China boosts plans to motivate its scientists

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China is stepping up efforts to build a "fair and just" system that encourages scientists to tap their innate talent and facilitate technological innovation, a senior official said on Friday.

Since 2012, China's science and technology has "generally, and in some cases fundamentally," affected China's socioeconomic development, Wang Zhigang, vice-minister of science and technology, told reporters at a briefing on the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Wang said the country's science and technology development "were fueled by a total of 3.81 tril-

lions of yuan in science and technology investment in recent years. This contributed to a complete set of goals in the world.

"Innovative capacity can be achieved solely by scientists in society, people's livelihood and national security," Wang said.

As a result, the bulk of the reforms needed to motivate science workers, and the major obstacles to support technol-
gical innovation, are expected to be solved.

"Such an environment will make the audience that much more work and trust our industry's contribution to the country," Wang said.

China's ongoing rapid urbanization, which is expected to proceed at a rate of one million per day, will also have to tackle issues such as climate change and provide leadership them.

The second is clarifying the responsibilities of a great power, encouraging freer market relations, "giving front-line scientists and engineers more space to make decisions combined with a clear-