

## **People's Republic of China: Medium and Long-Term Railway Network Plan (adjusted in 2008)**

### **ABSTRACT**

By 2020 the People's Republic of China's (PRC) railway length in operation will reach 120,000 kilometers; double tracking and electrified railway rates will respectively be above 50% and 60%; passenger and cargo transport will be separated in busy trunk lines. The railway network will be characterized by rational layout, clear structure, complete functions, and convenient connectivity. The transport capacity of the railway network will be in line with the social and economical development of the PRC, with its main technology and facilities reaching or approaching international advanced level.

To achieve the goal of 2020, the planning mainly involves expansion of the overall railway network. Meanwhile it emphasizes the construction of passenger-dedicated lines, inter-regional trunks, and coal transport systems with developed quality of railway network and enhanced transport capacity.