

# Research on Beautiful Shaanxi Construction Guided by Ecological Civilization Ideology in the New Era

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**Abstract:** Since Xi Jinping lived and worked in a production team in Liangjiahe, Yanchuan County, Shaanxi Province, his ecological ideology began sprout. In the subsequent administration of Fujian and Zhejiang, combined with local development, Xi Jinping ideology of ecological civilization became systematical. After the 18<sup>th</sup> CPC National Congress, Xi Jinping delivered a series of important speeches about the construction of ecological civilization and formed his ideology of ecological civilization. It, containing rich contents, is the conclusion drawn from long-term socialist revolution and construction of the CPC and the development and innovation of Marxism ecological ideology in China. Combined with the judgment of "Shaanxi is in a stage of catch-up and surpassing" when Xi Jinping inspected Shaanxi in the beginning of 2015, Xi Jinping ideology of ecological civilization shall be practiced to realize the catch-up and surpassing of beautiful Shaanxi.

Human beings have never stopped thinking and practicing the relationship between man and nature. In the process, rich ecological ideologies appear. The formation of Xi Jinping ideology of ecological civilization construction is rooted in the realistic background of domestic and international ecological problems, and is based on the good practice of collective ecological protection by the party's leaders. It not only fully absorbs the outstanding achievements of traditional Chinese culture, but also adheres to the dominant position of Marx and Engels' ecological ideology, and is the inheritance and development of Marx and Engels' ecological ideology.

## 1. Xi Jinping Ideology of Ecological Civilization in New Era

### 1.1 The sprout

Xi Jinping was sent to the Liangjiahe production brigade, Wenanyi commune, Yanchuan County, Shaanxi Province from 1969 to 1975 for 7 years as educated youth. At that time, there was not actually a river in Liangjiahe brigade. There was only one ravine. In the rainy season, there was only a little muddy water in the ditch. The sides of the ditch were steep slopes. Due to the poor natural environment, Yanchuan County is still a national poverty-stricken county. In the 7 years, Xi Jinping not only lived in the cave-house, but also worked with the local people, ate the food called Tuanzi (steamed corn bread with corn, chaff and bran), and personally experienced the harsh natural ecology with spreading yellow sand, dependent on the weather.

The poor natural ecological environment results in its lower productivity. Before 1975, Liangjiahe still relied on kerosene for lighting. In the early stage of the trial construction of biogas digesters in the country, Xi Jinping led the village of Liangjiahe to build dozens of biogas digesters in 1975, basically solving the problem of cooking and lighting. On March 22, 2005, when Xi Jinping, the Secretary of Zhejiang Provincial Party Committee at that time, inspected Chun'an County, he visited the biogas digesters of Jiang Village. He said humorously: "I was professional in building biogas digesters. When I was a party branch secretary in the northern Shaanxi countryside 30 years ago, I built the first biogas village in Shaanxi Province."

About the seven years, Xi Jinping later commented on this: "My growth and progress should be said to start in the seven or eight years of northern Shaanxi. Many ideas of seeking truth from facts

have taken root from that time, affecting me every moment till now.” Therefore, it can also be said that Xi Jinping concept of ecological civilization construction is also sprouting in his own life in northern Shaanxi. At the same time, leading the people to build biogas digesters has effectively improved people’s lifestyle, and lays a foundation for Xi Jinping concept of ecological civilization construction.

## **1.2 Main ideas**

### **1.2.1 It scientifically explains the relationship between ecology and civilization**

In the experience of original civilization, agricultural civilization and industrial civilization, ecological factor is the important factor that cannot be ignored. Looking back at history, it is not difficult to find out that “the ancient civilizations of ancient Babylon, ancient Egypt, ancient India, etc. all originated from the vast river plains with abundant water, dense forests and good ecology. It is also because of the serious destruction of the ecology that led to the decline of civilization, or the transfer of the civilization center”. Thus, Xi Jinping proposes that “civilization relies on ecology”. On the one hand, this argument reveals the inherent unity of ecological rise and fall and civilization transformation. On the other hand, from the height of human society development, it strategically positions the historical value carried by the ecological environment, reflecting his “clear understanding and rational grasping of the trend of human ecological civilization”.

### **1.2.2 It proposes that good ecological environment is the public product and well-being**

In April 2013, Xi Jinping pointed out during his inspection in Hainan “A good ecological environment is the fairest public product and the most inclusive well-being.” This highlights the close relationship between ecological civilization and people’s lives, is a response to people’s expectation for beautiful ecological environment and focus on ecologically environmental problems, reflects the innovation of ecological civilization theory and people’s livelihood theory, and helps to promote the unified understanding and achieve concerted action between the party committees and governments at all levels in the construction of ecological civilization and improvement of people’s livelihood.

### **1.2.3 It stresses the significance of coordinated and sustainable development between economy and society**

Since the 18<sup>th</sup> CPC National Congress, the Party Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping has attached great importance to the construction of ecological civilization, vigorously promoted the harmonious development of man and nature, and constantly emphasized the importance of coordinated and sustainable development between economy and society. He proposed that “protecting the ecological environment means protecting the productivity and improving the ecological environment is the development of productivity”, profoundly revealing the dialectical relationship between ecological civilization and economic development, enriching and sublimating the party’s development philosophy, emphasizing the necessity of green development, circular development, and low-carbon development. He also vividly used mountains of gold and silver and clear waters and green mountains to compare the relationship between economic development and ecological protection. He pointed out that it is necessary to have clear waters and green mountains, but also mountains of gold and silver. Clear waters and green mountains are important than mountains of gold and silver, and clear waters and green mountains is mountains of gold and silver. We must not sacrifice the ecological environment for the temporary development of the economy. We should actively develop the economy in ecological protection and protect the ecology in economic development.

### **1.2.4 It proposes to adopt the method of comprehensive innovation to construct ecological civilization**

In terms of thinking innovation, Xi Jinping regards ecological civilization construction as a systematic project, and requires it to be integrated into all aspects and process of economic

construction, political construction, cultural construction, and social construction, and emphasizes the joint action of ecological concepts, ecological systems, ecological security and ecological environment that are compatible with the requirements of ecological civilization construction. From the prospective of management, “the life community of mountain, water, forest, land and lake” is put forward. And the overall management of ecological problems is proposed. For innovation in thinking way, it is required to resolutely not take the old road of control after pollution and sacrificing the environment in exchange for economic growth.

## **2. The Catch-up and Surpassing of Beautiful Shaanxi**

General Secretary Xi Jinping clearly pointed out that “entering a new era of ecological civilization and building a beautiful China is an important part of the Chinese dream of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.” Beautiful Shaanxi is a part of beautiful China and is also the component of the “three Shaanxi” proposed by Shaanxi Province. During his inspection in Shaanxi, General Secretary Xi Jinping profoundly expounded on a series of major issues concerning the overall situation and long-term development of Shaanxi’s modernization, and made an important conclusion that Shaanxi is in the process of catch-up and surpassing. This is not only a full affirmation of Shaanxi’s development achievements, but also a new task for Shaanxi’s broad masses of cadres and people.

The catch-up and surpassing is the scientific positioning of Shaanxi development. Shaanxi belongs to the western late-development area. Compared with the developed areas, there are still gaps, the economic aggregate is small, the institutional mechanism is insufficiently innovated, the task of poverty alleviation and development is arduous, and the ecological environment is poor. But it must also be seen that Shaanxi has entered the accelerated phase of industrialization and urbanization, and its comprehensive strength has been rapidly improved. It has maintained a relatively high growth rate for many years. The per capita GDP has exceeded the national average level, and structural adjustment has undergone positive changes. With the dialectical review of Shaanxi development trend, there is space for catching up and advantages for surpassing. It is in the critical stage of catching up and surpassing. Accelerating development and upgrading transformation are distinctive features. Adhering to the concept that ecological environment is also a competitiveness, and lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets. The development and ecological environment protection advance together. Under the new normal of economic development, the multiple dynamics of Shaanxi development are superimposed on each other, with great potential, resilience and room for maneuver. Adhere to the integrated management of mountain, water, forest, land and lake. Focus on building a new national ecological security barrier, and promote the protection of returning farmland to forests and wetland protection.

## **3. The Catch-up and Surpassing of Beautiful Shaanxi Guided by Practicing Xi Jinping Ideology of Ecological Civilization**

The specific practice of ecological civilization construction in Shaanxi is to construct beautiful Shaanxi. It is to realize the harmonious, green, cycle and low-carbon sustainable development of human and nature, comprehensively determine the green space pattern, industrial structure and production and lifestyle, and basically construct a resource-saving and environment-friendly society, so as to have green northern Shaanxi plateau, landscape in Guanzhong Plain and forests in mountainous areas of Southern Shaanxi, so that people in Shaanxi Province can breathe clean air, drink clean water and eat safe food, making Shaanxi become a home with blue sky, clear waters and green lands.

### **3.1 To unify ideology and gather strength**

“The ecological environment protection of Shaanxi not only relates to its own development quality and sustainable development, but also to the national ecological environment.” It is necessary to comprehensively grasp the ideological connotation and fundamental requirements of

Xi Jinping ecological civilization construction, firmly establish the concept of civilization, establish a correct ecological outlook, development concept, and the concept of political achievements, properly handle ecology and civilization, protection and development, and the relationship between clear waters and green mountains and mountains of gold and silver, ecology and people's livelihood, unify thoughts and actions to the overall deployment of the central government, bring strength and enthusiasm to the concrete practice of building beautiful Shaanxi, focus on the implementation, do a good job in construction and environmental protection in a down-to-earth manner.

### **3.2 To make plans and focus on key points**

It is required to attach great importance to the formulation of ecological civilization construction planning, and focus on the task of "green mountains, clear waters, and green slopes" to plan the tasks of constructing beautiful Shaanxi. To carefully formulate land space development planning, ecological environmental protection planning, ecological industry development planning, comprehensive management planning of mountain, river and slope, energy conservation and emission reduction, pollution reduction and haze reduction planning, urban and rural environmental comprehensive improvement planning, afforestation and river basin management planning, further clarify the key points of the work, effectively grasp the comprehensive management of the Qinling, Yellow River, Weihe River, Hanjiang River, Danjiang River and Loess Plateau, and continue to fight the battle for the construction of beautiful Shaanxi.

### **3.3 To make overall arrangements and increase the efforts**

It is necessary to consolidate the ecological base so that existing ecological resources are no longer destroyed, expand ecological achievements and improve ecological quality. It is necessary to comprehensively carry out activities for the creation of ecological province, ecological city and ecological county, increase the protection of forest resources and afforestation, consolidate the achievements of returning farmland to forests and natural forests, continue to do a good job in the greening of Shaanxi, and further enhance the forest coverage rate and rural and urban greening rate; increase the comprehensive management of rivers and river basins, effectively control soil erosion, and ensure water safety; increase the comprehensive rectification of urban and rural environmental pollution, actively implement and conscientiously implement household waste sorting, harmless and resource-based treatment, and comprehensively control soil pollution; increase energy conservation and emission reduction, pollution control and haze reduction, and vigorously promote pollution control and haze reduction, so that pollution reduction is closely linked with industrial optimization and adjustment, and regional environmental quality improvement.

### **3.4 To intensify the supervision and law-based administration of government**

It is required to conscientiously implement the newly revised environmental protection laws and related policies and regulations, conscientiously implement various ecological systems, and increase publicity, supervision, and assessment. Resolutely correct the behavior of purely pursuing GDP at the expense of destroying the ecological environment, and strictly implement the one-vote veto system for project approval of ecological environment. Strictly implement the main functional area strategy and implement the off-office auditing of natural resources assets for leading cadres. Practically strengthen the ecological protection of the Qinling Mountains, conscientiously do a good job in the special treatment of illegal buildings in the Qinling Mountains, resolutely correct the excessive construction, deforestation and indiscriminate mining, maintain ecological balance, protect biodiversity, and build the central Qinling Mountains National Park, so as to realize the goal of Shaanxi with greener mountains, clearer water and bluer sky.

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