

Chapter 64 Improving the Unified Planning System

We will work faster to create a sound, unified, and coordinated national planning system that is led by national development planning, based on spatial planning, supported by subject-specific and regional planning, and composed of national, provincial, prefecture, and county-level plans, with well-defined targets, clear boundaries, and complementary functions.

Section 1 Strengthening the Leading Role of National Development Planning

We will better exert the role of national development planning in providing strategic guidance, and strengthen the supporting role of spatial, subject-specific, and regional planning in the implementation of the present Five-Year Plan. In line with the requirements and key tasks for the development and protection of territorial space specified in this plan, we will draw up and implement national-level spatial plans to ensure space for the implementation of major strategic tasks. With a focus on the strategic priorities and major tasks defined in this plan, we will formulate and implement national-level subject-specific plans in key areas such as scientific and technological innovation, digital economy, green development, and safeguards for public wellbeing, and set a detailed timetable and roadmap for the execution of development tasks. In accordance with the strategic tasks for regional development defined in this plan, we will draft and put in place a number of national-level implementation outlines for regional plans. We

will ensure that the development strategies, main objectives, key tasks, and major projects defined in this plan are carried out more effectively through the planning of local governments.

Section 2 Making Planning More Coordinated

We will improve planning management systems, including the systems for cataloging, drafting, filing, and coordinating. We will create a list of national-level subject-specific plans during the 14th Five-Year Plan period, and file these plans through the national information platform for their comprehensive management, so as to manage various types of plans in a unified manner. We will develop mechanisms for coordinating planning more effectively. Before they are submitted for approval, plans subject to the approval of the Party Central Committee and the State Council as well as provincial-level development plans must be properly aligned with the present Five-Year Plan. This will ensure that plans at all levels and for all sectors, including national-level spatial plans, subject-specific plans, and regional plans are consistent with the Five-Year Plan in terms of major objectives, orientation of development, general layout, major policies, major projects, and risk prevention and control.