This Presentation is to analyze the importance of building World-Class University to enhance a country’s comprehensive national strength and competitiveness and how the major countries in the world are doing now to upgrade their universities, and followed by the Chinese approach on this issue by taking Peking University as a case. It includes identifying the major characteristics of world-class universities and the strategic academic units, implementing structural reforms and streamline administration for more efficient and effective operation, building a strong faculty by personnel reforms and setting up incentive system to attract the talents around the globe, reforming teaching and learning to cultivate innovative talents, promoting research excellence by setting up collaborations of universities, research institutions and industries, and encouraging international exchange and cooperation to accelerate the internationalization. The first phase of Chinese world-class university project (1998-2017) has significantly strengthened its higher education institutions and raised the international ranking of Chinese universities. Starting this year a new phase called “double world class” university project has been implemented, which will be briefed in this presentation.
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