

## Cultivation and Practice of Socialist Core Values in the Basic Socialist Economic System With Chinese Characteristics

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### Abstract

Freedom, equality, justice, rule of law are the exposition of socialist core value of the social dimensions by Communist Party of China. The basic socialist economic system with Chinese characteristics is an important part from the social level of cultivating and practicing the core values. In the historical process to establish, adhere to and improve the basic socialism economic system with Chinese characteristics, the Communist Party of China concreting “freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law” concept of value, which connect the individual level and the national level with social level to create conditions for the realization of value target for national level of “a prosperous, democratic, civilized and harmonious”, and to create a social environment for the implementation of standards for individual citizens level of “patriotism, dedication, integrity, friendly” value, is an important aspect of socialist core values cultivation and practice.

**Key words:** Basic socialism economic system with Chinese characteristics; Freedom; Justice; Rule of law.

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### INTRODUCTION

“Prosperity, democracy, civilization, harmony, freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law, patriotism, dedication, honesty, friendliness” are the exposition from three aspects of socialist core value--the state, society and citizens--by the Communist Party of China, basically follow the cultivation and practice of socialist core values (hereinafter referred to as the core values). The basic socialist economic system with Chinese characteristics (hereinafter referred to as the basic economic system) is an important part to cultivate and practice core values from the social level. The key is to cast the basic economic system by the core values, to cultivate the core values of “greenhouse” by system construction, to guarantee the practice of the core values by system, in order to create conditions to achieve the target value in national level and to establish value criterion in the level of individual. Therefore, the process of developing and improving the basic economic system, and cultivating and practicing the core values is inherently unity by the Communist Party of China.

### 1. EQUALITY IS THE PRIMARY PRINCIPLE TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE BASIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM

The basic economic system diversity which regards the public ownership as the main body, and multi ownership economy developed commonly, is adapted to the multi-level and unbalanced of our country’s production level. It is the result of relations of production gets used to the productivity development. As two kinds of basic economic system, publicly owned economy and the non-public economy are just two forms to adapt to different level of productivity. Both of them are equal in society and economy status, and should enjoy the rights of equal development. Therefore, adhere to the “equality” value, establish the equal position of publicly owned economy

and the non-public economy. By following the historical materialism, it is the basic principle of its development and perfection by the basic economic system. In the development and improvement basic economic system, the process of establishing equal status of publicly owned economy and the non-public economy is the process of cultivating and practicing equality value idea. Due to Marx's imagination that the form of public owned economy in the future society is single, and the influence of the socialist economic construction thought by the former Soviet Union, due to the process of our country's basic condition and the exploration of the road of opening up socialism with Chinese characteristics, our party didn't form a correct understanding of the non-public economy at the beginning. In three phases from "leading supplement structure" to "main body complement structure", then to "the basic economic system" of "common development" (Long, 2009), it has made four significant leap: The party's six plenary session of the eleventh proposed the non-public owned economy is a necessary supplement to the socialist economy, official admit the non-public economic social status; the Party's 15<sup>th</sup> National Congress established the "multi subject structure" and "basic economic system"<sup>1</sup>, stressed the longevity and stability of the ownership structure; The Party's eighteenth National Congress added "Chinese characteristics" before the basic socialist economic system, and put it into the system of Chinese characteristic socialism system. The back of continuously and "unswervingly" adherence highlight the profound understanding of the overall, fundamental and confidence of system; The Party's third plenary session of the eighteenth firstly put non-public owned economy and publicly owned economy in the same important position. They regard them as the same important part of "socialist market economy", which indicate the basic attitude of "property rights of the non-public economy also inviolable", and proposed that under the principle of "insist on equal rights, equal opportunity, equal rules "realize relevant measures such as support the healthy development of the non-public economy" (Xi, 2013, November 16, p.2). In short, equality is the value idea which is internalized in the basic economic system, the process of the basic economic system's development and improvement is the process of cultivating and practicing equal value idea.

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## **2. JUSTICE IS THE INHERENT REQUIREMENT OF THE BASIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO ENSURE THE DIRECTION OF SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT**

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Justice is the essential characteristics and cornerstone of harmonious society, is the basic value orientation

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<sup>1</sup> *The Selected Works of Jiang Zemin ( Volume 3)*. (2006). Beijing: People's Publishing House.

of socialism, is the inherent requirement of the basic economic system to ensure the direction of socialist development. Justice means equally treat people, treat things, and give everyone he (she) desert, to ensure the legitimacy of social value orientation. This decides the essence that justice norms of social dimension from the two aspects of the value orientation and scale applicable, which includes requirements of rationality and legitimacy social value scale, and also the requirements of the same social value scale, that is equally and fairly adopt the same standard. As a combination of equity and justice, fair make up for the defect that justice emphasizes on the same scale and ignore the rationality and legitimacy of the size itself, which embodies the defense of equal status between people, the maintenance of fair social development opportunities, uphold justice for the social spirit. It is the meaning of the title of socialist development direction. The basic economic system should ensure the historical mission of the socialist direction of the development of China, and we must regard justice as the basic principle of perfect oneself, to cultivate and practice in the development of fair value concept. Firstly, we should handle the relationship between the government and the market, improve the socialist market economic system, cultivate and practice the fair value criterion. Fair is a concrete manifestation of the equality principle of the basic economic system in the social development opportunities, conditions and environment, it is the specific requirement of market economy on the basic economic system. Compared with the planned economy, market economy can effectively reduce the complex management structure and refine approval process and the other problems under the planned economic system, which can waste time in human, material and financial resources, and prevent unfair and unjust phenomenon which is caused by excessive administrative intervention and poor supervision. In the construction of socialist market economy, our party has gradually adjust the relationship between market and government, and realize the effective combination of resources allocation function of market and the national macro-control role, which can steadily improve the degree of marketization, and finally establish the decisive role of market in resource allocation. This process reflects that of our party, the core of resources allocation based on the market is progressive, indicates the process of gradually cultivating and practicing the "fair" value criterion in the basic economic system. Secondly, the basic value orientation corrects the socialism direction of modernization construction by justice. In the socialist construction, fairness is a value criterion which is objective, neutral, instrumental and based on the operational level, it focus on the starting point, opportunity, procedure, result etc. Fairness and justice are the soul of fair. Without fair and justice as the basic value orientation, equity may be reduced to the rules of a game, and lost the spiritual purport of positive

development, and even make the social development deviated from the socialist direction and break away from the essence of socialism.

### **3. RULE OF LAW IS AN IMPORTANT APPROACH FOR BASIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO DEVELOP AND PERFECT ITSELF**

First, based on our Constitution, “the multi-ownership system with dominant” ensures our ownership system’s longevity and stability. Constitution is a fundamental law which limits and protect a country’s power, ensure and protect civil basic rights, adjust the most important social relationship in a country, and protect social stability and a long period of stability in a country. The reason why the basic economic system is written into constitution is, with the help of constitution’s authority, to protect “the multi-ownership system with dominant” basic economic system unswervingly, avoid deviation and violation of socialist modern construction towards the system. Secondly, rule of law is an essential approach for basic economic system to cultivate and practice value ideologies such as equality and fairness. Even though law boasts its insuperable hysteresis quality, it, with systematicness, holiness and ruthlessness of “Everyone is equal in front of law”, dispels human feelings, prejudice and unfairness in the environment of rule of human, and fundamentally ensures dominant rights, protect foundation of basic economic system. Our Party’s Third Plenary Session of the Thirteenth Central Committee pointed out,

Our country will protect various ownership intellectual property and legal benefits, ensure all kinds of ownership economy to equally use production factors in line with law, openly and fairly participate in market competition, equally under the protection of law, as well as supervise varied ownership economy according to law. (Xi, 2013, November 16, p.2)

Finally, rule of law is a requirement of market economy which is the foundation of basic economic system. The essence of market economy is an economy of the rule of law. It does not mean that market hopes to get an “unconstrained” development that there exists a mutual contradiction between market economy Autonomization and government administrative intervention. Theories and practices turn out, because of blindness, hysteresis quality and adjustment of market, it requires government’s macro-control and law to normalize market dominants. Only in this way can we build an equal, fair and open market environment, ensure the function of value regularity, and make market have a fundamental impact on social resources allocation. Therefore, following market economy development requirements, to establish open and transparent laws and regulations, to advance the change of government’s

function, and to dispel “rule of human” and carry out “rule of law”, are requirements which socialist market economy has on basic economy market system. To sum up, rule of law is an important approach for basic economic system to develop and perfect itself, as well as an essential ideology which basic economic system redoubles its efforts to cultivate and practice.

### **4. FREEDOM IS A DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT WHICH BASIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM REDOUBLES ITS EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT FOR OWNERSHIP ECONOMIC DOMINANTS**

Freedom is opposite to systems and laws, however it is an ownership economy dominants’ development environment which can be realized under the protection of systems and laws. Law is an invasion of freedom, and a measure to protect freedom. The essence of demarcation lies in whether freedom is among the permission scope of law, whether freedom encroaches a governor’s vital interest, and violate a governor’s will. Contradiction between freedom and laws depends on identity ideology of “freedom” which basic economic system cultivates and practices, and ideology of “rule of law”, ideology of equality and ideology of “fairness” which basic economic system cultivates and practices. When basic economic system cultivates and practices the ideology of rule of law and ensure protection of law, it has set up a reasonable space for ownership economically dominant free development. When basic economic system gradually eliminates market economic dominants, particularly development barriers of non-public economic dominants, ensures the realization of value ideology of equality and fairness, it has provided the same environment and condition for free development of ownership economic dominants. In terms of ownership economic dominants, among permission scope of laws and systems, free development environment is a fair and equal environment without privilege and prejudice. From this perspective, establishment processes of the same identity of public economy and non-public economy, of market having a fundamental function of resources allocation, of gradual completion of market economic legal system are a process where basic economic system builds a “free” development environment for ownership economic dominants, and a process of cultivating and practicing the value ideology of “freedom”. Among a series of new measures aimed at persisting and completing basic economic system advocated in our party’s Third Plenary Session of the Thirteenth Central Committee, our party pointed out, “Abolish various unreasonable regulations towards non-public economy, eliminate varied invisible barriers”, “Support non-public

economy healthy development”, “Deepen state-owned enterprise’s reform”, reform “natural monopoly industries of the state-owned capital continually controlling stocks managing.” (Xi, 2013, November 16, p.2) This reflects the process in which our party persists and completes basic economic system and identity of cultivating and practicing ideology of rule of law, ideology of equality, ideology of fairness, and ideology of freedom by our party.

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## CONCLUSION

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To sum up, that persists and complete socialist basic economic system with Chinese characteristics is to better emancipate and develop the productive forces, promote people’s all-round development, reflect the socialist essence, and realize China Dream of Chinese nation’s great rejuvenation. In the process of persisting and completing basic economic system, our party implements social value orientation of “freedom, equality, fairness

and rule of law”. It connects personal level with national level of social level. It creates conditions for the realization of value goals of “richness, democracy, civilization and harmony” from the level of nation, and builds a social environment for implementation of value principles of “patriotism, dedication, integrity and kindness.” It is an important aspect concerning cultivating and practicing socialist core values.

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