

# New Era, New Thinking, New Journey of Education Reform

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**Abstract:** *In the 40 years of reform and opening up, China has made brilliant achievements that have attracted the attention of the world: the Chinese people's life has achieved a leapfrog transformation from poverty to food and clothing, and then to the overall well-off society; Chinese society has undergone a historic change from being closed, poor, backward and lacking vitality to being open, prosperous, strong, civilized and full of vitality; China's economy has achieved sustained and rapid growth. Its GDP has increased from 370 billion yuan in 78 years to 82.7 trillion yuan in 2017. Its total economic output ranks second in the world, and its contribution rate to world economic growth exceeds 30%, ranking first in the world. China has become the world's largest industrial country, the largest service industry country and the largest trading country. This article will talk about the experience of great achievements made in the 40th anniversary of reform and opening up and how to start a new journey of reform.*

**Keywords:** reform; New era; theoretical innovation.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

China has made great achievements in politics, economy, society, culture, science and technology, national defense, diplomacy and other aspects in the past 40 years of reform and opening up. Its experience is abundant, which can be summarized in five aspects:

### 1.1 Always adhere to the development path of socialism with Chinese characteristics

The path of socialism with Chinese characteristics is the right choice made from China's own national conditions, and is the only way to realize socialist modernization and create a better life for the people. The socialist road with Chinese characteristics contains rich content, but the main points are clearly pointed out by Deng Xiaoping: "The fundamental principle that socialism must adhere to is common prosperity, and the public ownership is the main body."

By adhering to the path of common prosperity, more than 700 million people have been successfully lifted out of absolute poverty and more than 1.3 billion people have been well-off in the past 40 years. In the process of poverty eradication, China has made great achievements in improving people's livelihood. First, it has solved the employment problem well, especially in recent years, about 13 million new jobs have been created every year, and the registered urban unemployment rate has stabilized at 4%; Second, people's opportunities for education have greatly increased. The illiteracy rate was higher than 30% 40 years ago, and now it is lower than 3%; Third, social security has been greatly improved. The coverage rate of national basic old-age insurance has exceeded 85%, and the number of basic medical insurance participants has accounted for more than 95% of the total population; Fourth, the income of urban and rural residents has increased significantly. In 2017, the per capita disposable income of the national residents reached 25974 yuan, which is 22.8 times higher than that in 1978 after deducting the price factor, with an average annual growth of 8.5%.

By adhering to the economic system with public ownership as the main body, the state has achieved strong macro-control over the national economy, and has concentrated human, material and financial resources to accomplish many major things that it wanted to do but failed to do in the past: China's Bridge, China's Road, China's Port, China's Internet, China's high-speed rail, China's nuclear power, China's Shenzhou, etc. have risen from the world's leading position in a relatively short time; Major scientific and technological achievements, such as Tiangong, Jiaolong, Tianyan, Wukong and Mozi, have come out one after another. It is precisely because we have adhered to the economic system with public ownership as the main body, and played a better role in both the government and the market, so that the advantages of socialism with Chinese characteristics have been fully reflected.

### 1.2 Always adhere to the combination of reform and opening up and theoretical innovation

The era is the mother of thought, practice is the source of theory, and correct and scientific theory is the ideological guarantee for continuous promotion of reform and in-depth development. 40 years of reform and development. Cheng is the process of ideological emancipation and theoretical innovation. After the Third Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee proposed to shift the focus of the work of the whole Party to economic construction, from the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th National Congress, it is our Party's theory of the primary stage of socialism, the theory of socialist market economic system, Deng Xiaoping's theoretical system, the important thought of "Three Represents", the scientific concept of development. In the course of reform and development, our Party has always adhered to the principle of integrating theory with practice, always regarded practice as the only criterion for testing truth, constantly promoted theoretical innovation, ideological

innovation and institutional innovation, and creatively put forward the theory of the primary stage of socialism and the theory of socialist market economy. The formation of the theoretical system of socialism with Chinese characteristics has deepened the understanding of the laws of socialist construction and the Party's governing laws, and provided scientific theoretical guidance for comprehensively deepening reform and opening up and accelerating socialist modernization.

### **1.3 Always insist on constantly strengthening the Party's own construction**

The 40 years of reform and opening up have been the 40 years of our Party's continuous self-improvement. It has been the 40 years of continuous struggle to build the Party into a strong Marxist ruling party that has always been at the forefront of the times, the people's sincere support, the courage to self-revolution, withstood the test of all kinds of storms, and is vigorous and vigorous 40 years of great engineering. We can see the determination of the Party Central Committee to manage the Party and the Party from the number of party members and cadres punished by the Party in the construction of style and the fight against corruption in recent years; We can see from a series of regulations and rules that govern the Party that the CPC Central Committee has taken strong measures to govern the Party. The construction of style of work is always on the way, the fight against corruption is always on the way, and the comprehensive and strict governance of the Party is always on the way. This is our Party's loud voice to all Party members, the people of the country and the world in the new era.

### **1.4 Always adhere to the formulation and implementation of development plans**

Another important experience of the great achievements of reform and opening up in the past 40 years is that we have always adhered to the formulation and implementation of a thorough development plan. All work of the Party and the government has been planned and implemented. The plan has short-term quarterly, semi-annual and one-year work objectives, medium-term five-year plans, long-term 10-year, 30-year and 50-year plans, and is closely linked with each other. More importantly, both long-term objectives, medium-term and short-term objectives can be fully implemented and implemented. Taking the five-year plan as an example, China has formulated 13 five-year development plans, Each five-year development plan points out the main problems existing according to the specific conditions of different periods, puts forward the main goals and main policies and measures, and ensures that the determined goals are achieved on schedule. The greatest benefit of formulating and implementing the plan is to make the whole country understand the goals and development blueprint from top to bottom, know the difficulties and problems, and the main policies and measures to solve the problems, so that the whole country can pool common forces, form joint forces, overcome difficulties, and achieve common goals. Over the past 40 years of reform and opening up, with the formulation and implementation of the plan, we have gradually solved one problem after another and achieved today's brilliant achievements.

### **1.5 Always adhere to mobilizing the enthusiasm and creativity of the people**

The people are the creators of history and the fundamental force that determines the future and destiny of the Party and the country. Another important experience of the great achievements of reform and opening up in the past 40 years is to widely mobilize and effectively organize all the people to participate in the reform and opening up and socialist modernization as the masters of the country, fully mobilize the enthusiasm, initiative and creativity of the masses, and firmly move forward towards the grand goal of a well-off society, socialist modernization and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. From the implementation of the household contract responsibility system with remuneration linked to output to the emergence of the new "the Four Great Inventions" in the new era, the people have implemented, invented and promoted them in production and life practice. The people's yearning for a better life is the unremitting driving force of China's reform and opening-up and socialist modernization. The reform and opening up has stimulated the vitality of the people's creation and promoted the development of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

## **2. NEW ERA, NEW THINKING, NEW JOURNEY OF REFORM**

When the reform is only in progress but not completed, we should start a new journey of reform with the courage and spirit of opening the way and bridging the gap.

### **2.1 Enhance confidence and cohesion**

We have made great achievements in the past 40 years of reform and opening up, but we still face many difficulties: the problem of unbalanced and inadequate development has not been solved, the quality and efficiency of development are not high, the innovation ability is not strong enough, and the ecological environment protection has a long way to go; There are still many shortcomings in the field of people's livelihood, and the task of poverty alleviation is arduous. In particular, the United States has openly abandoned the basic norms of international exchanges such as mutual respect and equal consultation, implemented unilateralism, protectionism and trade hegemonism, made a series of false accusations against China, and used such means as increasing tariffs to carry out economic intimidation. Since this year, the Sino-US trade war has intensified, and the United States has imposed tariffs on products exported from China to the United States from 30 billion, 50 billion, and 200 billion. In the face of various existing problems and the changing international situation, we should have confidence and determination, pool the strength of 1.3 billion Chinese people, continue to deepen reform, and solve the problems and difficulties currently

encountered; We must replace anger with reason and fight with wit and courage; Let's not talk empty words, let's talk big, stay down-to-earth and work hard, and work hard to create a Xintiandi and new achievements.

## 2.2 Emancipate the mind and innovate thinking

When reform and opening up are only in progress and not completed, emancipation of the mind is only in progress. The hour is not complete. Our reform and opening up has entered a critical period and a deep water area. All we need to chew is hard bones. Contradictions, problems and difficulties are intertwined and overlapped. We have a long way to go to comprehensively deepen reform. What's more, we need to further emancipate our minds, keep pace with the times, innovate our thinking, take great political courage and strong responsibility, break the outdated traditional concepts and backward development concepts, and carry out the reform to the end. We have entered a new era. The new goals and new requirements of the new era require new ideas and new thinking. Only by further emancipating the mind and innovative thinking can we achieve the new goals of the new era.

## 2.3 Formulate policies and implement them solidly

In the face of the complex and changing domestic and international situation, we have too much to do: to win the battle against poverty, to win the battle against financial risks, to achieve the ecological environment protection strategy, to achieve the rural revitalization strategy, and so on. To do this series of things well, we must have scientific and reasonable policies and effective implementation measures. At present, various policies are being issued and implemented. Under the correct leadership of the Party Central Committee and the joint efforts of 1.3 billion Chinese people, we will be able to resolve various contradictions and difficulties and usher in a bright development prospect.

## 2.4 Build the Party into a strong core of leadership

The Party must unswervingly build the Party stronger and stronger if it wants to unite and lead the 1.3 billion people in the great struggle, promote the great cause and realize the great dream.

## 2.5 Work wholeheartedly for the people's happiness

How to seek happiness for the people: adhere to taking the people as the center, adhere to the people's dominant position, adhere to building the party for the public and ruling for the people, practice the fundamental purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly, implement the party's mass line into all activities of governing the country, and take the people's aspiration for a better life as the goal of struggle. At present, we need to comprehensively deepen reform and make great efforts to solve the problems faced by the masses in employment, education, medical care, housing, old-age care and other aspects.

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