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CNN's Lorraine Hahn on China

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Lorraine Hahn is host of CNN International's regional chat show, TALK ASIA. She has been with the international news agency since 1995.

Prior to joining CNN, she was senior producer and anchor in Hong Kong for Television Broadcasts Ltd. where she developed the station's first English-language business program about China. Hahn was the moderator of the China Business Forum held in Stockholm last March.

The China Business Forum, she said, was an opportunity "to help in terms of bridging the gap between the east and the Nordic countries. This forum will allow people to understand what is actually happening in China now and not only what they read about."

China's development brings both competition and opportunities. "Environmental and energy sectors are possible investment sectors for Nordic countries. It is quite hard to generalize, it could also be in service, retail, manufacturing. There's always opportunities anywhere in the world if you find it and if you look for it."

According to Hahn, the development in China is going at breakneck speed, especially with the coming Olympics, "China is growing and growing, there seems to be no stopping the waking giant."

She also said that experts have mixed reactions about if and for how long the China boom can last. "The most important thing is not how much the economy can grow and by how fast. Experts are predicting that the Chinese economy will slowdown next year. The real issue is if the economy does slow down, can the Chinese achieve a hard landing or soft landing. Can they do it slowly without social unrest, without increased inflation, without prices going skyward? Can they do it in a way that is safe to the consumers, Chinese people and foreign business?"

The only outstanding threat she could see to China's continued growth was the birdflu, but she downplays its possible impact because "Asia learned so much from the Sars epidemic... companies, multinationals, government, hospitals, whatever industries are preparing themselves already for what could happen if a birdflu epidemic does occur."

Hahn also acknowledged that social unrest is a factor in determining China's growth, "There are cases of few social unrest issues in the interior parts of China. The government is aware of that. In the last National People's Congress, Premier **Wen Jiabao** promised to give more money to the development of the rural sector so that the poor people in China could have a



Lorraine Hahn has almost two decades of broadcasting and journalistic experience. (Image: Globe Forum)

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She also pointed out that in China's rural area, where most people are peasants or farmers, cheap and ample land can be developed and used for factories and production facilities, thus bringing to these areas business opportunities.

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Development brings with itself its share of problems. "Awareness should be raised about pollution. Fast development and industrialization do cause pollutants. We in Hong Kong have felt that and continue to feel that. A lot is being done to raise awareness in terms of corporations who are manufacturing or producing in China, to take into consideration the issue of pollution and environmental control."

Awareness, Hahn emphasizes, is very important. "There are a lot of opportunities coming ahead. I hope it will work out in a peaceful and harmonious way and everybody will be happy," she concludes.

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