

- gradually increasing financial support and construction investment in the central and western regions, and giving priority to arranging resource development and infrastructure projects in the regions;

- readjusting the regional distribution of processing industries; . . .

- . . . aiming to enhance the capacity for self-development of these regions;

- accelerating the reform and opening-up, and directing more overseas funds to these regions; and

- strengthening the economic association and cooperation between the eastern and central and western regions. . . .

With the development of the overall economy and the improvement of the central fiscal strength, the State will gradually increase its support to the less-developed areas in the central and western regions. As for the central and western regions, they should carry forward the spirit of relying on themselves to accelerate their development and narrow the gap. . . .

The following excerpts are from the release on the Ninth Five-Year Plan, as reported by Xinhua. The section on science is point three of the "nine major principles for social and economic development."

Vitalize China with science and education, while spurring a close integration of economy, with science, technology, and education.

Science and technology are the primary productive forces, education is the basis; economic growth must rely on science and technology, and in turn, science and technology must serve economic growth; and education must be oriented to the modernization program, to the outside world, and to the future, aimed at raising the quality of the entire population and training a large number of outstanding people in all fields for the next century. . . .

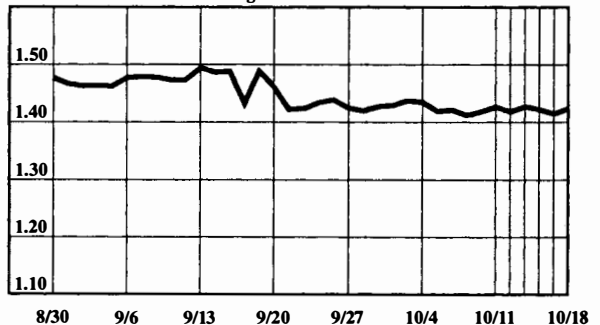
China's success in building a socialist culture and ideology will determine the success or failure of socialism in the nation and what kind of China enters the 21st century. . . . The fundamental tasks are to train socialist citizens to have lofty ideals, moral integrity, good cultural qualities and discipline, and to improve the whole nation's ideological and moral standards and scientific and cultural qualities. Top priority should be given to . . . young people and children. . . .

The basic requirement for social moral construction is love of the motherland, the people, labor, science, and socialism. This love should be reflected in all aspects of life. . . . A new type of personal relationship should be developed featuring equality, solidarity, friendship and mutual help, and an etiquette system . . . featuring respect for the old and care for the young, respect for teachers and care for students. Education must be stepped up to improve social, professional, and moral standards.

Currency Rates

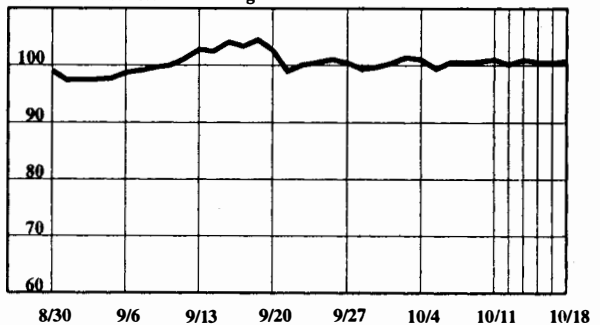
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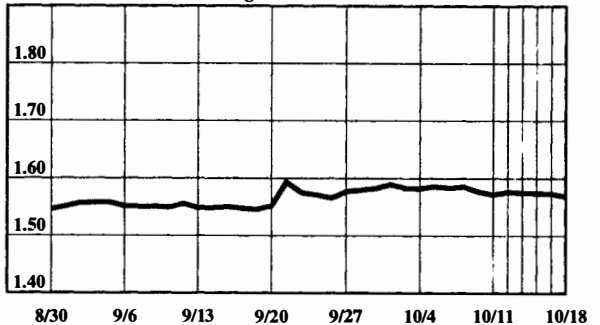
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