

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: CHINA' S ECONOMIC RISE: STRATEGIC LESSONS FOR INDONESIA IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....YES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Mr Bilal Mir

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

#### Abstract Review:

The abstract presents a clear, well-structured, and data-driven summary of the research. It effectively outlines the historical background of China's economic transformation and links it meaningfully to Indonesia's developmental aspirations. The integration of both dependency theory and endogenous growth theory provides a solid theoretical foundation for analysis. The use of a mixed-methods approach, supported by credible sources such as the World Bank, IMF, and Indonesia's BPS, underscores the empirical rigor of the study.

Quantitative details such as China's GDP growth rate (9.5%), Gini coefficient (0.47), and environmental impact statistics enhance the analytical depth. The reference to Indonesia's sectoral strategies—such as nickel downstreaming and increased R&D investment—illustrates applied relevance. The acknowledgment of potential risks, including debt exposure and environmental concerns, reflects a balanced perspective.

Comparative case studies and actionable policy recommendations make the abstract policy-relevant and grounded in regional experiences. The language is academically precise, and the keywords are relevant, aiding in discoverability and thematic clarity.

#### Introduction Review:

The introduction successfully establishes the global significance of China's economic trajectory, providing current data (e.g., GDP of \$18.3 trillion in 2024) and referencing key milestones like the 1978 reforms and WTO accession. It contextualizes China's industrial and technological rise within the broader global economy, reinforcing its influence on trade, investment, and geopolitical realignments.

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The mention of challenges—inequality, pollution, and governance issues—demonstrates critical engagement with the dual nature of China's growth. The use of well-sourced statistics from international organizations adds credibility and illustrates the trade-offs inherent in rapid development.

By positioning Indonesia as a case for comparative strategic application, the introduction effectively sets the stage for further analysis. It captures both the opportunity and complexity of drawing lessons from China's model. The writing is articulate and well-organized, balancing empirical analysis with theoretical framing.

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### General Remarks:

The manuscript is timely, well-researched, and of high scholarly relevance. The comparative, data-supported approach and focus on policy transfer offer valuable insights for academic, policy, and development audiences. The alignment between theory, evidence, and recommendations ensures the study's relevance in discussions of regional growth strategies, South-South cooperation, and sustainable development. The writing maintains academic rigor and clarity, with a strong narrative and analytic flow.