

Glodon Future City Analysis

ESI partnered with ANBOUND to conduct study on the future development trend of Chinese cities for [Glodon](#) in China.

ESI and ANBOUND reviewed the literatures on the current status of Chinese urban development and classified the Chinese cities into three development models based on their phases of urbanization: spatial expansion, spatial steady-state, and spatial reduction. ESI also identified several key issues that Chinese cities are currently facing, and further proposed future development goals.

ESI leveraged the past experiences from ESI ThoughtLab studies of the [Smarter Cities 2025](#) and the [Hyperconnected Cities](#). ESI introduced three city development models – livable city, eco-city, and resilient city – as directions for future Chinese Cities. In the three models, ESI emphasized the concept of pedestrian-oriented development (POD), the use of clean and renewable resources, and the ability to resist disasters such as COVID-19, and demonstrated policy implications from advanced international cities for each model.

However, no two cities are exactly the same. ESI then reviews the past surveys of the smart city initiatives across the globe, and laid out a more generalized roadmap for all Chinese cities. The keys of the generalized strategies are the ten pillars, namely smart governance, smart economy, smart infrastructure, smart talent, smart funding, smart mobility, smart environment, smart public health, and smart payment systems. Case studies are provided in the end to illustrate the concepts including Stockholm, Vancouver, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Moscow etc.

