

# Research on the Problems and Countermeasures in the Economic Integration of the Yangtze River Delta

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## Abstract

At present, under the background of the rapid development of the world economy, the emergence of various multilateral or organization makes it more and more closely with the economic coordination mechanism. In the process of China's economic development, the Yangtze River Delta region, as an important part of China's economic development, is an important factor to promote the development of domestic market economy. However, under the influence of the novel coronavirus pneumonia epidemic, the problems of market development and planned economy are more obvious, and the development resistance between cities is also large. Starting from the actual situation of China's national conditions, this paper studies the market-oriented reform and the transformation of capital economy existing in the regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta, summarizes the current situation faced by the Yangtze River Delta, the development goals and ideas, the improvement of the coordination system of funds, finance and taxation and the development prospects, and puts forward some targeted countermeasures according to these problems. The Yangtze River Delta region can better promote its own high-quality development under the new development pattern with the domestic great cycle as the main body and the domestic and international double cycles promoting each other.

**Keywords:** Yangtze River Delta, regional integration, market economy

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background of the Study

With the recovery and development of the world economy and society, the economic and trade exchanges between countries have become more and more frequent, and the demand for resources has also increased greatly. Among them, the progress of high-tech and the development of information base have laid a solid material and technological foundation for economic globalization, further promoted economic activities among countries, and effectively promoted the development of economic globalization. As an economic power in China, the degree of regional economic integration is also continuously improving, and the economic relations and interactions among various regions are also constantly strengthened. With the continuous improvement of the degree of regional economic integration, the development of regional economic integration in the Yangtze River Delta is the most prominent, and it has always been at the forefront of China's economic and social development. Problems such as industrial technical conditions and the improvement of facilities are important factors affecting the balance of regional economic development in the Yangtze River Delta. The range of change of these factors, capital adjustment and conversion are all necessary for the Yangtze River Delta. Based on the current situation, it is necessary to take corresponding measures for effective intervention to ensure the good development of regional economic integration in the Yangtze River Delta. The requirement of "one deepening, three transformations" has established a good condition for the regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, China has deeply implemented the dual-cycle development strategy of international and domestic development, which guarantees the development of the regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta, but also faces new opportunities and challenges (Jiangang, 2015).

### 1.2 Research Significance

At present, in the context of economic globalization, the growth force of China's economy is constantly expanding, which is particularly important to the development of the world economy. Since the 18th National

Congress of the Communist Party of China, the state has vigorously supported regional economic integration. As one of the fulcrum points of our economy, the Yangtze River Delta has great practical significance to the development of our economy. With the development of economic trade, scientific and technological innovation and communication technology among countries, the economic globalization among countries is becoming more and more common. As a major country in the world, China should give full play to the advantages and potential of its super-large market, and establish and perfect regional integration is an imperative and foreseeable result. In the current situation of the Yangtze River Delta region, in order to achieve long-term and steady development and improve the regional economy, it is necessary to put the “one deepening, three transforming” of the country on the top priority. Under the influence of the existing market resource conditions in China, if the system of regional economic integration can not be improved, and the fiscal and tax mechanism of regional coordination can not be rapidly optimized, then the long-term stable and benign development of industry competition will be difficult.

In 2020, under the impact of the new coronavirus epidemic, China has adopted the core of “putting people first” and spared no effort to protect our people, which has made the epidemic prevention front long and the economic cost has increased. In this environment, China’s economic situation is complex and changeable, the political negotiations between countries, the United Kingdom and other developed countries to curb China’s export business, so that the relatively backward in the field of science and technology, but also in the manufacturing industry, global industrial chain supply chain and other aspects of the difficulties, making the Yangtze River Delta region’s economy, capital, technology, Commodities have been subjected to serious resistance both internally and externally, which can be described as internal and external troubles.

Using standardized research methods, this paper makes a comprehensive and systematic analysis of the difficulties faced by the current regional economic integration of the Yangtze River Delta, and discusses how the Yangtze River Delta region should improve its own shortcomings, find a suitable development path, and formulate long-term development strategies with its own characteristics according to its own characteristics, so as to achieve stable growth of economic benefits. It also puts forward some views on strengthening the internal governance of enterprises and promoting the benign development of the region.

## **2. Overview of Relevant Theories of Regional Economic Integration**

### *2.1 Concept and Form of Regional Economic Integration*

#### *2.1.1 Basic Concept of Regional Economic Integration*

Regional economic integration is also called “regional economic collectivization”. The process by which two or more countries in the same region gradually transfer some or all of their economic sovereignty, adopt common economic policies, and form exclusive economic blocs.

The most integrated regional economic bloc is the European Union.

#### *2.1.2 Forms of Regional Economic Integration*

In general, regional economic integration usually takes 6 forms, from lowest to highest, preferential trade area (PTA), free trade area (FTA), customs union (CU), common market, economic union and economic and political union.

## **3. Background and Basis of Economic and Social Development in the Yangtze River Delta Region**

### *3.1 Background of Regional Integration Development in the Yangtze River Delta*

Since the reform and opening up, the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta has achieved remarkable result (Tong, 2022), greatly driving the growth of China’s economy.

### *3.2 Basis of Regional Integration Development in the Yangtze River Delta*

As an important pillar of China’s economic development, the Yangtze River Delta is in the forefront of China’s economic development in terms of capital flow, economic trade and so on, and its economic strength is relatively strong. In terms of scientific and technological innovation, it has frequent learning and exchanges with other countries, and can grasp the latest science and technology and penetrate and sink intelligent technologies such as large databases and cloud computing into various cities, making the science and technology industry develop rapidly (Xiaolong, Shengqiu, Mi, & Xiaoman, 2022). The rapid growth of science and technology and economy also makes the cultural ecology in the region work well, and can effectively promote the implementation of major policies to benefit the country and the people and accelerate the economic growth rate of our country.

#### **4. Development Goals and Significance of Regional Integration in the Yangtze River Delta**

##### *4.1 Development Goals of Regional Integration in the Yangtze River Delta*

By 2025, the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta will be effectively implemented. There have been great improvements in scientific and technological innovation industries, infrastructure, ecological environment, public services, and regional coordination to drive the development of the national economy.

Coordinated development between urban and rural areas and among different regions will take shape; a system for the integrated development of science and innovation industries will be basically established; connectivity of basic social practices will be basically realized; the ability to jointly manage the ecological environment will be significantly improved; the sharing of public services will be significantly improved; and the integrated system will become more effective.

By 2035, the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta will reach a higher level.

##### *4.2 The Significance of the Development of Regional Integration in the Yangtze River Delta*

The strategic implementation of the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta is an important measure that can lead our country to carry out efficient and high-quality development, continuously optimize the spatial layout of our country since the 18th National Congress, and enhance our country's economic development. Promoting its development will help the Yangtze River Delta region improve its competitiveness in the context of economic globalization, promote the development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt, and help the country to explore the system and path model of regional integration, so as to enhance the economic strength of the Yangtze River Delta region in all aspects.

#### **5. Existing Problems of Regional Economic Integration in the Yangtze River Delta**

##### *5.1 Issues Between the Overall Interests of the Yangtze River Delta Region and Local Interests*

With the development of regional economic integration and the continuous improvement of economic level in the Yangtze River Delta, the contradiction between regional common interests and local interests has become increasingly apparent. The active development of the forum of two provinces and one city and the strong intervention of the government make it difficult to solve the problem between regional interests and local interests (Yazhen, 2021).

##### *5.2 Problems between Regional Economy and Administrative Region Economy in the Yangtze River Delta*

In China's government management system, the management between the five levels of government is vertical, the central government directly manages the provinces, the vertical management of the cities between the provinces, the vertical management of the counties between the cities, they do not interfere with each other, resulting in the economic operation between provinces and cities is not very compatible and interoperable. Thus, there exists irreconcilable contradiction between regional economy and administrative regional economy (Yingjun, 2010).

##### *5.3 Problems of Urban Economic Development and Surrounding Urban Development in the Yangtze River Delta Region*

In the early stage of reform and opening up, China's economic development was mainly driven by big coastal cities to develop small inland cities. In the case of imperfect systems, the regional cities' economic development was rapid, which suppressed the economic development of surrounding cities in all aspects, from resources to manpower.

#### **6. Causes of the Problems in the Yangtze River Delta Regional Economic Integration**

##### *6.1 The Regional Management and Coordination Bodies of the Yangtze River Delta Are Independent of Each Other*

Because of the strip management between our governments, under the premise of separate governance,

As a result, the information mechanism between provinces and cities can not be well communicated, resulting in unclear coordination subjects, resulting in the lack of coordination subjects in the Yangtze River Delta region can not be well solved (Xiao, Jielu, & Wei, 2023).

##### *6.2 Imperfection of Regional Laws and Regulations in the Yangtze River Delta*

Under the economic system of our country, each provincial autonomous region has its own legal system, and there is a conflict between its laws and regulations, and it can be seen that there is an obvious local protection mechanism. In the long run, the contradictions will inevitably intensify.

### *6.3 The Regional Coordination Mechanism of the Yangtze River Delta Is Not Perfect*

Under the premise of high-speed economic operation between the state and the government, and between the government and the region, various mechanisms and departments should be continuously optimized, and the situation that the system is not uniform and the rules are not perfect cannot always occur, otherwise the favorable policies of the state will be greatly reduced in the implementation.

## **7. Improve Policies for the Integrated Development of the Yangtze River Delta Region**

### *7.1 Establish a Regional Fiscal and Tax Coordination Mechanism and Financial Support System*

#### **7.1.1 Regional Fiscal and Tax Coordination Mechanisms and Financial Support Systems Must Be Established**

If the Yangtze River Delta region wants to operate well, it needs a lot of capital investment, among which the protection of the environment and the links between industries need the guarantee of regional financial funds (Zhibiao, 2021).

#### **7.1.2 Conception of Establishing Regional Fiscal and Tax Coordination Mechanism and Financial Support System**

First of all, the relevant funds allocated by the central government should be centralized and used in a planned and efficient way to establish a regional fiscal and tax coordination mechanism. Secondly, the financial revenue of each province is calculated according to a certain proportion each year, and a reasonable distribution is made according to the actual proportion of the revenue to be handed over, so as to establish a regional fund pool (Danning, 2022).

### *7.2 Create a New Government Evaluation Mechanism*

The new government evaluation mechanism should scientifically discard the drawbacks of the traditional evaluation mechanism, and not only focus on economic development, which will breed a lot of unnecessary social problems. The assessment project can be effectively expanded, for example, the contribution of regional industry and technological innovation, the contribution of regional low-carbon environmental protection, and the contribution of regional infrastructure implementation results.

### *7.3 Accelerate and Optimize the Legislation of the Long Triangle*

The development of the country and the stability of the society cannot be separated from the guarantee of laws and regulations, so the legislative improvement in the Yangtze River Delta region is extremely important. In the process of accelerating the legislation, it is necessary to ensure that the actual situation of the Yangtze River Delta region, comprehensive consideration, from industrial layout to infrastructure and other aspects of effective investigation to ensure the legislative work in the Yangtze River Delta region.

## **8. Conclusion**

According to the actual situation of the regional development of the Yangtze River Delta in our country, a specific countermeasure suitable for the regional integration of the Yangtze River Delta in our country is put forward by using the basic principles of management and the method of management analysis.

First, from the issues between the overall interests of the Yangtze River Delta region and local interests, it is necessary to establish a regional fiscal and tax coordination mechanism and financial support system

Second, from the problems between the Yangtze River Delta regional economy and administrative region economy, it is concluded to create a new type of government evaluation mechanism

Thirdly, from the problems of urban economic development and the development of surrounding cities in the Yangtze River Delta region, it is concluded that cities need to support and help each other.

If the Yangtze River Delta region wants to be stable, it must recognize the situation, find out its shortcomings and correct them. Leaders should set a good example, at the same time, we should continue to learn from foreign advanced management methods, formulate long-term development strategies suitable for regional integration, and truly enhance the economic development of the Yangtze River Delta region, so as to enhance our economic strength.

In a word, this paper analyzes the problems of the Yangtze River Delta regional economic integration, and puts forward its own views and measures, hoping to have a certain reference for the Yangtze River Delta regional economic integration in our country.

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