

# Strategy Research on Urbanization of Jinan City

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China is a big developing country with lots of rural population. Only urbanization can achieve transfer of surplus labor force in rural areas and change the living conditions of peasants completely.

## 1. Current Situation and Features of Urbanization of Jinan

### (1) Assessment of Urbanization Level of Jinan

In accordance with the percentage of population of cities (towns) to total population, In 1999 per capita GDP of Jinan was US\$1913, the corresponding urbanization level should reach 65%, whereas the actual level was 18% lower than that. It is evident that the urbanization level lags behind the economic development.

### (2) Reason for Lagging of Urbanization

① Since China's founding, the government had been aiming to eliminating antagonism and minimizing difference between town and countryside while mapping out development strategies, however, neglecting the key issue of improving urbanization level over a long period of time. ② The social structure of China is divided into two large pieces—town and countryside, which forms a dualistic structure with Chinese characteristics uniquely existing in developing countries, and restricts China's urbanization progress seriously.

③ Urbanization needs a large sum of construction funds. Housing projects and public utilities will spend a lot of money. Investment shortage has always been a key restrictive factor in urbanization progress.

④ Many land policies set by the government on restriction of arable land use for city expansion in order to protect arable land, have restricted urbanization progress to a certain degree.

### ⑤ Influence of Misconception Upon Urbanization of China

The misconceptions about urbanization lead to a “city-phobia” in a afraid of housing problems, land shortage, traffic jam, environmental pollution, increase of crime rate and so on in a larger city with more people.

## 2. Strategic Objective to Urbanization of Jinan

According to the law of urbanization in stages, it is necessary for Jinan to map out not only an overall strategic objective, but also objectives in stages.

(1) Objective in the near future: from the year 2000 to 2010, raise the urbanization level of Jinan to about 60% from the current 45%.

(2) Medium term objective: from the year 2010 to 2020, raise the urbanization level of Jinan to more than 70%.

(3) Long term objective: from the year 2020 to 2030, raise the urbanization level to more than 80%.

### 3. Suggestions and Countermeasures about How to Accelerate Urbanization of Jinan

(1) Accelerate expansion of the city, laying stress on construction of a new city and assisting with re-construction of the old city, to move central area of the provincial capital westwards.

(2) It is suggested to establish a high-tech development zone of Shandong Province between Jinan and Tai'an, on west of No. 104 State Highway, Beijing-Fuzhou Expressway and Beijing-Shanghai Expressway, so as to bring about an economic take-off of the whole central and western Shandong Province.

(3) The mechanical, automotive and iron and steel industries of Jinan have rather solid bases, which should be cultivated to leading industries, supported as emphasis and developed as superiority, in order to bring about the rapid and healthy development of national economy and urbanization.

(4) Make efforts to develop the third industry, particularly, encourage the private-owned sectors to develop the third industry, so as to make more re-employment and job opportunities for the un-employed in urban areas and those under-employed in rural areas, improving the healthy development of urbanization.

(5) Adopt scientific and legal method in city management and improve level and efficiency of city management.

(6) With scientific planning, breaking through administrative region boundaries, lay stresses on supporting the development of characteristic central towns to absorb part of the surplus labor force in rural areas.

(7) Accelerate concentration of arable lands to the planting and agricultural experts to fulfill large-scale plantation, develop high-tech ecological agriculture, construct modern "city agriculture" and "tour agriculture", improve the city's ecological environment and make the rural areas of Jinan a model for modern agriculture.

## Recherche stratégique sur le cours d'urbanisation de la ville de Jinan

D'après la thèse évalué le rythme d'urbanisation de la ville de Jinan de la province de Shandong; présentant l'objectif stratégique sur le développement d'urbanisation de la ville de Jinan et des propositions sur la contre-mesure pour réalisant ce objectif.