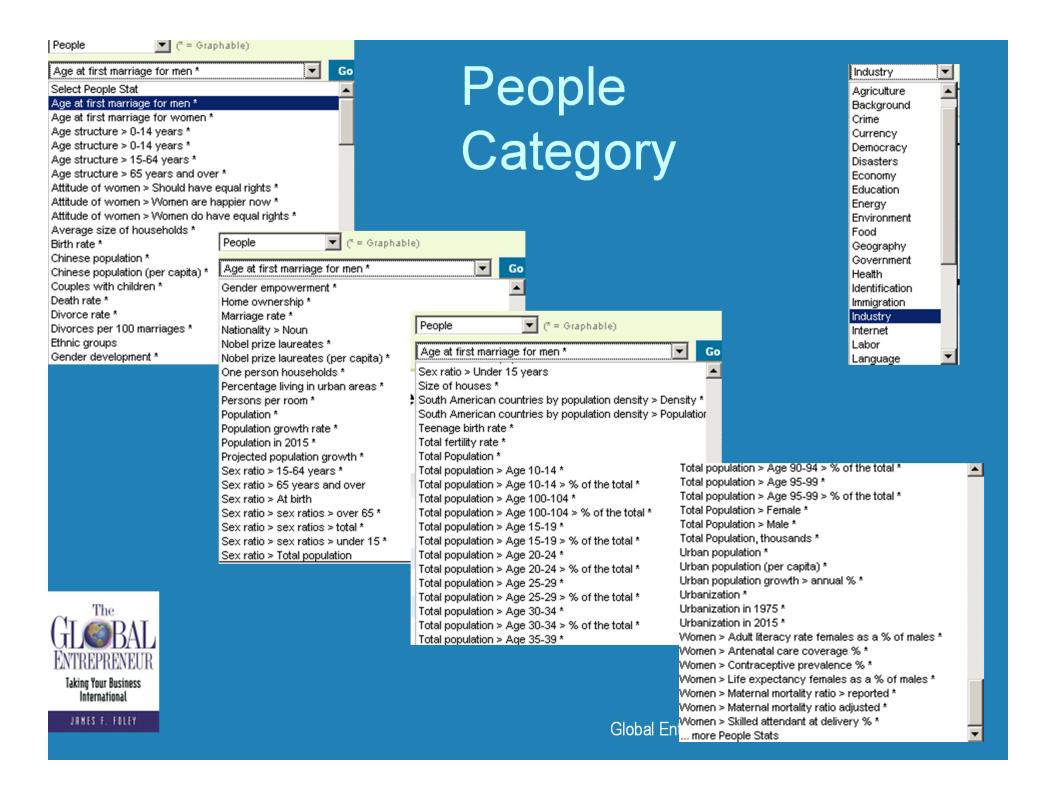




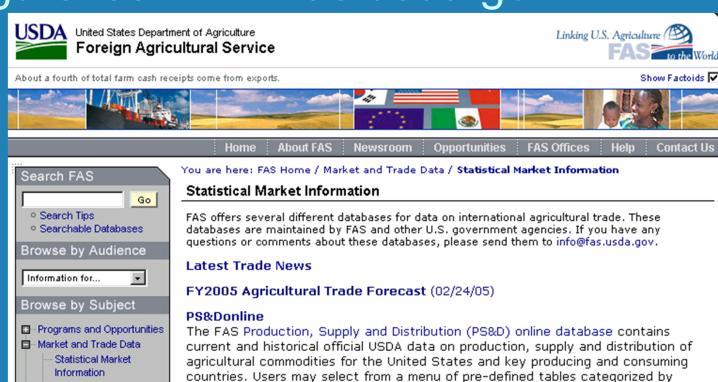
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- BICO Reports provides bulk, intermediate, and consumer-oriented agricultural product data in both a calendar or fiscal year format.
- U.S. Trade Reports provides a more comprehensive commodity by commodity breakdown of exports and imports over a two- or five-year period.

Databases of Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States (FATUS) are available in MS Excel spreadsheet format from USDA's Economic Research Service. These include the following:

- State export data
- Agricultural exports by state for five fiscal years
- Top 10 exporting states by commodity

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Although India is not the only eastern country experiencing growth, many experts believe that India's business model is superior compared to China's. India's development model primarily involves private entrepreneurs, whereas China's model is based heavily on government-owned enterprises. There are advantages and difficulties associated with both models, but it seems that India's model makes it easier to compete in the global market.

of India's total output. In the last decade, India's economy has posted an average growth rate of 7%, and poverty has been

reduced by about 10 percentage points.

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When will India exceed China's impressive economic success?
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C In 25 years
C Never
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BusinessWeek: October 13, 2006

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We <u>can</u> compete - especially in a flat world....

By becoming 'untouchable'.







What are the skills needed for international business?





Don't Look Back – Look Forward. Keep a Long-term Orientation.





Leverage Resources

1) Expanding your opportunities:

Trade Assistance Agencies





2) Helping with the risks: Freight forwarders, banks, accountants, lawyers

What about cultural differences?

"Superiority and inferiority are individual, not racial or national." Philip Wylie, Generation of Vipers (1942)



Embrace your own culture, and other cultures.

But be world class in your business behavior.

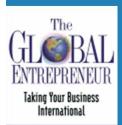


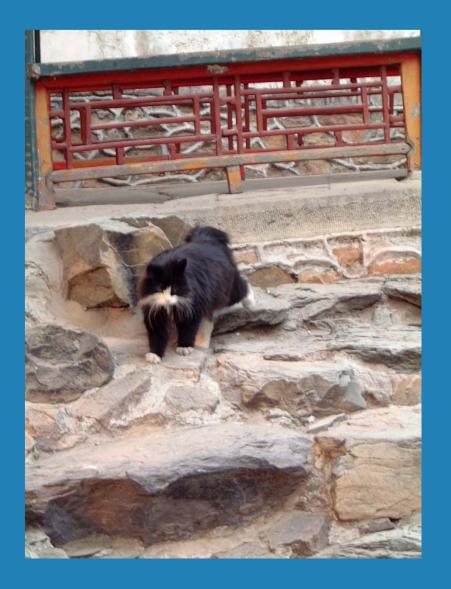


Why this matters!

Globally engaged workers make more money for themselves and their companies.

And have more fun!





And sometimes you have to be daringly lucky!



Thank You!

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