



TWO SESSIONS

It is a systematic project that requires long-term vision and comprehensive planning, says CPC general secretary

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Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, stressed on March 7 the importance of improving the economy's structure and developing the real economy as the country is in a crucial period of upgrading the driving force of its economic growth.

Xi made the remark while speaking at a panel discussion in Beijing with deputies to the National People's Congress from South China's Guangdong province.

During the discussion, eight lawmakers gave their advice on issues including speeding up the construction of a modern economic system, the development of the Internet economy, industrial innovation, the education of migrant workers' children and military-civil integration. Xi listened carefully to the suggestions and exchanged views with the deputies.

In his speech, Xi said it is a systematic project to build a higher-quality economy, and one that requires comprehensive planning and long-term vision.

Xi urged pushing forward on institutional innovation, making the resources available for premium



Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, speaks at a panel discussion with deputies to the National People's Congress from South China's Guangdong province at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on March 7. SHENG JIAPENG / XINHUA

Upgrading economy 'crucial'

enterprises and promoting the free flow of innovative factors.

He required the government to increase the attractiveness and competitiveness of the development environment by providing excellent administration, services and a complete market system.

Building a modern economic system is essential for China to take the lead in the global scientific revolution and in industrial reform trends, and for China to fulfill its Two Cen-

tenary Goals, Xi said.

Xi paid great attention to the development of new strategic industries in such areas as the new generation of IT technology, high-end equipment manufacturing, low-carbon development, biologically based pharmaceuticals, the digital economy, new materials and the oceanic economy.

Xi called for firm determination and great courage in phasing out industries and companies with high levels of pollution and emissions,

which reserves space for the development of new industries.

He stressed the importance of promoting scientific innovation, attracting top-level scientific talent from both home and abroad, supporting innovation by small and medium-sized companies and cultivating more innovative companies that develop and own their own intellectual property and focus on core competitiveness.

Xi required the opening-up of all

areas with a broader vision, higher goals and more effective measures. Guangdong province should speed up building open economies at a higher level, proactively taking part in building the Belt and Road, and turning the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into a world-class city cluster, Xi said.

Xi urged more efforts to improve social governance and promote justice to ensure the stability, happiness and security of the people.

Draft amendment to Constitution reflects people's will

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The draft amendment to China's Constitution effectively promotes democracy, gathers wisdom from all walks of life and shows the common will of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the people, said Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

Xi said he fully agrees with the draft amendment as he joined a panel discussion with the deputies to the 13th National People's Congress from South China's Guangdong province on March 7 in Beijing.

Amending parts of the Constitution is a major policy decision made by the CPC Central Committee with an eye on the big picture and the strategic height of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese

characteristics for a new era, Xi said.

The move to amend also is a major step taken in pressing ahead with the comprehensive rule of law as well as the modernization of the country's governing system and capability, Xi added.

Premier Li Keqiang said in a panel discussion with the deputies from East China's Zhejiang province that amending the Constitution is a major measure taken for upholding governance by the Constitution, and he fully agrees with the draft amendment.

Li Zhanshu, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said in a panel discussion with the deputies from the Beijing municipality that he fully endorses the draft amendment.

He mentioned the draft amend-

ment's role in affirming the great achievements and experience brought by the Party and the people in the form of the Constitution.

Li Zhanshu also noted the inclusion in the draft of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and the major innovation outcomes of the 19th CPC National Congress in terms of theory, practice and system.

These offer a constitutional guarantee for upholding and championing the authoritativeness, and the centralized and unified leading role of the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping as its core, and for realizing the Chinese Dream of seeking the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, Li Zhanshu said.

Wang Huning, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Commit-

tee and member of the CPC Central Committee Secretariat, said in a panel discussion with the deputies from Southwest China's Guizhou province that he fully endorses the draft amendment.

The draft fully honors the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress and those of the First, Second and Third Plenary Sessions of the 19th CPC Central Committee, and it fully displays the will of the people, Wang said.

Zhao Leji, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and secretary of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, said in a panel discussion with deputies from East China's Jiangsu province that the amendment will define the guiding status of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chi-

nese Characteristics for a New Era in the Constitution and will further clarify the supreme political principle, that the Party has a leading role in all kinds of works.

The amendment will define the constitutional status of the supervisory commissions, Zhao said, adding that the discipline inspection and supervisory bodies must exercise their powers in stringent accordance with the Constitution and the laws.

Han Zheng, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, noted in a panel discussion with the deputies from the Tianjin municipality that the Party has led the people in building socialism with Chinese characteristics, and innovation outcomes in terms of theories, practice and system have been created in the process.