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Establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific

- The benefits of establishing Free Trade Area of Asia-Pacific:
 - Consolidating regional economic integration;
 - > Potential pathways to realize the FTAAP goals.
- The launch of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific is one of the expected achievements for the ongoing Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings.

Regional Economic Development

- Fundamental issues for regional economic development:
 - Strengthening comprehensive connectivity;
 - > Strengthening infrastructure development.
- Contributions to the regional economic development:
 - New Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will be established.
- China's role in regional economic development:
 - China will maintain "medium-to high-speed growth" in long run and improve the quality of growth;
 - ➤ China is confident of achieving equilibrium with reform, development and stability, as well as steady growth and economic restructuring;
 - > China is ready to accept a lower rate of growth;
 - > China is a beneficiary and active promoter of regional cooperation;
 - ➤ China is willing to push forward free trade and investment in the region and step up efforts for regional economic integration.

^{1.} Source: