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Since the end of the 1970s, the Western world has experienced a new wave of technological innovation which has brought about rapid changes in information technology, changes which have had a serious impact on the socialist countries. In order to cope with this situation, China and the Soviet Union have had to expand the resources allotted to science and technology, and they have been attempting to establish an effective R & D system through efforts to reform their economic systems. However, whether or not their efforts will be successful is a much debated question in both China and the Soviet Union.

Nobuo Maruyama presents a systematic analysis of the Chinese approach to technological development. He points out various obstacles which have been seriously impeding and discouraging efforts for innovation in China, one being the legacy of the Maoist self-reliance development strategy, others being China's legacy of deep-rooted ideology mixed with its socialist system and the age-old ideas of its traditional society. Maruyama is an experienced researcher in the area of the Chinese economy, and the analysis in this book is based upon a vast number of interviews and surveys of literally hundreds of industrial enterprises in various parts of the country, many of which he was able to personally inspect as well.

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