**Xi Jinping’s New Theory For the Development of World Socialism and Human Progress**

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In 1899 when Lenin was discussing the Party program he emphasized the status of “human progress” in the struggle of the Marxist socialist parties, Lenin wrote: **the struggle against the autocracy for political  liberties ….. and the need to overthrow it, ……is not only in the interests of the working class, but also in the interests of social development as a whole. Such a description is essential both in regard to theory, because, from the standpoint of the basic ideas of Marxism, the interests of social development are higher than the interests of the proletariat—the interests of the working-class movement as a whole are higher than the interests of a separate section of the workers or of separate phases of the movement.**

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1899/dec/draft.htm>

Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era came into being under the background and realistic conditions of our times, such as the entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era, the entry of scientific socialism into a new stage, and under the background and the new changes in the world today. Xi Jinping Thought not only clearly permeates the Marxist standpoint, viewpoint and method, but also writes a new chapter of Marxism in the new era with a series of original new ideas, new viewpoints and new propositions, and deepens the understanding of the laws of the Communist Party's governance, the laws of socialist construction, and the laws of human social development with a new perspective. In terms of its world significance, it has made great historical contributions to upholding and developing Marxism, the development of world socialism and the development of human progress.

Marxism originated from the era of liberal capitalism and has transcended it. It is the essence of the spirit of that era and the essence of the entire human spirit. Marxism reveals the special laws of the operation of liberal capitalism and the general laws of the development of human society; it is the first time that it has explored and pointed out the way to achieve freedom and liberation from the standpoint of the people. Marxism reveals the essence, internal connections and laws of development of things, and is a great cognitive tool for explaining the world, as well as a powerful ideological weapon for transforming the world, with a distinct practical character. Marxism is an open theory that constantly develops according to the development of the times, practice and cognition, and can always stand at the forefront of the times, constantly explore new issues raised by the development of the times, and respond to new challenges facing human society.

After the Opium War in 1840, striving for national independence, people's liberation, and achieving national prosperity and people's happiness became the historical mission of the Chinese people. Various thoughts emerged one after another in China, which was struggling to find a way to save the nation, but their effectiveness was extremely limited and could not fundamentally solve the practical problems of modern China. The October Revolution brought Marxism-Leninism to China, pointed out the direction for the Chinese people and provided a new choice. After the birth of the Communist Party of China, it gradually combined the basic principles of Marxism with the specific reality of China's revolution, construction and reform, and used Marxist standpoints, viewpoints and methods to study and solve various major theoretical and practical problems in China, and continuously promoted the sinicization of Marxism in summing up experience.

Socialism with Chinese characteristics is the theme of all the theories and practices of the Party since the reform and opening up began in 1978. Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era systematically answers what kind of socialism with Chinese characteristics should be upheld and developed in the new era and how to uphold and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics from the combination of theory and practice, opening up a new realm of Marxism.

For example, Xi Jinping Thought adheres to the people's standpoint and the people-centered development thought; it adheres to the harmonious coexistence of man and nature; it adheres to promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind and building a world of lasting peace, universal security, common prosperity, openness, inclusiveness, cleanliness and beauty….. It is in this sense that the creation of Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era means that Marxist scientific socialism has a strong vitality in China in the 21st century. It is also in this sense that Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era is the latest theoretical achievement in the development chain of the sinicization of Marxism, and it is contemporary Chinese Marxism and 21st century Marxism.

**Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era also has important significance for the development of the world socialist movement.**

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, Party General Secretary Xi Jinping has made a series of important judgments from the perspective of combining history with reality and combining China with the world.

For example, Xi Jinping analyzed the historical process of socialist thought from its inception to the present from six time periods, including the emergence and development of utopian socialism, the creation of the theoretical system of scientific socialism by Marx and Engels, the victory of the October Revolution led by Lenin and the practice of socialism and the gradual formation of the Soviet socialism model, the exploration and practice of socialism by our party after the founding of New China, and the historical decision made by our party to carry out reform and opening up, and to create and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics.

For another example, Xi Jinping pointed out that our party has led the people in socialist construction in two historical periods, before and after reform and opening up. These are two periods that are interconnected and have significant differences, but in essence they are both practical explorations of our party leading the people in socialist construction. Socialism with Chinese characteristics was created in the new historical period of reform and opening up, but it was also created on the basis of the socialist basic system that had been established in New China and had been built for more than 20 years (1949-1978).

**Two historical periods of 1949-1978 and after 1978**

Although there are great differences in the ideological guidance, principles and policies, and practical work of socialist construction in these two historical periods, the two are by no means separated from each other, let alone fundamentally opposed. The historical period after reform and opening up cannot be used to negate the historical period before reform and opening up, nor can the historical period before reform and opening up be used to negate the historical period after reform and opening up. For example, Xi Jinping emphasized that socialism with Chinese characteristics did not fall from the sky, but was achieved through the great practice of reform and opening up over the past 40 years, through the continuous exploration in the nearly 70 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China, through the practice of our party leading the people in carrying out the great social revolution for 97 years, through the historical process of the Chinese nation's rise from decline to prosperity over the past 170 years in modern times, and through the inheritance and development of Chinese civilization for more than 5,000 years. It is a precious achievement achieved by the party and the people through untold hardships and at all costs.

In the historical process of the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the Chinese Communists have continuously deepened their cognition and correctly handled a series of major issues, making socialism with Chinese characteristics show its inherent practical characteristics, theoretical characteristics, national characteristics, and characteristics of the times.

The new era we are in has raised new issues, new issues give birth to new theories, and new theories lead to new practices. Under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era, socialism with Chinese characteristics will become a unique and charming innovation in the history of the development of world socialism, especially the history of the development of scientific socialism. History will prove that with the realization of the "two centenary" (2021 and 2049) goals proposed by our party, Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era will increasingly fully demonstrate its historical status and great significance in the world socialist movement.

**Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era has further deepened our understanding of the laws governing the development of human society and human progress and promotes the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, and inspired developing countries on how to choose the path to modernization.**

In today's era, the world is becoming more multipolar, economically globalized, socially informationized, and culturally diverse, and the degree of interconnection and interdependence among countries is developing unprecedentedly.

Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era clearly states that China's foreign diplomacy should promote the building of a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind.

When presiding over the fifth collective study session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that we must unswervingly safeguard and develop China’s development interests, and at the same time, we must unswervingly expand opening up to the outside world, promote the international community to share the responsibilities of the times, cooperate to meet the challenges brought about by economic globalization, and promote economic globalization in a more open, inclusive, equitable, balanced, and win-win direction, so that different countries, different classes, and different groups of people can share the opportunities brought about by economic globalization.

**China is still the largest developing country**

At present, most countries in the world are still developing countries, and China is still the largest developing country in the world. Many developing countries are on the journey of achieving modernization. The Communist Party of China leads a country with a population of more than 1.3 billion, and has made remarkable achievements in the past 40 years of reform and opening up.

According to the strategic arrangements for the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, in the continued struggle, we will build a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020, basically realize socialist modernization by 2035, and build a socialist modern, ecological and a powerful country in all respects by 2050. The successful practice of the Chinese people shows the world that there is more than one Western capitalist road to modernization. As long as we find the right direction and keep moving forward, all roads will lead to Rome.

Contributing to mankind is the mission of every responsible country. In fact, whether it is responding to global climate change or promoting economic globalization, whether it is implementing targeted poverty alleviation or upholding justice in global governance, all have has demonstrated China's responsibility as a great power country and great power demeanor.

Today, China has become the world's second largest economy, the largest industrial country, the largest goods trading country, and the largest foreign exchange reserve country. Its contribution to global economic growth has exceeded 30% for many consecutive years, becoming the main stabilizer and driving force of world economic growth. In this era of globalization where you are in me and I am in you, under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era, adhering to comprehensive deepening of reform and adhering to the promotion of building a community with a shared future for mankind is, to a certain extent, related to the development and future of the world and related to the destiny and future of mankind. In the great practice of the new era, the Chinese people and the Chinese nation will surely make new and greater contributions to progress of mankind.

It should also be noted that the wisdom and experience of the Communist Party of China in governing the country as demonstrated by Xi Jinping Thought for a New Era also have global significance. The international community, especially some developing countries that are in the midst of development confusion, can draw useful experience from it. For example, China's experience in "party governance" is a public good which is provided to other countries of the world, which is to adhere to comprehensive and strict governance of the party, continuously strengthen and improve the leadership of the ruling party, coordinate the promotion of the "five-in-one" overall layout, coordinate the promotion of the "four comprehensive" strategic layout, and promote the modernization of the country.

Another example is to provide the international community with Chinese wisdom in "national governance", which is to follow the governance path that conforms to the development of China's history, society, culture, and national conditions, continuously improve and develop the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and promote the modernization of the national governance system and governance capabilities. Another example is that China's solution to contribute to "global governance" for mankind is specifically reflected in the proposal of the "Belt and Road" initiative and the promotion of global governance of consultation, joint construction and sharing. Historically, since 1840, China has begun to explore from a situation where there was no way to go, to walking the path of others, to walking its own way, and then to showing others to walk their own way. It is not easy. Today, we walk our own way and let others be inspired to better choose their way forward. This in itself is a positive contribution of global value.

The wheel of history rolls forward, and the trend of the times is mighty. It is precisely because of the scientific guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era that we can confidently and proudly say that today we are closer, more confident and more capable than at any time in history to achieve the goal of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. China in the new era is moving closer to the center of the world stage with an uplifting attitude. In the new journey ahead, what the Chinese Communists will contribute to the Chinese people and the Chinese nation, to the world and all mankind, will surely be red roses and fragrant nectar.