



## Xi urges all to strive for progress

Party, nation told to study and spread new judgment, requirements

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General Secretary Xi Jinping called on the whole Party and country on Thursday to make joint efforts to achieve progress in Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

Xi made the remark during a panel discussion with delegates from Guizhou province at the ongoing 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. In April, Xi was elected to be a delegate to the 19th National Congress from Guizhou. Mountainous Guizhou is typical of places that have implemented Xi's thoughts on poverty reduction.

The report of the 19th National Congress is a political manifesto and also action guideline for the CPC to lead people across the country to adhere to and develop Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Xi said.

Xi urged the whole Party to study the new judgment of socialism with Chinese characteristics in this new time, the new definition of the country's principal contradiction, the new two-stage plan to make China a "great modern socialist country", and the new requirements of strictly building the Party.

According to the report delivered by Xi at the opening session on Wednesday, socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. The report also said that the country's principal contradiction has evolved to be the one between unbalanced and inadequate development and the



General Secretary Xi Jinping is given a panoramic photograph of the village of Huamao in Zunyi by the village's Party chief. Xi received it during a panel discussion with delegates from Guizhou province on Thursday at the ongoing 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in Beijing. LAN HONGGUANG / XINHUA

### Today's agenda

**10 am:** Leading officials of Publicity Department of CPC Central Committee, Ministry of Culture and State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television meet press.  
**3 pm:** Group interview on cultural development  
**7 pm:** Group interview on technological innovation

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people's ever-growing needs for a better life.

In the report, Xi said that the CPC will basically realize socialist modernization in the first stage from 2020 to 2035 before developing China into a "great modern socialist country" that is "prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful" after another 15 years.

The whole Party should launch a massive campaign to study the spirit of the 19th National Congress and publicize the relevant thoughts at government departments, rural places, schools, communities and the military, Xi said.

Xi spoke highly of Guizhou's achievements in areas like poverty reduction, ecological protection, infrastructure construction and anti-corruption in the past five years.

During the discussion, Xi spoke at length with nine delegates and paid attention to issues like the new rule on farmland contracts, development of rural tourism and medical insurance in rural villages.

"If the base is not stable, the earth will move and the mountain will rock," he said while highlighting the importance of building Party organizations at grassroots level.

Noting that poverty reduction is the "battlefield" in current circumstances, Xi pledged to promote officials who have dedicated themselves to poverty reduction and contributed to betterment of conditions for the poor.

Yang Bo, a village official in Liupanshui, said that after talking with Xi, he has become more confident about leading villagers to get out of poverty.

Sun Zhigang, secretary of the CPC Guizhou provincial committee, said that Xi's report has rolled out a visionary blueprint for the Party and country's development and improvement in the next decades.

"We are deeply inspired by General Secretary Xi's report," he said, adding that the report could give the people "the strength of belief".

Shen Yiqin, Guizhou province governor, said "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era" is the biggest highlight of the 19th National Congress and a historic contribution to the Party's development.

"General Secretary Xi has assumed the great responsibility of fighting corruption with admirable courage, and such efforts have saved the Party, the military as well as the country," she said.

## Achieving GDP goal easier with strong Q3

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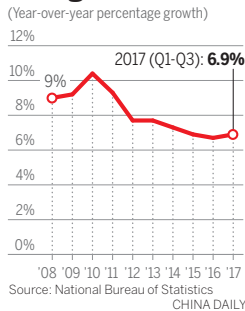
China achieved solid year-on-year GDP growth of 6.9 percent in the first three quarters, putting it in a position to comfortably achieve its whole-year target of around 6.5 percent. Analysts said the solid growth trend is expected to be carried into the fourth quarter.

Growth was 6.8 percent in the third quarter, compared with 6.9 percent in both first and second quarters, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. China has kept its growth within the 6.7 to 6.9 percent range for nine consecutive quarters.

"The resilience of (China's economic) development has significantly improved," said NBS spokesman Xing Zhihong on Thursday.

China's industrial output grew at 6.7 percent in the first three quarters, up from 6 percent a year ago. Retail sales growth was 10.4 percent in the January-September period, unchanged from a year ago, while fixed-asset investment growth eased to 7.5 per-

### China's annual GDP growth



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cent, down from 8.2 percent in the same period last year.

Xing said China has also made progress in advancing its supply-side structural reform, with corporate debt levels and costs, for example, reduced year-on-year in the first three quarters.

The quality of growth has significantly improved, with residential income and corporate profits both registering higher year-on-year growth, Xing said.

China has attached more importance to the quality of growth in recent years. Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said on Wednesday during the Party's 19th National Congress that the country "has been transitioning

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## Corrupt up-and-comers can't hide

By CUI JIA and ZHAO LEI

Hunting down Party officials who hold key positions and have a possibility of promotion but continue to involve themselves in corrupt activities remains the top priority of China's anti-corruption campaign now and in the future, a senior official of China's top anti-graft body said on Thursday.

The emphasis will be especially on Party officials who are involved in political and economic corruption at the same time, said Yang Xiaodu, deputy secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Commission for Discipline Inspection.

"An overwhelming momentum in fighting corruption has been created during the past five years. We now need to seize a crushing victory," Yang said at a news conference on the sidelines of the 19th CPC National Congress.

The CPC Central Committee has placed unprecedented importance on improving Party conduct and combating corruption.

In addition, many unhealthy trends have been reversed. That is an accomplishment that previously was regarded by many as an

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Yang Xiaodu, deputy secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, answers questions at a news conference on the sidelines of the 19th CPC National Congress on Thursday. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

### Watchdogs make great progress

#### In the past five years:

- Discipline inspection commissions and supervision agencies dealt with 2.67 million suspected discipline violations, filed 1.55 million cases, punished 1.53 million Party members and turned 58,000 suspects over to judicial authorities.
- A total of 3,453 fugitives returned to China. Among the top 100 fugitives listed

on an Interpol red notice, 48 have been arrested.

- During the recent election of new city, county and township leaders, more than 9,300 officials were not promoted after they failed reviews.
- The positions of more than 22,000 officials at and above county level have been changed in accordance with regulations on promoting and demoting officials.

- Organizational and personnel departments have warned and admonished officials about complaints filed against them on more than 600,000 occasions.
- A total of 125,000 officials were punished for not accurately reporting their personal affairs, including family matters and property that are closely linked to their exercise of power.

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## US experts call speech 'positive', 'balanced'

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US-based China watchers spoke favorably of the speech by General Secretary Xi Jinping at Wednesday's opening ceremony of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Cheng Li, director of the John L. Thornton China Center of the Brookings Institution, said his key takeaway from the report is the redefinition of the new era and new challenge.

Xi, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee as well as the nation's president, spoke about the principal contradiction facing Chinese society as being between unbalanced and inadequate development and the people's ever-growing needs for a better life. Previously, the contradiction had been described as being "between the ever-growing material and cultural needs of the people and backward social production".

"China is no longer backward in the mode of production. China, even in innovation, is catching up, in some areas even ahead of the rest of the world," said Li, adding that it's a brilliant way to describe China's position and challenge today.

Li said he thinks the redefinition is not only appropriate but also very wise because it uses the terms "unbalanced and inadequate", terms that could refer to many things.

Li, an expert on Chinese leadership, called Xi's speech "very comprehensive, very thoughtful and very balanced".

Li said foreign observers, especially foreign companies, will note that market access, financial liberalization, fairness and openness in the service sector, trade and investment are all in the report.

Jon Taylor, professor of political science at the University of St Thomas in Houston, Texas, said Xi's speech took in China's society and economy and its place in the world.

"It had positive energy, emphasizing the role of the Party in fostering China's future development, while also touching on themes of culture, ideology and patriotism," he said.

"Xi's speech marked what I would term a new era in Chinese politics. The speech clearly distinguished Xi's leadership and influence on the CPC. More importantly, Xi made it very clear that the Party will maintain a central role in China's development over coming decades."

Taylor, an expert on Chinese politics, said Xi's speech sent a signal that "China will continue to pursue a deepening reform agenda and realistically address its problems" and "China has taken the driver's seat in leading the debate on climate change."

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