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China lowers this year's economic growth target to 4.5-5%_조은솔

The Chinese government announced an economic growth target of **4.5-5%** for this year. This is **lower than the "around 5%" target maintained** in recent years.

Premier Li Qiang of the State Council presented the GDP growth target of 4.5-5% for this year at the National People's Congress (NPC) meeting on the 5th. This marks **the lowest growth target China has set in approximately 35 years**.

This adjustment in the target is interpreted as a signal that China is shifting its economic policy away from rapid growth toward **stable and qualitative growth**.

The Chinese economy is currently facing multiple challenges. Internationally, economic uncertainties are increasing due to issues like **tariffs and geopolitical tensions**. Domestically, factors such as **a real estate slump, declining consumption, and employment difficulties** are impacting economic growth.

To revive the economy, the Chinese government plans to maintain the fiscal deficit ratio at around 4% of GDP and promote infrastructure investment and consumption support policies. It has also set an inflation target of around 2% to prevent falling prices from further dampening consumption.

Experts analyze that this policy signals **China is beginning to prioritize economic restructuring and stable growth over simply rapid expansion**.



Li Qiang (front row in the photo) delivered a work report at the opening ceremony of the Fourth Session of the 14th NPC held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on the 5th.



Kim Yoon-ji, South Korea's first female Winter Paralympic gold medalist_김주빈

The Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games opened spectacularly at Verona Arena on March 6. Around 665 athletes from around the world are competing fiercely for 79 medals across six sports. South Korea's Paralympic team has been inspiring everyone with their dedication and grit. The star of the show is Kim Yun-ji, who delivered historic results.

Kim Yun-ji won gold in the women's para biathlon sitting sprint 12.5km with a time of 38:00, becoming the first Korean woman to claim a Winter Paralympic gold medal. She also added a silver in the women's para cross-country sitting sprint final, clocking 3:10—shining in both events. After the race, Kim shared humbly: "Honestly, I trained hard for a good result, but gold wasn't my specific goal. I'm so grateful and overwhelmed to win it unexpectedly."

Her achievements have written a new chapter in Korean Paralympic history, touching hearts worldwide and boosting the team's momentum for a bright future.

South Korea has already surpassed its modest goal of 1 gold and 1 bronze, setting a new national record for the Winter Paralympics. As of March 13 morning, the team sits at 1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze (total 5 medals) in 15th place overall. With key events like the wheelchair curling semifinals still ahead until the closing ceremony on March 15, more medals are very much in reach.

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Para alpine skiing, Para biathlon, Para cross-country skiing, Para ice hockey, Para snowboard and wheelchair curling.

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