

The Current Situation and Future Prospects for the Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei [Jingjinji] Integration in China (Summary)

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On 30 April 2015, the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau adopted "The Outline for the Collaborative Development of Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei Province", which proposed collaborative development among Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei Province, with Beijing's non-capital functions being transferred to Tianjin and Hebei Province, and thus the collaborative Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei development kicked off. Since then the local governments of Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei Province and the relevant departments have reached a number of agreements at the policy and practical levels which have significantly contributed to the promotion and development of Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei integration. Progress in integration is particularly prominent in terms of transportation, environmental protection, and industrial transfers. In such a context, this paper uses the three levels of economic development, industrial development and innovation development, and the industrial innovation and

development status quo in the Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei area, undertakes analysis and finds that the collaborative Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei development faces issues such as: "the relatively large gaps between the three areas in terms of economic level and industrial chains, making it difficult to form world-class industrial clusters"; "large gaps in the level of innovation, and regional innovation communities not yet formed"; "there are still collaborative innovation system bottlenecks, affecting implementation effectiveness and efficiency"; "there are still shackles in concept and understanding, lacking a globally strategic vision"; an "imperfect innovative resource integration platform, and poor mobility of innovative elements"; and other issues. The paper gives three policy recommendations in the areas of technical coordination, market coordination, and environmental coordination.