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Highlights of Xi's report to 19th CPC National Congress

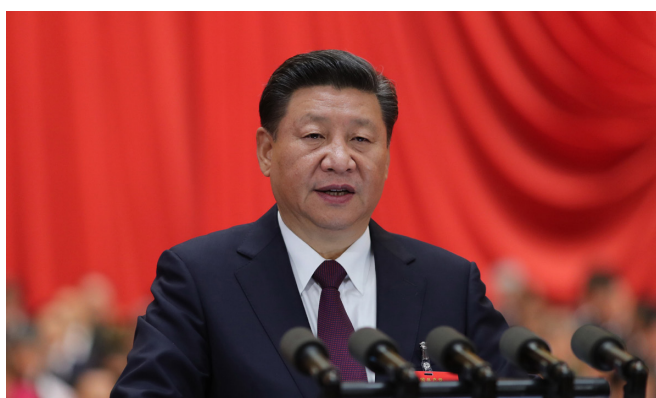
Editor's Note: The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) concluded on October 24. What are the highlights of General Secretary Xi Jinping's report at a landmark meeting of the Communist Party of China (CPC)? Regarding the meeting and the report, what messages has China received from over the world? The following is the special report about all of these.

A NEW ERA WITH NEW THOUGHT

Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era.

The CPC has given shape to the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, a long-term guide to action that the Party must adhere to and develop.

The Thought builds on and further enriches Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Theory of Three Represents, and the Scientific Outlook on Development. It represents the



General Secretary Xi Jinping addresses the opening session of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in Beijing on October 18. (Xinhua)

latest achievement in adapting Marxism to the Chinese context.

GREAT MODERN SOCIALIST COUNTRY

The CPC has drawn up a two-stage development plan for the period from 2020 to the middle of the 21st century to develop China into a "great modern socialist country."

In the first stage from 2020 to 2035, the CPC will build on the foundation created by the moderately prosperous society with a further 15 years of hard work to see that socialist modernization

is basically realized.

In the second stage from 2035 to the middle of the 21st century, the CPC will, building on having basically achieved modernization, work hard for a further 15 years and develop China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful.

The principal contradiction facing Chinese society has evolved to be that between unbalanced and inadequate devel-

opment and the people's ever-growing needs for a better life.

Now the needs to be met for the people to live a better life are increasingly broad. Not only have their material and cultural needs grown, their demands for democracy, rule of law, fairness and justice, security, and a better environment are increasing.

ECONOMY

China's economy has been transitioning from a phase of rapid growth to a stage of high-quality development.

In developing a modernized economy, the country must focus on the real economy. China will support state capital in becoming stronger, doing better, and growing bigger, turn Chinese enterprises into world-class, globally competitive firms.

China will leverage the fundamental role of consumption in promoting economic growth and improve the framework of regulation underpinned by monetary policy and macroprudential policy, and see that interest rates and exchange rates become more market-based.

OPENING UP

China will not close its door to the world; it will only become more and more open.

China will implement the system of pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list across the board.

China will significantly ease market access and protect the legitimate rights and interests of foreign investors.

ECOLOGICAL PROGRESS

The CPC has incorporated Beautiful China into its two-stage development plan for building a great modern socialist country.

DIPLOMACY

No matter what stage of development it reaches, China will never seek hegemony or engage in expansion.

PARTY BUILDING

Having gained overwhelming momentum in its fight against corruption, the Party is determined to secure a sweeping victory over the greatest threat to the Party.

(Xinhua)

Report is road map to nation's dream

For those desiring a heads-up on the future orientation of the Communist Party of China, and thus that of the country, there can be no better guide than the report General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered to the 19th National Congress on Oct 18.

This need has been met, since Xi's report is the CPC's most comprehensive road map for its own, and the country's development, to date.

For the past almost four decades, the definition of the "principal contradiction" has been that between "the ever-growing material and cultural needs of the people and the backwardness of social production".

Xi's report boiled down to two strategic judgments: That socialism with Chinese characteristics has now entered a new era, and that the principal contradiction in society is between people's ever-growing needs for a better life and unbalanced, inadequate development.

Such a change necessarily entails fresh thinking and responses.

But as the report stated, the designation of a new era does not change the judgment that China remains in the "primary stage" of socialism with Chinese characteristics, nor change the reality of it being a developing country.

And it revealed the essential truth that the CPC remains focused on development. From the judgments made and policy initiatives proposed, the report bears testament to the Party's longstanding conviction that development is the key to all the problems the country faces.

Judging from the CPC's confidence in the path it has taken, as well as its resolve to continue refining its governance mechanisms and capabilities, there is no reason not to be optimistic about the country's future.

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Nation has growing role in global economic governance

As a supporter of globalization and sustainable development, China is playing an increasingly important role in global economic governance, according to the head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Angel Gurría, the OECD's secretary-general, said the nation's continued development and successful transition from a country with double-digit growth rates to one with more sustainable high single-digit rates has been its most notable achievement during the past five years.

He attributes China's smooth economic transition largely to a series of structural reforms and predicted that the country will remain the major driver of global growth for the foreseeable future.

One of the most visible changes in China, he said, is the abundance of internet-based services, including mobile payments and the sharing economy.

Gurría said today's China

is innovative, dynamic and flexible, but he warned that there are challenges ahead.

"A major challenge China will face in the coming years will be to accelerate structural reforms to the extent necessary to keep growth rates at a relatively high level," he said, adding that growth will become increasingly reliant on productivity gains as the working population ages and shrinks.

He said a level playing field for private Chinese businesses, foreign companies and State-owned enterprises is crucial.

"The remarkable economic and social progress China has achieved over recent decades offers unique insights for other developing countries as they build capacity and institutions to improve living standards for their citizens," he said.

Gurría said he believes China is ahead of many more developed countries in laying the foundations for a more resource-efficient, low-carbon and highly digitized economy.

(China Daily)



Foreign reporters feel "China speed"

Starting from October 12, the 19th CPC National Congress news centre has organized a series of interviews along fifteen routes. These interview trips have helped Chinese and foreign reporters to better understand China's development achievements. The picture shows a reporter from the South Sudan Broadcast Group taking photos at the construction site of the new airport in Beijing.

(Photo by Liu Jinhai)

19th CPC National Congress delegates feature more workers, women

Compared with the delegates to the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), more CPC members from frontline production and women have been elected as delegates to the 19th congress.

According to a statement by the CPC Central Committee's organization department re-

cently, a total of 771 delegates, or 33.7 percent of the total, are from frontline production and manufacturing, an increase of 3.2 percentage points compared with the 18th congress five years ago.

Among them, 198 are workers or migrant workers, 86 are farmers and 283 are professional technical personnel, it

said.

The representation of female CPC members and members from ethnic minority groups are also rising, reaching 24.1 percent and 11.5 percent of the total respectively, the statement said, noting that ethnic minority members come from 43 out of the country's 55 ethnic minority groups. (Xinhua)



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Chinese and foreign media focus on 'leap-frog' development of Yunnan

Editor's Note: Over the past five years, Southwest China's Yunnan province has made significant achievement in many fields, which have attracted global attention. During the 19th National Congress of CPC, a plenary meeting of Yunnan delegation was open to the media and attracted more than 60 reporters from 45 domestic and foreign outlets. The following is the special report about the plenary meeting. Also, in this edition, we are going to share some stories with our readers that the growth of China (Yunnan) as seen by youth and foreigners.

How will Yunnan achieve leap-frog development?

Two reporters from Hong Kong, Wen Wei Po and Ta Kung Pao, asked how the province will, together with the rest of the country, promote further development and build a well-off society by playing to its competitive advantages. Answering the question, Chen Hao, head of the delegation and secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee, said that Yunnan expects to move forward in four main ways. First, he said, Yunnan will promote leap-frog development by changing thoughts and concepts. It will attempt to eliminate close-mindedness, conservatism, complacency and the other backward mindsets that exist in some sectors of the government and civil society. This sort of transformation will be based on the concepts of innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development, he said. Second, the province will promote further develop-



The plenary meeting of the Yunnan delegation.

Photo by Lei Tongsu



Yunnan delegation is answering questions from the media.

Photo by Lei Tongsu

ment by deepening the reform and opening up process. Yunnan's position at the junction of a domestic market with 1.3 billion people, and the frontier of South and Southeast Asia's 2.3 billion people, promises vast room for future growth, he explained. Third, Yunnan looks to strengthen the key driver of innovation. In recent years, the province has been actively promoting cooperation among industries, universities and research facilities. This is especially true in terms of the commercialization of scientific and technological

achievements, Chen Hao said. The province is vigorously recruiting scientific and technically innovation individuals for high-tech projects who work to refine and expand the industries of information technology, pharmaceuticals, advanced equipment manufacturing and other strategic and emerging sectors. Such efforts, Chen Hao explained, are providing strong support for leap-frog development. The fourth way the province looks to further develop is by protecting and safeguarding a healthy environment.

How will Yunnan upgrade its tourism industry?

A reporter from the China Daily asked, "What new measures will Yunnan take to transform and upgrade its tourism industry in fundamental and orderly ways? Ruan Chengfa, deputy head of the delegation, deputy secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee, explained that Yunnan will pursue the healthy development of its tourism industry in three overarching ways. First, it will go all out to build a holistic tourism sector while promoting the transformation and upgrading of the industry's infrastructure, products and destinations. Second, he said, the province will build with "intelligent tourism" concepts and accelerate the creation of "travelling in Yunnan with one mobile phone." Third, it will comprehensively improve its management services, while speeding up the creation of a digital platform and handling tourism complaints in a timely and effective manner.

(Yunnan Daily)

John: China is open, inclusive and friendly



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Wang Shixue

"I'm listening to the report of the 19th CPC National Congress. Yes, I can understand it. I support China's domestic and foreign policies," said John in a telephone interview with our reporter on the morning of October 18. John is a Zambian student studying at the Southwest Forestry University in Kunming.

"China is revitalizing its economy through reform and opening up so that hundreds of thousands of poverty-stricken people are lifted out of poverty. This is a magnificent feat," John said, praising the CPC's policy of reform and opening up in an effort to improve people's lives. He thinks that the CPC has done a great job in leading the world's

most populous country while also maintaining the world's fastest economic growth over a long period of time.

John also praised the CPC's aid to Africa and its foreign policy doctrine of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. "China's foreign policy is based on win-win concepts, so that countries around the world are willing to cooperate with China. China is open and inclusive and does not discriminate against any countries, including those in Africa. China has carried out aid and development projects on the African continent on an unprecedented scale. Chinese engineers and African people today work hand in hand. Chinese people are very friendly," John said.

He continued, "China gives us the opportunity to learn about its profound culture. Chinese wisdom and Chinese culture have a unique charm." John came to Yunnan for the first time in November 2013, and received a scholarship from Hanban to study the Chinese language for one year. He has been engaged in the music scene in Kunming ever since.

Xie Defu: Open China attracts more overseas students

Liu Rong

Xie Defu is a student from Cambodia. He watched the opening session of the 19th CPC National Congress with his roommates on the morning of October 18. When General Secretary Xi Jinping proposed "bringing about a new phase of all-around opening up" during the report, Xie Defu said, "If China hadn't opened its doors, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to study in Yunnan!"

Xie Defu came to study in China five years ago. Since then he has experienced the speed of China's high-speed rail, witnessed the miracles of Tiangong, Jiaolong, Tianyan (FAST), Wukong, Mozi, and other major scientific and technological achievements. He has personally sensed the changes that the Belt and Road Initiative has brought to Cambodia and China. "In the past few years, China has given



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Cambodia a lot of support and assistance so that my motherland has made great progress in all aspects. China's development is a blessing for the countries surrounding it and promotes the world's development as well."

Xie Defu said that China has given him not just a scholarship, but also a precious opportunity to study abroad. He hopes that the Chinese government will provide more opportunities for foreign students who love China and Chinese language to come and study in the country. What they learn and see in China will be the greatest wealth in their lives.

The growth of Yunnan as seen by youth

Li Xijian

The 19th National Congress of the CPC opened in Beijing on October 18. For young people in Yunnan, what are the major changes taking place in the social and economic arenas over the past five years?

For Guo Yanbing, director of the Environment Protection Service Centre in Cibi Lake Town, Eryuan County, it is the improvement of water quality over the past three years. This change has come from an intensive pollution control campaign. "The blue sky and green mountains are everywhere. The achievements of the environ-

mental programs are becoming more apparent and we can see more rare birds now," he said.

Chen Hongrui, CEO and founder of Jiuji Cyber Technology, told the reporter, "The provincial government has been giving greater support to the development of pillar industries. This is especially true for information technology companies since the 18th National Congress was held five years ago. Our company has grown from a small start-up to a large entrepreneurial platform."

As Yunnan continues to speed up the pace as a pivot of China's opening up to South and Southeast Asia, international



Citizens visit the exhibition of the Yunnan achievements.

Photo by Zhang Tong

exchanges between the youth of Yunnan and these other regions have also intensified. "Thanks to China's Belt and Road Initiative, China, South Asia and Southeast Asia are cooperating more.

There are more students coming to study in Yunnan, largely facilitating greater communication between young people across the region," said a Myanmar student studying in Yunnan.