# Understand and Grasp the Internal Logic of Following the Chinese Path Scientifically

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### Abstract

The Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee passed the third "historical resolution" in the history of the party, the "adhere to the Chinese road" as one of the historical experiences of the Communist Party of China's hundred years of struggle. There is a specific historical logic, theoretical logic and practical logic in exploring the development path of socialism with Chinese characteristics in line with national conditions since the founding of the CPC. The Communist Party of China led the Chinese people to make a great leap from "waking up", "standing up", "getting rich", and then "becoming strong", which is the historical logic of sticking to the Chinese path. Marxismleninism lays the theoretical foundation for adhering to the Chinese road, and adhering to the Chinese road is the theoretical logic of The Times requiring Marxism to adhere to the Chinese road. Upholding the leadership of the Party, upholding the rule of law, and making the country prosperous and strong are the practical logic for the CPC in the new era to continue to follow the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Only with a deep understanding of the logic behind sticking to the Chinese path can we better grasp this historical experience and provide a source of wisdom for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

# **Keywords**

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# 1. Introduction

The Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on the Party's Major Achievements and Historical Experience in its Centenary Struggle, adopted at the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee, listed "Adhering to the Chinese Path" as one of the ten lessons the Party has learned in its centenary struggle. The historical experience of "adhering to the Chinese path" is an inevitable conclusion drawn from the exploration of China's path of revolution, construction and reform led by the Communist Party of China over the past century. This shows that China's path is the right one and plays an important role in achieving the Centenary Goals. General secretary Xi Jinping said: "To go one's own way is the whole theoretical and practical foothold of the Party." [1] This shows that in the new era and on the new journey, we still need to attach great importance to the historical experience of sticking to the Chinese road and independently explore the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics that suits China's specific conditions. Only in this way can we stride forward on the road to the realization of the second goal, and we must stick to it unwaveringly. Therefore, a deep understanding and interpretation of the internal logic of adhering to the Chinese road, a review of the development process of the Communist Party of China's choice of road from three dimensions of historical logic, theoretical logic and practical logic, in-depth analysis of the reasons for the Communist Party of China's choice of road, will help us to deeply understand and grasp the ruling law of the Communist Party of China, and strengthen the confidence of the Chinese road in theory and practice.

### 2. Adhere to the Historical Logic of The Chinese Path

Over the past 100 years since its founding, the CPC has led the Chinese people to gradually "wake up" after being bullied and repressed by Western powers and trampled on their personal dignity, to voluntarily resist and finally "wake up", to "stand up" from being destitute to standing in the forest of nations in the world, and to "become rich" from material deprivation and poverty to continuous improvement of people's living standards. The great leap from a poor country with weak troops and unarmed to a comprehensive national strength gradually stronger and finally "stronger" is our historical confidence and historical consciousness in sticking to the Chinese road.

#### 2.1. "Wake Up" period: Exploring the path of New Democratic revolution

The period of "wake up" is the period of neo-populist revolution. Since modern times, the Chinese people have made unremitting explorations around "what road to take". After the Opium War in 1840, China was invaded by Western powers and gradually reduced to a semicolonial and semi-feudal society. The Chinese people were bullied and lost their dignity. All the lives of the Chinese people were devastated and the Chinese nation was in dire straits. The Chinese people of noble spirit fought tirelessly and relentlessly to save the Chinese nation and the Chinese people, and constantly explored the road to save China from national destruction and survival. The feudal landlord class advocated to save China by "using Chinese style to the west", the bourgeois reformists advocated to save China by "reformism", the bourgeois revolutionaries advocated to save China by "Three Principles of the People" and the national bourgeoisie advocated to save China by "setting up industries", but they all failed in the end. Practice has fully proved that blindly following the path of western capitalism will not work. In 1919, the October Revolution in Russia sent Marxism to China, just like a timely supply of coal, the Chinese revolution had scientific theoretical guidance. With the founding of the Communist Party of China in 1921, the Chinese Revolution had a strong core of leadership, and successfully opened up the victorious path of the Chinese proletarian revolution. In other words, only by upholding the leadership of the Communist Party of China and Marxism can we save China. Practice is the sole criterion for testing truth.

#### 2.2. "Stand Up" period: open up the road of socialist revolution

The period of "standing up" is the period of socialist revolution and exploration. The establishment of New China symbolizes the complete transformation of Chinese politics from feudal autocracy to people's democratic dictatorship. But in the economic aspect, it is a great challenge for our country to explore how to construct the socialist cause of a large new socialist power with a population of about 500 million. From 1953 to 1956, China successfully completed the socialist transformation of agriculture, handicraft industry, capitalist industry and commerce. This was a major achievement in the history of human society and aroused the curiosity of Western countries about this great Eastern country with a socialist system. The Eighth National Congress of the CPC carefully examined the stage of China's development at that time and scientifically put forward the principal contradiction of socialism and the overall task of socialist construction. During this period, China realized the transition from the path of socialist transformation to the path of socialist construction. The Communist Party of China concentrated human, material and financial resources to unite and lead the people of all ethnic groups in exploring a path of socialist construction suited to China's specific conditions, and constantly injected new vitality into the socialist cause. In the process of constant exploration, China has achieved a great leap from being a poor and populous country to becoming a new great power in a socialist society, laying a solid material foundation for continuing to follow the Chinese path in the new historical period. Once again, the Chinese nation stands tall among the nations of the world, showing the world that China has "stood up" with pride. The great achievements made in the first three decades of new China profoundly show that "only socialism can save China". <sup>[2]</sup>

#### 2.3. The period of "getting rich": forming the road of socialist construction

The period of "getting rich" is a new period of reform and opening up and socialist modernization. In the early 1980s, according to the rural development reality in our country, the household contract responsibility system was implemented in the countryside according to local conditions, which greatly emancipated and developed the socialist productive forces and stabilized the basic rural plate. Since then, the focus of reform has shifted from rural areas to urban areas, the complex situation of urban areas has been carefully analyzed, and the courage to face various difficulties in the process of urban economic system reform has greatly stimulated the vitality of urban development. Reform and opening up is a bold attempt to explore the road of socialist development. Our country is in the step by step, independently in the process of finding its own development road. The development process of socialist construction shows that only based on their own reality, in-depth investigation and research, walk in line with their own conditions rather than copy the Soviet socialist construction experience of the road to the other side of victory.

# 2.4. The period of "becoming stronger": Creating a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics

The "stronger" period is a new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics. After more than four decades of reform and opening up, China's economic and social undertakings have for a better life. The Party must make higher demands of itself so that it can better lead the people on a new journey and consolidate its governing position more effectively. General secretary Xi Jinping said: "The direction determines the road, and the road determines the destiny." <sup>[3]</sup>The self-revolutionary road of the Party that drives forward in the same direction is the correct road to win the Party heart and people's hearts and advance the great cause of socialism. In July 2021, China completed the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects. China, a superpower with a population of 1.4 billion, said goodbye to poverty and lifted 832 impoverished counties and nearly 100 million people out of poverty in about six years. This was a major victory in the history of the world's anti-poverty cause and demonstrated the great success of the socialist construction cause. In addition, our economy has entered a stage of high quality development, and the level of innovation in science and technology has been continuously improving; Politically, we will develop people's democracy throughout the whole process and ensure that the people are masters of the country. Cultural emphasis on the people's spiritual prosperity; To solve many livelihood problems in society; Ecological attention to the reconciliation between man and nature and other aspects of the groundbreaking overall victory. Facts have proved that only by adhering to the path of development of socialism with Chinese characteristics can the Chinese nation become strong.

#### 3. Adhere to the Theoretical Logic of The Chinese Path

The Communist Party of China firmly believes that the Chinese path has strong theoretical confidence. Marxism-leninism, based on the practice of the world proletarian revolution and the reality of socialist revolution and construction, is the theoretical basis for the Communist Party of China to adhere to the Chinese road, and to adhere to the Chinese road is the requirement of The Times for the Sinicization of Marxism.

#### 3.1. Marxism-leninism is the theoretical basis for adhering to the Chinese path

Marxism-leninism is the theoretical basis for adhering to the Chinese path. Marx pointed out: "All the history of the past, except the primitive state, is the history of class struggle; These

warring social classes are at all times the product of relations of production and exchange, in a word, of the economic relations of their own time." [4] Socialism is no longer a fantasy in the mind, but an objective product based on class struggle. These two discoveries also led to the development of socialism from fantasy to science and provided scientific guidelines for proletarian revolutions all over the world. The failure of the Paris Commune Revolution in 1871 showed that the proletarian revolution should not blindly copy the development model of other countries. The success of the October Revolution in Russia and the successful practice of the New economic policy, as well as the rigidity of the development model of the Soviet Union later, severely restricted the development of social productive forces. The positive and negative experiences and lessons made Chinese Communists always vigilant about choosing their own development path. Lenin pointed out that "only the Party guided by advanced theories can realize the role of advanced fighters". [5] The history of the world socialist movement shows that when advanced theories guide the practice of socialist revolution and when theory is effectively combined with practice, the cause of socialist revolution and construction will succeed. In sharp contrast, China, while adhering to the guidance of Marxist theory and firmly grasping its leading position in ideological work, withstood the impact of the great changes in the Eastern Soviet Union and the collapse of the Soviet Union, adhered to the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and continued to advance along the established path of socialist reform and opening up. Marxism-leninism is the theoretical basis for China's adherence to the Chinese path. Only the Communist Party of China (CPC) is grounded in reality, firmly pursues a development path with Chinese characteristics, combines theory with practice, and guides socialist construction with advanced theories. In the new era, only by following a development path with Chinese characteristics and guiding socialist modernization with advanced theories can the CPC achieve steady and long-term development.

# 3.2. Sticking to the Chinese road is the requirement of The Times for Marxism to be Sinicized

Since its founding, the Communist Party of China has provided theoretical guidance for its work by combining the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of the Chinese revolution. Adhering to the basic position, views and methods of Marxism, the party has constantly promoted theoretical innovation in the course of practice and promoted the development of the socialist cause. In other words, based on the reality of development and with a problem-oriented approach, we will continue to advance the development of Marxism in the Chinese style and in The Times. This is the theoretical basis of the Centennial Party's commitment to the Chinese path and the fundamental basis for it to grasp the initiative of history. The era of Marxism has realized three theoretical leaps. Theory comes from practice, guides practice and pushes it forward. In the new era and on a new journey, the Communist Party of China integrates the basic tenets of Marxism with China's realities and fine traditional Chinese culture, gives full play to its fundamental guiding role, and adheres to and develops the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Since the 18th CPC National Congress, Chinese Communists have taken the initiative to adapt to the changing times, accelerated political, economic, cultural, social, and ecological development, won the battle against poverty and completed the historic task of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and united and led the Chinese people on a new journey to fully build a modern socialist country.

# 4. Adhere to the Practical Logic of The Chinese Path

The historical experience and theoretical achievements of the CPC's century-old exploration of adhering to the Chinese path fully demonstrate that in the new era, to continue to adhere to the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the CPC must adhere to the leadership of the Party, adhere to the rule of law, and make the country prosperous and strong.

# 4.1. The leadership of the Party is the fundamental guarantee for adhering to the Chinese path

The leadership of the Communist Party of China is the most essential feature of socialism with Chinese characteristics. It is the fundamental and lifeblood of the Party and the country, and the interests and lifeblood of the people of all ethnic groups in China. Without the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), there would be no creation and promotion of Chinese-style modernization and no realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. In the period of the New Democratic revolution, we were able to unite all the forces that could be united to overthrow feudalism, drive away imperialism, and treat capitalism dialectically, thanks to the leadership of the CPC. During the period of socialist revolution and construction, it relied on the leadership of the Communist Party of China to learn from the advanced experience of the Soviet Union in socialist construction by employing experts, reading textbooks and holding seminars, complete the "three major reforms", carry out the "First Five Year Plan", develop atomic bombs and missiles, and develop socialist culture. When China opened its door to the outside world and carried out reform and opening-up, high-rise buildings rose in coastal cities and the bustling sound of people filled with a strong business atmosphere. The pockets of the Chinese people gradually swelled and a better and happier life beckoned to the Chinese people. The world turned its attention to this rising eastern power again, thanks to the leadership of the CPC. In the new era, it is the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China to deepen the fight against corruption, resolutely crack down on the evil forces, win the battle against poverty, finish building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, implement the rural revitalization strategy, and advance socialist modernization. To continue to follow the Chinese road in the new era, we must always adhere to the leadership of the Communist Party of China in both the vertical direction from the state to rural communities and the horizontal direction from politics, economy, culture, society and ecology.

#### 4.2. The rule of law is the legal guarantee for sticking to the Chinese path

The rule of law is highly unified with the leadership of the Party. Only by adhering to the rule of law can we guarantee the legitimacy of China's road from the legal system and ensure that the law escorts China's road. For this reason, the first is not to develop the whole process of people's democracy. To follow the Chinese path in the new era must not go against the nature of a country. We will improve the system of people's congresses, standardize the procedures and mechanisms for NPC deputies to perform their duties, supervise and standardize the use of state and government organs in the form of legal systems, and better protect the legitimate rights and interests of the people. We should actively develop democracy at the grassroots level and improve the mechanism of grassroots self-governance under the leadership of grassroots Party organizations. We will improve the system of regional ethnic autonomy and enable ethnic minorities to fully participate in social governance. We will improve the system of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the CPC, and give full play to the role of consultative democracy. Second, we will speed up the improvement of the legal system to ensure the smooth operation of the socialist market economy. Different from the capitalist market economy, the socialist market economy activities have the characteristics of socialism itself, that is, the economic activities to safeguard the interests of the people in the first place. Therefore, we should speed up legislation in the new era, severely crack down on fake and shoddy illegal and criminal activities in the market economy, reasonably regulate the operation of financial capital, develop platform economy according to law and so on. Third, strengthen legislation to ensure the healthy development of socialist cultural undertakings and cultural industries. Ideology is about whether to adhere to the socialist path. To seize the dominant power of other countries' culture and promote one's own culture is a common trick used by Western hegemonic countries to intervene in other countries. It is necessary to establish and

improve the system and mechanism for the development of socialist culture, prevent the corrosion of western capitalist ideology, and ensure the development of socialist culture along the direction of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

#### 4.3. National prosperity is the basic condition for adhering to the Chinese path

How to evaluate the Chinese road, the most simple evaluation criteria is whether the Chinese road can make the socialist country prosperous and prosperous. To this end, we must fully liberate the productive forces of socialist countries. We should take advantage of the institutional advantages of socialist countries, increase R&D and investment in advanced science and technology such as artificial intelligence and big data, and use advanced technology to boost the economic take-off of socialist countries and produce more and better social material wealth. Second, advance the building of a socialist country in all aspects in a coordinated way. The superiority of the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics lies not only in liberating the productive forces of a socialist country, for it is not feasible only with a strong economy, but also with all-round political, cultural and social development. Therefore, socialist democracy should be developed in the new era and political modernization should be promoted. We should prosper socialist culture, build a system of high-quality cultural services, enrich the people's spiritual world, and strengthen their spiritual strength. We should speed up development of education, medical care and other programs to improve people's livelihood, and expand the coverage of social insurance. Socialist countries should improve the ecological environment, promote green development, and promote harmonious coexistence between man and nature. We need to build a safe social environment and increase the confidence of the Chinese people in taking the Chinese road. Third, we will promote Chinese-style modernization. National prosperity is the basic value goal of socialist modernization, is the basic requirement of Marxist historical materialism productivity standard, modernization is the way and means to achieve national prosperity. Backward will be beaten, strong can be great. History has proved that if a country wants to stand among the nations of the world, it must follow the path of socialist modernization led by the Communist Party of China, accelerate the building of a new development pattern, strive to promote high-quality development, and comprehensively promote the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through Chinese-style modernization. This is an essential part of adhering to the Chinese path.

#### 5. Conclusion

Looking back on a century-long struggle, the Communist Party of China has united and led the Chinese people in opening up the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Along this path, China has achieved a great historical miracle and the Chinese nation has once again shown new vigor and vitality. At the same time, guided by the difficult problems facing China and the world, we have scientifically answered the questions of China, the world, the people and The Times, contributing China's wisdom and solutions to world development. As we embark on this new journey, we firmly believe that as long as we keep our feet on the ground and unswervingly follow the Chinese path suited to our national conditions, we will be able to build China as scheduled into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful, and realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

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