GREEN DEVELOPMENT: Path Choice of the Third Generation of Modernization

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Modernization is the Goal of the Whole Humanity

- Modernization is a historical process of striding forward from real society into ideal society. Ideal society is not a fix one, thus modernization is a set of the ideal goals, which involves economy, politics, culture, etc.

- The essence of modernization: The transformation from traditional society to modern society
Should we adhere to modernization?

● A series of problems and contradictories come into being during the process of pursuing modernization:

● The efficiency of natural resources
● The carrying capacity of eco-environment
● Human’s living environment
● Human’s spiritual world

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Rethinking the Inadequacy of the Traditional Modernization

- Realizing modernization, catching up with and exceeding the developed countries are always the goals what the Chinese Communists quest for.

- The first generation of central collective leadership of Chinese communist party, with Mao Ze-dong as the core, made great contributions to China’s modernization. They put forward the strategies of “socialist industrialization” and “four modernizations”, have accomplished the primitive accumulation of industrialization, and have built relatively complete industrial system and national economic system. The second generation of central collective leadership of Chinese communist party, with Deng Xiao-ping as the core, put forward that socialist modernization is a multifarious, complicated, and long-term systematical engineering; the goal of modernization should not simply be industrialization, but a process of overall social evolution.
Rethinking the Inadequacy of the Traditional Modernization

- The themes of both first and second generation of modernization are speeding up development, which focus on the economic development, but do not consider much to resource shortage, eco-environment fragility, etc.
The Three Characteristics of China’s Traditional Modernization:

- high passion, one-dimension
- value politics, devalue rules
- high cost, low benefit
China’s Third Generation of Modernization

——Green Modernization

- China’s third generation of modernization is the “Five One” modernization of politics, economy, culture, society, and environment. It overcomes the inadequacies of the first and second generation of modernization, leads China to accomplish the goal of “One world, One dream, One action (emission reduction), in sync with the world”.
The Essence of Green Modernization

Innovation of development pattern—“black development” transforms into “green development, black industry→green industry, black city →green city

Green development is not only the practical path, but also the necessary condition to realize green modernization.
The Core of Green Development

Green innovation: China must break the traditional “Environmental Kuznets Curve”, and follow the “Innovation Tunnel Line” to find out a Chinese modernization path differs from the developed countries’.
Development: To the Green Modernization

- Green development leads China to a rational and multidimensional development path.

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Production system with Low resource consumption
Living system with moderate consumption
Economic system with sustainable economic growth
Social system with equal social benefit and social justice
Application technology system with constant innovation
International economic system closely linked to world Market
Resource and environmental system protecting ecological balance
Green development is a kind of low cost but high benefit development.

Green development emphasizes “natural rules priors to economic rules”, sets “following the natural rules” as the first principle, and maintains that national wealth is based on natural rules and eco-environment.

Transformation: passive ecological management → active ecological restoration, severe ecological deficit → opulent ecological surplus, value developing economy → value developing people’s happiness index.
Green Development Could Lead all people to Happy Life
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- Traditional wealth-led country → “happiness type” country
- Require leaders, decision makers and managers to:

  “create wealth for the people” → “seek rights for the people”
  “leave wealth with the people” → “leave rights with the people”
  “people rich and country strong” → “people blessed and country well-being”
China Would Make Green Contribution to the Whole Humanity

The “12th five-year plan” of our socialist modernization puts forward that we should speed up transforming economic development pattern, set up green, low carbon development idea, and improve the ecological civilization level. This is China’s first green plan, which indicates our strategic intent, and is the significant declaration of China’s heading for green modernization.

We believe: we would find out a Chinese modernization path differs from the developed countries’!