

"We should steadily improve the party's art of leadership and governance"



Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chinese president, delivers a keynote report during the opening ceremony of the 18th CPC National Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, Nov. 8, 2012. The 18th CPC National Congress was opened in Beijing .In his report to the 18th CPC National Congress that opened Nov. 8 ,2012, Chinese leader Hu Jintao said the Scientific Outlook on Development is the most important achievement the CPC made in the past decade.

"Together with Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important thought of Three Represents, the Scientific Outlook on Development is the theoretical guidance the Party must adhere to for a long time," Hu told about 2,300 delegates at the opening of the congress.

Over the past ten years, China has advanced to the world's second-largest economy from the sixth place in the world. Its productive forces and economic, scientific and technological strength have increased considerably. Its overall national strength and international competitiveness and influence have also been enhanced substantially.

Hu said these historic successes are attributable to the correct guidance of the Party's basic theory, line, program and experience.

Since its founding in 1921, the CPC has always been keen to come up with theoretical innovations to guide Party members in resolving practical key problems according to the latest changes inside the Party and the country.

The Scientific Outlook on Development was proposed by the 16th CPC Central Committee in 2003, against the backdrop of rapid economic growth and a series of problems including excessive consumption of resources, serious environmental pollution and a widening gap between the rich and poor.

The concept has championed people's interests and advocated comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development. At the Party's 17th National Congress held in 2007, the Scientific Outlook on Development was first written into the CPC Constitution.

The Scientific Outlook on Development was created by integrating Marxism with the reality of contemporary China and with the underlying features of our times, and it fully embodies the Marxist worldview on and methodology for development, he said.

"This theory provides new scientific answers to the major questions of what kind of development China should achieve in a new environment and how the country should achieve it," Hu said.

The Scientific Outlook on Development is the crystallization of the collective wisdom of the Communist Party of China and a "powerful theoretical weapon" for guiding all the work of the Party and country, Hu said.

He noted there is still "much room for improvement in our work" and there are "a lot of difficulties and problems on our road ahead", saying the unbalanced, uncoordinated and unsustainable development "remains a big problem."

"As we advance toward the future, thoroughly applying the Scientific Outlook on Development is of major immediate significance and far-reaching historical significance for upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics. We must apply it throughout the course of modernization and to every aspect of Party building," he said.

In applying the Scientific Outlook on Development, the whole Party must more purposefully make promoting economic and social development the top priority, take putting people first as the core requirement, make pursuing comprehensive, balanced and sustainable development the basic requirement and take the holistic approach as the fundamental way.

Hu said the salient features of the Scientific Outlook on Development are freeing up the mind, seeking truth from facts, keeping up with the times and being realistic and pragmatic.

He called on the whole Party to boldly engage in practice and make changes and innovations, respond to the call of the times, follow the aspirations of the people, ensure that the Party is always full of vigor and that China always has the driving force for development to open a bright future for developing socialism with Chinese characteristics through the creative practices of the Party and the people.

The Scientific Outlook on Development, originated in China, is a classic summarization of the "China Path" in the new period.

It will be a theme China has to follow and a fundamental principle that guides various fields for quite a long time.

The scientific development theory would further evolve by highlighting innovations and promoting development that would be environment-friendly, coordinated, inclusive for 1.3 billion people and boost win-win relations with other countries.

Major highlights of Hu's keynote report at the opening of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC)

I Peaceful development

Hu Jintao said that China will unswervingly follow the path of peaceful development and firmly pursue an independent foreign policy of peace.

China will continue to hold high the banner of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit and strive to uphold world peace and promote common development," Hu said in a keynote report at the opening of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

China calls for promoting equality, mutual trust, inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutually beneficial cooperation in international relations and making joint efforts to uphold international fairness and justice. China is firm in its resolve to uphold China's sovereignty, security and development interests and will never yield to any outside pressure. China will decide its position and policy on an issue on its own merits and work to uphold fairness and justice. China is committed to peaceful settlement of international disputes and hotspot issues, opposes the wanton use of force or threat to use it, opposes any foreign attempt to subvert the legitimate government of any other countries, and opposes terrorism in all its manifestations," Hu told more than 2,200 delegates in the Great Hall of the People.

China opposes hegemonism and power politics in all their forms and will never seek hegemony or engage in expansion. Peace and development remain the underlying trends of the times. But there are signs of increasing hegemonism, power politics and neo-interventionism, and local turmoil keeps cropping up. Global issues such as food security, energy and resource security and cyber security are becoming more acute. China will unwaveringly follow a win-win strategy of opening up and promote robust, sustainable and balanced growth of the global economy through increased cooperation. China will improve and grow relations with developed countries and strive to establish a new type of relations of long-term stability and sound growth with other major countries, Hu said.

The country will continue to promote friendship and partnership with its neighbors and ensure that China's development will bring more benefits to them. China will also increase unity and cooperation with other developing countries, work with them to uphold the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries and support efforts to increase their representation and voice in international affairs, he said.

CPC must strengthen governance capacity

Hu Jintao said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) must strengthen governance capacity and resist corruption in order to consolidate its position as the governing party. Under new conditions, the Party faces complicated and severe long-term tests in exercising governance, carrying out reform and opening up and developing the market economy as well as withstanding tests from the external environment, Hu said in his keynote speech at the opening of the CPC's 18th National Congress. The whole Party is also confronted with increasingly grave dangers of lacking in drive, incompetence, being out of touch with the people, corruption and other misconduct, he said.

"We should steadily improve the Party's art of leadership and governance; and increase its ability to resist corruption, prevent degeneration and ward off risks -- this is a major issue the Party must solve in order to consolidate its position as the governing party and carry out its mission of governance. All Party members must heighten their sense of urgency and sense of responsibility and focus on strengthening the Party's governance capacity, advanced nature and purity.

The whole Party must bear in mind that only by taking root among the people and delivering benefits to them can the Party remain invincible, and that only by being on guard against adversity in times of peace and forging boldly ahead can the Party remain in the forefront of the times. The Party should continue to free up its minds and carry out reform and innovation, and uphold the principle that the Party should supervise its own conduct and run itself with strict discipline. The CPC should make all-around efforts to strengthen the Party theoretically and organizationally and improve its conduct. It also should enhance its capacity for self-purity, self-improvement, self-development and self-innovation and build the Party into an innovative, service-oriented and learning Marxist governing party, Hu said.

"By taking these steps, we can ensure that the Party is always the firm leadership core guiding the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics," he said.

CPC pledges unremitting efforts to combat corruption

Hu Jintao said the Communist Party of China (CPC) must make unremitting efforts to combat corruption, promote integrity and stay vigilant against degeneration. Combating corruption and promoting political integrity, which is a major political issue of great concern to the people, is a clear-cut and long-term political commitment of the Party. If we fail to handle this issue well, it could prove fatal to the Party, and even cause the collapse of the Party and the fall of the state. The CPC must maintain a tough position in cracking down on corruption at all times, conduct thorough investigations into major corruption cases and work hard to resolve problems of corruption that directly affect the people. All those who violate Party discipline and state laws, whoever they are and whatever power or official positions they have, must be brought to justice without mercy.

He asked leading officials of the Party to exercise strict self-discipline and strengthen supervision over their families and staff. Leading officials at all levels, especially high-ranking officials, must readily observe the code of conduct on clean governance and report all important matters .

Hu also emphasized centralized leadership of the CPC, saying that no one is allowed to place oneself above the Party organization.

Centralized leadership of the Party is the source of its strength and a fundamental guarantee for China's economic and social development, ethnic unity and progress, and enduring peace and stability. Party organizations at all levels and all Party members and officials, particularly principal leading officials, must willingly abide by the Party Constitution as well as its organizational principles and guiding principles for its political activities. All Party organizations and members must resolutely uphold the authority of the Central Committee and maintain a high degree of unity with it theoretically, politically and in action, Hu said.

China to raise proportion of community-level deputies to people's congresses

China will increase the proportion of community-level deputies to the people's congresses, and reduce the number of deputies elected from among leading Party and government officials. The proportion of community-level deputies, particularly those elected from among workers, farmers and intellectuals on the frontlines of various fields of endeavor, will be raised, Hu said in a keynote address at the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Deputy liaison offices should be established in people's congresses to improve the mechanism for deputies to maintain contact with the people. Deputies to people's congresses and members of these committees should enhance their capability to perform their duties pursuant to law," Hu said.

The system of people's congresses is China's fundamental political system for guaranteeing that the people decide their own destiny. The CPC should support people's congresses and their standing committees in fully playing their role as organs of state power, in exercising legislative, oversight, policymaking, and personnel appointment and dismissal powers in accordance with the law, in strengthening organization and coordination of legislative work, in stepping up their oversight of people's governments, courts and procuratorates, Hu said.

China to speed up military modernization

Hu Jintao said China will speed up the modernization of national defense and the armed forces. We should act to meet the new requirements of China's national development and security strategies and ensure that the armed forces fully carry out their historic mission in the new stage in the new century. China should implement the military strategy of active defense for the new period, expand and intensify military preparedness, and enhance the capability to accomplish a wide range of military tasks, the most of which is to win local war in an information age.

Leading officials to strengthen supervision over their families, staff

Hu Jintao asked leading officials of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to exercise strict self-discipline and strengthen supervision over their families and staff. Leading officials at all levels, especially high-ranking officials, must readily observe the code of conduct on clean governance and report all important matters. They should both exercise strict self-discipline and strengthen education and supervision over their families and their staff; and they should never seek any privilege.

The CPC should ensure that strict procedures are followed in the exercise of power, and tighten oversight over the exercise of power by leading officials, especially principal leading officials. Combating corruption and promoting political integrity, which is a major political issue of great concern to the people, is a clear-cut and long-term political commitment of the Party. If we fail to handle this issue well, it could prove fatal to the Party, and even cause the collapse of the Party and the fall of the state," he said.

Hu said the CPC must make unremitting efforts to combat corruption, promote integrity and stay vigilant against degeneration. The CPC should deepen reform of key areas and crucial links, improve the system of anti-corruption laws, prevent and manage risks to clean government, avoid conflict of interests, prevent and fight corruption more effectively and in a more scientific way, and increase international anti-corruption cooperation. The CPC must maintain a tough position in cracking down on corruption at all times, conduct thorough investigations into major corruption cases and work hard to resolve problems of corruption that directly affect the people. All those who violate Party discipline and state laws, whoever they are and whatever power or official positions they have, must be brought to justice without mercy, he said.

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The more complexities the Party faces and the more arduous the tasks it undertakes, the more imperative it is for the Party to strengthen its discipline and uphold centralized leadership. Party organizations at all levels and all Party members and officials, particularly principal leading officials, must willingly abide by the Party Constitution as well as its organizational principles and guiding principles for its political activities. All Party organizations and members must resolutely uphold the authority of the Central Committee and maintain a high degree of unity with it theoretically, politically and in action. We must ensure that the resolutions and decisions of the Central Committee are carried out effectively; and we will never allow anyone to take countermeasures against them or disregard them, he said.

The CPC will strengthen oversight and inspection, strictly enforce Party discipline, political discipline in particular, and take stern actions against violations of Party discipline. We must ensure that all are equal before discipline, that nobody has the privilege of not observing it and that no exception should be made in its enforcement, Hu said, adding that

this will enable the whole Party from leadership to the ranks to advance in unison as a great force.

China must continue reform of political structure

Hu Jintao said China must continue to carry out the reform of the political structure. The reform of the political structure is an important part of China's overall reform. We must continue to make both active and prudent efforts to carry out the reform of the political structure, and make people's democracy more extensive, fuller in scope and sounder in practice.

Efforts to enhance social ethics

Chinese leader Hu Jintao called for more efforts to address ethical problems and promote social ethics. We should press ahead with the program for improving civic morality, exalt the true, the good, and the beautiful and reject the false, the evil, and the ugly. China should carry out thorough education to address serious ethical problems, and step up efforts to enhance government integrity, business and social ethics and judicial integrity.

The country should strengthen and improve education in values, provide compassionate care and psychological counseling, and cultivate self-respect, self-confidence, a sense of being rational, composure, and a desire to excel oneself among the people. We should integrate the rule of law with the rule of virtue, intensify education in public morality, professional ethics, family virtues, and individual integrity, and advocate traditional Chinese virtues and new trends of the times. The country should conduct more public activities to promote cultural and ethical progress, encourage volunteer service, and carry out regular activities to learn from paragons of virtue such as Lei Feng and publicize their exemplary deeds, he said.

Improving socialist market economy, change of growth model

China should accelerate the improvement of the socialist market economy and the change of the growth model. In response to changes in both domestic and international economic developments, we should speed up the creation of a new growth model and ensure that development is based on improved quality and performance, he said.

He said taking economic development as the central task is vital to national renewal, and development still holds the key to addressing all the problems China is facing. Only by promoting sustained and sound economic development can China lay a solid material foundation for enhancing the country's prosperity and strength, improving the people's wellbeing and ensuring social harmony and stability. In contemporary China, pursuing development in a scientific way best embodies the thinking that only development counts. Taking the pursuit of development in a scientific way as the underlying guideline and accelerating the change of the growth model as a major task is a strategic choice we have made for promoting China's overall development.

To boost domestic demand, deepen economic reform

Hu Jintao vowed to drive the economy more by domestic demand and push forward across-the-board economic reforms to address problems in the country. We must strive to remove major structural barriers to sustained and sound economic development, with a focus on improving the demand mix and the industrial structure, promoting balanced

development between regions and advancing urbanization . Strategic adjustment of the economic structure is the major goal of accelerating the change of the growth model. We should firmly maintain the strategic focus of boosting domestic demand, speed up the establishment of a long-term mechanism for increasing consumer demand, unleash the potential of individual consumption, increase investment at a proper pace, and expand the domestic market.

In the first three quarters of this year, China's retail sales grew 14.1 percent year on year to 14.94 trillion yuan (2.37 trillion U.S. dollars), contributing to about 55 percent of gross domestic product and surpassing investment for the first time in driving the economy growth in the period, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). Meanwhile, fixed asset investment, which used to be the primary driver of the Chinese economy, rose 20.5 percent year on year to 25.69 trillion yuan, NBS statistics showed.

He stressed the importance of the real economy as a firm foundation of the economy, and policies and measures should be adopted to better facilitate the development of the real economy. China should make the economy more demand-driven, promote the sound growth of strategic emerging industries and advanced manufacturing industries, speed up the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries, develop and expand the service sector, especially modern service industries, and make the geographical and structural layout of the development of infrastructure and basic industries more balanced.

In pressing ahead with economic structural reforms, Hu noted, China will deepen reform of the financial system so that it will better contribute to macroeconomic stability and support development of the real economy. We should develop a multilevel capital market, take steady steps to make interest rates and the Renminbi exchange rate more market-based and promote the yuan's convertibility under capital accounts in due course, Hu said, pledging to improve financial supervision and oversight, promote financial innovations and ensure financial stability.

He also stressed the development of next-generation information infrastructure and modern IT industry, better ensuring information security, and promoting the application of information network technologies. China should enhance the core competitiveness of large and medium-sized enterprises and support development of small and micro businesses, especially small and micro science and technology companies.

The country should also continue to implement the strategy for regional development and fully leverage the comparative advantages of different regions, he said.

He said support should be increased for old revolutionary base areas, ethnic minority areas, border areas and poor areas through pairing assistance and other means. China will continue to accelerate the building of free trade areas and promote infrastructure connectivity with neighboring countries.

CPC pledges to keep improving people's wellbeing

Chinese leader Hu Jintao said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) will intensify efforts to improve the basic public service system and ensure that all the people enjoy their rights to education, employment, medical and old-age care, and housing.

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We should bring as much benefit as possible to the people, resolve as many difficulties as possible for them, and solve the most pressing and real problems of the greatest concern to them.

China to institute multi-tiered social security system

Hu Jintao said that China will build a social security system covering both the urban and rural population. China should institute a complete, multi-tiered and sustainable system for providing basic social security for both the urban and rural population.

China to complete building of a moderately prosperous society by 2020

Chinese leader Hu Jintao urged the Party and the people to seize the opportunity and secure the goal of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020. Delivering a keynote report to the 18th National Congress of Communist Party of China (CPC), Hu said an examination of both the current international and domestic environments shows that China remains in an important period of strategic opportunities for its development, a period in which much can be achieved.

Hu sets new requirements for achieving the goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects:

- The economy should maintain sustained and sound development. Major progress should be made in changing the growth model. On the basis of making China's development much more balanced, coordinated and sustainable, the country's 2010 GDP and per capita income for both urban and rural residents should be doubled.

- People's democracy should be expanded. The institutions of democracy should be improved and its forms enriched. People's enthusiasm, initiative and creativity should be fully leveraged. The rule of law should be fully implemented as a basic strategy, a law-based government should be basically in function, judicial credibility should be steadily enhanced, and human rights should be fully respected and protected.

- The country's cultural soft power should be improved significantly. Core socialist values should take root among the people, and both the level of civility of citizens and the moral and ethical standards of the whole society should be significantly raised.

- Living standards should be fully raised. Equal access to basic public services should be generally achieved. The educational level of the entire population should be significantly raised and training of innovative professionals markedly improved.

- Major progress should be made in building a resource-conserving and environmentally friendly society. The establishment of functional zones should be basically completed, and a system for recycling resources should begin to take shape. Energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP as well as the discharge of major pollutants should decrease sharply.

He urged China should lose no time in deepening reform in key sectors and resolutely discard all notions and systems that hinder efforts to pursue development in a scientific way. A well developed, scientific, standardized and effective framework of systems should be set up and operating institutions in all sectors are ensured of fully functioning. All Party members to work single-mindedly and with fortitude to reach the goal of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020.

China adds resident's per capita income into economic growth target

Hu Jintao set a new target for economic growth, saying that China should double its 2010 GDP and per capita income for both urban and rural residents by 2020. On the basis of making China's development much more balanced, coordinated and sustainable, we

should double its 2010 GDP and per capita income for both urban and rural residents (by 2020. This is the first time that resident's per capita income has been included in the economic growth target set for 2020 by the CPC. Previous targets set at the 16th and 17th CPC National Congresses merely called for the growth of GDP, not of per capita income.

China's modernization drive, stresses scientific development

Hu Jintao outlined the "overall approach" for China's modernization drive, which emphasizes development in five aspects -- economy, politics, culture, society, and ecology. Our overall approach (in building socialism with Chinese characteristics) is to promote economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological progress. This is the first time that ecological progress has been incorporated into the country's overall development plan by the CPC. China started to advocate ecological progress in 2007, when the concept was written into report to the Party's 17th National Congress, against the backdrop of fast growing economy and deteriorating environment.

Promoting ecological progress is a long-term task of vital importance to the people's wellbeing and China's future. We must give high priority to making ecological progress and incorporate it into all aspects and the whole process of advancing economic, political, cultural, and social progress, work hard to build a beautiful country, and achieve lasting and sustainable development of the Chinese nation, he said.

Over the past ten years, China's economy has risen from the sixth to the second place in the world. Its productive forces and economic, scientific and technological strength have increased considerably. Its overall national strength and international competitiveness and influence have also been enhanced substantially.

However, China also faces increasing resource constraints, severe environmental pollution and a deteriorating ecosystem. We should remain committed to the basic state policy of conserving resources and protecting the environment as well as the principle of giving high priority to conserving resources, protecting the environment and promoting its natural restoration, and strive for green, circular and low-carbon development, Hu said.

Science development

Reviewing China's development over the past ten years, Hu said the theory of Scientific Outlook on Development is one of the most important achievements of the CPC during the period and it has become a theoretical guidance for the Party.

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The Scientific Outlook on Development was proposed by the 16th CPC Central Committee in 2003. The concept has championed people's interests and advocated comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development. At the Party's 17th National Congress, the concept was written into the CPC Constitution.

The theory was formed by following the guidance of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important thought of Three Represents and by making courageous theoretical innovations on the basis of practices and developing closely interconnected new ideas and viewpoints on upholding and building socialism with Chinese characteristics. This theory provides new scientific answers to the major questions of what kind of development China should achieve in a new environment and how the country should achieve it," Hu said.

As China advances toward the future, thoroughly applying the Scientific Outlook on Development is of major immediate significance and far-reaching historical significance for upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics. We must apply it throughout the course of modernization and to every aspect of Party building," he said.

New target

Looking back at China's eventful modern history and looking to the future of the Chinese nation, Hu said a definite conclusion has been drawn: China must unswervingly follow the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. An examination of both the current international and domestic environments shows that China remains in an important period of strategic opportunities for its development, a period in which much can be achieved.

Hu said China needs to have a correct understanding of the changing nature and conditions of this period, seize all opportunities, respond with cool-headedness to challenges, and gain initiative and advantages to win the future and attain the goal of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020. By 2020, the country's 2010 GDP and per capita income for both urban and rural residents should be doubled.

This is the first time that per capita income has been included in the economic growth target set for 2020. Previous targets set at the 16th and 17th CPC National Congress merely called for the growth of GDP, not of per capita income. To complete the building of a moderately prosperous society, China must lose no time in deepening reform in key sectors and resolutely discard all notions and systems that hinder efforts to pursue development in a scientific way, Hu said.

In the process of strategic adjustment of the economic structure, China must firmly maintain the strategic focus of boosting domestic demand, speed up the establishment of a long-term mechanism for increasing consumer demand, unleash the potential of individual consumption, increase investment at a proper pace, and expand the domestic market, he said.

Scientific Outlook on Development becomes CPC's theoretical guidance

The Communist Party of China (CPC) on Thursday moved to lift the status of the Scientific Outlook on Development into a position like Deng Xiaoping Theory as the theoretical guidance for the Party, ordering more than 82 million Party members to adhere to it for a long time.

China firmly follows socialism with Chinese characteristics

Hu Jintao called on all the members of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese people to "march on the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and strive to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects."

The theme of the congress is to "hold high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, follow the guidance of Deng Xiaoping Theory, the important thought of Three Represents and the Scientific Outlook on Development, free up the mind, implement the policy of reform and opening up, pool our strength, overcome all difficulties, firmly march on the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and strive to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects". Thanks to over 90 years of hard struggle, the CPC has rallied and led the people of all ethnic groups of the country in turning

the poor and backward old China into an increasingly prosperous and powerful new China and opening up bright prospects for the great renewal of the Chinese nation, Hu said.

At present, as the global, national and our Party's conditions continue to undergo profound changes, we are faced with unprecedented opportunities for development as well as risks and challenges unknown before , stressing that the whole Party must keep in mind the trust and great expectation from the people. We must aim higher and work harder and continue to pursue development in a scientific way, promote social harmony, and improve the people's lives so as to complete the glorious and arduous tasks bestowed on us by the times," he said.

China achieves new historic successes over past decade

Hu Jintao said that China has achieved "new historic successes" over the past decade and the achievements have laid a solid foundation for completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

Hu said China has seen continuous economic development, steady improvement in democracy, and increasing cultural prosperity and social stability over the past decade, and the Party has worked hard to ensure and improve the people's wellbeing and brought them more benefits than ever before.

"All this is widely recognized," Hu said in a keynote report at the opening of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.