

# My Views on International Chinese Language Education Reform

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**Abstract.** Since the 19th Party Congress, our Party has established the strategic height of developing socialism with Chinese characteristics and made a major deployment of giving priority to the development of education, accelerating the modernization of education and building a strong education country. This fully puts the status and key role of education in the process of the development of the whole national cause. The General Secretary pointed out that it is necessary to promote international communication capacity building, tell the Chinese story, spread the Chinese voice, and show the world a real, three-dimensional and comprehensive China. Guided by this important idea of General Secretary Xi Jinping, the internationalization of the Chinese language is sailing high and developing fast. The development of international Chinese language education is changing day by day. In the new era, we should scientifically understand the basic concept of international Chinese language education and construct a modern international Chinese language education system that is more open, more inclusive and more standardized.

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## 1. Learning the Spirit of the 20th Party Congress

The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China is a very important congress held at a crucial moment when the whole Party and all ethnic groups are embarking on a new journey to build a modern socialist country in a comprehensive manner and marching towards the second century goal. On behalf of the 19th Central Committee, General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered a report to the Congress entitled "Raising the Great Banner of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics and Striving in Unity for the Comprehensive Construction of a Modernized Socialist Country". We must set firm ideals and goals, never forget our original intention, remember our mission, and do a good job in education with the spirit of "success is not necessary" and the historical responsibility of "success must be mine".

The report of the 20th National Congress by General Secretary Xi has a strong historical depth, which gives us a more comprehensive and clear understanding and judgment of the historical orientation of the new era, so that we can better grasp the pulse of the times. General Secretary Xi Jinping's speech is more impassioned in pointing out the course of our country's development and the great changes it has undergone. Looking ahead, the future of our motherland is incomparably brilliant, which is created by the hard work of hundreds of millions of people, and it is also created by people from all walks of life rolling up their sleeves and doing their best. The General Secretary mentioned that "the times call us and the people look to us". The general secretary mentioned that "the times call us and the people expect us". We have to be indignant in the midst of our struggle and pursue our future with excellent quality and firm belief. We should carry forward our glorious traditions and good practices, and clearly understand the responsibilities we have. General Secretary Xi Jinping has also put forward new requirements for education work, we should adhere to the leadership of the Party, based on national conditions for reform and innovation and so on to establish the development path of education, for the cultivation of socialist construction successors, to promote the modernization process of education has played an important guiding role, but also to the development of education and civil aviation industry progress pointed out the direction of the way forward.

As we enter into a new era and build a new journey, we should live up to our reputation and cut through the thorns with full of enthusiasm and pride. We all unanimously said that we should study and understand the spirit of the report comprehensively and accurately, firmly grasp the significance

of the work in the past five years and the great changes in the 10 years of the new era, firmly grasp the world view and methodology of socialist thinking with Chinese characteristics in the new era, firmly grasp the mission and task of promoting the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation with Chinese modernization, firmly grasp the important requirement of leading a great social revolution with a great self-revolution, and firmly grasp the requirements of the times of unity and struggle. We should quickly unify our thoughts and actions to the spirit of the conference, take the spirit of the 20th CPC National Congress as our guide, practice the new development concept in depth, resolutely implement the decisions and deployments of the Party Central Committee, roll up our sleeves to work hard and move forward through thick and thin, set up firm ideals and beliefs, follow the Party for life, hold high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, replenish our spiritual calcium, strive to promote the vivid practice of Chinese-style modernization, and put into practice, one step at a time, the important principles made by the 20th CPC National Congress. We will put into action the major decisions and deployments made at the 20th Party Congress and see them come to fruition, contributing to the writing of a new chapter of Chinese-style modernization and the comprehensive construction of a modern socialist country.

## **2. Improving Education in Practice**

General Secretary Xi Jinping proposes that our country places the work of education in a central and important position. In the road of socialist education development with Chinese characteristics, teachers, as the engineers of the human soul, occupy the main position in education, so the importance that General Secretary Xi Jinping attaches to educators is also a recognition of the contribution that teachers make to the Party and the people. As General Secretary Xi Jinping said, education is a major plan for the country and for the Party, and it is also an important cornerstone for national revitalization and social progress. It not only has a positive effect on the country's ability to enhance the innovative and creative vitality of the Chinese nation and achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, but also improves the overall quality of the people and promotes the all-round development of the human being. In recent years, the work of international Chinese language education has made great strides in practice, with China focusing on building a quality and balanced basic education service system, promoting equity and quality in education, and making efforts to solve the challenges of education development. The State has repeatedly made thematic arrangements for the key tasks of education, promoted equity and quality improvement in education, carried out solid work on special rectification of outstanding problems in the field of education, and made efforts to create a clean and upright education ecology. First of all, we have comprehensively improved school conditions, promoted the construction of primary and secondary schools and kindergartens, strongly promoted the "double reduction", and made the implementation of the "double reduction" as the No. 1 project of education supervision, with remarkable results in reducing the burden in schools. At the same time, we have strengthened the construction of the teaching force. We have promoted the construction of moral and ethical teachers, implemented the reform of the management of primary and secondary school teachers, effectively reduced the burden of teachers and ensured the implementation of their remuneration. The backbone system of teachers has been strengthened to ensure the development of education in China. In this series of practices, the words of General Secretary Xi Jinping are like a lighthouse, lighting up the hope for the development of education in China to move forward and providing important policy support and protection for education work, which has laid a solid foundation for giving full play to the main position of education and enhancing the innovative vitality of education.

## **3. Transforming the Philosophy of Education**

General Secretary Xi Jinping's philosophy of education emphasizes that the fundamental questions of our education are what kind of people to train, how to train people and for whom to train people.

The fundamental purpose of our education is to adhere to the road of socialist education development with Chinese characteristics, to adhere to the direction of socialist schooling, to unite people's hearts and minds, to perfect personalities, to develop human resources, to nurture talents and to benefit the people, to cultivate generations of useful talents who support the leadership of the Communist Party of China and the socialist system of China, who are determined to strive for socialism with Chinese characteristics for life, and to cultivate people who are well-rounded in moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic development. It is worthwhile for all educators to think deeply about the question of how to train people, not only to strengthen the teaching of professional knowledge in theoretical courses, but also to adhere to the establishment of moral education, using good moral conduct to influence the character and values of students in a subtle way. It is also necessary to strengthen the Party's leadership in education, and to deepen education reform, vigorously improve students' ideological and moral quality and scientific and cultural quality, and to seize the shortcomings of ideological and political work, cultivate students' ideological and political quality and party spirit, and strengthen patriotic education for students, all of which will continue to improve the influence and appeal of our national education work. Among the educational work, the construction of the teaching team is also an indispensable link. As General Secretary Xi Jinping said, in order to make education adapt to the requirements of the development of the Party and the national cause, fit with the expectations of the people, and match our comprehensive national strength and international status, we must seize the opportunity of the current great situation and build a team of excellent teaching talents.

In the face of the new situation and new tasks, education work must keep pace with the times. Therefore, the first step is to innovate the content of teaching and research. In international Chinese education, teachers are not only the transmitters of knowledge, but also the organizers of students' learning, the guides of students' growth, and even the builders and developers of school curricula. "We must study both the teaching and the learning. We must study the age and psychological characteristics of students and the laws of their physical and mental growth, as well as the differences in their learning development and personality traits, and the learning styles and learning strategies of different students, so as to help them develop stable and appropriate learning styles and learning strategies. Secondly, innovative teaching methods are needed. Under the constraints of traditional teaching methods, a uniform content and approach is adopted for each activity, regardless of the level and needs of the teacher. According to the new requirements, traditional teaching methods should be transformed as soon as possible by introducing dialogue, communication and interaction mechanisms into teaching activities and by flexibly using a variety of approaches such as case studies to improve the relevance and effectiveness of teaching activities. Create a teaching atmosphere to promote the professional growth and research capacity of teachers and optimize teaching and learning.

A nation cannot flourish without morality, and a person cannot stand without morality. School education is all the more important for students to improve their ideological and moral qualities by starting from the smallest things in their daily lives and studies. In order to cultivate talents with both virtue and talent in the new era, General Secretary Xi Jinping also has a clear spirit of instruction for specific subjects in education, proposing that efforts should be made to enhance comprehensive quality, to guide students to cultivate comprehensive ability and strengthen innovative thinking, and more importantly, to establish the concept of health first in the curriculum, which also helps students to enhance their physical quality and strong will, and to build an education system for comprehensive cultivation of moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic qualities to form A high level of talent training system, teachers should carry out teaching design and subject design so that they can provide students with a comprehensive scientific and perfect education system and promote their all-round development. Students should also be allowed to respect the spirit of labour and give full play to the good qualities of reverence for labour and love of labour in practical activities, which are also the main driving force behind the establishment of moral education in practical activities.

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