### 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on THE FUTURE OF ASIA

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### - MONGOLIA FUTURE OF ASIA

## MONGOLIA

### ✓ 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup>

### $\checkmark$ 3.2 million

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### - MONGOLIA ✓ CHANGES ✓ CHALLENGES ✓ CURRENT ISSUES

### MONGOLIA



- Political
- Economic

### PRIVATE SECTOR PRODUCES



2897

### PRODUCES







# MONGOLIA ✓ CHANGES

- Political
- Economic
- Social

# MONGOLIA ✓ CHANGES

- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Urbanization









### RURAL







# MONGOLIA ✓ CHANGES

- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Urbanization
- From nomads to city dwellers
- Globalization

### TECHNOLOGY USAGE by HOUSEHOLD





households with a computer



households with a mobile phone

of mobile phone

user with smart

phone

66.3%



of smart phone users have 3G/4G Internet accses





# MONGOLIA ✓ CHANGES

- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Urbanization
- From nomads to city dwellers
- Globalization
- Compressed in time
- All happening simultaneously

## MONGOLIA ✓ CHALLENGES

- Structural economic problems (no diversity)
  - **90%** - **60%**

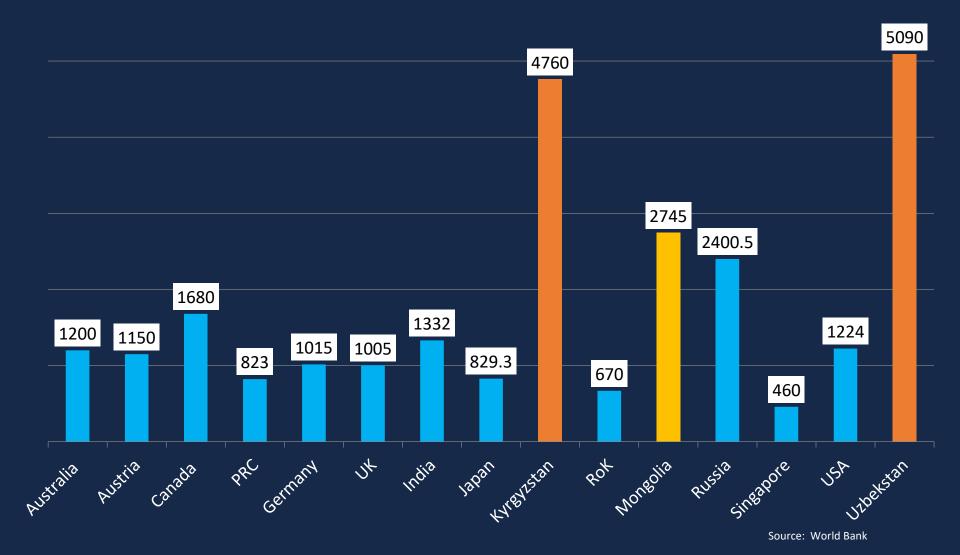
# MONGOLIA ✓ CHALLENGES

- Structural economic problems (no diversity)
- Landlocked
- Infrastructure bottlenecks



### **COST TO EXPORT**

### (USD per 20 tonnes container)



### AGREEMENT BETWEEN

### THE GOVERNMENT OF MONGOLIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA AND TRANSIT TRANSPORT BY MONGOLIA THROUGH CHINA'S TERRITORY

The Government of Mongolia and the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

Desiring further to promote friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries,

Taking into consideration the special needs of Mongolia as a land-locked state for transit through the territory of the People's Republic of China and access to and from the sea,

Considering the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other international treaties to which both countries are member parties.

Have, through friendly consultations, agreed as follows:

### Article 1

For the purpose of this agreement:

1. The term "land-locked State" means Mongolia;

2. The term "transit State" means the People's Republic of China;

3. The term "traffic in transit" means the passage of Mongolian citizens, cargo, goods and transport means of Mongolia through the territory (including land, inland waters and territorial seas) of the People's Republic of China, with or without transshipment, warehousing, assembly, disassembly or change in the mode of transport;

4. The term "transport means" includes: railway rolling stock and road vehicles,



### Jinzhou

Qinghuangding

### Yingkou Dandong

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Tianjin

Dalian

Huanghua

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# MONGOLIA ✓ CHALLENGES

- Structural economic problems (no diversity)
- Landlocked
- Infrastructure bottlenecks
- Two countries in one
- Human resources

Economic growth

 17.3% in 2011
 1.3% in 2016

- Economic growth
- Big budget deficit

   18% of GDP or
   4.3 trillion MNT

- Economic growth
- Big budget deficit
- Huge government debt

   85% of GDP

- Economic growth
- Big budget deficit
- Huge government debt
- FDI decline
  - o \$4.7 bln in 2011
  - o \$121.5mln in 2015

- Economic growth
- Big budget deficit
- Huge government debt
- FDI decline
- Trade turnover decreased
   by 23%

- Economic growth
- Big budget deficit
- Huge government debt
- FDI decline
- Trade turnover decreased
- Unemployment
  - o Increased to 11.6%
  - 62,300 entities went out of business

### WHY?

# MONGOLIA ✓ CURRENT ISSUES

- External shocks
  - Drop in commodities prices
     Clouder of the Chinese
  - Slowdown of the Chinese

economy

# MONGOLIA ✓ CURRENT ISSUES

- External shocks
- Policy errors
  - Fiscal policy
  - Monetary and exchange rate policy
  - Financial sector policies

- Fiscal policy
  - Fiscal consolidation
  - Control spending
    - Capital expenditure
    - > Wage bill
    - Pensions
    - Social spending
    - > Other expenditures

#### • Fiscal policy

- Fiscal consolidation
- Control spending
- o Boost revenue
  - Excises & duties
  - Personal income tax
  - > Social security contributions

#### • Fiscal policy

- Fiscal consolidation
- Control spending
- o Boost revenue
- Concessional financing
- Fiscal structural reform

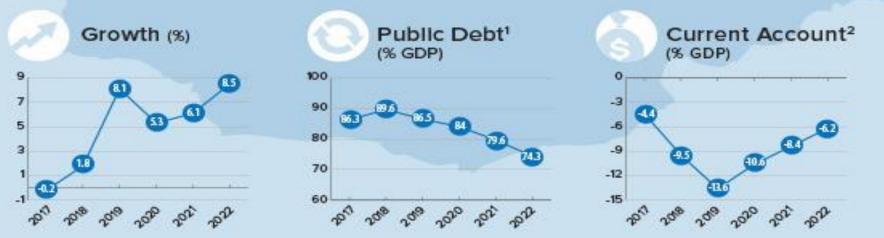
- Fiscal policy
- Monetary and exchange rate policy
   Tight monetary policy

  - New BoM law
  - Flexible exchange rate

- Fiscal policy
- Monetary and exchange rate policy
- Financial sector policies
  - Bank restructuring and recapitalization
  - Upgrading the regulatory and supervisory framework
  - Monitoring and supporting bank liquidity

- Fiscal policy
- Monetary and exchange rate policy
- Financial sector policies
- IMF package





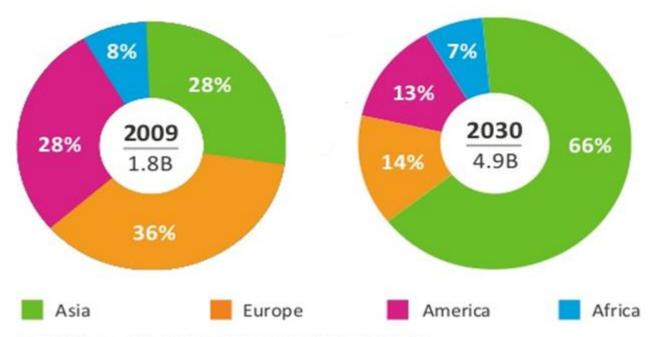
<sup>1</sup>Public debt: General government debt data excludes SOEs debt and central bank's liabilities from People's Bank of China swap line. <sup>2</sup>Current account: Sum of the trade balance, net income from abroad, and net current transfers.



#### • Rise of the middle class

#### The Rise of a Global Middle-Class

Middle-class population (%) in different regions

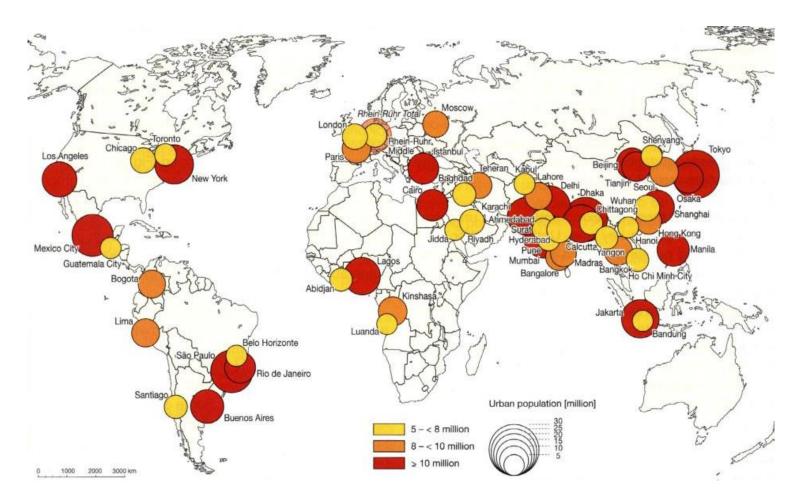


Source 1) OECD ovelopment Working Paper no. 285, January 2010 2) Yankee Group Forecast, February 2014

# Rise of the middle class 500 million Chinese by 2030, 475 million Indians by 2030

- Rise of the middle class
- Globalization
- Urbanization

### Megacities



### ASIA: 275 ➡ 3541 by 2030

- Rise of the middle class
- Globalization
- Urbanization
- Technological revolution
- Government accountability, personal expression, liberal values (democracy & human rights)

## - FUTURE OF ASIA

- No one dominates
- Even more connected and integrated

#### THE ENER SIANS ECCORDINATE UNION

## - FUTURE OF ASIA

- No one dominates
- Even more connected and integrated
- More prosperous & conscientious
- More liberal & democratic
- Taking advantage of the new economy
- Unprecedented opportunities
- Mongolia is ready to contribute

