



Chapter 1

Significant Discourse on Xi Jinping's “Three Rural Issues” -- Urban-Rural Integrated Development

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Editor's Note:

Towns and villages are two major spatial forms of human production and life, mutually promoting and coexisting. Properly handling urban-rural relations, adhering to urban-rural integrated development, accelerating the formation of a new type of worker-farmer and urban-rural relationship featuring mutual promotion between industry and agriculture, complementarity between urban and rural areas, coordinated development, and common prosperity, and striving to build a new pattern of urban-rural integrated development, are crucial to the overall situation of socialist modernization and are an inevitable requirement for advancing Chinese-style modernization. Xi Jinping pointed out, “Comprehensively building a socialist modernized country, we must not only build prosperous cities but also build prosperous rural areas, promoting the formation of a new type of worker-farmer and

urban-rural relationship featuring mutual promotion between industry and agriculture, complementarity between urban and rural areas, coordinated development, and common prosperity.” “To do a good job in the great task of the rural revitalization strategy, we must follow the path of urban-rural integrated development.”

Promoting urban-rural integrated development is not only a key measure to solving the problems of unbalanced urban-rural development and insufficient rural development, but also an inevitable choice for promoting high-quality economic and social development and achieving common prosperity for all people. In the process of comprehensively building a socialist modernized country, it is necessary to take good care of the "urban" side and the "rural" side at the same time.

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Guangming Daily | Key Tasks for Promoting Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2025-05-07) .

<http://theory.people.com.cn/n1/2025/0507/c40531-40474619.html>

Qiushi Journal | Focusing on Improving the Systems and Mechanisms for Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2024-09-06) .

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(1) Promoting Common Prosperity and High-Quality Development in Urban and Rural Areas

- Xi Jinping has made a series of important expositions on promoting urban-rural integrated development. At the Central Conference on Rural Work in 2020, he pointed out that “the next 15 years will be a window of opportunity to break down the urban-rural dual structure and improve the systems and mechanisms for urban-rural integrated development.”

- At the Central Conference on Rural Work in 2022, he called for “breaking down the urban-rural dual structure at the county level.” During the second collective study session of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee, he emphasized

“comprehensively promoting rural revitalization, advancing urbanization with counties as important carriers, promoting urban-rural integrated development, strengthening urban-rural economic ties, and smoothing urban-rural economic circulation.” These important expositions provide profound insights into the general laws of urban-rural relations, scientifically grasp the evolutionary trend of China's urban-rural relations, deepen the understanding of the laws of urban-rural integrated development, and offer directional guidance and action guidelines for promoting urban-rural integrated development.



From December 28 to 29, 2020, the Central Conference on Rural Work was held in Beijing. General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping attended the conference and delivered an important speech.

Photo link:

China Court Network | Xi Jinping: We must persist in making solving the "Three Rural Issues" a top priority for the Party's work and mobilize the whole Party and society to promote rural revitalization (2022-03-31).

<https://www.chinacourt.org/article/detail/2022/03/id/6611084.shtml>

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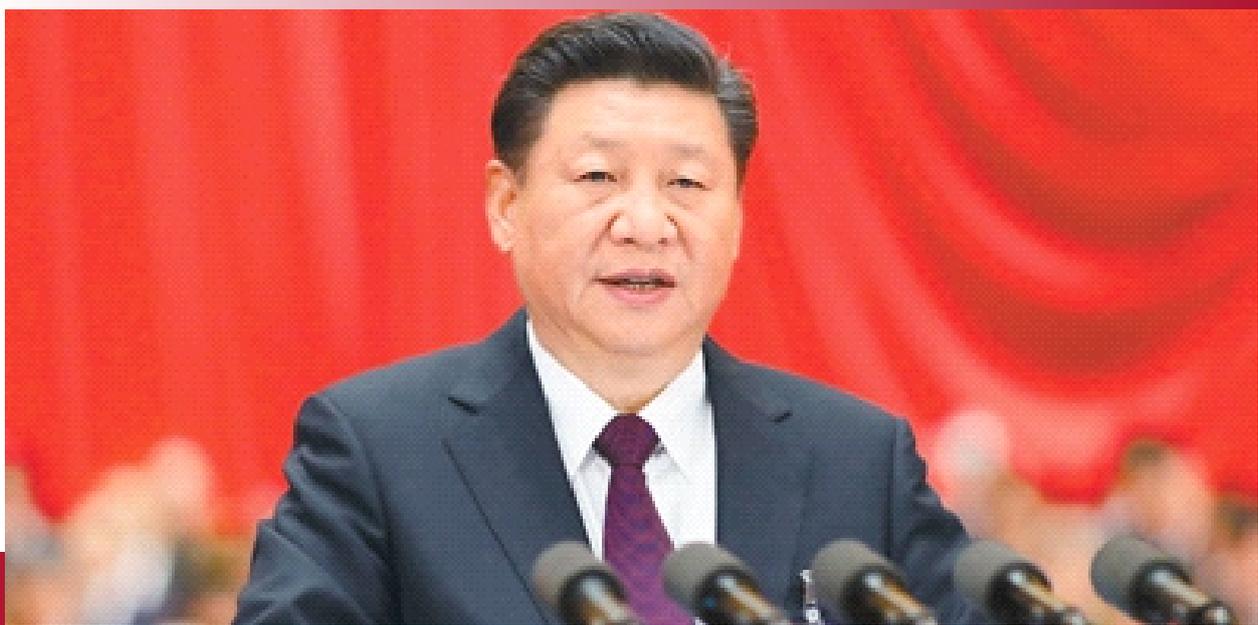
People's Daily | Taking Counties as an Important Entry Point for Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2024-06-12).

<http://opinion.people.com.cn/n1/2024/0612/c1003-40254592.html>

- On October 18, 2017, President Xi Jinping emphasized in his report to the 19th National Congress of the CPC that it is necessary to adhere to the principles of prioritizing the development of agriculture and rural areas, and to establish and improve the systems, mechanisms, and policy frameworks for urban-rural integrated development in accordance with the requirements of thriving industries, livable environment, social civilization, effective governance, and prosperity, accelerating the modernization of agriculture and rural areas.

- On December 28, 2017, President Xi Jinping emphasized at the Central Conference on Rural Work that to follow the

path of socialist rural revitalization with Chinese characteristics, we must reshape urban-rural relations and follow the path of urban-rural integrated development. Upholding the principles of industry supporting agriculture and cities supporting rural areas, we must prioritize the construction of public infrastructure in rural areas, give precedence to education in rural areas, boost employment of rural workers in cities and increase farmers' incomes, reinforce the rural social security system, and gradually establish and improve a basic public service system that covers all, delivers universal benefits, and that integrates urban and rural areas.



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People's Daily | Xi Jinping's Report to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (2017-10-28).
<http://cpc.people.com.cn/n1/2017/1028/c64094-29613660.html>

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People's Daily | Taking Counties as an Important Entry Point for Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2024-06-12).
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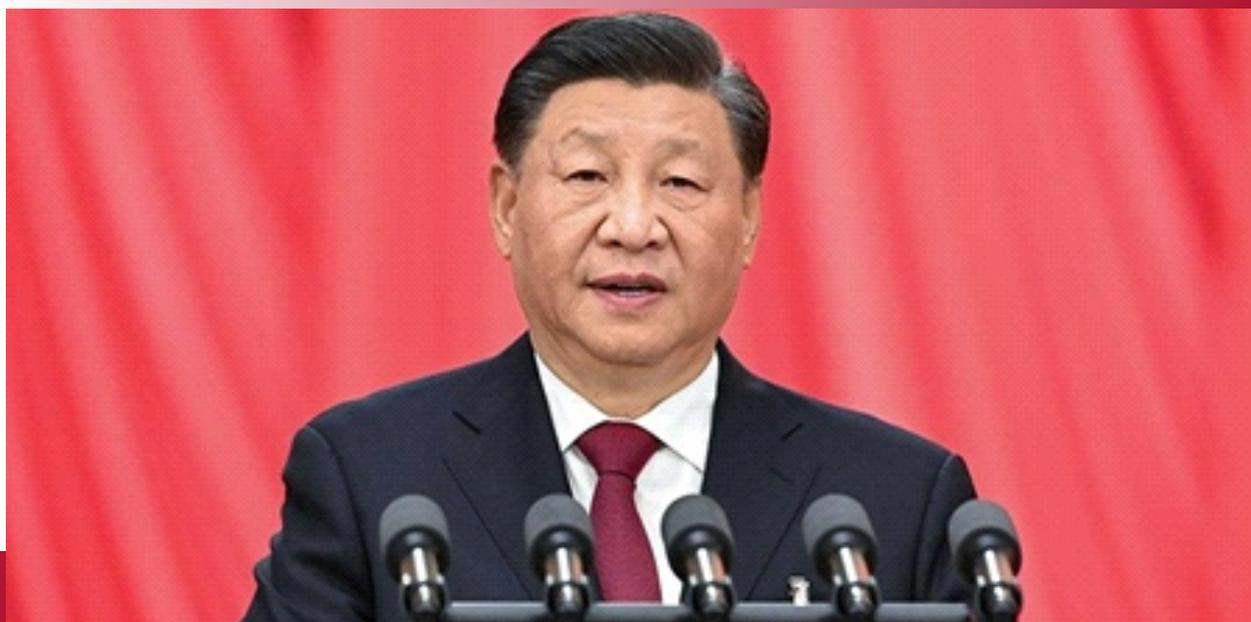
Chinese Government Network | Taking the Path of Socialist Rural Revitalization with Chinese Characteristics—A Second Discussion on Implementing the Spirit of the Central Conference on Rural Work (2018-01-01).

https://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2018-01/01/content_5252119.htm

- On December 28, 2020, President Xi Jinping emphasized the importance of promoting tangible results in urban-rural integrated development at the Central Conference on Rural Work. Rural revitalization must not be pursued in isolation. It is imperative to strengthen industry's support for agriculture and cities' support for rural areas, accelerating the establishment of a new type of relationship between industry and agriculture and between urban and rural areas—a relationship that is characterized by mutual reinforcement, complementarity, coordinated development, and common prosperity.

- On October 16, 2022, President Xi

Jinping emphasized in his report to the 20th National Congress of the CPC that adhering to urban-rural integrated development is an inevitable choice for building a new development pattern, promoting high-quality development, and advancing common prosperity in the new era and on the new journey. We must advance urban-rural integrated and regional coordinated development, ensuring that urbanization and rural revitalization progress at the same time, that rural areas are invigorated through urban-rural integration, and that all residents, whether urban or rural, have equal access to the fruitful results of reform and development.



On October 16, 2022, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping delivered a report at the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

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Chinese Government Network | Xi Jinping: Hold High the Great Banner of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics and Strive in Unity to Build a Modern Socialist Country in All Respects—The Report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (2022-10-25).

https://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2022-10/25/content_5721685.htm

Source:

People's Daily | Adhering to Making the Resolution of Three Rural Issues the Top Priority of the Entire Party's Work, Promoting High-Quality and Efficient Agriculture, Livable and Workable Rural Areas, and Prosperous Farmers (2020-12-30). <http://cpc.people.com.cn/n1/2020/1230/c64094-31983379.html>

Chinese Government Network | Xi Jinping: Hold High the Great Banner of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics and Strive in Unity to Build a Modern Socialist Country in All Respects—The Report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (2022-10-25).

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- On December 23, 2022, President Xi Jinping emphasized at the Central Conference on Rural Work that it is necessary to adapt to the general trend of urban-rural integrated development, break down institutional barriers that hinder the equal exchange and two-way flow of factors between urban and rural areas, promote development elements and various services to be sent to rural areas to a greater extent, and break down the urban-rural dual structure at the county level as a first step.

- On January 31, 2023, while presiding over the second collective study session of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee, President Xi Jinping emphasized leveraging the important role of rural areas as consumer

markets and factor markets, comprehensively promoting rural revitalization, advancing urbanization with counties as important carriers, promoting urban-rural integrated development, strengthening urban-rural economic ties, and smoothing urban-rural economic circulation.

- On December 17, 2024, President Xi Jinping provided important instructions on “agriculture, rural areas, and farmers” at the Central Conference on Rural Work, emphasizing that “we should improve rural planning and development, adapt to demographic transitions, promote the integration of comprehensive rural revitalization and new urbanization, coordinate urban-rural planning at the county level, and extend infrastructure to rural areas.”

Source:

Chinese Government Network | Xi Jinping Attended the Central Conference on Rural Work and Delivered an Important Speech (2022-12-24).

https://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2022-12/24/content_5733398.htm

Chinese Government Network | Xi Jinping Presided over the Second Collective Study Session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Delivered an Important Speech (2023-02-01).

https://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2023-02/01/content_5739555.htm

Chinese Government Network | The Central Conference on Rural Work was held in Beijing, and Xi Jinping made important instructions on doing a good job in the work of "Three Rural Issues" (2024-12-18).

https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/liebiao/202412/content_6993406.htm

(2) Reshaping Urban-Rural Relations and Improving the Systems, Mechanisms, and Policy Frameworks for Urban-Rural Integrated Development

- **Urban-rural integrated development is an inevitable requirement for filling in the gaps of agricultural and rural modernization and comprehensively promoting Chinese-style modernization.**

- President Xi Jinping pointed out that the greatest imbalance in China's development is the imbalance between urban and rural development; and that the greatest insufficiency lies in the insufficient development of rural areas.

- In achieving the second centenary goal of comprehensively building a socialist modernized country, the shortcomings lie in the realization of agricultural and rural modernization.

- It is necessary to establish and improve the systems, mechanisms, and policy frameworks for urban-

rural integrated development, accelerating agricultural and rural modernization.

- **Urban-rural Integrated development is a practical need for advancing a new development pattern and driving high-quality growth.**

- President Xi Jinping pointed out that smoothing the circulation between industry and agriculture and between urban and rural areas is an important aspect of smoothing the domestic economic cycle and enhancing China's economic resilience and strategic depth.

- Promoting the two-way flow and equal exchange of factors such as talent, land, and capital between urban and rural areas is an inherent requirement for building a unified national market.



From April 10 to 13, 2023, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping inspected Guangdong. On the afternoon of the 10th, Xi Jinping inspected the dedicated terminal at Xuwen Port in Xuwen County, Zhanjiang City, emphasizing the importance of urbanization with counties as important carriers, promoting urban-rural integrated development, strengthening urban-rural economic ties, and of smoothing urban-rural economic circulation.

Photo link:

Chinese Government Network | During his inspection tour in Guangdong, Xi Jinping stressed the need to unwaveringly deepen reform and expand high-level opening up, and to take the lead in promoting Chinese-style modernization (2023-04-13). https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/2023-04/13/content_5751308.htm

Source:

People's Daily | Deeply Advancing Urban-Rural Integrated Development and Promoting Common Prosperity in Urban and Rural Areas (2024-09-25).

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Qiushi Journal | Xi Jinping: Adhere to Making the Resolution of “Three Rural Issues” the Top Priority of the Entire Party's Work, Mobilize the Efforts of the Entire Party and Society to Promote Rural Revitalization (2022-03-31).

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- **Focusing on breaking down the urban-rural dual structure and establishing and improving the systems, mechanisms, and policy frameworks for urban-rural integrated development.**

- President Xi pointed out that the urban-rural dual structure is the key issue that is constraining urban-rural integrated development, and it is necessary to continuously use reforms as the driving force to break down the urban-rural dual structure.

- It is necessary to promote the equalization of basic public services, the interconnection of infrastructure, the balancing of residents' incomes, the reasonable allocation of factors, and the integrated development of industries, between urban and rural areas.

- **Promoting urban-rural integrated development requires consolidating and improving the basic operation system of rural areas, protecting the fundamental interests of farmers.**

- President Xi Jinping pointed out that no matter how the rural reform proceeds, the collective ownership of rural land cannot be dismantled, the amount of arable land cannot be reduced, the grain production capacity cannot be weakened, and farmers' interests cannot be harmed.

- The basic operation system of rural areas is the cornerstone of rural reform and development. The most important policy is to adhere to and improve the basic operation system of rural areas, which must not be shaken, ensuring that farmers' rights such as land contract and management rights, rights of homestead use, and their rights of requesting a distribution of collective income, are not infringed upon.



From October 26 to 28, 2022, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping inspected Yan'an City in Shaanxi Province and Anyang City in Henan Province. On the afternoon of the 26th, Xi Jinping had a cordial conversation with local people in an apple orchard in Nangou Village, Gaoqiao Town, Ansai District, Yan'an City, emphasizing that the most arduous and heavy tasks still lie in rural areas, and we should adhere to the principles of prioritizing the development of agriculture and rural areas.

Photo link:

Communist Party Member Network | During his inspection tours in Xi'an, Shaanxi, and Anyang, Henan, Xi Jinping emphasized the need to comprehensively promote rural revitalization and work tirelessly to achieve agricultural and rural modernization (2022-10-28).

<https://www.12371.cn/2022/10/28/ARTI1666963858903459.shtml>

Source:

People's Daily | Deeply Advancing Urban-Rural Integrated Development and Promoting Common Prosperity in Urban and Rural Areas (2024-09-25) .

http://www.qstheory.cn/qshyjx/2024-09/25/c_1130204840.htm

Chinese Government Network | Breaking Down the Barriers to Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2024-08-10) .

https://www.gov.cn/zhengce/202408/content_6967519.htm

(3) Taking Counties as the Starting Point, Facilitating the Two-way Flow and Integration of Factors Between Urban and Rural Areas.

- **Accelerating the urbanization of the agricultural migrant population.**

- Based on the current requirements of China's urbanization development, the main task is to solve the problem of household registration for the agricultural migrant population who is already employed in urban areas.

- The Comprehensive Rural Revitalization Plan (2024-2027) explicitly calls for "implementing a new round of citizenization actions for agricultural migrant populations".

- We should smooth the channels for urban-rural population flows, accelerate the urbanization of the agricultural migrant population, and attract various high-quality talents to contribute to the rural areas.

- **Improving the rural property right system and promoting the flow of resources and factors to rural areas to a greater extent.**

- We should establish and improve the incentive mechanisms for resources and factors to be sent to rural areas; orderly guide and legally regulate the entry of industrial and commercial capital, technology, and talents from urban to rural areas.

- We should deepen reforms of contracted land, homesteads, and collectively-owned operational construction land, establish and improve a unified construction land market between urban and rural areas.

- We should improve the investment guarantee mechanism for rural development and construction, featuring fiscal priority, key financial support, and active social participation.



From September 10 to 13, 2024, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping inspected Gansu. On the afternoon of the 11th, Xi Jinping inspected the Zhongshan Bridge section of the Yellow River in Lanzhou, pointing out the need to implement a new-type urbanization strategy that is people-centered, improve the comprehensive carrying capacity of counties, strengthen the county-level economy, and to promote urban-rural integrated development.

Photo link:

Communist Party Member Network | During his inspection tour in Gansu, Xi Jinping emphasized that we should deepen the reform, dare to innovate, work hard and practically, make the people richer, and revitalize Gansu, striving to write a new chapter of Chinese-style modernization in Gansu (2024-9-13).

<https://www.12371.cn/2024/09/13/ART11726215260567352.shtml>

Source:

Guangming Daily | Key Tasks for Promoting Urban-Rural Integrated Development (2025-05-07) .

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- **Accelerating filling the gap in rural livelihood and promoting the integration of urban-rural infrastructure.**

- It is important to strengthen the unified planning, unified construction, and unified management of urban-rural infrastructure, and coordinate the layout of facilities including transportation, water supply, power supply, information, logistics, garbage and sewage treatment facilities.

- We should accelerate improving the quality and efficiency of basic public services in rural areas, build county-level education and medical communities, and improve the rural elderly care service system.

- We should promote the alignment and universal sharing of basic public service systems between urban and rural areas.

- **Promoting the clustering of**

industries at the county level and accelerating the integration of primary, secondary, and tertiary industries in rural areas.

- We should develop key nodes for processing and circulation in key towns, build high-quality raw material bases, create industrial clusters that connect urban and rural areas, and enhance the industrial carrying capacity and supporting service capabilities of counties.

- We should rely on characteristic agricultural and rural resources to develop multiple functions of agriculture and tap into the diverse values of rural areas.

- We should promote the upgrading of the entire rural industrial chain, enhance market competitiveness and strengthen sustainable development capabilities, by connecting production, processing, and sales, and by integrating agriculture, culture, and tourism.



From June 19 to 20, 2024, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President Xi Jinping inspected Ningxia. On the afternoon of the 19th, Xi Jinping had a cordial conversation with the medical staff at the community health service station of the Changcheng Garden Community Party-Mass Service Center at the Changcheng Garden Community in Jinfeng District, Yinchuan City, emphasizing the need to promote urban-rural integrated development and to advance the integration of industrial development, infrastructure, and public services, between urban and rural areas.

Photo link:

Communist Party Member Network | During his inspection tour in Ningxia, Xi Jinping emphasized the importance of building a pilot zone for ecological protection and high-quality development in the Yellow River Basin, and writing a good chapter for Ningxia in the process of China's modernization (2024-06-21).

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People's Daily | Deeply Advancing Urban-Rural Integrated Development and Promoting Common Prosperity in Urban and Rural Areas (2024-09-25).

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Guangming Daily | Gao Guoli: Adhering to Urban-Rural Integrated Development and Advancing Comprehensive Rural Revitalization (2025-03-03).

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