

**On the Contributions and Roles of Chinese Overseas in China's Reform and Modernization since 1978: Developing and Improving Laws and Regulations with regards to Overseas Chinese Affairs**

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This paper presents a historical overview of Chinese Overseas participation in China's modernizing reform process since the opening up of China in the late 1970s, and provides a survey of the current situation.

The paper also discusses the development of China's legal system with regards to Overseas Chinese Affairs, in view of the important role they have played in the national development process. It examines shortcomings in the legal system with respect to policies and laws governing the Overseas Chinese Affairs, and offers suggestions on ways to improve this system according to the goals and needs of the socialist legal system unique to China.