



Fortifying China: The Struggle to Build a Modern Defense Economy

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Cornell University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 296 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.1in. x 0.9in. Fortifying China explores the titanic struggle to turn China into an aspiring world-class military technological power. The defense economy is leveraging the countrys vibrant civilian economy and gaining access to foreign sources of technology and know-how. Drawing on extensive Chinese-language sources, Tai Ming Cheung explains that this transformation has two key dimensions. The defense economy is being reengineered to break down bureaucratic barriers and reduce the role of the state, fostering a more competitive and entrepreneurial culture to facilitate the rapid diffusion and absorption of technology and knowledge. At the same time, the civilian and defense economies are being integrated to form a dual-use technological and industrial base. In Cheungs view, the Chinese authorities believe this strategy will play a key role in supporting long-term defense modernization. For Chinas neighbors and the United States, understanding Chinas technological, industrial, and military capabilities is critical to the formulation of economic and security policies. Fortifying China provides crucial insight into the impact of Chinas dual-use technology strategy. Cheungs systems of innovation framework considers the structure, dynamics, and performance of the defense economy from a systems-level perspective. This item...



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