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"Chinese Modernization" written into key CPC congress report

Chinese modernization, a key term defining China's journey to rejuvenation, has for the first time been written into the report to the national congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the world's largest Marxist governing party.

In his report to the 20th CPC National Congress, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, underscored the "central task" of the Party, calling for efforts to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts "through a Chinese path to modernization".

Chinese modernization, based on exploration by generations of Chinese people and unique to the country's context, presents a correct path to realizing the Chinese dream. It also offers humanity a new choice for achieving modernization.

Video: Chinese official explains features of Chinese modernization

(<https://english.news.cn/20221025/8c1ef967e1d6471aa2bba55dead30acc/c.html>)



Today, China has eradicated absolute poverty and finished building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, thus completing the First Centenary Goal.

According to its two-step strategic

plan, the CPC will next lead China to "basically realize socialist modernization from 2020 through 2035" and "build China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful from 2035 through the

middle of this century".

Chinese modernization contains elements that are common to the modernization processes of all countries, but it is more characterized by features that are unique to the Chinese context:

– In terms of orders of magnitude, Chinese modernization is the modernization of a huge population.



network of basic health insurance covering 1.36 billion people and a basic pension system covering over 1 billion people, marking the world's largest social security system.

The nation's urbanization rate grew by 11.6 percentage points to stand at 64.7 percent of the population last year.

A population of 1.4 billion, a middle income group of over 400 million, and close to 100 million people being lifted out of absolute poverty over the past decade — these figures represent the biggest factors as China moves forward on its own pathway to modernization.

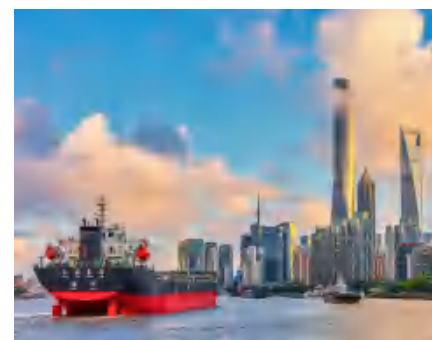
China is about the same size as the United States but has half the arable land and four times the population, not to mention the Heihe – Tengchong Line that divides China into two parts with contrasting population densities.

The southeastern half of the country

accounts for 43.41 percent of China's land area and 93.68 percent of the total population. On the contrary, the northwest is vast but sparsely populated.

Over the past decade, China's GDP has grown from 54 trillion yuan (\$7.5 trillion) to 114 trillion yuan, accounting for 18.5 percent of the global economy, with its per capita GDP rising from 39,800 yuan to 81,000 yuan.

China has managed to establish a



Chinese people will enter a modern society as a whole, and its scale will exceed the sum of the existing developed countries, which will completely rewrite the modernized world map.

Video: Journey toward Chinese modernization: Modernization of a huge population (<https://english.news.cn/20221103/a5bd2239ed754f8aad64aec1da574d42/c.html>)

– From the perspective of people-to-people relations, Chinese modernization is the modernization of common prosperity for all.



reached 12,500 Chinese yuan (\$1,870), 16.5 percent higher than the previous year, according to official statistics.

Infrastructure and essential public service has also been greatly ungraded. From 2016 to 2020, more than 1.4 million kilometers of rural roads were constructed, and the total length of rural roads are planned to reach five million kilometers by 2035. Communications infrastructure has been extended in poverty-stricken areas - now over 98 percent of poor villages have access to optical fiber communications and 4G technology.

The CPC places a high value on the Chinese people's interests, happiness and well-being, and stresses no one shall be left behind, and this is reflected in the outstanding successes achieved in areas such as improvement of education, job creation, and enactment of policies involving elderly and child care.

successfully met the poverty eradication target set out in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ten years ahead of schedule.

The average net income of people who have shaken off poverty has

In China, 19 provinces have provided assistance to Xinjiang, and the eastern and western provinces

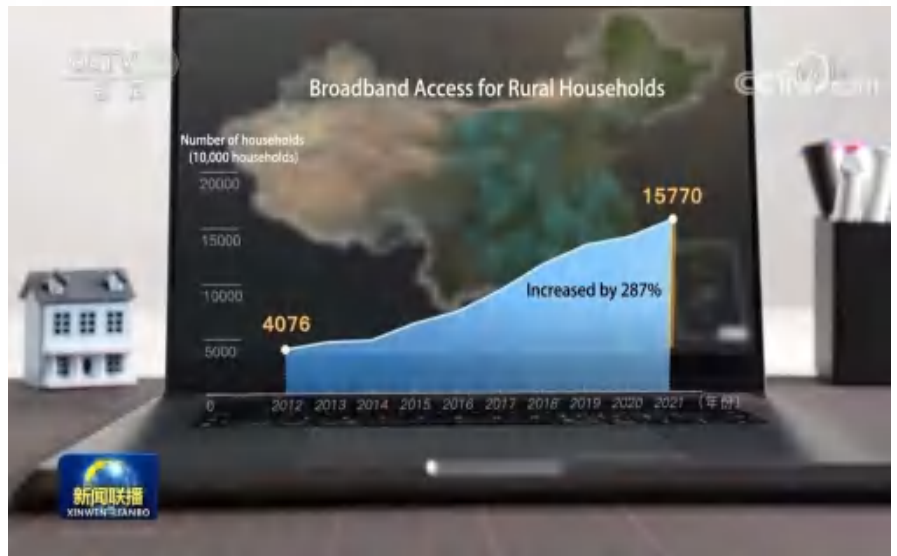
As the largest developing country in the world, China eliminated poverty in entire regions and eradicated extreme poverty in February 2021, lifting more than 850 million Chinese out of poverty over the past four decades. According to the World Bank's International Poverty Standards, this population accounted for three quarters of the global total in the same period. China



have paired up to help alleviate poverty in their provinces.

This is how a strong government is deploying the market to promote common prosperity.

Video: Journey toward Chinese modernization: Modernization of common prosperity for all (<https://english.news.cn/20221104/ed9be54d6fab47e6b9dd25a342680cf3/c.html>)



– From the perspective of the people's relationship, Chinese modernization is the modernization of material and cultural–ethical advancement.

China is a country with a civilization older than 5,000 years and the rich cultures of 56 ethnic groups. It has experienced ancient glories and high points over the long course of its history — spreading Confucianism and classical philosophical schools that

have lastingly inspired people.

Now the country is taking on new missions and facing new challenges in a new era. In their pursuit of economic growth, Chinese people also care more about their rich

cultural roots and tend to seek solutions from ancient wisdom to challenges resulting from modernization.

In his report, Xi Jinping highlighted in particular the importance of a coordinated relationship between material and cultural –ethical advancement in a Chinese path to modernization.

While continuing to consolidate the material foundation for modernization and improve the material conditions for people’s well –being, Xi said advanced socialist culture will be developed, strong ideals and convictions will be fostered, and China’s cultural heritage will be carried forward. That will thus promote all –around material abundance as well as people’s well –



rounded development.

The past decade has created solid ground for a booming scenario through coordination between culture and other sectors.

According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, China's added value in the cultural industry in 2012 was 1.81 trillion yuan (\$250 billion). It rose to

4.5 trillion yuan in 2020, annually increasing by 12.1 percent. In 2020, it accounted for 4.43 percent of GDP, compared with 3.36 percent in 2012.

By the end of 2021, 5,772 museums

had been registered on the Chinese mainland — a big step forward from the 3,069 in 2012. Nationally, libraries welcomed 746 million readers last year, an increase of 71.8 percent from 2012.

Video: Journey toward Chinese modernization: Modernization of material and cultural-ethical advancement
(<https://english.news.cn/20221105/d60251d9b96f49c2957687deeb8dc62c/c.html>)

– From the perspective of the relationship between human and nature, Chinese modernization is the modernization of harmony between humanity and nature.

Since ancient times, Chinese has believed in the "unity of human and nature", and today it has been transformed into the concept of "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets".

In the process of modernization China has made achievements within decades that are on a par with what Western counterparts did over the course of centuries, and avoiding the vast problems experienced in the West in that process has always been a key concern of the Party.

Given that the emissions of environmental pollutants and carbon dioxide have the same root and process, China regards the synergy of pollution reduction and carbon reduction as a starting point for promoting a comprehensive green transformation of economic and social

development

China has accelerated the implementation of its "dual carbon goal", which is to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, in an all-round way, including establishing a national agency to coordinate the top-level design of carbon peaking and carbon neutrality



Video: Journey toward Chinese modernization: Harmony between humanity and nature
(<https://english.news.cn/20221106/25c08a771a984ba18a2bc47ce9bc7e80/c.html>)

and issuing the guidelines on how to achieve the goal.

The modernization of harmony between humanity and nature requires making resources and energy constraints as a prerequisite to choose a right technological path. Ecological environment and natural resources are an important factor to adjust sci-tech development, while resource conservation and environment friendly are inherent requirements of high-quality development.

China will speed up building a Chinese - style modernization, promote green production methods and lifestyles, and actively participate in global climate governance.

-In terms of county-to-country relations, Chinese modernization is the modernization of peaceful development.

Chinese people take a holistic view of the relations between China and the world. In contrast, the Western model of modernization that resorted to aggression, colonization and expansion is polarized and materialistic, leading to the vast gap between the affluent and the poor.

In this respect, China's modernization path serves as a juxtaposition to the Western approach to modernization. It signals the country will pursue a more assertive foreign policy in keeping with its role of major global power.

From the perspective of the development of all mankind, the CPC will remain firm in pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace, adhere to its fundamental national policy of opening up to the world, pursue a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up, promote the humanity's shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom for all mankind, strive to safeguard world peace and development through China's own development.

A stable China and its strong economy are of great global importance. China has retained its strong appeal to foreign businesses, with capital inflows continuing to grow steadily despite gloomy investment sentiment around the globe.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Chinese mainland, in actual use, expanded 14.4 percent year on year to nearly 1.09 trillion yuan in the first 10 months of 2022. In U.S. dollar terms, the inflow went up 17.4 percent year on year to 168.34 billion U.S. dollars.

The robust FDI growth in China proved foreign investors' confidence in the country thanks to its complete



industrial system, super-large market, stable society and long-term sound economic fundamentals.

In the first 10 months, the service industry saw FDI inflow jump by 4.8 percent year on year to 798.84 billion yuan, while that of high-tech industries surged by 31.7 percent from a year earlier.

Specifically, FDI in high-tech manufacturing rose 57.2 percent from the same period a year ago, while that in the high-tech service sector surged 25 percent year on year.

In a world plagued by the economic downturn and rising protectionism, China will stay committed to

deepening reform and opening-up. A China marching toward modernization will bring more opportunities to the world and inject stronger momentum for international cooperation.

China, as the world's most populous and largest developing nation, has also stressed the promotion of social values such as mutual respect, mutual assistance, and mutual trust, which will be a boon to world peace and harmony.



Video: Journey toward Chinese modernization: Path of peaceful development
<https://english.news.cn/20221107/beb3dd081aa44580b1857636be3e165b/c.html>

– On the whole, China's path to modernization is unique.

In order to achieve modernization in a huge developing nation such as China, there is neither a precedent nor a predetermined path. Only exploration and adherence to one's own way can be deemed a pragmatic approach.

Chinese modernization, which is socialist modernization pursued under the leadership of the CPC, is dynamic and distinctive to the Chinese setting. In practical terms, Chinese-style modernization's

ultimate goal is a China where no one will be left behind in the process of social, economic and cultural development.

As China's route to modernization broadens, the country's growth prospects will improve and the global community will reap additional benefits.

Xi's report delivered at the 20th CPC National Congress says building a human community with a shared

future and creating a new form of human advancement are essential requirements of Chinese modernization.

It shows that China, in its path to modernization, will always work to make the global governance fairer and more equitable and is always ready to jointly create an even brighter future for humanity.

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