

## THE CUSTOMS LAW RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF THE CHINA LAW SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED IN BEIJING

On March 21, 2026, the founding meeting of the Customs Law Research Association of the China Law Society was held in Beijing. *Wang Hongxiang*, Secretary of the leading Party members group and Executive Vice President of the China Law Society, and *Sun Meijun*, Minister and Secretary of the Party Committee of the General Administration of Customs, attended and addressed the meeting. *Wang Zhenjiang*, member of the leading Party members group and Vice President of the China Law Society, presided over the meeting. *Lyu Weihong*, Director of the Department of Political Affairs and member of the Party Committee of the General Administration of Customs, was elected as the first president at the meeting.

*Wang Hongxiang* extended his congratulations on the establishment of the Customs Law Research Association of the China Law Society. He pointed out that the establishment of the Customs Law Research Association is an inevitable requirement for thoroughly implementing Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law, serving the modernization of customs work under the rule of law, and improving the research association system of the China Law Society. We must strengthen political guidance, firmly uphold Party leadership as the fundamental guarantee, deeply understand the decisive significance of the ‘Two Establishments’, enhance the ‘Four Consciousnesses’, firmly establish the ‘Four Confidences’, and achieve the ‘Two Upholds’. We must thoroughly implement Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law and the holistic approach to national security, implement the spirit of the important letter of General Secretary *Xi Jinping* to the Ninth Congress of the China Law Society, and unswervingly follow a path of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics. We must serve the overall situation, closely focus on the key tasks of advancing the rule of law during the 15th Five-Year Plan period, give full play to the role of research associations as a think tank, and promote the in-depth development of theoretical research and practical application of customs legal frameworks. We must cultivate legal talents, improve practice-oriented training mechanisms, and foster a vibrant situation of emerging legal talents in the customs field. We must continue to improve ourselves, comprehensively enhance the institutionalization and standardization of work, and contribute to the great practice of comprehensive advancement of law-based governance.

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developing the theory of socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics, and further deepening reform comprehensively under the rule of law. The Customs Law Research Association should take Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as its guide, deeply understand the decisive significance of the ‘Two Establishments’, resolutely achieve the ‘Two Upholds’, accurately grasp the new situation and new tasks facing customs law research, continuously break new ground in the work of customs law research, and make new and greater contributions to building a great country and advancing national rejuvenation on all fronts through Chinese modernization. We must strengthen organizational leadership and strive to build a strong collective leadership that is politically firm, loyal to the Party, courageous in innovation, effective in law society governance, and capable of promoting law society development. We should strengthen theoretical research, promote theoretical innovation in customs legislation, law enforcement, and legal education, and actively provide suggestions for the modernization of customs construction. We should serve the growth of talents, improve the mechanism of talent cultivation and employment, and continuously optimize the customs legal research team. We must play the role of a bridge, develop our distinctive platforms and working mechanisms, actively promote the transformation and application of research results, and advance the modernization of customs work.

The meeting reviewed and approved the *Constitution of the Customs Law Research Association of the China Law Society*, and elected the first council of the Customs Law Research Association of the China Law Society.

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