

HISTORICAL INITIATIVE: THE SPIRITUAL CODE FOR PROMOTING CHINESE MODERNIZATION

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Abstract. The 20th National Congress of the CPC has put forward a mission for a new era and a new journey, promoting the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through Chinese modernization. The CPC has led the people of all ethnic groups in the country towards this major achievement at great cost through long-term exploration and practice.

The Historical Initiative is the strong spiritual support and spiritual power that promotes Chinese modernization. Its role is based on the essential characteristics of Chinese modernization. The historical initiative is embodied in grasping the historical trend, following the historical laws, undertaking the historical mission, and sublimating the historical model in the great practice of promoting Chinese modernization.

In order to embark on a new journey and promote Chinese modernization, it is necessary to deeply understand the spiritual code of the historical initiative. This can be achieved by taking the leadership of the CPC as the fundamental guarantee, adhering to the basic principle of independence, daring to fight, being good at fighting, and carrying forward the spirit of the historical initiative to open up new possibilities for career development.

Key words: CPC, Historical Initiative, Chinese Modernization, the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Introduction

Realizing modernization has been a common goal for the Chinese people since modern times. Many individuals with lofty ideals had made various attempts to achieve this, but all had failed. The task of exploring the path of China's modernization had historically fallen on the CPC.

Based on long-term exploration and practice since the founding of the People's Republic of China, especially since the reform and opening up, and through theoretical and practical breakthroughs in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the CPC has united and led the Chinese people to successfully promote and expand Chinese modernization.

In just a few decades, China has completed the modernization process that developed countries have gone through for hundreds of years, creating two miracles: rapid economic growth and long-term social stability. In particular, it has eliminated absolute poverty and comprehensively built a moderately prosperous society.

Chinese modernization provides new choices for humanity to achieve modernization and offers more

and better Chinese wisdom, solutions, and strength to solve common problems facing mankind. As an invaluable spiritual quality that emphasizes the historical subject's initiative to see the historical trend, recognize the historical position, grasp the historical laws, and promote historical progress, the historical initiative spirit has played an important role in promoting the Chinese path to modernization, and has become a strong spiritual support and power behind it.

Taking the historical initiative as the starting point will help us explain the scientific connotation, basic characteristics, and contemporary value of the Chinese path to modernization, and further deepen our understanding of the world significance of this path.

Literature review

In November 2021, the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China adopted a resolution that focuses on the major achievements and historical experience of the Party over the past century. This resolution introduced the concept of a "great historical initia-

tive” for the first time, which has quickly become a popular research topic in the Chinese academic community. Currently, the main areas of research in the Chinese academic community are centered around this initiative.

Research on the Basic Concepts of Historical Initiative

Although there is no uniform and accurate definition of the “historical initiative,” the Chinese academic community has reached a certain consensus that it is proposed based on summarizing the CPC’s major achievements and historical experience in its centennial struggle. On one hand, the Chinese academic community regards the historical initiative as a precious spiritual quality, which can be seen in expressions like “spiritual quality, spiritual character, spiritual demeanor, spiritual outlook, spiritual fashion, and spiritual state.” On the other hand, the historical initiative is defined as the independent and conscious consciousness of a political party in politics, economy, ideological theory, historical culture, and other aspects. This is discussed around “political consciousness, ideological consciousness, theoretical consciousness, and action consciousness”.

Research on the Logic of the Formation of the Historical Initiative

The emergence of the historical initiative has a strong theoretical basis, historical origin, and practical foundation. This is the fundamental logic that the current Chinese academia uses to explore the historical initiative of the Communist Party of China. In terms of the theoretical logic of historical initiative, the Chinese academic community emphasizes the importance of having guidance from Marxist scientific theory to understand historical initiative. The development of history has its objective laws, and summarizing history in a timely manner and drawing wisdom and strength from it is the historical logic formed by the proactive spirit of history. The practical logic of the historical initiative is the century-long struggle of the Communist Party of China to unite and lead all ethnic groups to strive for national independence, people’s liberation, and achieving national prosperity and happiness for the people.

Research on the Significant Significance of Historical Initiative

The historical initiative holds significant theoretical and practical value in advancing socialism with

Chinese characteristics and modernizing Marxism. It serves as a powerful tool for the Communist Party of China to promote the construction of a modern socialist country. Moreover, it strengthens ideological and political education and cultivates young people’s sense of responsibility. The proactive spirit of history also has a global impact, as it creates new forms of human civilization, builds new international relations, and fosters a community with a shared future for mankind, which is emphasized by the Chinese academic community.

Research on Carrying Forward the Historical Initiative to Promote Chinese Modernization

While exploring the significance of the historical initiative, Chinese academia began to focus on its significance in promoting Chinese modernization. On this basis, it explains the practical representation, main core and internal logic of historical initiative in the process of Chinese path to modernization, and condenses its basic experience.

Research on the Historical Initiative in Foreign Academic Circles

Due to different discourse systems and concepts, the concept of historical initiative had not been directly studied in foreign academic circles before its official appearance, but some important research results had already been involved. For example, MacFarquhar and Fei Zhengqing (2007) emphasized that China’s industrial development strategy from 1977 to 1980 was an “active change” based on a macro understanding of China’s economic policies and development strategies since the founding of the People’s Republic of China. Fu Gaoyi (2013) proposed that Deng Xiaoping encouraged local governments to conduct experiments and promote successful experiences in economic reform actively. In addition, scholars such as Anouar Abdel Malek (1994), Michelle Arrow (2011), and Open Democracy (2018) have also explored this topic.

Using the keyword “Historical Initiative” and searching through the WOS (Web of Science) database, the research results from January 1993 to November 2023 were summarized, revealing the number and subject keywords of publications on Historical Initiative in foreign academic circles. In summary, since 1993, research on historical initiative in foreign academic circles has been on the rise year by year, reaching its peak in 2021, as it can be seen in Figure 1:

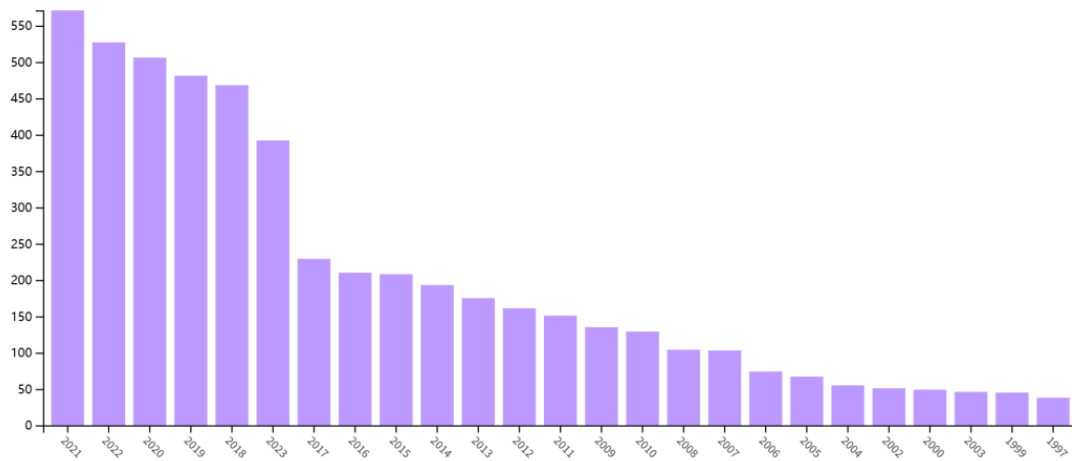


Figure 1 – The publication status of research on “historical initiative” in foreign academic circles

The reason can be attributed to the significant influence of the historical resolutions of the CPC in the world. For example, the MENA Report (2022) immediately highlighted the great call to strengthen the historical initiative issued by the 20th National Congress of the CPC and translated and reproduced the relevant content.

In summary, the research on historical initiative by scholars both domestically and internationally has achieved phased results, laying an important prerequisite and solid foundation for further in-depth research. The current research has initially focused on the internal relationship between the historical initiative and Chinese modernization, but it can still be refined and deepened. The purpose of this study is to explore the historical initiative in promoting Chinese path to modernization.

Methodology

This paper focuses on the scientific meaning and generation logic of a historical initiative, based on official policy documents or announcements from relevant government bodies. It explores the CPC’s practice of carrying forward this initiative in the new era, highlighting its distinctive characteristics and basic experience. To achieve this, multidisciplinary research methods are adopted, and theories and research methods from history, political science, sociology and other fields are comprehensively applied. The paper delves into the logical starting point and specific characteristics of the initiative, with the aim of promoting the Chinese path to modernization.

Finally, it proposes a practical principle for a new journey to continue promoting the Chinese path to modernization with this historical initiative.

Results & Discussion

1) The starting point of Chinese modernization is to carry forward the historical initiative. It is a socialist modernization led by the CPC. Chinese modernization shares common characteristics with modernization in other countries, but it also has its own national characteristics based on the country’s own conditions. With a huge population, it aims to achieve common prosperity for all its citizens by coordinating material and spiritual civilization. It seeks to coexist harmoniously with nature and follow the path of peaceful development. These basic characteristics have been the practical foothold and conceptual starting point for the CPC to make continuous efforts and forge ahead in the past hundred years.

Carry forward historical initiative and achieve modernization with a huge population size

The modernization process of 1.4 billion people in China is an unprecedented feat in human history. Its scale is larger than the total population of developed countries. Achieving modernization in China is equivalent to completing modernization in two Europe and four North America, which requires enormous financial and material resources. The impact of China’s modernization will completely reshape the world map of modernization.

China's large population is both an advantage and a challenge in their journey towards modernization. The process of achieving modernization is difficult and complex, and requires a unique development path and promotion method. It is important to not aim too high or cling to outdated approaches. To succeed, China must carry forward their historical initiative while embracing new strategies.

It is important to approach problems, make decisions, and handle things from the perspective of China's national conditions, whilst thinking about achieving modernization in a vast country with a huge population. It is crucial to have historical patience, adhere to steady progress, gradual progress, and continuous progress, and focus on the basic national conditions of the population size, transforming it into a huge population advantage.

Furthermore, people's well-being is not only the practical foothold for Chinese modernization but also the ultimate goal of the CPC to govern for the people. Therefore, it is vital to prioritize the interests of the people, to always keep in mind the fundamental purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly, and to constantly stimulate the enormous power hidden among the vast masses of people, in order to promote social development and achieve steady progress in modernization construction.

Carry forward historical initiative and achieve modernization of common prosperity for all people

Contrary to the western model of modernization, Chinese modernization aims at narrowing the wealth gap and achieving common prosperity for all its citizens. The essential requirement of Chinese modernization is the equal distribution of wealth among all people. In particular, the establishment of a moderately prosperous society in all respects has been a significant milestone in eliminating absolute poverty, demonstrating that the ultimate goal of Chinese modernization is the achievement of common prosperity for all its citizens.

The concept of common prosperity is an integral part of socialism with Chinese characteristics and a historical process that has been ongoing for a long time. Since its inception, the CPC has made it their mission to eliminate exploitation and poverty, liberate and develop productive forces and replace polarization with common prosperity. Since the establishment of the PRC, and particularly since the initiation of reform and opening up, the CPC has been leading the people in relentless exploration to achieve common prosperity for all.

In the new era, the Communist Party of China has put a great emphasis on fighting against poverty and has made it a prominent aspect in all areas of governance. The entire party and people of all ethnicities have committed themselves to the challenging task of eradicating poverty. Through continuous efforts, overall poverty in various regions has been fundamentally resolved, and the poverty alleviation campaign has achieved a comprehensive victory. In tackling difficulties, the CPC has focused on targeted poverty alleviation in various regions and industries that are adjusted based on local conditions and time. This has resulted in a significant achievement of more than 10 million people being lifted out of poverty each year. This has effectively improved the overall living standards for the people, maintained the harmonious and stable development of society, and laid a solid social foundation for the realization of China's path to modernization.

Carry forward the historical initiative and achieve modernization that coordinates material civilization and spiritual civilization

The modernization process in China involves not only the development of its material civilization, but also the enhancement of its spiritual civilization. This means that China focuses on not just the relationship between people and things, but also the relationship between people themselves. The ultimate goal is to promote the comprehensive enrichment of things and the all-round development of people. Therefore, the modernization of China must balance the construction of material and spiritual civilizations. It is essential to continue improving the living conditions of the people by enhancing their material well-being, while also vigorously promoting the development of advanced socialist culture, the preservation of Chinese civilization and the comprehensive enrichment of things for the all-round development of people.

In the new era, the CPC suggests that modernization can be achieved by coordinating material civilization and spiritual civilization. To achieve this, they propose adhering to the theme of promoting high-quality development, placing the quality of development in a more prominent position, actively creating values, cultural conditions, public opinion, and a social environment that is conducive to socialist modernization.

China has made remarkable achievements in economic and social development, which has attracted worldwide attention. It ranks second in total economic output and first in manufacturing scale

and other indicators worldwide. This has laid a solid foundation for building a socialist modernized strong country.

Regarding spiritual civilization construction, we must adhere to the guiding position of Marxism, combine the basic principles of Marxism with excellent traditional Chinese culture, continuously endow the construction of spiritual civilization with Chinese connotations and characteristics, widely disseminate socialist core values, creatively transform and develop excellent traditional Chinese culture, and promote the prosperity and prosperity of various cultural undertakings.

The cultural confidence of the entire Party and people of all ethnic groups in the country has significantly increased, and our spiritual outlook is more vigorous and uplifting. This has jointly promoted the continuous improvement of the civilization level of the whole society.

Carry forward the historical initiative and achieve modernization of harmonious coexistence between humans and nature

Man and nature share a community of life, and any excessive demands or destruction from nature may result in retaliation from the environment. During the modernization development in Western countries, the rapid expansion of industrialization led to the accumulation of social wealth, but it also accelerated the uncontrolled acquisition of natural resources by capital. China advocates for the protection of the ecological environment while promoting the development of the economy and society, as well as the all-round development of the people. It firmly opposes the development model of pollution first and then governance, and instead, advocates for a civilized development path that promotes a harmonious coexistence between humans and nature. This path coordinates production development, prosperity, and a healthy ecology.

To achieve a harmonious balance between environmental protection and socio-economic development, it is essential to preserve nature and the ecological environment as if they were our own eyes. This requires us to adhere to the principles of sustainable development and prioritize conservation, protection and natural restoration. We must follow the path of civilized production development, prosperous life, and good ecology.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) has creatively put forward the scientific concept of “green water and green mountains are golden mountains and silver mountains” based on China’s social de-

velopment reality. This concept aims to accelerate the construction of an ecological civilization system, which will lead to the transformation and upgrading from industrial civilization to ecological civilization. Adhering to and improving the ecological protection system can help us accelerate the achievement of high-quality development.

In short, China’s modernization is not about damaging or polluting the environment or consuming resources without restraint. Instead, it is about promoting green development, low-carbon development and sustainable development. This modernization aims to bring about harmonious coexistence between humans and nature.

Carry forward the historical initiative and achieve modernization on the path of peaceful development

Some countries have historically invaded, colonized, and exploited other nations in the name of modernization, causing immense suffering to people in developing countries. However, China has opted to follow a different path towards modernization. The country is committed to promoting peace, development, cooperation, and mutually beneficial outcomes while pursuing its own development goals. China firmly believes in maintaining world peace and development and recognizes the significance of its own development in achieving this goal. Unlike the old path of modernization that relied on military expansion and colonialism, China’s modernization is based on cooperation, joint construction, and sharing with the world. By adhering to the path of peaceful development, China has broken away from the outdated model of foreign expansion and exploitation. This approach is in line with the trend of human development and progress and has made significant contributions to the global exploration of modernization.

In response to the question of “where the world is heading and what mankind should do,” the CPC has taken the lead in proposing the idea of building a community with a shared future for humanity. In light of the unprecedented changes taking place in our world today, the CPC is committed to the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind. They are actively addressing the new challenges and problems that the world is facing, contributing China’s strength to the global economic recovery and the peaceful development of all countries through practical actions. They are providing China’s answers to the common problems that humanity is facing.

Given the challenges of increasing global peace deficits, development deficits, security deficits, and governance deficits, the CPC has proposed the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative. They are contributing the Chinese solution to promote a new stage of balanced, coordinated, and inclusive development worldwide, and to achieve lasting peace and universal security.

China is committed to playing a responsible role as a major country. It aims to promote the common values of all humanity and work towards achieving global development and security initiatives. It seeks to bring stability and certainty to the world by offering new ideas and concepts that draw on Chinese wisdom and solutions, and by collaborating with other nations to build a community that shares a common destiny.

2) The process of Chinese modernization is a result of the historical initiative demonstrated by the Communist Party of China (CPC). This initiative spirit is characterized by the CPC's exploration of modernization. The CPC people have been able to grasp the historical trend, undertake their historical mission, seize the historical opportunity, sublimate the historical model, constantly explore the basic connotation, realization methods, and development goals of socialist modernization. They have created the theory and practice of Chinese modernization while following the general law of social development.

Grasp the historical trend and forge Chinese modernization

Modernization is a challenging process, especially for countries with a relatively underdeveloped economy and culture. To ensure the development of China's path to modernization, it is essential to take a forward-looking approach and make strategic plans for the future. The Communist Party of China (CPC) takes into account the country's national conditions and historical trends and sets phased goals and basic tasks for overall development. This helps to concretize the construction of China's path to modernization into practical measures that reflect the unity of initiative and science.

In the early days of the People's Republic of China, the Communist Party of China proposed a gradual and phased approach to address the issue of national industrialization. At the 13th Congress of the CPC, the "Three-Step" modernization development strategy was established. This plan uses Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as the fundamental standard and outlines a blueprint and direction for

modernization from three key perspectives: foothold, goal, and time. The strategy also aims to seize opportunities, reach new levels in a few years, and gradually transition from fulfilling basic needs and building a moderately prosperous society to becoming a moderately developed country. This reflects the direction, purpose, and planning of strategic planning. The "Two-Step" strategy was later proposed at the 19th National Congress of the CPC. By 2035, China aims to achieve socialist modernization, and by the middle of this century, it will become a socialist modernized strong country that is prosperous, democratic, civilized, harmonious, and beautiful. The 20th National Congress of the CPC reaffirmed the "Two-Step" strategic plan, outlining a clear vision for China's path towards modernization.

Follow the laws of history and develop Chinese modernization

History is the outcome of human activities, but it is not formed solely by subjective consciousness. Rather, it is shaped by predetermined and limited circumstances, including existing real-life relationships. By actively applying historical laws and following them, we can gain a true grasp of developmental initiative while adapting to the historical trend.

In the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the CPC has united and guided people of all ethnicities across the country to continue creating the two wonders of rapid economic development and long-term social stability. By carrying forward the historical initiative and adapting to the historical trend, the CPC has successfully pioneered the Chinese path to modernization.

The CPC has deepened their understanding of the Chinese path to modernization by summarizing its essential requirements, major principles, and characteristics into a theoretical system. This system makes the Chinese path to modernization clearer, more scientific, more sensible, and more feasible.

The CPC has also implemented a series of major strategies, including the strategy of rejuvenating the country through science and education, the strategy of strengthening the country through talents, and the strategy of revitalizing the countryside. These strategies provide solid strategic support for the Chinese path to modernization.

Through transformative practices and landmark achievements, the CPC has advanced the cause of the Party and the country to achieve historic changes. The CPC has eliminated absolute poverty and built a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way,

providing a more perfect institutional guarantee, a more solid material foundation, and a more proactive spiritual force for Chinese modernization.

Undertake historical mission and promote Chinese modernization

At the very beginning of the Communist Party of China's founding, it aimed to seek happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation. For centuries, realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation has been a shared dream of the Chinese people. Many people have attempted to make this dream a reality, but all have failed. The CPC has united and led the people of all ethnic groups in China to achieve great achievements in revolution, construction, and reform. Especially in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the CPC has put forward new ideas, policies, and measures, and led the whole Party and the people of all ethnic groups to work together to achieve historic victories and improve China's global influence.

To promote Chinese modernization, it is necessary to handle a series of important relationships between top-level design and practical exploration, strategy and strategy, integrity and innovation, efficiency and fairness, vitality and order, self-reliance and opening-up. We must continue to carry forward the historical initiative, take the initiative of a positive sense of historical subjectivity, enhance the forward-looking, overall and stability of our strategy, unswervingly adhere to the Chinese characteristics, essential requirements, and major principles of Chinese path to modernization, and promote the construction of Chinese modernization with independence, self-reliance, and self-improvement.

Sublate the historical model and innovate Chinese modernization

A country that is moving towards modernization should not only adhere to the general laws of modernization but also conform to its own reality and have its unique characteristics. Chinese modernization not only shares the common traits of modernization in all countries but also has its own distinctive features based on its national conditions. This modernization is deeply rooted in the excellent traditional culture of China, reflects the advanced essence of scientific socialism, draws on and absorbs all the achievements of human civilization, represents the development direction of human civilization progress, and presents a new landscape different from the Western modernization model. It is a new form of human civilization.

Chinese modernization breaks the myth of "modernization equals westernization", shows another picture of modernization, expands the path choice of developing countries towards modernization, and provides a Chinese solution for human exploration of a better social system. The unique worldview, values, historical perspective, civilization view, democracy view, ecological view, etc. contained in Chinese modernization and its great practice are significant innovations in the theory and practice of world modernization. Chinese modernization has set a good example for developing countries to move towards modernization independently, providing them with new choices.

Since the establishment of the PRC, especially since the reform and opening up, we have comprehensively promoted economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological civilization construction. In just a few decades, we have completed the industrialization process that developed Western countries have gone through for hundreds of years, creating miracles of rapid economic development and long-term social stability, and opening up broad prospects for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Practice has proved that Chinese modernization is feasible and stable, which is the only correct way to build a strong country and revive the nation.

3) A new journey continue to promote the practical principles of Chinese modernization with the Historical Initiative. To embark on a new journey, continue to carry forward the historical initiative and vigorously promote Chinese modernization, we must take the leadership of the Party as the fundamental guarantee, adhere to the basic principle of independence, dare to struggle, be good at fighting, and draw spiritual strength from the spirit of struggle.

Fundamental guarantee: grasp the historical initiative under the leadership of the CPC

In order to continue the historical initiative, we must firmly stick to and improve the leadership of the CPC. This will allow the CPC to play its critical role in coordinating all parties and taking charge of the overall situation. The CPC is China's highest political leadership, and its leadership is the most important national condition. The phrase "stars and the moon" vividly explains the core role of the CPC's leadership. The historical initiative is the unique spiritual force of the CPC that has been formed, enriched, and developed in the glorious course of more than 100 years of the Party's efforts to lead the people of all ethnic groups in the country towards achieving

the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The leadership of the CPC provides the necessary guidance and realistic guarantee for the historical initiative. China's modernization depends on the CPC's leadership, adhering to people's ownership and mobilizing their enthusiasm.

The Communist Party of China has a long-standing tradition of carrying forward historical initiatives. This tradition has played a significant role in promoting the Party's ideological and theoretical construction, as well as its practical achievements. The historical initiative spirit has helped answer crucial questions such as "who is the subject of history?" and "who is the creator of history?". It has stimulated the people's historical consciousness and helped combine the basic principles of Marxism with traditional Chinese culture.

The spirit of historical initiative has been deeply ingrained in the CPC's century-long struggle. This spirit has played a crucial role in shaping the party's practical theories and has encouraged the CPC to maintain strong connections with the people while pursuing self-revolution. The party has always prioritized safeguarding the fundamental interests of the people. The original mission of the party is based on an environment of confronting problems head-on. It requires an ideological and political examination of calcium supplementation and bone strengthening, and the party must always maintain progressiveness and purity.

It is important to continue the efforts to explore and test historical initiatives in the new era and on the new journey. Mastering historical initiatives under the leadership of the CPC is the fundamental guarantee for promoting Chinese modernization vigorously. The leadership of the CPC plays a crucial role in facilitating Chinese modernization as the leading force and key support. It ensures that Chinese modernization adheres to the socialist direction and people's aspirations for a better life. The ultimate goal is to build a strong socialist modern country. The leadership also inspires and motivates the force behind Chinese modernization by breaking down the drawbacks of the system and mechanism and overcoming deep-seated obstacles. The Party's leadership plays a critical role in mobilizing and coordinating the tremendous power of building Chinese modernization.

Basic principle: Mastering historical initiative in independence and autonomy

Throughout history, no nation or country has ever achieved strength and revitalization by relying

solely on external forces or blindly following others. Such actions have led to inevitable failure or a state of becoming a vassal to other nations. The Communist Party of China has learned this lesson through more than 100 years of struggle and has thus always adhered to independence and following its own path. Adhering to independence and autonomy does not mean excluding others; instead, it means referencing the experiences of various parties, strengthening national self-esteem and cultural confidence, firmly grasping the fate of one's own development and progress, and demonstrating new prospects and forms. To achieve this, we must adopt an inclusive attitude when facing the rich and colorful world, humbly learn from the good things of others, and independently digest and absorb the good things of others, transforming them into our own good things.

The path to modernization is not set in stone; what works best for an individual is the right way. China's modernization is based on its rich traditional culture and builds on the remarkable achievements of human civilization, highlighting the progressive and essential nature of scientific socialism. Its successful exploration and implementation demonstrate that independence and self-reliance are crucial principles in building our party and country. We have achieved industrialization in just a few decades, a process that took Western countries hundreds of years, creating remarkable economic growth and long-term social stability, and opening up vast opportunities for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The CPC's leadership and unification of the Chinese people in exploring the Chinese road and promoting Chinese modernization also fully demonstrate the party's historical initiative.

On the new journey, adhering to independence is a strong driving force and basic principle for continuing to vigorously promote Chinese modernization. Promoting Chinese modernization is an exploratory undertaking, and there are still many unknown fields. In order to achieve independence and self-reliance, we must continue to follow these principles: take the initiative in our own hands, not succumb to fear or pressure, rely on our own strength for the development of our country and nation. It is crucial that we have a comprehensive understanding of China's national conditions in the new era, and strategically integrate opportunities with flexibility. Additionally, we must deepen our theoretical system of modernization, continue to expand modernization models, provide solutions for better social systems, and set an example for developing countries to move towards modernization independently. These efforts

will help us to grasp the fate of China's development and progress and make new choices for the future.

Spiritual power: mastering historical initiative in daring to struggle

The spirit of struggle in a ruling party is an indicator of its progressiveness, purity, vitality, and combat effectiveness. For over a century, the CPC has united and led people of all ethnic groups to achieve great success in revolution, construction, and reform, and to make significant changes in the new era. Being daring and proficient in fighting are crucial elements and a powerful driving force for success. The report of the 20th National Congress of the CPC urges all Party members to uphold the spirit of struggle, overcome challenges, plan comprehensively for development and security, and work hard to confront various obstacles on the road to success. Through persistent struggle, we can open up a new world of opportunities for career development.

As a groundbreaking and exploratory endeavor, the promotion of Chinese modernization will not be an easy nor an overnight task. The path ahead will be filled with risks, challenges, difficulties, obstacles and even rough waters. We must be courageous and skilled in our efforts. Through unwavering struggle, we must seize the historical opportunity, overcome all obstacles and challenges on our path with all our might, and create a new realm of career development by relying on our unyielding spirit.

In order to be successful in a struggle, we must follow its laws. Just like contradictions, struggles also have rules to follow. By following the laws of struggle, we can avoid making mistakes and become more proactive. To be good at struggling, we need to have a deep understanding of what it is and what its essence is. The ultimate goal of any struggle should be to improve people's lives and contribute to the rejuvenation of society. To be effective, we must understand the purpose of our struggle and the rea-

son why we are fighting. The Communist Party of China is committed to serving the people and working towards their happiness and the nation's prosperity, and all its struggles are aimed at achieving these goals with the support of people of all ethnicities.

Conclusion

The historical initiative is a valuable spiritual characteristic of the Communist Party of China (CPC), which has been maintained throughout its more than 100 years of struggle. It includes various traits such as the scientific spirit of respecting laws and following trends, the spirit of putting people first and being willing to contribute to their welfare, the spirit of daring to struggle and take on responsibilities, and the innovative spirit of daring to be the first and pioneer new ideas. It emphasizes respecting objective laws and using human subjective initiative, as well as being the subject of understanding and following the laws of historical development.

The historical initiative is a powerful ideological weapon and spiritual power that promotes Chinese modernization. It has helped the CPC become a strong leadership force for Chinese modernization. The historical initiative has also enabled the CPC to explore the scientific guiding ideology of Chinese modernization, formulate a strategic plan for its development with proactive foresight, and become a driving force for promoting Chinese modernization.

In the new journey towards modernization, we need to base ourselves on the main contradictions of Chinese society, conform to the world trend, clearly understand our historical position, thoroughly summarize historical laws, fully respect the historical subject, pay attention to the use of historical experience, accurately grasp the historical trend, take the initiative to seize historical opportunities, enhance historical consciousness, and vigorously promote Chinese modernization with the historical initiative.

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