Monitoring the Progress of Urbanization

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The work of monitoring the progress of urbanization is established in accordance with requirements of government decision-making

- Urbanization strategy is one of main strategies for Hebei Province to accelerate development. Since 2003, based on statistical survey of basic situations of urban social economy, in accordance with the requirements of Provincial Party Committee and Provincial Government, Statistics Bureau of Hebei Province carried out monitoring of progress of urbanization at the three levels of province, cities divided into districts and key towns, which played positive role in promoting implementation of urbanization strategy of Hebei Province.

- Doing well monitoring of urbanization is the key issue for grasping the progress of urbanization correctly, improving policies for urbanization progress constantly, and promoting implementation of urbanization strategy effectively.
The General Office of Provincial Government issued Notice, and made the decision to carry out statistical monitoring of urbanization progress within Hebei Province.

In 2004, Provincial Party Committee and Provincial Government made the *Decision on Implementing Urbanization Strategy*, and requested to do well the statistical monitoring of urbanization progress, and provide basis for making policies. In the same year, the Government printed and issued Notice, and requested to strengthen dynamic regulation and tracking monitoring of progress status of key towns.

Requirements put forward by Provincial Party Committee and Provincial Government
Innovating work, enhancing statistical function, and carrying out monitoring the progress of urbanization

- As the statistical department of the government, it is the key functions and obligations for us to give full play to information resources, meet requirements of government decision-making, and serve the economic and social development.

- Since 2003, Statistics Bureau of Hebei Province and Provincial Construction Department carried out monitoring of urbanization progress in the province, cities divided into districts, and key towns cultivated by the province.
Index System of Monitoring the Progress of Urbanization

- The guiding ideology of designing index system: insist on people first and pursue comprehensive, balanced and sustainable development, with correct and timely statistical data as basis, the economy, statistical theory and information technology as support, and apply scientific methods to build up systematic, dynamic and open monitoring index system.

- Principles to be followed: purpose, scientificity, feasibility, dynamic characteristics, comparability.
Index System of Monitoring the Progress of Urbanization

- Index system of monitoring the progress of urbanization at the levels of the province and city
  - The index system centers on reflecting basic connotation of comprehensive, balanced and sustainable development and embodying basic requirements of harmonious development between economy and society.
  - The index system includes: six first-class indexes of economic development, urban construction, ecological environment, residents’ living and social development, 16 second-class indexes, and 34 third-class indexes.
Index System of Monitoring the Progress of Urbanization

- Index system of monitoring the progress of urbanization for key towns
  - The index system covers basically the main aspects of overall level of urbanization progress at town level.
  - The index system includes: four first-class indexes of economic development, social development, agglomeration and living, construction and environment, nine second-class indexes, and twenty third-class indexes.
Evaluation Methods and Evaluation Models of Monitoring

- Evaluation of monitoring the progress of urbanization applies the linear overall evaluation methods
  - Empowerment of index system
  - Dimensionless treatment
  - Build up static and dynamic index number integrated models. Dynamic model conducts dynamic monitoring and longitudinal comparison for the progress of urbanization within the province; Static model conducts static monitoring and transverse comparison for the progress of urbanization of cities divided into districts and key towns cultivated by the province.
Remarkable Result of Monitoring Work

- Carry out annual monitoring of urbanization progress; hold press conference each year to publish monitoring results; formally publish *Report to Urbanization Progress of Hebei Province* each year.

**Work Effects**

- Provide excellent consulting service for the scientific decision-making of Provincial Party Committee and Provincial Government;
- Provide consulting advices for relevant departments to make plans and policies.
- The monitoring index system in accordance with requirements of Scientific Outlook on Development has played correct guiding role.
- Bring new vigor into urbanization of various cities in the province.
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