

PRESIDENT XI JINPING SENT A LETTER TO THE NINTH CONGRESS OF THE CHINA LAW SOCIETY

On the occasion of the Ninth Congress of the China Law Society, Chinese President *Xi Jinping*, also General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, sent a letter to the congress, extending greetings to legal professionals across the country and expressing hope for the law society to fully perform its duties.

President *Xi Jinping* pointed out in the letter that since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, law societies at all levels have united and led legal professionals to do a lot of work, making positive contributions to comprehensively advancing law-based governance.

President *Xi Jinping* emphasized that on the new journey of the new era, law societies at all levels should take the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as their guide, fully implement the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, uphold the overall leadership of the Party, follow a path of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics, serve the overall work of the Party and the country, further improve themselves, give better play to their role as bridges, solidly carry out the work of developing legal research, serving the practice of the rule of law, strengthening the publicity of the rule of law, and cultivating legal talents, and strive to open a new ground for the development of the law society. Legal professionals should remain confident in the rule of law, develop a strong sense of mission, actively participate in the great practice of comprehensively advancing law-based governance, and make new contributions to advancing the socialist country under the rule of law to a higher level and advancing Chinese modernization. Party committees at all levels should strengthen their leadership over the law society and provide strong support for the law society to carry out its work in accordance with the law and its constitution.

The Ninth Congress of the China Law Society was opened in Beijing on the morning of January 10, 2025, during which the letter of President *Xi Jinping* was conveyed.

Chen Wenqing, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee, delivered a speech on behalf of the Party

Central Committee at the opening ceremony. He said that law societies at all levels should thoroughly study and implement the important instructions of General Secretary *Xi Jinping*, uphold the overall leadership of the Party, provide better political guidance, fulfill their duties in accordance with the law, enforce strict discipline and conduct, forge ahead with reform, and contribute insight and strength to comprehensively advancing law-based governance and advancing the socialist country under the rule of law to a higher level. We hope that legal professionals will comprehensively study and implement *Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law*, firmly follow the political orientation, remain confident in the rule of law, take the initiative to serve the overall plans and the people, conduct extensive legal research, and make achievements in advancing Chinese modernization with a focus on sound legislation, strict law enforcement, impartial administration of justice, and society-wide observance of the law.

Wang Xiaohong, Zhang Qingwei, Zhang Jun, Ying Yong, and He Baoxiang attended the opening ceremony.

Wang Chen, the eighth President of the China Law Society, presided over the congress and delivered a work report on behalf of the eighth board of directors.

The congress commended the advanced collectives and exemplary individuals of the national law society system. Members of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee and all representatives of the Ninth Congress of the China Law Society attended the opening ceremony.

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