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Meeting Challenges and Innovating Government Statistics

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Abstract

The Chinese government has outlined the strategy of development for the next 5 years, aiming at accelerating the change of mode of economic growth, continuing reform and opening to the outside world, safeguarding and improving democracy in order to promote the sustained economic growth and harmonized social stability. To meet the requirement of this development strategy, government statistics in China is facing with huge challenges in the following areas: a) dramatic increase in the need of statistical information, b) extremely complicated situation in terms of respondents, c) increasing complexity in organizing surveys, and d) escalating difficulties in collecting statistical data.

To meet the challenges, government statistical institutions in China has mapped out the direction and proposed measures for the future development of official statistics, including the improvement of statistical survey system, strengthening of statistical monitoring system, enhancing statistical survey capability and accelerating the use of IT technology.