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# Promoting Equity: Transformed TVET Policies and Practice in China

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# China is delivering TVET on the largest scale in the world

**15,277 schools in total:**

- ✓ **159** - lower secondary
- ✓ **13,872** - upper secondary
- ✓ **1,246** - tertiary



**30.81 million enrollments in total:**

- ✓ **80 thousand** - lower secondary
- ✓ **22.37 million** - upper secondary
- ✓ **8.36 million** - tertiary



**92 million people trained in TVET institutions of all sorts and at all levels.**



**TVET policies challenged recently by an emerging worldwide political concern for unemployment and equity.**

**In response:**

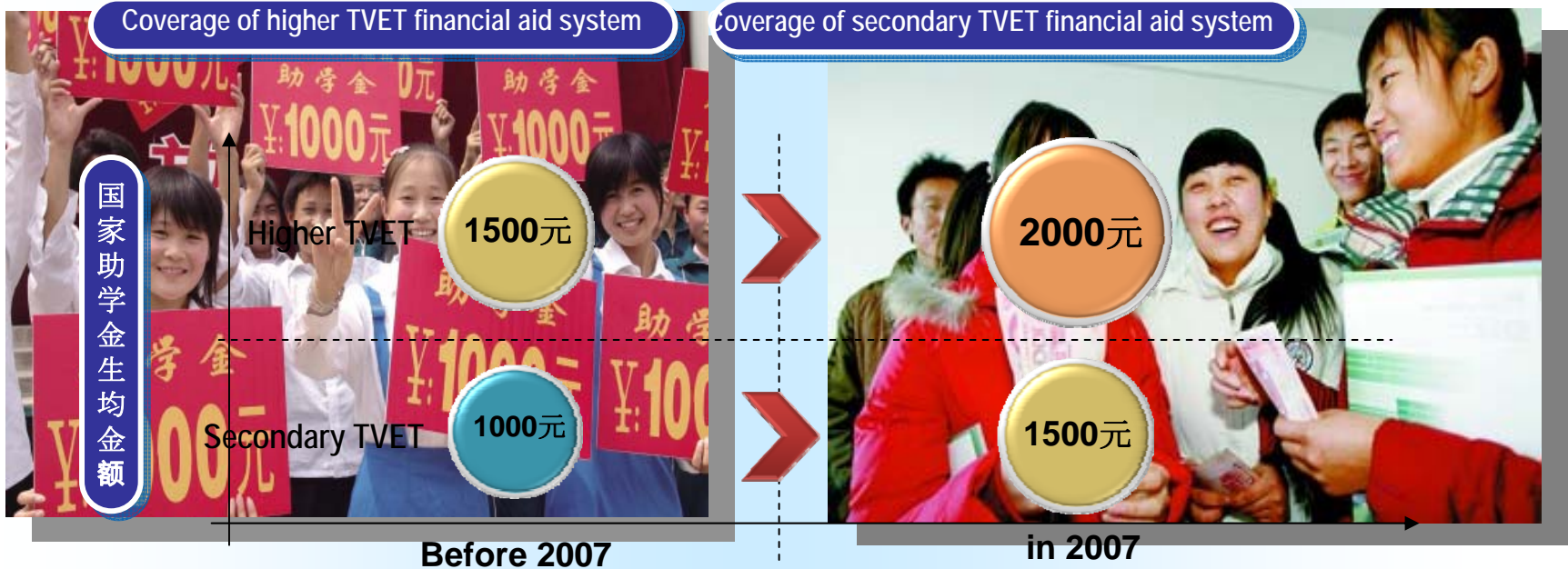
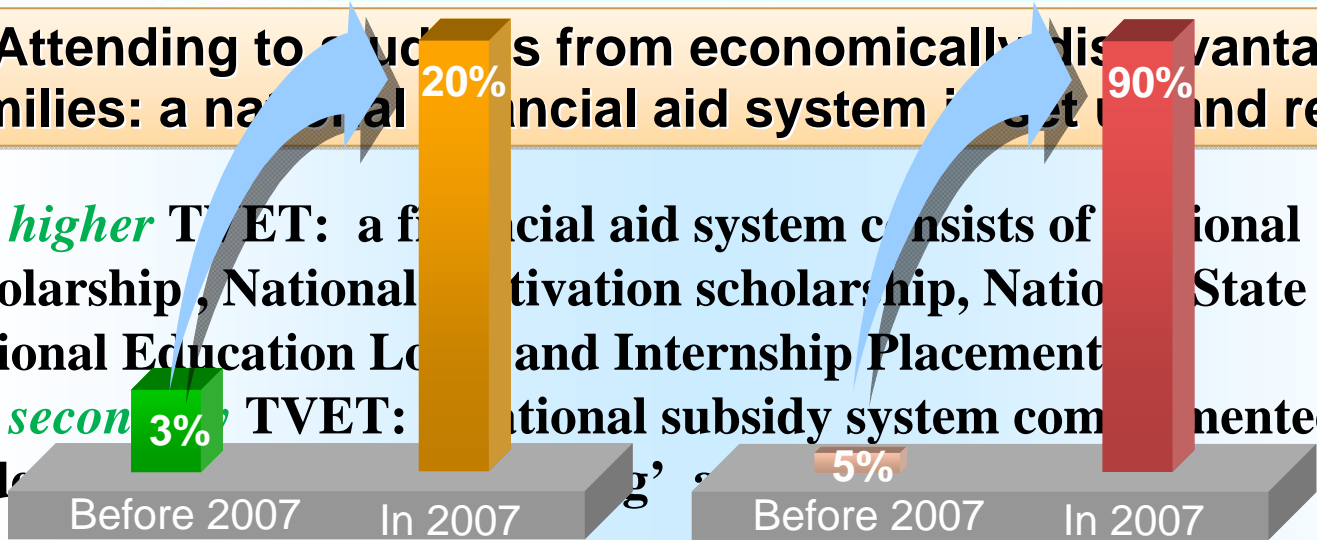
**China's TVET policies transformed from *generating economic growth* to *promoting social harmony and education equity***



# China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

1. Attending to students from economically disadvantaged families: a national financial aid system is set up and refined.

For *higher* TVET: a financial aid system consists of National Scholarship, National Motivation scholarship, National State Grant, National Education Loan and Internship Placement  
For *secondary* TVET: national subsidy system complemented with student





# China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

Attending to students from economically disadvantaged families: a step-by-step exemption of tuition fees for students at secondary TVET schools

Since  
Autumn  
2009

Exemption of tuition fees is first targeted at full-time **rural** students who suffer from financial difficulties or study **agriculturally** related subjects in public secondary TVET schools.

Till  
2010

The coverage of tuition fees exemption is expanded to more **urban** students with financial difficulties .





# China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

## 2. Attending to the disabled groups' special needs



### Measures:

- ✓ The Central government supports for establishing special schools in the Central and Western regions – i.e. one special school established independently within each county with over 300,000 population;
- ✓ Making upper secondary education for the disabled more TVET focused;
- ✓ Making each disabled student at secondary TVET schools have access to the National Financial Aid Subsidy.



# China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

## 3. Attending to disadvantaged labors: providing training for farmers and migrant workers

**2004-  
2005**

Short-term vocational skills training was prioritized in grain production areas, labors-producing areas and old revolutionary base areas so as to explore an effective working mechanism for training on a larger scale. The total trainees among rural labors was 5 million, at 2.5 million per year.

**2006-  
2010**

Vocational skills training were delivered nationally on a large scale, a training mechanism for rural labors transfer established, rural human resources developed greatly. The total trainees among rural labors reached 30 million, at 6 million per year.

**After  
2010**

To coordinate urban and rural development, rural labors training has been included in national system of education on a larger scale and at a higher level, which makes scientific , technological and cultural qualities of rural labors to keep up with China's modernization pace.



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## 4. Attending to underdeveloped areas: increasing support for central and western regions

- Central government revenue set aside special funds for TVET prioritized for central and western regions, rural areas and minority regions.
- Preferential policies made for western regions, i.e. all the rural students in Tibet, Kashgar, Hotan and Kezilesu Kirgiz Autonomous Prefecture of Xinjiang can enjoy free tuition fees.
- Led by the central government, partnership assistance for TVET have been provided for rural and western regions from urban and eastern regions.







## Experiences of China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

**3.**

**A free multiple choice for grantees by adopting a diversified financial aid system**



# Effects of China's TVET initiatives in promoting equity

China's achievement on promoting TVET equity can be notified by '**Four Promotions**' shown in four aspects:





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