



# Strategies on the Urbanization Development in Western China

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## Outline

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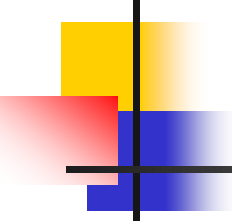
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# 1、 Review and Evaluation of the Urbanization Development in China and Western China

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## (2) About Western China

Definition: Western China is composed of “10+2+2” - the Southwest five provinces (Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Tibet, Chongqing), Northwest five provinces (Shanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Xinjiang, Ningxia), as well as Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, plus the Xiangxi Autonomous Prefecture in Hunan and Enshi Autonomous Prefecture in Hubei.

Size: 6.85 million sq km, 71% of China

Population: 365 million, 29% of the Chinese, 44 ethnic minorities



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## (3) History of the Urbanization Process in Western China

Two phases:

- I. 1949-1978: due to the constraints within and abroad, China gave priority to the development of heavy industry. The gaps between industry and agriculture, urban area and rural area had become wider in terms of development level and people's income, creating a dual structure
- II. 1978-1990s: since reform and opening-up, urbanization in Western China has greatly accelerated, the number and size of cities have increased, and the positive effects of urbanization have begun to emerge.



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## (4) The Particular Logic Route of the Urbanization Process in Western China

Siting: resource-oriented

Management: administration-led

Structure: East as priority

Circulating Development: lack

Foundation: weak



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## (4) Evaluation

### 1) Backwardness of the urbanization in the West

- i. the level of urbanization is low
- ii. the number of cities is still insufficient
- iii. the structure of cities is imbalanced

### 2) Great gap between the East and the West

- i. the gap in the size of economy between East and West is growing
- ii. the central cities in the West are becoming economically relatively weaker than those in the East
- iii. investment climate in the West is far worse than that in the East

### 3) The overall less openness of Western China



## 2. Challenges in Urbanization Development

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### **Major challenges:**

- 1.adverse natural conditions
- 2.fragile ecological environment
- 3.poor infrastructure (transportation/communication)
- 4.Constraints exerted by household registration system
- 5.low degree of market economy
- 6.less qualified human resources

### **Greater challenges:**

- 7.defects of driving mechanism of urbanization
- 8.still at groping stage on coordinated development





## 3. Strategies in Urbanization Development

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### **1、 Major Factors in the Urbanization Development in Western China**

- I. The driving force of urbanization
- II. The supporting system of urbanization
- III. The preferences of new citizens
- IV. The trends of central and local government policies
- V. Cost and efficiency
- VI. ...



## 3. Strategies in Urbanization Development

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### **2. Thoughts on the Transformation of the Urbanization Development in Western China**

From resource-oriented to market-oriented

From dependence on central government's transfer payments to attracting a variety of investments sources

From administration-led to industry-supported

From single-function city to "intelligent city"

From population shift to balanced structure



## 3. Strategies in Urbanization Development

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### **3、 The Transformation Path of the Urbanization Development in Western China**

#### (1) Strategic Route Transformation

rural area

smaller cities

metropolitan centers



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### (2) System Arrangement Transformation

Land system

Household registration system and social service

Fiscal and finance system

Sustainability

Food Security

The national security

Ethnic Minorities and Religions



## 4. Emphases in the Urbanization

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- Emphasis:

While urbanization is taking place in a quick pace according to macro statistics, some policies would lead to over-development of big cities, low-development of smaller cities, stagnation of rural areas as well as a number of mass incidents.

Coordinated Development of Urban and Rural Areas



## 4. Emphases in the Urbanization

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Emphasis: Ethnic Minorities and Religions

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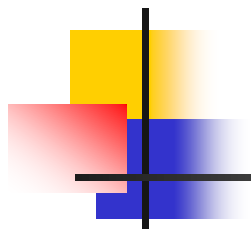
- Emphasis : Ecological and Environmental Protection



## 5. The Experiences of Modernization of Western American

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- 1、 Federal Government's set the norms and regulations for the development, contributing to the development of transportation industry, therefore laying the foundation for the future prosperity.
- 2、 Immigrants came to cultivate the land, brought in labor and technology, promoted American culture, therefore contributing to the development of the West and the expansion of domestic market, leading to fast development of the whole nation.
- 3、 Entrepreneurs acted as the pioneers of immigrants, promoting the development of the West.



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Thank you!