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On Some Reform Measures to Strengthen the Foundations for China's Future Economic Growth

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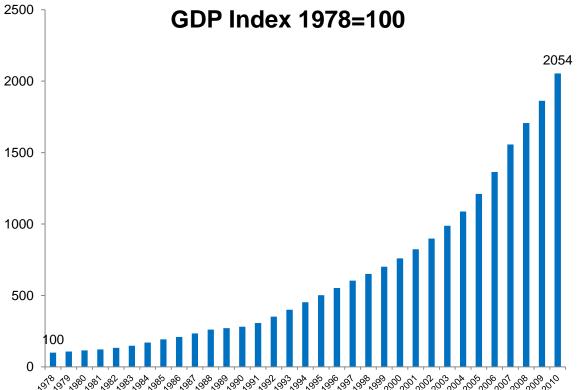
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1. Headwinds for China's Future Growth

Past Economic Growth Performance

• GDP in 2010 was more than 20 times of that in 1978, the average annual growth rate is 9.9% over those years!





1. Headwinds for China's Future Growth

- Tight supply of labors
- Low economic efficiency, especially an inefficient financial sector
- Tightening of environment constraints and resource supply
- Rising social unrest
- Growing trade frictions

Unbalanced, Uncoordinated and Unsustainable.



2. Six Strategic Directions for China's Future Growth

- Re-define the role of government and the private sector to strengthen the market-based economy
- 2 Encourage system-wide "open" innovation
- ③ Protect environment and grow "green"
- ④ Promote equality of opportunity and basic social protection for all
- 5 Build a strong fiscal system aligned with the evolving role of government
- ⑥ Develop win-win relations with the rest of the world ----- Nehru Presenting China 2030



3. Some Supply Side Reform Measures

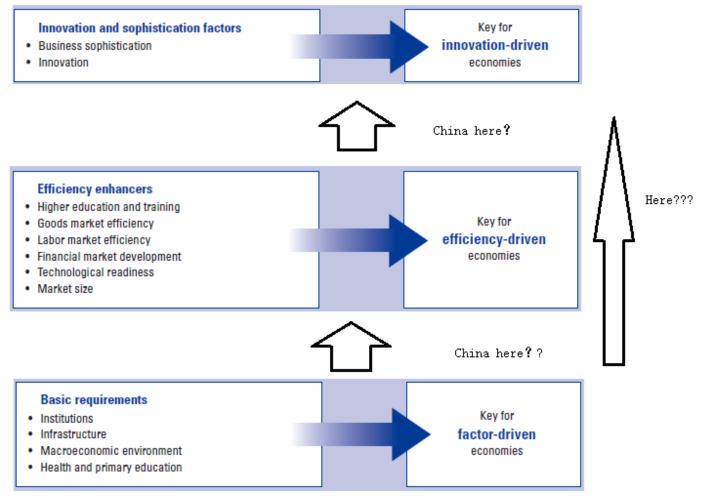
- ① Fiscal and taxation system reform
- ② Deepen SOE reform
- ③ Reduce entry barriers to market
- **④** Pursue innovation-driven growth
- 5 Enhance the quality of human resources
- 6 Broaden opening-up to the world
- Financial sector reform

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- Land reform
- Re-define the role of government

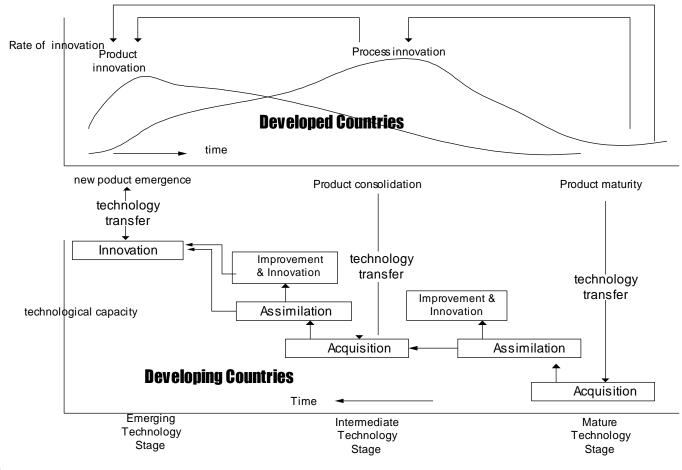


China's Next Challenge: becoming an innovation-driven economy





Technology Transfer vs Technical Capability: How Chinese companies have been learning and developing technological capacities



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Sources: Adapted from Lim (1998)



China's Growing Technology Capacity

- R&D Spending: rising from 0.5% of GDP in 1995 to 1.75% in 2010 and climb to 1.87% in 2011. Target is 2.5% of GDP by 2020.
- Human resources: 6.5 million graduates in 2010, approximately 40% in S&E fields.
- Patents output: ranked as fifth highest patenting nation by WIPO in 2009.
- Scientific output: Number of published scientific papers rose from 25,474 in 1996 to 184,080 in 2008. China now in the second place after the U.S.



Factors contributing to Chinese firms' success

- Past Experiences in production and technology development can be utilized
- MNCs acting as role models for market-oriented production, R&D, and marketing innovation
- Supply of skilled labor and qualified engineers
- Changing technologies changed landscape of competition
 – ICT as enabling as well as generic technology
- Unique demand structure induced localized innovation
- Competitive environment promotes innovation.

Host country and industry characteristics Matter!



The Importance of Market Competition

- Promote Market Based Technology Progress and Innovation, i.e. to encourage entrepreneurship to discover and seize business opportunities in an open competitive market within a globalized market, with knowledge and talents readily available thanks to ICT and transportation progress.
 - Making competition more effective (institutional building) provides the strongest incentive for innovation
 - Support entrepreneurship: starting-ups play important role in spurring innovation and they need support from government as well as from organized venture capital



In the long run, the National Innovation System should be able to provide proper incentives to all the players and stake-holders

- Government: to supply rules, funds, human resource; create demand
- Enterprises: to invest in R&D, improve technological capabilities
- Research Institutions: to carry out fundamental research, create knowledge
- **Universities:** to create knowledge, to supply high-quality scientists and engineers
- Financial intermediaries: to invest in start-ups
- **Multinationals:** to attract local talents
- Scientists & Engineers: to create

Improve Interactions among these elements!



4. Conclusions

- The Chinese government has been firmly committed to deepening comprehensive reforms
 <u>(as demonstrated by the 18th Party Congress Report</u>)
- Reforms to improve supply side conditions do facilitate China's long term growth (<u>also confirmed by</u> <u>quantitative examination</u>)
- Through coordinated and comprehensive reforms under strong leadership, China can meet its challenges and become a modern, harmonious, and creative high income society by 2030.



Thank You!