

Government Administration Council Decision
on the Establishment of the Chinese People's University
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The People's Republic of China has now been born, the people's war of liberation will soon be decisively won throughout the country, and the great reconstruction of a new state has begun. To meet the needs of the reconstruction of our country, the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government has decided to establish the Chinese People's University, to study the advanced experience of the reconstruction of the Soviet Union through the appointment of Soviet professors, and to systematically train various kinds of cadres necessary for the reconstruction of our new state. Under the direction of the Ministry of Education of the Central People's Government, this People's University will create departments and special training courses. The university's regular departments will tentatively include: (1) Economics, (2) Economic Planning, (3) Finance and Credit, (4) Commercial Trade, (5) Cooperatives, (6) Industrial Management, (7) Law, and (8) Foreign Service. The curriculums of these departments will be from two to four years' duration. The special training courses will tentatively include: (1) Economic Planning, (2) Finance and Credit, (3) Commercial Trade, (4) Cooperatives, (5) Industrial Management, (6) Statistics, (7) Foreign Service, (8) Education, (9) Law, and others. Tentatively, the programs of these courses will last six months. The university's educational policy will be a combination of learning and practical work, and the adapting of the Soviet experience to conditions in China. The university will begin its classes in February 1950.