

# 19<sup>th</sup> CPC NATIONAL CONGRESS | International perspective

**Editor's note:** The Communist Party of China concluded its 19th National Congress in Beijing on Oct 24. China Daily asked three prominent experts for their views on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, which was introduced at the congress.

## Xi offers fresh thinking for a new era

Q&A | ALAN BARRELL

**General Secretary Xi Jinping said China has embarked on a "new era" in its development while spelling out a two-stage development plan. What do you think of that? What is happening in China that impresses you the most?**

I like the two-stage development plan proposed by Xi and believe it is feasible. As Xi said, "It will take the great determination of the whole nation." I am extremely impressed with the country's vigorous and creative approach to innovation. China is an innovation nation.

**Xi has pledged to develop a modern economy. What are your expectations for that?**

General Secretary Xi Jinping's pledge to develop a modern economy relates again to innovation and the rapid adoption of new technology like big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning, for example.



Alan Barrell, professor in residence at Judge Business School, University of Cambridge.

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Long-term planning and dedication to infrastructure development,

and China's stable political system, have been key to China being the world's fastest-growing economy and lifting millions of people out of poverty.

**China has been making efforts to reform and develop the global governance system. How do you think China's experience and wisdom can benefit countries and people around the world?**

Chinese capability with infrastructure development and management of major projects can benefit other nations. The Belt and Road Initiative (the China-led drive to revive the ancient Silk Road routes) is a tremendous program that will positively influence the development of the global economy. The world needs the kind of leadership General Secretary Xi Jinping is proposing. This is a time for China to exert responsible leadership.

Q&A | PAOLO SALOM

**The 19th CPC National Congress introduced Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. How will it guide China's future?**

General Secretary Xi Jinping's remarks represent the latest achievement in adapting Marxism to the Chinese context. In practical terms, it means the Communist Party of China (CPC) will keep focusing on development, both in the economic and social sense.

The fact the new thought has been enshrined in the CPC Constitution gives further importance to these guidelines, which enriches previous theories (Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Theory of Three Represents, and the Scientific Outlook on Development). Xi stressed a "new era" in his remarks, so I think the whole country will be called to strive for further overall growth to reach the goal of a stronger and richer China.



Paolo Salom, editor of the international edition of Italy's Evening Courier.

stepped into the future and are world-class centers. My expectations? I expect China to become a compass for the entire international community.

**China is still the world's fastest-growing economy, and millions of people have been lifted out of poverty. What has been the key to such achievements? And what do you think of the Chinese development model?**

Everything changed when Deng Xiaoping decided it was time to unleash the immense, hidden energies of the Chinese people. China has been a model culture and the center of the world for centuries. Everything was already there — it just needed to be set free. What do I think about China's development model? Simply that if it's good for the Chinese people, we need not say another word.

**China has been working to reform and develop the global governance system. How will China's experience and wisdom benefit countries and people around the world?**

The world is going through a very unstable time — partly due to economic woes, and partly because of other powers' political choices. Today, we have only one place where stability rules and the economy has all the reasons to grow steadily: China. Yes, China can do more to help the world stabilize. And I have no doubt whatsoever that under the leadership of General Secretary Xi Jinping it will faithfully fulfill its commitments.

Q&A | GENNADY KRIVOSHEEV

**General Secretary Xi Jinping said China has embarked on a "new era" in its development while spelling out a two-stage development plan. What do you think of that? What is happening in China that impresses you the most?**

The 19th CPC National Congress makes a thorough review of economic and social development in China, which has seen great change and tremendous achievements in the past five years. The congress also discussed the problems involved in development. Such a review at this special time is important for the future development of China.

What General Secretary Xi Jinping raised about the two phases of development is essential. According to the current trend of Chinese economic development, the 2021 and 2035 goals can be realized.

The Western media is always saying that China's economy is going down, and it is 100 percent wrong.

According to what I observe, China's development has witnessed rapid progress since the reform and opening-up policy (launched in the late 1970s). In the past five years, China's economy has met new trends and changes as the global economy has seen rapid changes. However, the country's governance and Xi's strategy are clear. The Chinese Dream



Gennady Krivosheev, deputy director of the international department of Russia's Interfax news agency.

and the Belt and Road Initiative will help China further develop.

**China is still the world's fastest-growing economy, and millions of people have been lifted out of poverty. What do you feel has been the key to such achievements?**

There are three reasons for China's rapid development.

First, the country believes in the leadership of the Communist Party of China, which decides the basic path for development.

Second, China believes in science and working on technology innovation.

Furthermore, China believes in education.

**What do you think of the Chinese development model?**

The development of China's politics, economy and culture is very stable due to the leadership of the CPC, the unity of the Chinese people, and the promotion of economic development under scientific innovation.

**China has been making efforts to reform and develop the global governance system. How do you think China's experience and wisdom can benefit countries and people around the world?**

China has become a giant power with global responsibility, and the international community is looking forward to hearing China's voice on international issues. China has had much more involvement in various international events and issues in recent years.

First, many countries know now that China is bringing peace to the world.

Second, the country's development has attracted attention from around the world.

Last, but not the least, China is one of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and China has an important role in peacekeeping and regional stability under the UN framework.

Therefore, we can say that China's wisdom benefits the world.