



CHARTING THE PATH AHEAD

Constitutional amendments show support for Xi's vision for long-term progress, with battle against corruption a major theme

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The constitutional amendment enshrining Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era will keep China on a steady course as it enters the next phase of economic and social development for the rest of the world to benefit as well, analysts say.

They say the changes, adopted by the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature, on March 11, point to a continuation of the work already started by the Communist Party of China Central Committee with Xi at its core and the pursuit of the Chinese Dream, which some say is a major strategic thought for developing socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Rapid modernization and economic success have propelled China on a path which has become the envy of many around the world. The next step along that path will involve China upgrading its image of being the world's factory to one steeped in science and technology which will drive modern China for much of the 21st century.

The NPC also passed an amendment that will in part set up a new National Supervision Commission to oversee the fight against corruption. The amendments were the first to be passed in 14 years.

Strengthening China's government system has been one of President Xi's flagship policies since coming into office five years ago.

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