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The approval of KNX as Chinese Standard (GB/T 20965) confirms the importance of the KNX technology on the Asian continent.

The high interest in China for compatible KNX products and the KNX technology has encouraged KNX Association to have the international ISO/IEC approved Standard 14543-3 translated into Chinese. The translated KNX Standard was fed into the Chinese standardization process via the standardization body SAC TC124 and approved by this committee as GB/T 20965, **making KNX the only approved standard for Home and Building Control in China**.

China will be one of the most prominent markets for intelligent building control in the coming years. There is a high need to drastically reduce energy consumption in China. A multitude of KNX member companies (including 20 Chinese members) have already been active in this market for years;

Four certified training centers offer qualified KNX training for system integrators, building designers and investors;

A neutral testing laboratory supports the manufacturers when certifying their products according to the KNX standard;

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The amazing part of the success of this European-initiated technology is that China has a record of discouraging Western standards—mobile phones, wireless, security and others have suffered from China rejecting internationally agreed standards (although created by organizations where China participates as a member) in favor of a local standard.

China's thinking goes like this: "We have the world's fastest-growing consumer market. We make most of the world's electronics. Why should we pay money for any international standard? Why can't we create our own standard that either makes us money or compels people to buy our Made-in-China products?"

The fact that KNX is now China's own standard means that European and American makers of KNX-hardware (and software) can expect a huge increase in competition from experienced Chinese makers. History says they will not be content without exports.

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