Inclusive Urbanization in the 21st Century China

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Background: rapid urbanization

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<th>Year</th>
<th>1950</th>
<th>1980</th>
<th>1982</th>
<th>2011</th>
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<td>Urbanization level (urban pop. as % of total)</td>
<td>12.5</td>
<td>19.4</td>
<td>21.4</td>
<td>51.3</td>
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<td>net increase of urban population (million)</td>
<td>93.4</td>
<td>475.0</td>
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Sources: NBSC, 2012a; Shen, 2005
0.4% of the country’s land area

Table 2: Urban physical expansion in regions (urban built-up area, sqkm)

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<td>Mainland China</td>
<td>7,438.0</td>
<td>14,011.1</td>
<td>24,026.6</td>
<td>43,603.2</td>
<td>36,165.2*</td>
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<td>East Region</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>6,200.4</td>
<td>11,987.0</td>
<td>23,579.4</td>
<td>17,379.0</td>
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<td>Central Region</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,666.7</td>
<td>8,244.8</td>
<td>12,918.8</td>
<td>7,252.1</td>
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<td>West Region</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,143.0</td>
<td>3,794.8</td>
<td>7,105.0</td>
<td>4,962.0</td>
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Notes: * It refers to the increment during the period 1981 – 2011; others are during the period 1991 - 2011

Sources: NBSC, 1982b; 1992b; 2002b; 2012b
Provinces and Regions in China
What has happened to the rural areas and villagers during urbanization?
Fragmentation in rural non-agricultural development in the dynamically urbanizing regions
The plight of rural-urban migrants from the less dynamic regions

• Rural-urban migrant population accounted for **18.0%** of the total national population in 2013; 9.6% in 2000.
• Among the rural non-agricultural workers, 61.8% (166.1 million) were migrating out of hometown.
• Rural-urban migrants should have become better-off economically than they were in the countryside. Nevertheless, the hardship and misery associated with migration are overwhelmingly reported by both the conventional and social media.
• There were 61.0 million left-behind children in 2010, representing **28.5%** of the rural cohort.
From urban-centered urbanization to inclusive urbanization

- From efficiency to equality
- Integrated urban-rural development
Policies and governance

• 1) Clarify the rights of village collective and peasant households to their rural land
• 2) Equal distribution of landed benefits derived from urbanization
• 3) Municipal provision of rural social facilities and infrastructure
• 4) Compact cities to save scarce land resources
Clarify the rights of village collective and peasant households to their rural land

- Collective land ownership in the countryside is ambiguous
- Clarification = ongoing land reform
Equal distribution of landed benefits derived from urbanization
### Statistical characteristics of the total collective income and land rental income of 162 villages, Kunshan, 2012 (¥ thousand)

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<th>Mean</th>
<th>Minimum</th>
<th>Maximum</th>
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<td>Land rental income</td>
<td>1,665</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>16,530</td>
<td>0.593</td>
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<td>Total collective income</td>
<td>3,780</td>
<td>526</td>
<td>41,710</td>
<td>0.420</td>
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<td>Total collective income with municipal fiscal transfers</td>
<td>5,791</td>
<td>1,577</td>
<td>42,909</td>
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Note: Gini coefficient is a measure of statistical dispersion of a set of data. It is between one and zero. Zero stands for perfect equality, while one denotes absolute inequality.

Source: ORW/KMG, 2013
Municipal provision of rural social facilities and infrastructure

- Villages are autonomous, responsible for their own infrastructure.
- It is suggested that municipal governments should be responsible for the provision of social facilities and infrastructure within the municipality.
Compact cities to save scarce land resources

• Planning power to the township and municipal governments in terms of land use planning, to curb fragmentation and wasteful land utilization.

• Transforming village autonomy to urban coordination.
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