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2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. In seven decades, China has gone through an extraordinary journey and forged ahead with phenomenal progress. This is exciting, momentous success whether in the history of the Chinese nation or even the world.

This issue looks at China’s great economic and social achievements over the past 7 decades in comprehensive national strength, industrial structure, basic industries and infrastructure, science, education and social programs, and people’s life.

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Historical leaps in comprehensive national strength

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**Sustained and rapid economic growth** calculated at constant prices

- **In 2018**
  - China’s GDP grew 175-fold over 1952 ▲ 8.1%
  - GNI per capita $9,732 higher than the average level of middle-income countries

**Improved financial strength and significant increase in foreign exchange reserves**

- **1951—2018** National fiscal revenue ▲ 12.5%
- **By the end of 2018** Balance of foreign exchange reserves ¥3.0727 trillion
- **1970-2018** ▲ 13.8%
  - World’s No.1 for 13 consecutive years

**Higher urbanization level**

- **By the end of 2018** Urbanization rate of permanent residents 59.6% up 41.7% over the end of 1970
- **Urbanization rate of registered residents** 43.4% up 8% over the end of 2012

- **1949—2018** number of cities from 132 to 672 ▲ annual average growth
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Sustained upgrading of industrial structure

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The past 7 decades has seen a more balanced ratio of primary, secondary and tertiary industries and more comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable economic growth.

The report shows ever-improving agricultural production conditions and accelerating comprehensive productivity.

China’s total grain output

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<td>1949</td>
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China has all the industry categories covered in the UN industry classification system.

- The production of more than 200 kinds of industrial products ranks the world’s No.1.
- The added value of manufacturing industry has been the world’s No.1 since 2010.

China 2018 increase over 1949

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<td>Raw coal production</td>
<td>3.68 billion tons</td>
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<td>Steel production</td>
<td>1.11 billion tons</td>
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In 2018, the added value of tertiary industry was ¥46,957.5 trillion, a 51-fold growth in real terms over 1978. The annual average growth was 10.4%.
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A big leap in basic industries and infrastructure

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Remarkable achievements in transportation

- Railway line in operation was 131,000 km, a five-fold increase over the end of 1949.
- High-speed railway 29,000 km over 60% of the world’s total
- Highway 4.85 million km 59-fold increase
- Longth of regular air line routes 8.39 million km 734-fold increase over the end of 1950

Substantial rise in energy supply capabilities

By the end of 2018, installed generating capacity nationwide 1.9 billion KW 323-fold increase over the end of 1978

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Flourishing science, education and social programs

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The report shows notable enhancement of S&T and flourishing key achievements

In 2018: gross expenditure on R&D (GERD)

¥ 1.9657 trillion

55.4-fold increase over 1995

2.18% of GDP
up 1.61% over 1995
higher than the average level of the first 15 EU member countries
Since 2013, China has been the world’s second biggest spender on R&D. The number of R&D personnel has been the world’s No.1 for 6 consecutive years. Invention patent applications have been the world’s No.1 for 8 consecutive years.

The report points out that access to education is greatly improved and ranks among medium-to-top level in the world.

In 2018, the number of college students was 28.31 million, a 32-fold increase over 1978.

The length of schooling received by 15-year-olds and above has risen from 5.3 years in 1982 to 9.6 years today.

The report also shows considerable progress in medical care and steady improvement in public health

- The life expectancy of residents increased from 35 years at the beginning of the founding of the People’s Republic of China to 77 years in 2018.
- Infant mortality rate fell from 200‰ at the beginning of the founding of the People’s Republic of China to 6.1‰ in 2018.
- The health of residents as a whole is better than the average of middle-to-high-income countries.

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Transformative changes in people’s life

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Ever-increasing job opportunities and better employment structure

By the end of 2018, China’s number of employment grew to 77.586.

The employees in the secondary industry accounted for 27.6% of the total, up 20.2% over the end of 1952.

The employees in the tertiary industry took up 46.3%, up 37.2% over the end of 1952.

Steady increase in residents’ income and ever rising consumption level

In 2018, the per capita disposable income of the residents was ¥28,228, a 24.3-fold increase over 1978.

The per capita spending of the residents was ¥19,853, a 19.2-fold growth over 1978.

(Source: Xinhua News Agency)