

Xi calls for strong start to building a modern socialist China

On January 11, President Xi Jinping addressed an annual study session at the Party School – the higher education institution which specifically trains cadres of the Chinese Communist Party – attended by key provincial and ministerial officials who are supposed to carry out the spirit of the seminar at all levels, areas, and departments in the coming year. Xi discussed their responsibilities when implementing the guiding principles of the Fifth Plenum - the new development stage, the new development philosophy, and the new development paradigm during the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) period.

Previous study sessions of the Party School of the CPC Central Committee

Time	Topics	Keywords
February, 2014	Learn from the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the 18 th CPC Central Committee, and comprehensively deepen reform	Modernize China's governance system and capacity
February, 2015	Learn from the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the 18 th CPC Central Committee, law-based governance of the country	Study the law, respect the law, abide by the law and use it
January, 2016	Learn from the Fifth Plenary Session of the 18 th CPC Central Committee and implement the five development concepts	Innovative, coordinated, green, open, and shared development
February, 2017	Learn from the guiding principles of the Sixth Plenary Session of the 18 th CPC Central Committee, comprehensively govern the Party with strict discipline	Seeing Party self-governance exercised fully and with rigor
January, 2018	Study Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and the guiding principles of the 19 th CPC National Congress	Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era
January, 2019	Keep to the bottom line and prevent and defuse major risks	Overall view on national security
January, 2021	Learn from the spirit of the Fifth Plenary Session of the 19 th CPC Central Committee	New stage of development, new philosophy of development, and new paradigm of development

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Xi said that to achieve the new development stage, the “roots” and “soul” of the new development philosophy must be accurately followed. This, he said, lies in striving for people's well-being and national rejuvenation. Therefore, realizing common prosperity is a core strategy which could affect the Party's ruling status and exacerbate the issues of unbalanced and inadequate development if not handled properly.

For the new development paradigm, Xi said achieving self-reliance through independent innovation is essential and that independent innovation and technological breakthroughs must be guaranteed.

The key message we get from this seminar is that striving for balanced development and pushing for innovation and technological breakthroughs are among the top priorities for all levels of government in the coming years.