

China Telecom 2000 Vol. 2: Fiber Optics Markets & Opportunities in China

China's fiber optics market has been growing at an annual rate of over 30 percent over the last several years. By the end of 1997, China has installed over 820,000 km of fiber optic cables, over 150,000 of which are national and provincial trunks. More than 10.6 million km of cabled fiber was installed by the end of 1997. Over the next several years the demand for optical fiber is projected to be over 4 million km each year, of which most will be imported. This offers

tremendous opportunities for foreign companies.

China is well on its way to build an 8-vertical and 8-horizontal national fiber optic network. In addition, China has deployed some of the most advanced fiber optic technologies in the world such as SDH/SONET, and WDM. With the formation of the new Ministry of Information Industry, China is poised to sustain its growth and will become one of the largest fiber optics market in the world.

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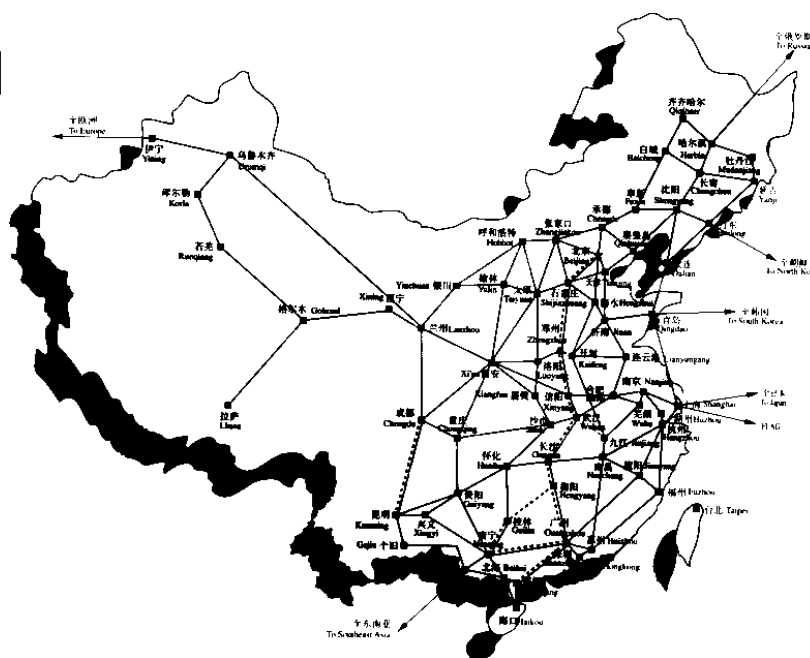
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