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## Economic and Social Development during the 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period(2026–2030)

The Fourth Plenary Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was held in Beijing from October 20 to 23, 2025. The session reviewed the "Proposal of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China on Formulating the 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development", drawing a blueprint for China's development in the

next five years.

Over the past five years, China has maintained steady economic growth and made solid headway in pursuing high-quality development. The 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period is a critical stage in building on past successes to break new ground for basically realizing socialist modernization.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has laid out the following recommendations for formulating the 15<sup>th</sup> five-year plan for national economic and social development (2026–2030) at this fourth plenary session, based on an in-depth analysis of the international and domestic landscapes.

## **The major objectives for the 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period**

- 1.Significant achievements in high-quality development**
- 2.Substantial improvements in scientific and technological self-reliance and strength**
- 3.Fresh breakthroughs in further deepening reform comprehensively**
- 4.Notable cultural and ethical progress across society**
- 5.Further improvements in quality of life**
- 6.Major new strides in advancing the Beautiful China Initiative**
- 7.Further advances in strengthening the national security shield.**

Building on this, we will work hard for a further five years to see that by the year 2035 China's economic strength, scientific and technological capabilities, national defense capabilities, composite national strength, and international influence will all be markedly stronger, that its per capita GDP will be on a par with that of a mid-level developed country, that its people will live better and happier lives, and that socialist modernization will be basically realized.



## The major strategic tasks for the 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period

### 1. Build a modernized industrial system and reinforce the foundations of the real economy.

Upgrade traditional industries, foster emerging industries and industries of the future, promote high-quality, efficient development in the service sector, and develop a modernized infrastructure system.



### 2. Achieve greater self-reliance and strength in science and technology and steer the development of new quality productive forces.



Promote advances in original innovation and breakthroughs in core technologies in key fields, facilitate full integration between technological and industrial innovation, pursue integrated development of education, science and technology, and talent, and advance the Digital China Initiative.

### 3. Build a robust domestic market and work faster to foster a new pattern of development.

Boost consumption, expand effective investment, and eliminate bottlenecks and obstacles hindering the development of a unified national market.





**4.Move faster to develop a high-standard socialist market economy and boost the momentum for high-quality development.**

Stimulate the vitality of all market entities, work faster to improve the institutions and mechanisms for market-based allocation of production factors, and make macroeconomic governance more effective.

**5.Promote high-standard opening up and create new horizons for mutually beneficial cooperation.**



Take the initiative to open China wider, promote the innovative development of trade, create greater space for two-way investment cooperation, and pursue high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

**6. Accelerate agricultural and rural modernization and take solid steps to advance all-around rural revitalization.**



Enhance the overall production capacity, quality, and performance of agriculture, build a beautiful and harmonious countryside for people to live and work in, and ensure that policies aimed at strengthening agriculture, benefiting farmers, and achieving rural prosperity deliver greater outcomes.

**7. Refine China's regional economic layout and promote coordinated regional development.**

Promote more coordinated regional development, boost interconnected development between regions, improve the development of territorial space, move forward with people-centered new urbanization, and strengthen marine development, utilization, and protection.



## 8. Inspire the cultural creativity of our entire nation and foster a thriving socialist culture.

Promote and put into practice the core socialist values, make effective moves to boost cultural programs, accelerate the development of cultural industries, and extend the reach and appeal of Chinese civilization.



## 9. Work harder to ensure and improve public wellbeing and promote common prosperity for all.

Promote high-quality and full employment, refine the income distribution system, develop education that meets the people's expectations, improve the social security system, and facilitate high-quality development of the real estate sector. We should also work to advance the Healthy China Initiative, promote high-quality population development, and take solid steps to ensure equitable access to basic public services.



**10. Accelerate the green transition in all areas of economic and social development in an effort to build a Beautiful China.**

Press ahead with the critical battle against pollution and the drive to upgrade ecosystems, move faster to develop a new energy system, work actively and prudently toward peak carbon emissions, and accelerate the shift to eco-friendly production practices and lifestyles.



## 11.Modernize China's national security system and capacity and advance the Peaceful China Initiative to a higher level.

Establish a sound national security system, build up national security capacity in key sectors, enhance public safety governance, and improve the social governance system.



## 12.Work to achieve the centenary goals of the People's Liberation Army on schedule and modernize national defense and the armed forces.

Speed up the development of advanced combat capabilities, modernize military governance, and consolidate and improve integrated national strategies and strategic capabilities.

