



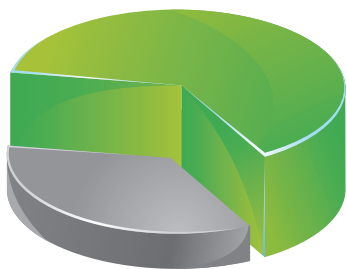
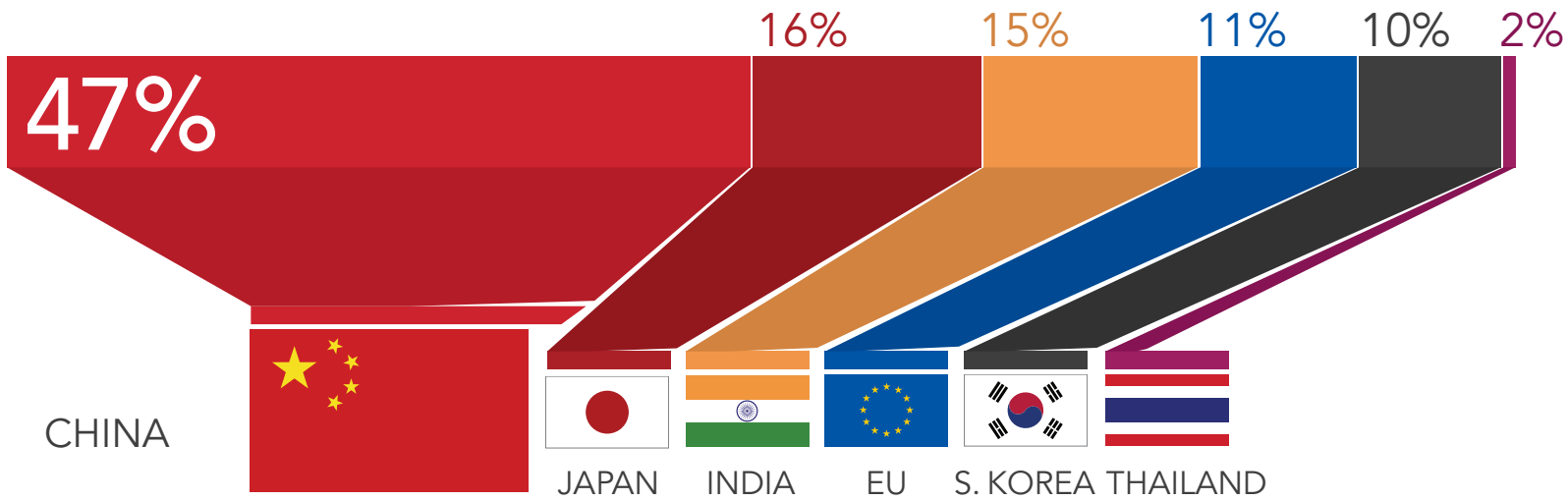
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# POINTS OF VIEW

OPINION PANEL

## OPINIONS: CANADA-CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

### PRIORITY COUNTRY FOR CANADA TO NEGOTIATE A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA)



66%

of Canadians engaged in Asia feel that their business activity will increase if a FTA is negotiated with China

### ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF AND AGAINST A CANADA-CHINA FTA

% who agree with statement

As a trading nation, it makes sense for Canada to build a special relationship with China **90%**

Canada needs to open up greater trade / investment opportunities in China **86%**

Canada should negotiate a FTA with China to gain access to the Chinese market ahead of other countries **74%**

Canadian businesses would be at a disadvantage as the Chinese system is not based on market forces **46%**

It is easier for Chinese businesses to invest in Canada, so any FTA would favour China **39%**

Canadian manufacturers would be significantly hurt by an influx of cheap goods **32%**

#### WHO WAS SURVEYED?

465 individuals who are engaged in Asia through their professional, research, or personal interests.

48% Have business operations in Greater China

80% have business activities/ professional interests in China:

43% - Private Sector, 41% - Public Sector, 16% - NGOs/Institutes



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