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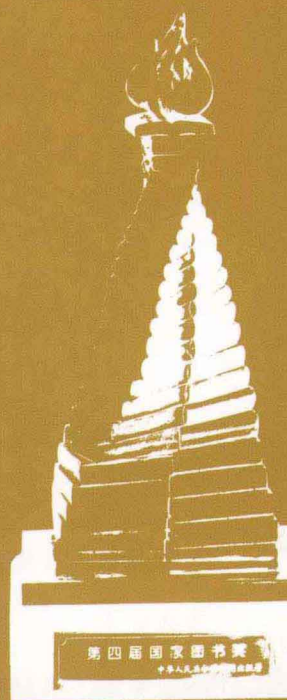
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# 前言

2009年，是中华人民共和国成立的第60个年头。60年来，尤其是改革开放30年来，中国取得了令世人惊叹的辉煌成就。中国道路、中国模式、中国的快速发展已经成为世界各国所瞩目。中国如何取得了今天的成就？如何从一个落后的东方大国发展成为在许多方面走到世界前列的世界强国？这不仅是世界各国人民关注的，也是海外华人、华侨所迫切希望了解的。

为使海外华人、华侨和世界各国人民更加全面、客观、公正地了解新中国，了解新中国的历史，了解中国现象的底蕴，当代中国出版社和香港祖国出版社，在中华人民共和国成立60年之际，隆重推出《当代中国》丛书海外版。

为什么要选择《当代中国》丛书作为向海外华人、华侨和世界各国推荐的中国读本呢？

首先，《当代中国》丛书是由国家统一部署，动员全党、全军、全国各条战线的力量完成的鸿篇巨制，具有很高的权威性。《当代中国》丛书的编写出版工作，是经中共中央书记处批准、由中共中央宣传部向全国部署的。这是新中国成立后由中央组织的首次大规模编写共和国历史的工程，也是一项重要的社会科学研究事业，受到中央和党、政、军、群各级领导的高度重视和支持。丛书自1982年启动到1999年完成历时17年，共出版152卷，总字数逾亿，约十多万名来自各行各业的专家、学者和实际工作者参加了编写工作。其规模在素有重视国史传统的中国历史上也是空前的。它是众人心血、集体智慧凝结而成的原创性文化瑰宝。

第二，《当代中国》丛书是对中华人民共和国四十多年历史发展的全面、系统



# PREFACE

The year 2009 brought the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past six decades, most dramatically during the last 30 years since the adoption of reform and opening-up policy, China has achieved a speed and breadth of societal advancement like no other nation in the history of the world. During this accelerated period of growth and increasing levels of prosperity, the "China Road," the "China Mode," and the peaceful rise of China have collectively brought the nation to remain at the center of international focus.

How did China achieve this? How did China evolve from being a backward nation into a powerhouse driver of the global economic engine, an international center of manufacturing, a progressive leader in new technologies, and a peaceful and principal actor on the world stage? These questions are asked not only by the indigenous citizens of other nations, but are also by Chinese people residing abroad.

To better enable overseas Chinese and others around the world to gain a thorough, objective and genuine understanding of the history and facts of New China, and in honor of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the PRC, Contemporary China Publishing House and the Hong Kong based Motherland Publishing House jointly produced the overseas edition of the *Contemporary China Series*.

The *Contemporary China Series* is an authoritatively extensive encyclopedic work realized through a joint effort put forth by the Party, the People's Liberation Army, and professionals engaged in a diverse range of fields. Approved by the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the compilation of *Contemporary China* was commissioned by the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee. It was contributed to by departments across the country. National in scope, and the first large-scale chronicle of New China directly supervised by the central government, this project was purposely and positively advanced thanks to the selfless support offered by leaders at all levels in the Party, governmental, military and civil departments. It is also a key project for the study of social sciences.

*Contemporary China*, launched in 1982 and completed in 1999, comprises 152 volumes and more than 100 million Chinese characters. Some 100,000 experts, scholars and researchers in varying fields participated in the compilation of the volumes—a scale of collaboration, of this type, unprecedented in Chinese history. The volumes, the product of unprecedented collective wisdom and endeavor, are considered to be an original narrative gem of Chinese culture.

The *Contemporary China Series* also provides a thorough, systematic and detailed account of the

和详细的记述，记录了中国道路的起源、过程和四十多年的成就，是全面了解和认识新中国的不可替代的百科全书和信息库。它既记述了以毛泽东同志为核心的中共第一代中央领导集体，领导中国人民建立社会主义国家制度和建设社会主义新型国家的过程；也记述了以邓小平同志为核心的中共第二代中央领导集体带领中国人民改革创新，走上中国特色社会主义道路的过程；还初步记述了以江泽民同志为核心的第三代中央领导集体高举邓小平理论伟大旗帜，带领全国各族人民，继承和发展改革开放伟大事业的举措。在它的记述中，可以看到当代中国的一切发展进步的根本政治前提和制度基础是如何奠定的；改革开放是怎样在新中国成立以后取得的成就基础上进行的。比如，举世瞩目的三峡工程、青藏铁路的建成，载人航天技术的突破等，都是中国共产党几代领导人高瞻远瞩的结果，是中国人民和几代中国科技工作者心血的结晶。丛书系统地反映了各行各业、各地区、各部门改革开放前已获得的发展基础和经验教训，记述了它们在新时期改革开放的过程和特点，清晰地反映了新中国历史发展的脉络，揭示了改革开放的历史必然性。

第三，《当代中国》丛书是中国特色社会主义实践的初步总结，是中国特色社会主义理论的具体形象说明。丛书总序指出：“建设有中国特色的社会主义，这是一个实践的过程，又是我们的认识不断提高和深化的过程，这是我们的出发点，又是我们的奋斗目标。我们完全可以自豪地说，沿着这条道路前进，通过全体共产党人和各族人民脚踏实地的艰苦奋斗，把我们的祖国建设成为一个高度文明、高度民主的社会主义的现代化强国，是指日可待的。”改革开放至今取得的伟大成就，充分证明了这个预见是正确的。今天的中国已经成功实现了从高度集中的计划经济体制到充满活力的社会主义市场经济体制的伟大历史转变；成功实现了从封闭半封闭到全方位开放的伟大历史转变；综合国力日益增强，2008年中国经济总量已位居世界第三，人民生活水平得到很大提高；中国的国际地位空前提高，国际影响力大大增强。这一切都极大地提高了中华民族屹立于世界民族之林的自信心和自豪感。通过阅读这部丛书，可以更加深刻地体会到：只有社会主义才能救中国，只有改革开放才能发展中国。改革开放是决定中国命运的关键抉择，是发展中国特色社会主义、实现中华民族伟大复兴的必



development of the PRC over the course of nearly 50 years, recording the origin and process of the China Road, and showcasing the country's half-century of achievement. The volumes serve as a high-value encyclopedic bank of information for gaining insight into New China. Detailed within are the process by which the CPC's first generation of central collective leadership, with Comrade Mao Zedong at its core, led the Chinese people in establishing a socialist state system and building a new socialist country; the process by which the CPC's second generation of central collective leadership, with Comrade Deng Xiaoping at its core, led the Chinese people in implementing reforms and embarking on the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics; and the process by which the CPC's third generation of central collective leadership, with Comrade Jiang Zemin at its core, held high the great banner of Deng Xiaoping Theory and led the people of all ethnic groups in carrying on and advancing the great cause of reform and opening-up.

In studying the books, readers will better understand how the basic political premise and system foundations were laid for the development and progress of modern China, and how reform and opening-up proceeded on the basis of goals achieved after New China was founded. The nation's globally-respected accomplishments, among them the Three Gorges Water Conservancy Project, the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, and breakthroughs in the manned space program, are feats attributable to the careful and dedicated efforts put forth by several generations of Chinese scientists and technicians under the guidance of Party leaders. The books systematically represent the development foundation and experiences gained by all industries, all regions, and all departments before reform and opening-up, as well as their respective processes and characteristics during the stage of reform and opening-up. Thus is accurately portrayed the development course of New China, and thus is revealed the historic inevitability of reform and opening-up.

*Contemporary China* also provides a fundamental overview of the practice of building socialism with Chinese characteristics, and is an illustrated embodiment of the theory of socialism with Chinese characteristics. In the series' general preamble, it is set forth that "Building socialism with Chinese characteristics is a process of practice, and a process by which our cognition is continuously advanced and enhanced. It is not only our beginning, but also our target of struggle. We can proudly and accurately state that if we continue to advance along this road, with concerted effort put forth by all CPC members and the people of different ethnic groups, our motherland will soon develop into a prosperous and strong socialist country with a high degree of democracy and civilization." The brilliant achievements realized to date, since the adoption of reform and opening-up policy, have fully evidenced the viability of this projection. Today, China has successfully accomplished the historic transition from a highly centralized planned economy to a robust socialist market economy, and from a closed and semi-closed country to a country that is open wide to the outside world. Overall national strength is increasingly enhanced, and China is now ranked third in the world in terms of economic aggregate. The Chinese people's standard of living has dramatically improved. China's international standing has risen to an unprecedented level, and the nation's global influence has substantially expanded. Collectively, these advancements have boosted China's aggregate level of citizen confidence and pride. Particularly, this was made so, in light of the nation becoming a major player on the global stage.

Readers of *Contemporary China* will gain a better understanding of the fact that only socialism can sustain China, and only with reform and opening-up can we successfully develop China. The reform and opening-up



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第四，《当代中国》丛书收集和运用了丰富、真实、系统的资料，具备存史的客观性和传诸后世、历久弥新的珍贵价值。《当代中国》丛书所遵循的编撰原则是：实事求是，不虚美，不掩过，用可靠的事实资料，如实地写出新中国成立后各行各业的发展史，为世人为后代留下一部科学的信史。作为一个已经完成的项目，《当代中国》虽然只是记录了新中国成立后四十多年的历史，但是，它所记录的实在、确凿、系统、丰富的历史资料，随着时间的推移，会越来越显现出不可替代的价值；它通过记述总结实践，得出规律性认识，给人们提供了继续前进的力量和研究、解决新问题的参考、借鉴。

《当代中国》丛书海外版的出版不仅有助于海外学者、研究机构以及关注中国的各方面人士全面完整地了解当代中国；也有助于有志踏足中国的海外企业了解中国国情，为大展鸿图做好准备；更为每一位深怀民族之情、企盼祖国强盛的海外华侨华人，留下了一部当代中国奋斗成长、民族振兴的信史。

这本纪念册以浓缩的形式再现丛书的创造过程，谨以此献给关怀与支持这项事业的各级领导同志，呕心沥血的全体编写人员，以及一切支持、关心这项事业的朋友和同志。

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policy is a vital factor in determining the destiny of China and the inevitable road leading to the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics. The policy is bringing to reality the great dream of rejuvenation for the Chinese nation.

*Contemporary China*, encapsulating and applying a large volume of accurate, systematic data, can be saved and collected as an objective historical document, which will gain in value with the passing of time. In their compilation of *Contemporary China*, the editors adhered to the principles of seeking truth from facts, without exaggerating achievement or camouflaging errors. The primary goal was to leave to later generations a scientific, credible record detailing the development of all industries of New China.

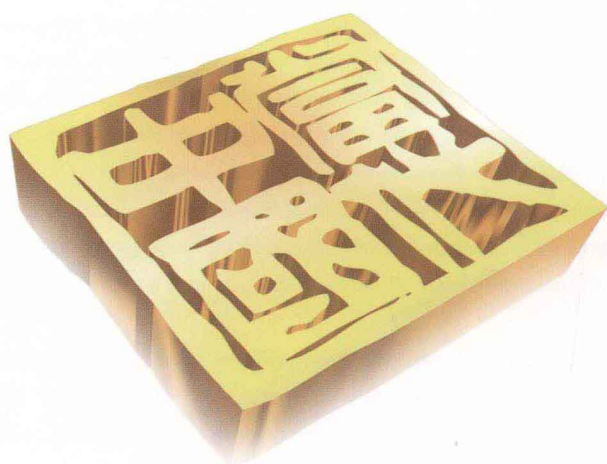
Although *Contemporary China* mainly covers the first 50 years of New China, this bound compilation of factual, precise, systematic and abundant data and material will increase in value over time. Through a better assembly of facts gained by analyzing and summarizing practices, the volumes provide us with the power to advance, while serving as a reference for study and addressing future issues.

The publication of the overseas edition of the *Contemporary China* Series will not only allow the scholars, research institutes and individuals of other nations to better understand today's China, but will also serve as a valuable industrial learning resource for overseas enterprises intending to establish ventures in China. For those Chinese residing abroad who share a common wish for the sustained prosperity of their motherland, these volumes, detailing the national rejuvenation of modern China, offer a great opportunity to share in the long treasured dream.

The commemorative album, encapsulating the entire production process of the *Contemporary China* Series, is especially dedicated to the leaders at all levels who extended their great concern and provided their great support for the cause of this project, to all the editors, who devoted such tremendous energy and insight, and to all our friends who have shown such respect and care for this publication.

Editorial Committee of *Contemporary China* Series (Overseas Edition)





《当代中国》丛书历时15年，共150卷，1亿字，3万幅图片。可以说，它是动员全党、全军、全国各条战线的力量来完成的鸿篇巨制，是集体合作的成果。它从一个层面，也反映了我国历史研究工作和文化出版事业的发展水平。

总结历史，说明现在，探索规律，启示未来，是我们从事历史研究和其他研究工作的同志们的光荣而艰巨的使命。《当代中国》丛书，为我们研究有中国特色社会主义的伟大事业进程、经验和规律，为在广大干部和群众中开展爱国主义、集体主义、社会主义思想教育，提供了丰富的史料和生动的教材。

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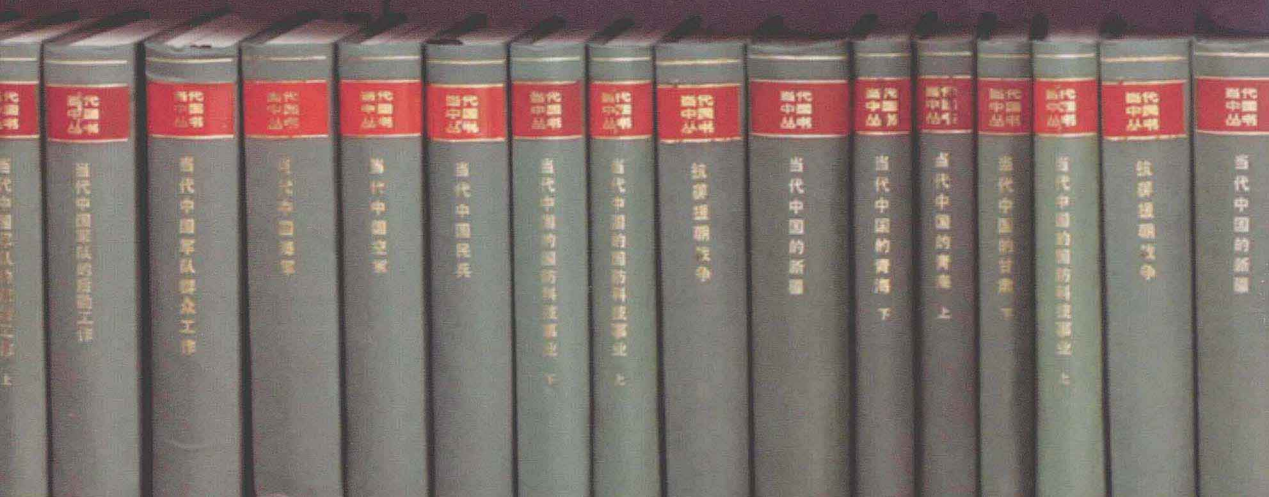
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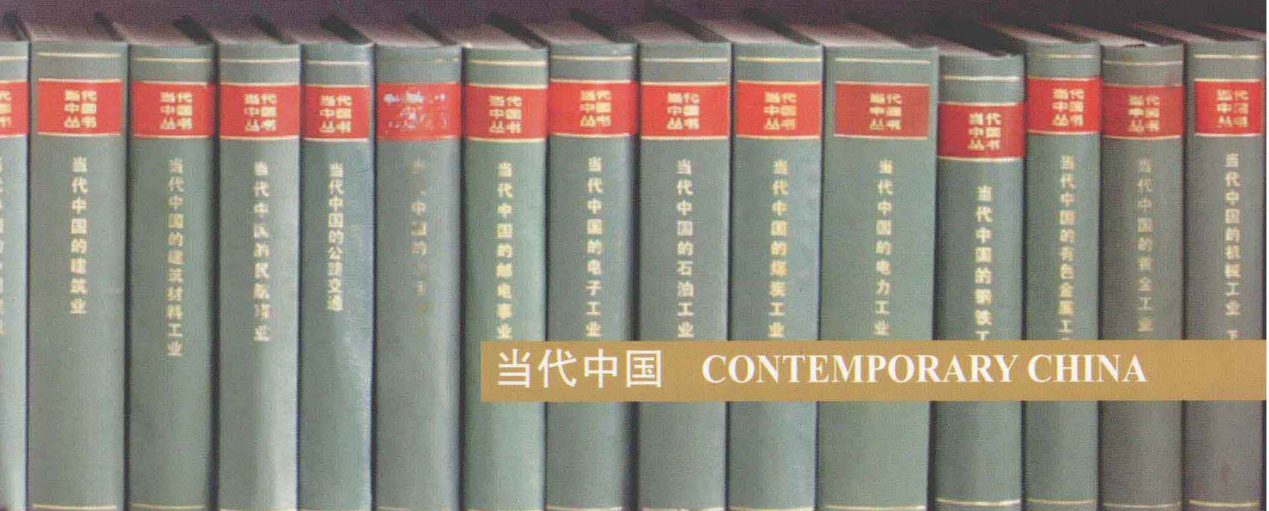
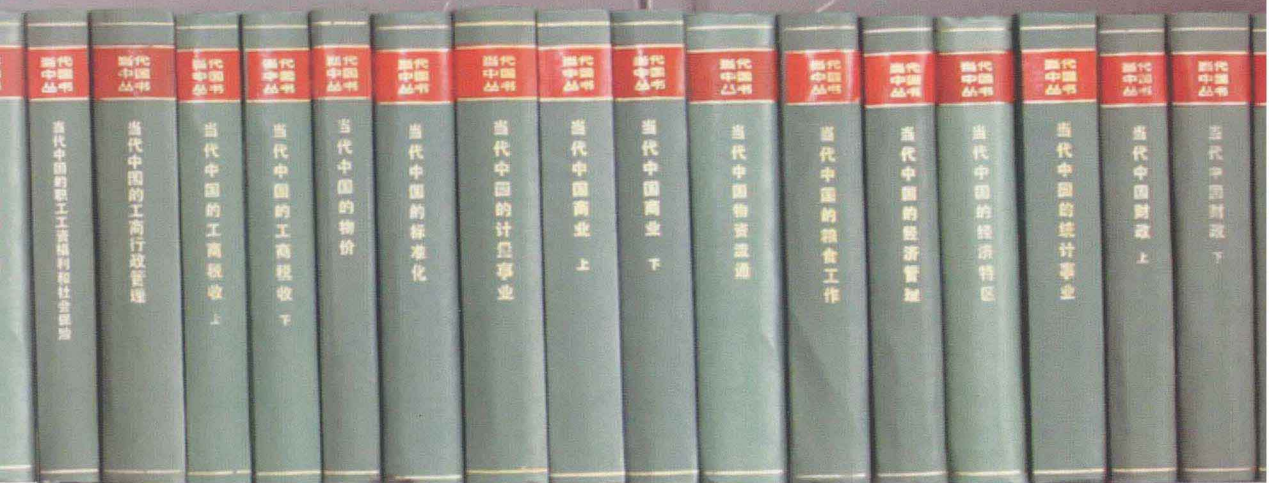
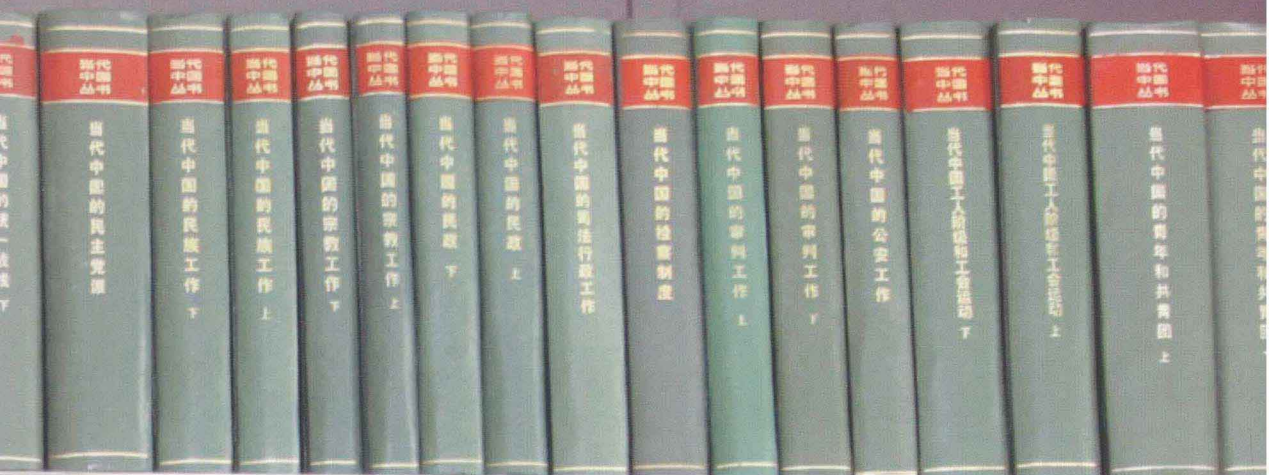


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## 全面、系统、大规模研究新中国近50年历史的 宏伟事业——《当代中国》丛书

编写出版《当代中国》丛书是由胡乔木同志倡议、中共中央书记处讨论通过、中共中央宣传部向全国部署的一项社会科学研究事业。从1983年怀仁堂会议正式部署编写工作算起，迄今已过25个春秋，已见书的152卷，210册，约1亿字，它是全国10万编研人员心血、汗水和智慧的结晶，是原创性文化瑰宝，这在素有重视国史传统的中国历史上亦属空前之举。

这套丛书在编写史书的方法和体例上都有创新。就方法而论，按系统、部门、地区来组织全面编写史书；各卷由现任或退居二线的领导任主编，吸收各方面专家、学者和实际工作者参与编写工作，这在中外历史上恐无前例。在体例上，取章节体，而融编年、通志、本末、专题于其中，简言之，采取纵写与横写相结合、纵横交织的办法。各卷开篇是绪论或标明“历史概说”之类的篇章，概说旧中国与各自部门或地区有关的情况，可视为该部门、该行业、该地区当代史之前史。进入正题后，先是纵论该部门、该行业、该地区解放以来社会主义革命和社会主义建设发展的历史过程及其经验教训，继而分述各方面的状况，以地方卷为例，分述经济、文化、教育、科技、政治、社会各方面、各行业的发展史，有些地方卷还用一定的篇幅记述本地区所属市、地区的情况。这样的体例有助于增强各卷对历史资料的包容性。

收集和运用了丰富、真实、系统的资料，这既是这套丛书的一大特点，同时也是其久远价值之所在。诚如邓力群同志在同经济体制改革卷编写人员的谈话中