

## Not So Lonely Planner Talk 2:

When Agrarian Tradition Meets Urbanisation -  
Spring Festival Transport in China

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**Spring Festival Travel Season (SFTS)** , or the ***Chunyun*** **period**, is a period of travel in China with extremely high traffic load around the time of the **Chinese New Year**

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**15** days before the Lunar New Year's Day

lasts for around **40** days

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**The largest annual human migration in the world**

Guess how many Chinese passengers made their journeys during the SFTS this year?

**3.62Billion!**

(almost three times the number of Chinese population)

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# Who

Students

White collars

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## Immigrant Workers

who left their rural hometown to cities to make a living. This is the only period of time in a whole year (and for some, many years) that they manage to have a rest from work and go back home to meet their family.

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**As a result of China's 1978 reform, urbanisation over the past few decades and uneven regional development**

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Shanghai in 1970s

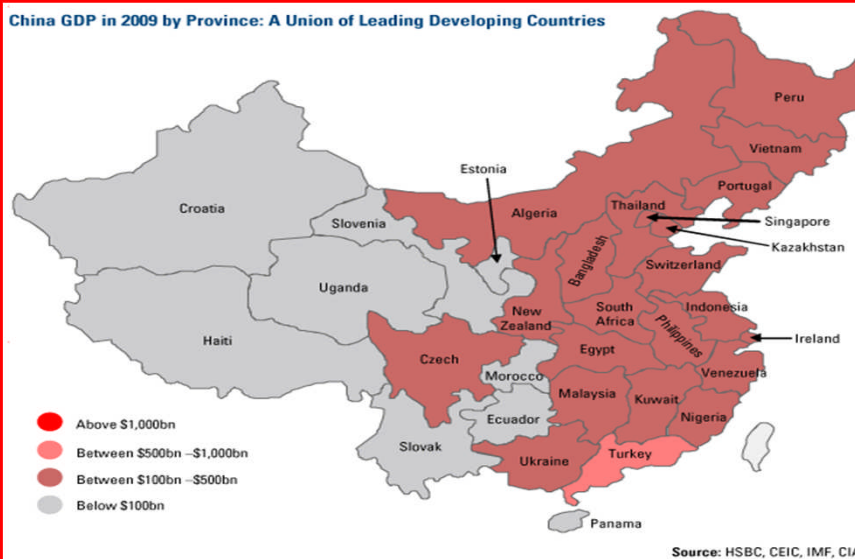
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Shanghai in 2010

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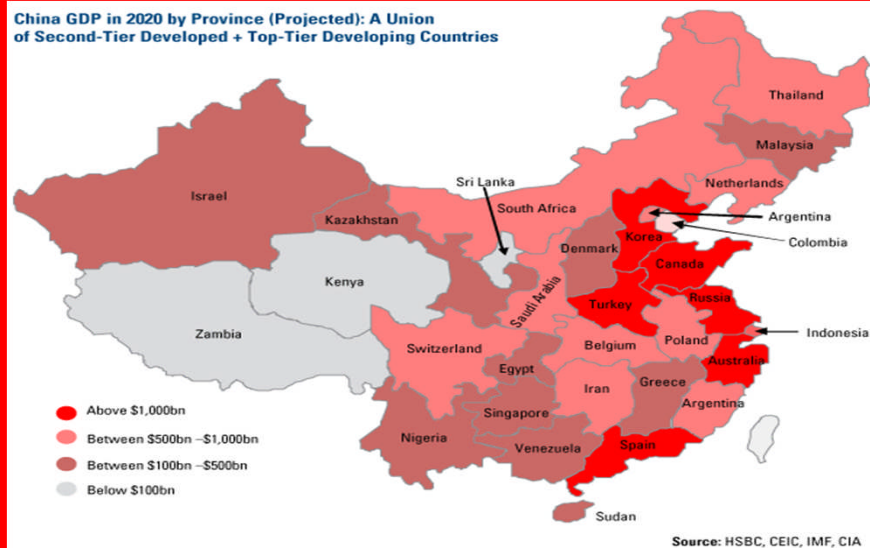
China GDP in 2009 by Province: A Union of Leading Developing Countries





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China GDP in 2020 by Province (Projected): A Union of Second-Tier Developed + Top-Tier Developing Countries



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**Flow of immigrant as a result of uneven development from rural and inner China to urban and coastal China for better job, payment, education, etc.**

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#### Inter-provincial migration

1990-2005 aggregate

