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ith strong governmental policy support, outstanding achievements have been made in the development of rural hydropower and electrification in China during the past 50 years, especially during the last 20 years. By the end of 2001, 43,027 SHP stations were in operation, with a total installed capacity of 26,262 MW. Half of the land, one third of the counties (cities) and one quarter of the population have access to rural hydropower. The achievements and experience gained in China have been recognized and highly evaluated by the world community.

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