

For an ordinary Polish citizen 25 years ago, China meant something distant and oriental, with a hint of mystery. Ten years ago it meant cheap products made of plastic and various textiles bearing trademarks quite similar to a very famous ones. Still, their producer was distant. Nowadays China means something that grows and expands so much that it has become noticeable also on the Vistula's shores. We became more Western in our approach, starting to feel awe mixed with fear of the new industrial center of the world and maybe even a new global power, sentiments that have been present in the Western world already for decades. After Premier Wen Jiabao's visit in Warsaw in the summer of 2012, a discussion about China in Poland has become not only more necessary but also more pragmatic and interest-driven. And therefore we are finally talking about China, just like the Americans have done since the 1970s and Western Europeans since the 1980s.

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