

*The Situation for the Formulation of Regional Development
Strategies in China:
The characteristic features and challenges thereof*

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Summary

This paper systematically summarizes the regional development strategies in China which have been hammered out frequently from the second half of the 2000s, and elucidates the characteristic features and challenges thereof. In recent years the central government has approved a great number of regional development strategies, but regarding specifically how many instances to approve and how best to classify and summarize them, it is not necessarily the case that a common understanding can be achieved. This paper, based on public information on central and local government websites and government-affiliated newspaper sites, etc., brings together the 107 instances of regional development strategies which the State Council and the National Development and Reform Commission approved, and analyses them from such aspects as target sector, time of approval, and organization in charge. Systematically summarizing the complex and numerous regional development strategies is essential to understanding the overall picture for China's regional strategies, and is important also for identifying the changes in regional economies.

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