

Organizational Evolution of Land Administration in China since Its Opening-up in 1978: Social-Economic Rationale and Technical Advancement

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SUMMARY

The paper reviews organizational evolution of land administration in China since the opening-up policy was adopted in 1978, which is the year representing the beginning of the latest round of drastic social and economic development in China. In general, there are four landmark restructurings in the setting of land administration in China since the first uniform land administration authority was founded in the year 1986. It is due to such quick social-economic development featured by urbanization and industrialization, that land administration has been strengthened gradually with the administrative status promotion and the organizational expansion. Moreover, the paper is focused on analyzing the behind driving forces which lead to these changes from the social, economic and technical views. The conclusion shows that the appropriate setting of land administration should help improve social and economic development, secure land tenure in the society, guide proper and rational land uses, provide a fair, justice and transparent land market, and most importantly ensure social, economic and ecological sustainability in the future.