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Physics in China: the Past and Next Decade

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In assessing the current status and future direction of physics research and education in China, one critical period receiving particular attention is the past and next decade. Riding with China's wave of unprecedented pace and stability of economical developments, the various natural sciences disciplines, including physics, have been experiencing a golden period as well for developments and advances. In this talk, I will review the recent progresses of physics in China, including those drawn from my own personal experience, and also share some prospective view on its future directions. Some of the examples are based on my own experience while working at the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences and in the School of Physics at Peking University.