### Comment: China's Industrial Structure and Economic Growth

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<b>China Statistics - W</b>	eak Categories			
Overreported				
Farm employment				
Average urban wag	es s			
Underreported				
<b>Tertiary employmen</b>	nt/activity			
Road transport				
Industrial employme	ent 🛛 🔹			
<b>Private-sector inves</b>	stment			
Births, deaths				
Urban unemployme	ent de la companya de			
<b>Confused/Neglected</b>	d in interview of the second sec			
Product quality				
Inventories				
Stock of Capital & Education				
Small firms				

Plausi	ole Adju	ustment	ts to Re	ecent C	Chinese	e Aggre	gates	
Farm L	abor			DOV	VN			
Industr	y Qual	ity		UP				
Employment			UP					
Average Wage			DOV	٧N				
Wag	e Bill			UP				
Tertiar	y secto	or		UP				
Employment			UP					
Road Transport			UP					
GDP				UP				

Quality & Growth in Chinese Industry: TV Example							
			400		<u> </u>		
	Q	%	1987		Output (RMB Mi		
	Million	Color	Price		Wu	Revised	
1963	0.3	0	470		2.0	1.2	
1987	1934.4	35	766		<b>148</b> 09.7	14809.7	
1997	3637.2	75	1104		27846.9	40141.3	
2005	8283.2	100	1320		63416.9	109338.5	
Growth Rate of TV Output Value 1987-2005							
W	u metho	d		8.4			
Revised: sliding price			11.7				
Assortment effect +10%			12.3				
on 2005 price 🕺 +25%			+25%	12.9			
			+50%	14.3			

# Sectors with Major Upgrade in Quality & Assortment

- Motor Vehicles & Components
- Machine tools
- Home appliances
- Garments
- Steel
- Office & telecoms equipment
- Railway & construction equipment – And Many, many others

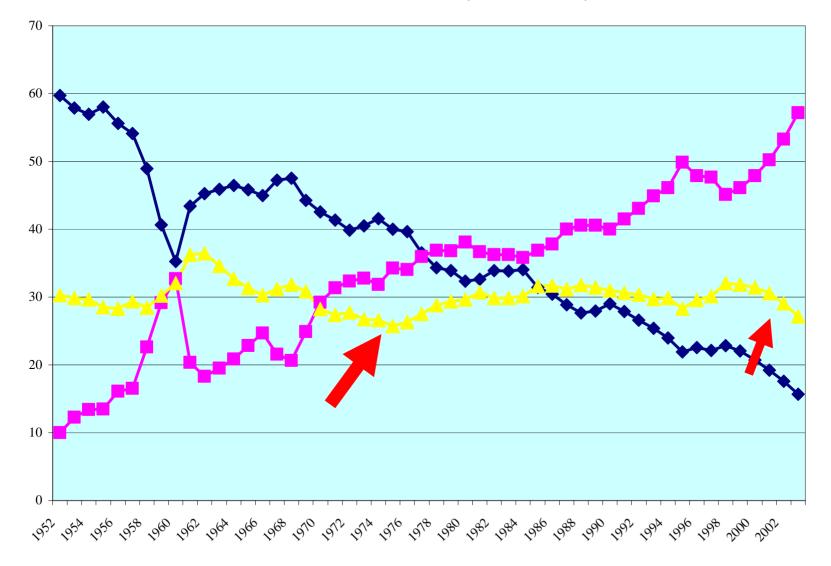
## Sectors WITHOUT Major Upgrade in Quality & Assortment

- Coal?
- Cement?

• That's about it!

## New Service Activities, 1975-2007

- Hospitality, Tourism, Travel Agencies
- Stock and Bond Markets
- Real estate, Advertising, Entertainment
- Customer-oriented Trade & Commerce
- Legal Services, Accounting, Consulting
- Long-distance Highway Transp., Telecom
- Personal Services: health clubs, religion



#### Sectoral Shares of Chinese GDP, 1952-2003, Maddison-Wu Series

### 400 350 Fuel Consumption 300 Index, with 1985=100 250 200 **Highway Traffic** 150 100 50 0 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999

#### Fuel Consumption vs. Transport Traffic, 1980-1999 1985=100

### China: Tertiary Sector Nominal Wage Growth, 1987-2005 National Average Wage Growth = 1

Material Services	
Transport	1.02
Information Transmission	2.21
Wholesale & Retail	0.94
Non-material Services	
Finance	1.76
<b>Real Estate</b>	1.12
Science, R&D	1.35
Education	1.04
Health & Welfare	1.16
Culture & Sports	1.26
Government, Party etc	1.11
Manufacturing	0.85 (too high!)