

## Session 3

### The Role of Local Government and Economic Development in Decentralization in China

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#### **Abstract**

The economic reform in China since 1978 has been characterized by decentralization, essentially, transferring part of the decision-making power of the central government to local governments. Local governments have vigorously expanded their regional economies in response to this decentralization. Differences and friction between the central government and local governments over intentions and the allocation of industrial and economic resources have occurred, and the debate on the efficiency and rationality of granting local governments increased power and prompting the expansion of regional industries continues to arise today. I argue that the rapidly developing regional economy in which local governments participate actively is both efficient and reasonable. The substantial progress of marketization, economic development and public welfare are closely related to the fruitful role of local governments.

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