

This document exists as a guide for those who would like to learn more about the political economy of the People's Republic of China. This document will be updated as new developments arise.

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