

Thinking on Chinese Path to Modernization

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Chinese path to modernization is the socialist modernization led by the CPC. It has the common characteristics of modernization in all countries, as well as Chinese characteristics based on its own national conditions. Chinese modernization is the modernization of a huge population, the modernization of common prosperity for all, the modernization of material and cultural-ethical advancement, the modernization of harmony between humanity and nature, and the modernization of peaceful development. The Chinese path to modernization is based on China's special historical tradition and reality, has distinctive socialist characteristics in the value dimension, and provides Chinese wisdom for solving the universal problems in the world.

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Introduction: What Is Chinese Path to Modernization

What is Chinese path to modernization? *The Report of the 20th National Congress of the CPC* (The Communist Party of China, 2022) clearly states that Chinese path to modernization is the socialist modernization led by the CPC, which has both the common characteristics of modernization in all countries and the Chinese characteristics based on their own national conditions.

“Chinese path to modernization is the socialist modernization led by the CPC”. That is, only under the leadership of the CPC can Chinese path to modernization be achieved, emphasizing the historical responsibility of the CPC and affirming the dominant position of the CPC.

“It has both the common features of modernization in all countries and the Chinese characteristics based on its own national conditions”. The words “common features” emphasize the commonness of things, while the words “Chinese characteristics” emphasize the individuality of things. Chinese modernization has the same characteristics in some aspects, places, and fields as developed countries such as Europe and the United States. However, in some aspects, places, and fields, China has its own characteristics and individuality, which is different from developed countries such as Europe and the United States.

Compared with European and American modernization, Chinese path to modernization has the common characteristics of developed industry, advanced science and technology, developed economy, and developed culture. The differences between the two focus on the differences between the way of realization and the way of wealth distribution. China's modernization is accomplished through peaceful development, while the modernization of European and American countries is based on colonialism and hegemonism, which is the fundamental difference between China and the West. In addition, an important indicator of Chinese path to modernization is to achieve common prosperity and advocate curbing the polarization between the rich and the poor, which is one of the particularities of China's modernization. However, the modernization of the developed

countries in Europe and the United States shows that there is a serious polarization between the rich and the poor, and there is no view of common prosperity.

Standard of Chinese Path to Modernization

What is the standard of Chinese path to modernization? According to the report of the General Assembly, as long as the following five conditions are met, or the five aspects can be achieved, that is to say, we have achieved Chinese path to modernization in a real sense.

Modernization with a huge population: It means that Chinese path to modernization must cover all parts of the country and 1.4 billion people. If cities want to modernize, rural areas also need to modernize. The eastern region and the central and western regions should realize modernization. At the same time, it also shows that modernization is not easy to achieve.

The modernization of common prosperity for all people: It means that Chinese path to modernization must achieve common prosperity. The connotation of the so-called common prosperity is to emphasize that everyone can get rich, and there is no polarization between rich and poor. It does not mean the average distribution of wealth. Theoretically, we can achieve common prosperity, but we must admit the fact that there are still many difficulties and obstacles in practice.

The modernization of material civilization and spiritual civilization: It means that Chinese path to modernization must achieve the simultaneous development of material civilization and spiritual civilization and have dialectical development thinking. History has proved that overemphasis on economic construction and neglect of spiritual construction such as humanistic rule of law are liable to corrupt social morality. Only paying attention to spiritual civilization and neglecting economic construction will lead to economic recession, increase social employment difficulties, and reduce people's living standards.

The modernization of harmonious coexistence between man and nature: It means that man and nature should coexist and develop harmoniously. While transforming nature, we should also pay attention to protecting nature. In the process of China's modernization, we should learn from the historical lessons of pollution in Europe and the United States. We should not repeat the mistakes.

Modernization on the path of peaceful development: It means that Chinese path to modernization should be achieved through peaceful development and follow the path of peaceful rise. In the modern history of the world, countries have two development paths: One is the developed countries represented by Europe, the United States, and Japan, which achieved prosperity by military aggression and colonial expansion on the road of modernization. Another way is that developed countries, represented by Sweden and Switzerland, embarked on the road of modernization through political neutrality and peaceful development. Chinese path to modernization chooses the road of peaceful development.

“Chinese path to modernization” is a form of realizing the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and also a form of basically realizing socialist modernization from 2020 to 2035. Chinese path to modernization must be synchronized in five aspects, none of which is dispensable. Without one of them, Chinese path to modernization is not complete.

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The Chinese path to modernization is based on China's special historical tradition and realistic national conditions. The Chinese path to modernization was formed and developed in the historical process of the CPC's

centennial struggle. While following the general development law of human modernization, it also adhered to China's local position, deeply rooted in the historical tradition and reality of China's modernization, and demonstrated profound implications.

The reason why the CPC can lead the Chinese people to successfully open up the road of modernization that conforms to their own reality lies in that it not only follows the universal law of modernization development, but also is based on China's special historical traditions and realistic national conditions.

The Chinese path to modernization has distinctive socialist characteristics in the value dimension. The "Chinese style" to modernization is a modernization based on socialism, which determines the nature and direction of Chinese path to modernization. The Chinese path to modernization has always adhered to the fundamental attribute of socialism in the value dimension, fully reflecting that people are the main body of modernization, and at the same time, it has always adhered to the purpose of seeking happiness for the people. The Chinese path to modernization adheres to the people-centered value position, and the fundamental purpose of promoting modernization is to meet the free and comprehensive development of people.

The Chinese path to modernization provides Chinese wisdom for solving universal problems in the world. Modernization, with its huge rupture with traditional society, has gradually become a common cause that all mankind cannot avoid. No country can bypass the development direction of modernization and get rid of the traction of modern civilization. For hundreds of years, the exploration of the modernization of human society has not only made remarkable historical achievements, but also faces unprecedented difficulties and challenges today.

The Chinese path to modernization is a fresh practice launched on the land of China. What it faces directly is the practical problems encountered in the development of China's society. What it needs to solve is a series of bottleneck problems in the process of China's modernization development. What it needs to pay attention to is the aspiration of the vast majority of Chinese people for a better life, which fundamentally serves the grand goal of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. In fact, the above new ideas provide a new way of thinking for avoiding the disadvantages of western modernization and solving the universal problems encountered in the current world development.

Conclusion

The key to the successful opening of the Chinese path to modernization is that the CPC has inherited the theme of modern China's social modernization development, followed the universal law of modernization development, and launched a "Chinese style" exploration based on China's special historical tradition and realistic national conditions. The Chinese path to modernization is a modernization based on socialism. Socialism determines the nature and direction of Chinese path to modernization. At the same time, reform and innovation are constantly carried out according to the development of the times and practice. While creating great national value, the Chinese path to modernization has also shown a strong world historical effect.

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