

Civic Engagement and Urban Planning in China

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1.

China: Urbanization and the Urban Planning System

Speed of Urbanization



17.9%

China's urbanization in 1978

24%

1985

36.2%

2000

57.35%

China's urbanization in 2016
Urban population 792 million End of 2016

China's Urban and Rural Planning Law: Public Participation

*Comprehensive
City Master Plan*

*Regulatory Zoning
Plans*

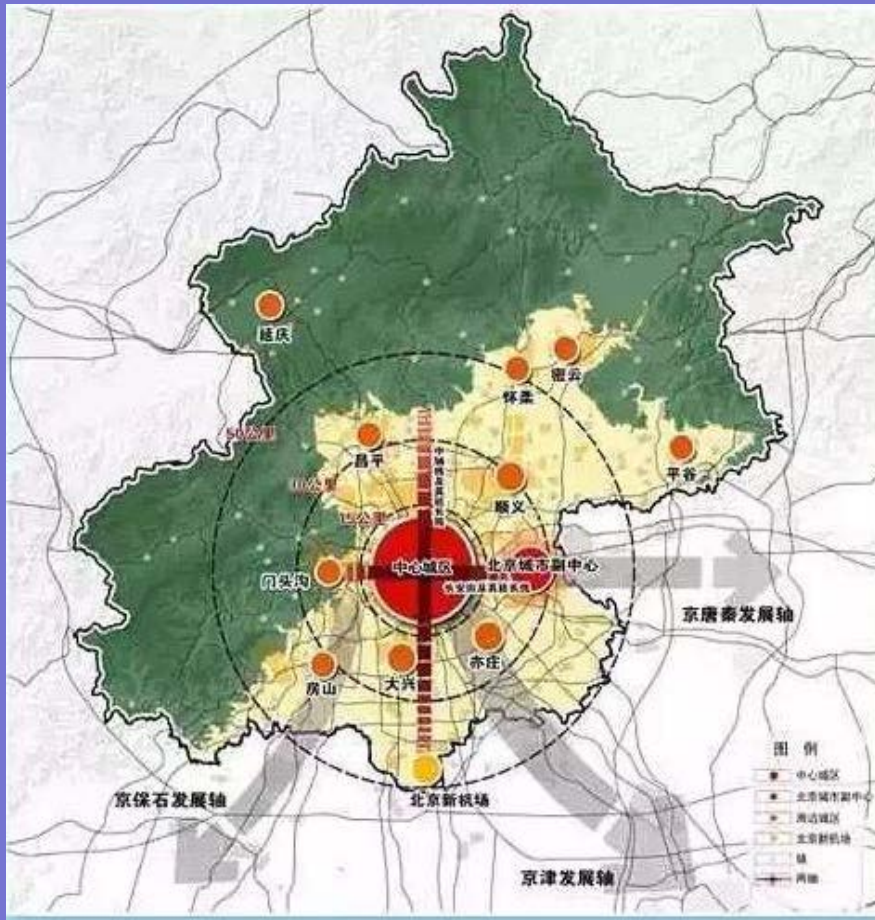


- 1. Public Notice on Draft Plan** (Articles 8, 26, 43)
- 2. Affected Parties to Enquire** (Article 9)
- 3. Public Access to Planning Enforcement** (Article 54)
- 4. Affected Parties to Comment** (Article 48, 50)

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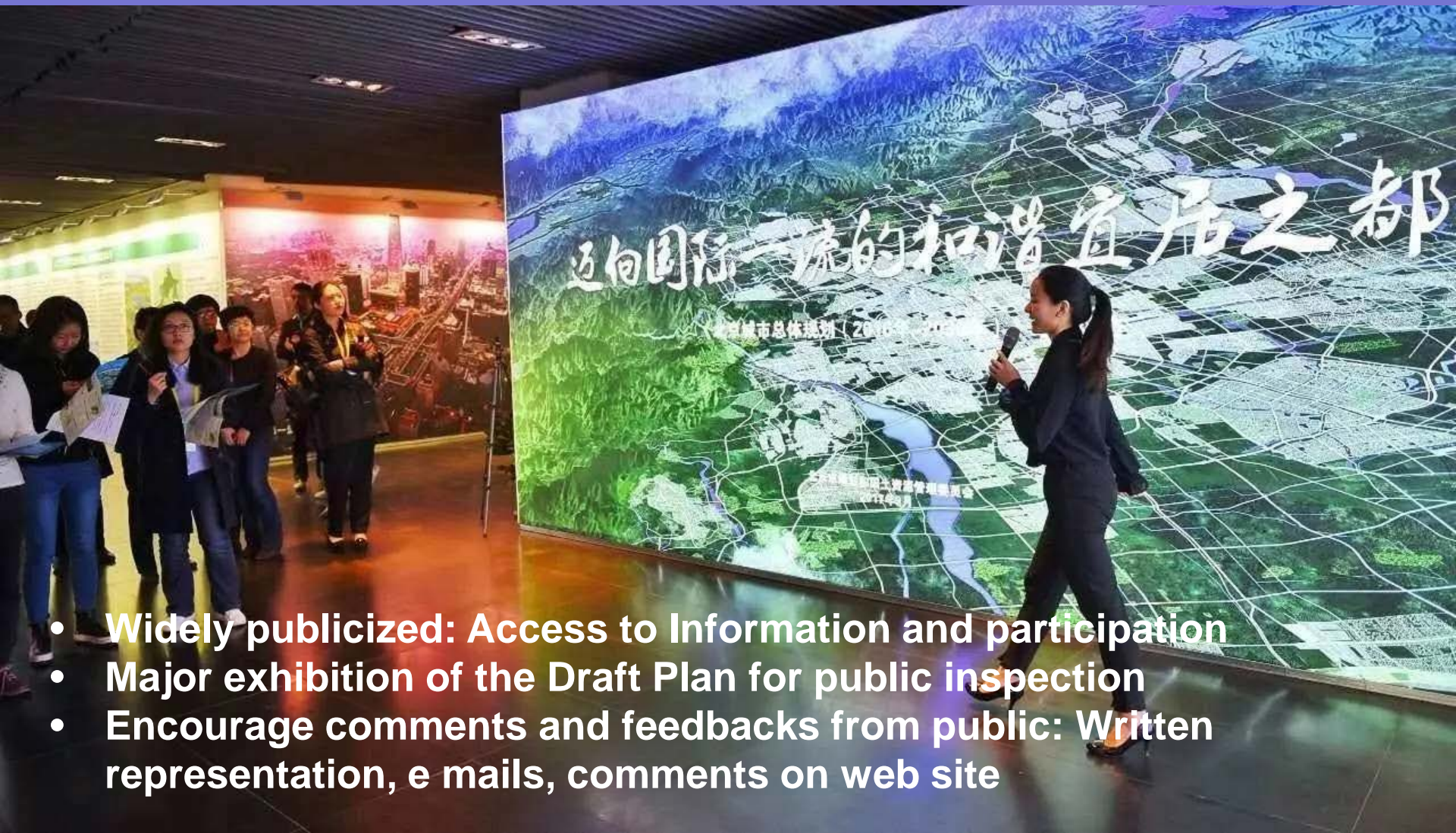
The City of Beijing
Comprehensive Master Plan
(2016-2030) Draft

City of Beijing Comprehensive Master Plan 2016-2030 (Draft): Announced on 28 March 2017



- **Planned Population Ceiling : 23 Million**
- **Control Development Land Coverage under 2760 sq. km**

City of Beijing Comprehensive Master Plan 2016-2030 (Draft) : Public Consultation



- **Widely publicized: Access to Information and participation**
- **Major exhibition of the Draft Plan for public inspection**
- **Encourage comments and feedbacks from public: Written representation, e mails, comments on web site**

Urban and Rural Planning Law and Public Participation : **Limitations**

- The Laws says “SHOULD”, not “SHALL”
- Lack detailed guidelines on design of public participation methods and consensus building

And ...

- Strong focus on “Draft Plan” stage of decision making process
- Limited disclosure of data and detailed contents
- Strong reliance on experts and professionals

3.

Innovations in Civic Engagement in Urban Planning :

Led by the Beijing Municipal Institute of City
Planning and Design



The Dong Si Nan Street Heritage Plan

A New Civic Engagement Pilot Project

Source:

<http://bbs.caup.net/read-htm-tid-18773-page-1.html>

Actions:

- 1. Five Stages of Full Life Cycle Engagement:** Survey, Design, Pre-construction, Construction, management
- 2. Participatory Design Process:** Selected 6 pilot heritage conservation projects each led by a voluntary planning and design team
- 3. Post Project “Social Contract”:** Set up on-going management, governance and consensus building processes



The “Courtyard Protocol” for the residents as a social contract

Regular Discussions



Beyond public participation ...

1. *Important roles: enable, facilitate, catalyze*
2. *Innovations in cross sector collaboration*
3. *Full life cycle engagement*
4. *“Social Contract” in post development*

Thanks

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