

THE TEN TOP TRENDS THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CHINA

- 1.** China's emergence as the new superpower will define the global economy in the twenty-first century. China will dominate world trade, energy resources, innovation, and security.
- 2.** China's rise to power will be fast, radical, and disruptive—representing both a threat and an opportunity. Meeting the China challenge will require every nation to adapt to new technology, education, science, and health care to be able to compete.
- 3.** The U.S./China relationship will bring a new era of global progress as a shared agenda of prosperity through capitalism becomes a global model.
- 4.** China must embrace its leadership role as the new superpower and work toward an end to global terrorism, which directly threatens its future economic prosperity, global security, and social transformation.
- 5.** China has become the global piracy leader, and counterfeit manufacturing poses a threat to future export growth and China's standing with brand-dependent multinational corporations.
- 6.** China faces numerous risks to its future stability. Skyrocketing population rates and explosive social demands must be resolved. The banking system is unstable. The growing wealth gap between the rich and the poor signals trouble ahead.
- 7.** Innovation will be the key driver of China's future economic and social transformation. Science and technology investments will be essential to trade, jobs, education, and health care.
- 8.** China must address environmental hazards such as increased pollution or risk a future decline in economic growth and increased public-health problems.
- 9.** China's future will require access to a tremendous supply of reliable energy. As China moves toward energy self-reliance, alternative sources of post-oil energy such as wind, hydrogen, solar, and nuclear will be vital.
- 10.** As China looks to the future, democratic reforms must be achieved along with growth. The nation must learn to foster the rule of law, individual rights, and social freedoms or risk derailing economic progress and social stability.