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The "A-class scenic spot system" is an important governance tool promoted by the National Tourism Administration in China. It has played a great role in guiding and standardising tourism development in China. governments Local are enthusiastic about developing and applying for "5A-class" recognition. However, once accreditation is obtained. destinations struggle to maintain quality. There seems to be a tendency to pay higher attention to the application phase with inherent risks to overlook This study compares management. governance of the two stages and suggests avenues to improve outcomes.

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