A Study on the Development of Statistical Service System of China

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The quality of statistical service is the basic measure of statistical work. Only high quality of statistical service can guarantee the statistical work get strong support from government and society. With this consideration, we should put the statistical service in the first priority.

Part one: Major Problems of statistical service at present

1. Statistical service includes the following three functions: information, constancy, and supervision. The information function works comparatively well at present, while the constancy, and supervision service can not satisfactarily meet the demands.
2. The "products" provided by the statistical service become lag behind the fast-growing demand from governments, businesses, and publics.
3. The time-efficiency of statistical service is not satisfactory, which still focus on the post-service, not on pre-service.

In a word, the problems have already resulted in the "three discontents" from governments, publics, and international organizations.

Part two: the objective of statistical work in the future

1. To set a new statistical service system with focus on the services for government, businesses, and publics.
2. To develop the constancy function of statistical service. Every level of government is supposed to set an independent constancy agency.
3. To adjust the three functions of statistical service. The consultancy and supervision function should be paid more attention and get improved greatly.
4. To implement pre-service, direct service so as to improve the time-efficiency.
5. To build the statistical agencies of different level of government into the center of economic and social measurement, information, supervision, and consultancy.

Part three: strategic design for the new statistical service system

1.Information system design

  Information service is the basic function of statistical work.. Following the fast growing of information age marked by internet, the demand for statistical information from government and society become much higher than before. So we must construct the network of statistical informational, which should based on internet, supported by IT, guaranteed by scientific management, and centered with database. The network should get the statistical agencies connected with government, businesses, and social organizations mainly through the construction of information ports of statistical agencies.

2.Consrltancy system design

 This system should focus on the monitoring and pre-warning of macro-economic operation, on the analysis and study of the key issues of macro-economy, especially on the problems which the government mostly

concerned with, so as to provide solid suggestions for the decision makers.

3.Supervision system design

This system is supposed to provide higher level service with the aim to construct a set of indices which can be used as a tool to supervise, monitor, and evaluate the key issues of economic and social development. The focus is on the monitoring and evaluating of the macro-economic operation, the progress of economic and social modernization process, the situation of business cycle, the situation of unemployment, the progress of education, science and technology, the situation of social security system, etc.

4.The market research system and enlarged consultancy system design

Following the furthering of reform toward market economy, it becomes more and more insufficient for the statistical service to only serve the government. The statistical service must face the market and serve the businesses, the social organizations, and the publics as well as the government. The government statistical agencies should, in addition to support the construction of non-government statistical agencies, put more and more weight on the construction of government consultancy agencies such as the statisticians' offices, market research companies, consultancy companies, and business plan companies, etc. The consultancy agencies mentioned above are required to be separate with the current government statistical agencies, so they can earn money legally by providing consultancy services to customer while the current government statistical agencies can only provide free services.

The major fields that the government consultancy agencies can dedicate to are: to do market research, to provide required information, to make sound business plan for customers, etc. By doing so, the government consultancy agencies can be gradually developing into independent businesses. At the same time, the government consultancy agencies ought to combine and coordinate with all the other consultancy agencies from different industries, different enterprises, and other non-government agencies to enlarge the consultancy service network. Another key point is to organize group industry of information and consultancy service centered with the current strongest consultancy companies, so as to gain the scale economy by enlarging the scale of the consultancy industry. This is the only way that the statistical service system can grow up and become qualified to meet the demand of the socialistic market economy in the future.

Faire premier sortie de courant statistique service système et poser mode de réform.