

# The Path of the CPPCC to Show the Advantages of the New Party System

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## ABSTRACT

China's new political party system has the characteristics of extensive interest representation, high power integration and strict system norms. As an important political form and organizational form of the new political party system, the CPPCC fully demonstrates the unique advantages of the new political party system. We have further improved the institutional system of people being masters of the country, further improved the party's ruling ability and leadership level, and vigorously promoted the modernization of the national governance system and governance ability. In the new era, the CPPCC must adhere to the party's overall leadership, focus on the work of the party and the state center, and be a good helper of the party; we must broaden the consultation width of the CPPCC, build consensus extensively and be a good adviser to the Party; improve the level of political consultation, democratic supervision, participation in and discussion of state affairs, be a good colleague of the party.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The multi-party cooperation and political consultation system led by the Communist Party of China (CPC) is a new political party system with unique Chinese characteristics created by the Chinese people in the process of revolution, construction and reform led by the Party. In the historical process of Chinese people's pursuit of national prosperity, national rejuvenation and people's happiness, the new party system has made indelible contributions with its unique advantages. In the new era, in order to effectively prevent the ruling risks, promote the modernization of the national governance system and governance capacity, and consolidate and develop the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, we must fully display the advantages of the new party system and further improve it. As an important political form and organizational form of the new political party system, the CPPCC is an important carrier to show and understand the advantages of the new political party system. It is an important and urgent task of the times to strengthen and improve the work of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), make it better show the advantages of the new political party system, and make it stable and far-reaching in the continuous improvement of the new political party system.

## 2. A UNIQUE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW PARTY SYSTEM

During the two sessions in 2018, General Secretary Xi put forward the concept of "new political party system" for the first time when attending the joint meeting of CPPCC, and summarized the characteristics and advantages of this system with three "new" heights: "What's new is that it is the product of the combination of Marxist political party theory and China's reality. Be able to truly, extensively and permanently represent and realize the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority of the people and all ethnic groups and all walks of life in the country; what's new is that it unites all political parties and personages without party affiliation closely and strives for the common goal; what's new is that it concentrates all kinds of opinions and suggestions and promotes scientific and democratic decision-making through institutionalized, procedural and standardized arrangements." [1] General Secretary's speech distinguishes the new party system with Chinese characteristics from the old party system from the three dimensions of ruling foundation, party relations and state governance. It is an important theoretical guide for us to uphold and improve the new party system.

### ***2.1. Extensive interest representatives to consolidate the ruling foundation***

In the Communist Manifesto, the revolutionary teacher solemnly declared: "All the movements in the past were for a few people or for the benefit of a few people. The proletarian movement is an independent movement for the benefit of the overwhelming majority of people. " [2] the CPC was founded at a time of national crisis. Its initial intention and mission is to seek happiness for the people and rejuvenation for the nation. Whether in the revolutionary era of turning the tide into a landslide or in the triumphant modernization journey, the CPC has always faithfully represented the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority of the people, and has taken realizing, safeguarding and developing the interests of the masses as the fundamental guide for its work. As participating parties, the democratic parties, have its own special history, representing different people and their interests. Therefore, the implementation of multi-party cooperation and political consultation can maximize the universality of interest representatives, further expand the party's mass base and social influence, and consolidate the party's ruling foundation.

### ***2.2. A high degree of power integration to gather social consensus***

Uniting all forces that can be united and establishing the broadest united front are the fundamental principles created by the CPC according to the basic principles of Marxism and the reality of Chinese revolution and construction. They run through the whole process of the new political party system's gestation, formation and development, which makes China's political party system different from the one-party system that is prone to despotism and corruption due to lack of supervision. It is also different from the two-party system and multi-party system, which are politically polarized due to vicious competition. It can highly integrate various social forces, absorb the interests of all parties, unite social consensus and reflect the overall will of the people. At present, the international situation is complicated and changeable, and the international community's momentum of suppressing China's development is increasing. In order to successfully realize the two hundred-year goals, we must adhere to and improve the new political party system, do a good job in the cause of the CPPCC, closely unite all parties, social organizations and people from all walks of life, integrate all resources that can be integrated, and mobilize all forces that can be mobilized. The greatest common denominator of realizing people's wishes to the greatest extent.

### ***2.3. Strict system norms to form scientific decision-making***

In recent years, the voting-style competitive political party system in the west has been declining day by day, and it has entered the predicament of no self-help: the random promise during the election campaign leads to the lack of public rationality in decision-making. The domination of capital on votes leads to the serious inclination of decision-making and administration to interest groups, which in turn leads to the serious tearing of society, and so on. Frequent mistakes in decision-making have plunged the West into a general governance crisis. In sharp contrast, China's new political party system insists on the unity of the party's leadership and the people being masters of the country, democracy and centralization, democratic consultation and mutual supervision. On the basis of constantly improving the party's leadership, it strives to explore the diversified paths of multi-party cooperation and strictly regulates the contents and procedures of cooperation and consultation. Form a series of institutionalized achievements to ensure democratic and scientific decision-making, and China's governance shocked the world.

## **3. THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CPPCC IN RUNNING THE NEW POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM**

As an important carrier and organizational form of the new political party system, the CPPCC is an important platform to embody the advantages and run the new political party system. In the process of implementing and operating the new political party system, the active work of the CPPCC not only fully demonstrated the unique advantages of the new political party system, but also further developed and improved the new political party system, but also has a positive and important influence on developing socialist democratic politics, improving the party's ruling ability and promoting the modernization of state governance.

### ***3.1. Be conducive to improving the system of people being masters of the country***

China is a socialist country, and the people being masters of the country is the essential feature of socialist democratic politics. The people being masters of the country is not only reflected in the political status of the people, but also in the concept of "people-centered" governing the country. In a word, everything is for the people and everything depends on the people. "Democracy is not an ornament, not for decoration, but for solving the problems that people want to solve." [3] Electoral democracy has the characteristics of stages, which means that the democratic rights of the western people have been

dormant for a long time, only awakened in the quadrennial elections. China combines electoral democracy with deliberative democracy, it not only guarantees the people's democratic right to indirectly manage state and social affairs by electing deputies according to law, but also guarantees the people's democratic right to engage in the most direct, extensive and effective political participation through various forms of consultation during the dormant period of electoral democracy, so as to truly realize the whole process of democracy.

The CPPCC is the earliest organizational form and institutional arrangement of deliberative democracy in China. As a specialized consultative body, the CPPCC has a wide coverage, rich experience in democratic consultation and relatively complete institutional system, and plays an indispensable role in promoting the development of "extensive and multi-layer institutionalization" of deliberative democracy and building the framework of deliberative democracy in China. Through the performance practice of the CPPCC, the institutional system of people being masters of the country will be further improved.

### ***3.2. Be conducive to improving the party's ruling ability and leadership level***

Party leadership is the most essential feature of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Improving the party's ruling ability and leadership level is an inevitable requirement for consolidating the ruling position and realizing the ruling mission, and also an important prerequisite and powerful guarantee for promoting the modernization of state governance. It is not easy to improve the party's ruling ability. It is necessary to strengthen the party's own construction and study, broaden the communication channels with all parties and social organizations, recruit talents and listen to good words.

As early as 1983, Qian Xuesen, vice chairman of the Sixth National Committee of the CPPCC, put forward that "the CPPCC should play the role of intellectual pool". The CPPCC is the United front of our country, it is the only political organization composed of elites from many sectors, and it is a well-deserved "talent pool" and "think tank". Compared with other types of think tanks such as universities, research institutes and social organizations, the CPPCC has a great advantage, that is, it is more convenient, comprehensive and authoritative to obtain official information. This is convenient for the CPPCC to quickly provide our party with decision-making consultation, policy design scheme and feedback policy implementation effect through investigation and evaluation in the shortest time. The former helps our party to make scientific decisions, while the latter is convenient for our party to correct the deviation in time. In this way, the CPPCC has greatly

improved our party's ruling ability and leadership level by building a bridge of knowledge and policy communication.

### ***3.2. Be conducive to promoting the modernization of state governance***

The modernization of national governance is a grand proposition, including the modernization of governance system and the modernization of governance capacity. The connotation of modernization of governance system refers to the establishment and improvement of basic systems in political, economic, cultural, social and other fields. In the process of ensuring the sound operation of various systems, the social order jointly built by social core values and core interests can be stably maintained at the lowest cost. The connotation of governance capacity modernization means that national governors are good at transforming the above-mentioned advantageous systems into governance efficiency, realizing good governance and achieving good governance. Whether it is the formulation and perfection of the system or the benign interaction of the people's will, it depends on the deepening practice of democracy (especially deliberative democracy). From this perspective, governance modernization is inseparable from deliberative democracy: without modern governance, there can be no development of deliberative democracy; without deliberative democracy, there can be no orderly political participation of the people, no consensus formation and scientific decision-making. As a result, the government loses its authority, and even effective governance can not be realized, let alone modern governance.

In the long-term practice of deliberative democracy, the CPPCC has formed a fine tradition and style of tolerance, rationality, diversity and compatibility, and respect for differences. CPPCC at all levels insist on peaceful and rational communication and consultation with the ruling party, government, people's congresses, functional departments, social organizations and social organizations for the purpose of promoting consensus and harmony. It is conducive to mobilizing the enthusiasm of the general public to participate in the management of social affairs, and forming a benign interaction between elite governance and ordinary people. It is conducive to promoting the construction of a rational, complete, scientific and effective national institutional system, and finally realizing the modernization of national governance.

#### **4. THE WAY FOR THE CPPCC TO HIGHLIGHT THE UNIQUE ADVANTAGES OF THE NEW POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM**

To improve the new political party system, we must adhere to the CPPCC system and develop the cause of the CPPCC. At the joint meeting mentioned above, the general secretary expressed his expectation: "I hope that all democratic parties and personages without party affiliation will be good advisers, helpers and colleagues of the CPC, enhance their responsibilities and responsibilities, and jointly do a good job in China." [4] This speech pointed out the direction for the CPPCC to further highlight the new party system.

##### ***4.1. Adhere to the overall leadership of the party and focus on the central work of the party and the state to be a good helper of the party***

Centralization without democracy is easy to decline into despotism and tyranny, and democracy without centralization is easy to lead to endless quarrels and scattered sand. The new political party system not only adheres to the centralized and unified leadership of the party, but also adheres to multi-party cooperation and democratic consultation. This exquisite system design reasonably avoids the risks of dictatorship and inefficiency. Therefore, as an important organizational form of the new political party system in China, the CPPCC insists on the overall leadership of the party, which is not only the proper meaning, but also the sufficient and necessary guarantee for the CPPCC to work well.

First of all, adhere to the full coverage of the CPPCC members by the party organization. Perfecting the party organization of the CPPCC is the premise of upholding the party's overall leadership over the CPPCC. Secondly, adhere to the party's leadership to fully cover the work of the CPPCC. The CPPCC is neither an organ of power nor an administrative department, so the CPPCC must consciously work under the leadership of party committees at the same level. It is the essence of upholding the party's overall leadership over the CPPCC. Finally, focus on the central work of the Party and the state, and be a good helper of the Party. The CPPCC should actively share the burden for the party, and put the principle of upholding the party's overall leadership into the work planning and practice of the CPPCC. Taking the implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan as the main line, focusing on the central work of the Party and the state, and focusing on the overall situation of the work of the Party and the state, we should not only conduct research and extensive consultation on major development issues, but also do our duty of advice and senior management, and "focus on the major issues in the implementation of the 14th

Five-Year Plan to carry out consultative supervision and promote the implementation of major arrangements of the Party and the state" [5], to be a good helper of the Party, and write a brilliant stroke of the CPPCC in the great cause of national rejuvenation.

##### ***4.2. Broaden the consultation width of the CPPCC and build consensus widely to be a good staff adviser to the party***

The development of the situation requires the CPPCC to expand the breadth of consultations, build consensus to the greatest extent, and better advise the party and serve as the party's staff adviser.

First, coordinately promote the effective connection between CPPCC consultation and multi-modal consultation to expand the channels for grassroots people to participate in CPPCC consultation. The Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the CPC clearly required "to move the focus of social governance down to the grass-roots level and to decentralize power to the grass-roots level" [6]. In the process of coordinating and promoting multi-channel negotiation and connection, particular attention should be paid to the effective connection between the CPPCC consultation and the grass-roots consultation, so as to maximize the channels for grass-roots people to participate in the CPPCC consultation. Secondly, innovate the way of deliberative democracy and build a network negotiation platform to broaden the new path of interest demands. To innovate the way of democratic consultation, build a convenient and universal online consultation platform, and let more people's key trivial matters enter the CPPCC consultation agenda, is an important way for the CPPCC to further demonstrate the advantages of the new party system and broaden the social participation mechanism in national governance. Finally, strengthen the construction of consensus-building work system and extensively build consensus to be a good adviser to the party. Only when a broad consensus is reached and the common will of the people is represented can planning become a scientific decision-making. As a special consultative body, the CPPCC naturally has the function of consensus cohesion by seeking common ground and cooperation. The overall promotion of multi-channel deliberative democracy and the innovation of negotiation methods provide the necessary premise for the CPPCC to build consensus extensively. The working system of consensus-building includes strengthening the study and education system, the consensus-building system in the whole process of performing duties, the system of connecting with the masses of sectors, etc. Through these system construction can the CPPCC grasp the pulse of the times, reflect the will of the party and the people, and become a good adviser of the party.

### ***4.3. Improve the level of political consultation, democratic supervision, participation in the administration of state affairs to be a good colleague of the party***

Since its birth, the CPPCC has been working with the Party in the great cause of nation-building, reform and opening-up. At the historical moment when the CPC is advancing the great project of party building and leading the people of the whole country in the great struggle, the CPPCC must continuously promote the capacity building of performing its duties and responsibilities and improve the level of political consultation, democratic supervision and participation in the administration of state affairs.

First, establish a line of thinking. Wang Yang, Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, pointed out that the CPPCC is on the front line of cohesion, decision-making consultation, deliberative democracy, and national governance, and is an important part of the front-line work of the party and the country. In the new era, the CPPCC must take an active role, shoulder heavy responsibilities, establish front-line thinking, and demonstrate front-line responsibility. Second, strengthen team building. The focus of the CPPCC's ability to perform its duties and responsibilities is to build a team of members. It is necessary to strengthen theoretical study, improve the sense of responsibility of the committee members and the ability to express their negotiation discourse; improve the accuracy of topic setting and the ability to connect with the masses and work together; formulate a training and promotion mechanism and an incentive and restraint mechanism for committee members, and improve the level of institutionalized consultative democracy, etc. Finally, establish quality orientation. Improving the quality of work is the top priority of the development of the party in the new era, and it is also a practical need to strengthen and improve the work of the CPPCC. Chairman Wang Yang pointed out: "The quality orientation should be clearly established, and the work of the CPPCC should be changed from focusing on 'what has been done' and 'how much has been done' to 'what effect has been done'." [7] This is a responsibility that must be undertaken as a good colleague fighting side by side with the party.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Since 1954, when the CPPCC terminated the function of acting on behalf of the National People's Congress and became a patriotic democratic united front organization, the CPC's positioning of the nature of the CPPCC has continued to superimpose: the institutions of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the Communist Party, the important realization form of people's democracy, the important

channels and specialized consultation institutions of socialist deliberative democracy, the important part of the national governance system, and the institutional arrangements with Chinese characteristics. It shows that the CPC has great expectation to the CPPCC. It is believed that under the leadership of the party and the efforts of all the CPPCC members, in the future the CPPCC will be able to live up to the trust of the party and the people, better practice the new party system, and better demonstrate the advantages of the new party system.

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