

## **South China Morning Post**

### *A5: Hopes high economy is on track for growth*

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A series of official economic indicators – from industrial output to consumer spending – released in the next few days is expected to show the world’s second-biggest economy is on a safe growth track, just months after Beijing warned of “grey rhinos” and “black swans” stalking the country.

A firmer economic footing would allow the Chinese leadership to put greater weight on tackling the country’s structural imbalances and focus less on headline growth, analysts said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to shift more of his attention to the economy now that he has cemented his authority within the Communist Party. Xi’s name was enshrined in the party’s constitution at the five-yearly party congress last month, putting him on a par with Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping.

### *C1: Family doctors get drug guidelines in war on superbugs*

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Family doctors in Hong Kong have for the first time been issued with guidelines on the proper use of antibiotics, part of efforts to combat the spread of superbugs resistant to the drugs.

The Centre for Health Protection took the action after a study found private doctors were more likely than those in the public sector to prescribe antibiotics to treat coughs.

In another government survey, more than half of people questioned mistakenly believed that antibiotics could treat colds and flu.

The guidelines, part of the newly launched Antibiotic Stewardship Programme in Primary Care, cover three common types of infections: acute pharyngitis – inflammation of the throat; acute bladder inflammation in women; and simple skin and soft tissue infections.