

"Stability and harmony" in TAR stressed by Hu

(Xinhua) Stability in Tibet has a bearing on the stability of PRC as a whole according to Chinese President Hu Jintao. Hu stressed stability and social harmony in the TAR, during a panel discussion with members of the NPC at its ongoing session. *"The stability of Tibet concerns the stability of the country, and the safety of Tibet concerns the safety of the country"*, Hu told the Tibetan delegation to the NPC. He urged the Tibetan NPC members to ensure the wellbeing of Tibetans, improve their lives, improve work related to religion and ethnic groups, and maintain social harmony and stability in the region. He also said: *"Efforts should be made to transform the mode of [Tibet's] economic growth"*, but did not elaborate on what this meant.

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