### The Philosophical Basis and Significance of the Transformation of Major Contradictions in Chinese Society

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Abstract: Based on the historical orientation of China's development in the new era, the 19th National Congress of the CPC reviewed and summarized the historical changes in China's society in the past five years, the historic achievements made in the reform and opening-up and socialist modernization, and made a scientific judgment on the transformation of major social contradictions in China based on a scientific analysis of the development and changes in the international and domestic situations. Dialectical materialism and historical materialism are the important theoretical support for this judgment. The historic changes in the Party and state undertakings in the new era have provided an important practical basis for the transformation of major social contradictions in our country. A thorough study of the philosophical and practical basis for the transformation of major social contradictions is of great significance to correctly grasp the changes of major social contradictions in our country.

#### 1. Philosophical Basis for Transformation of Major Social Contradictions in China

### 1.1 The new judgment of major social contradictions is an inheritance of Marxist materialist dialectics.

General secretary Xi Jinping pointed out in his speech at the first collective study of the political bureau of the 19th CPC central Committee: "we must integrate the study and implementation of the 19th CPC central Committee spirit with the study of the basic principles of Marxism." On the philosophical level, in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the new assertion of major social contradictions in our country inherits and develops Marxist dialectics.

Marxist dialectics holds that subjective (thinking) dialectics is a dynamic reflection of objective (natural, social) dialectics on the basis of practice. In Das Kapital, materialistic logic, dialectics and epistemology are all applied to the same science, which is "the logic of Das Kapital". For this reason, Engels put forward "three laws of dialectics": mutual change of quality, unity of opposites and negation of negation. According to Marx and Engels, the law of negation of negation or negation is the "essence" and "core" of dialectics. Lenin made it clear that the law of unity of opposites is the "core" and "essence" of dialectics.

Xi Jinping pointed out: "Society moves forward in the movement of contradictions. Where there are contradictions, there will be struggles." This is the basic view of materialist conception of history and historical dialectics. Xi Jinping's "five kinds of thinking": "strategic thinking, historical thinking, dialectical thinking, innovative thinking and bottom line thinking" are the inheritance and development of materialist dialectics. The "five kinds of thinking" respectively involve the categories and laws of materialist dialectics such as "global and local", "history and reality", "contradiction (unity of opposites)", "present and future" and "good and bad". As a scientific thinking method and working method, the "five kinds of thinking" are unified and cannot be confused but cannot be separated. Dialectical thinking, i.e. the recognition, analysis and solution of contradictions, should be the core of which is to grasp the key points, find out the key points and observe the development laws of things.

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# 1.2 The expression of major social contradictions embodies the demands of the times for national development

In October 2017, the party's 19th congress clearly proposed that "socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era, and the main social contradictions in our country have been transformed into the contradictions between the people's growing needs for a better life and the unbalanced and inadequate development". This judgment shows that "China's basic national conditions, which are still in the primary stage of socialism and will remain unchanged for a long time, and China's international status as the world's largest developing country has not changed." However, "socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era" and our country has entered a historical era of "winning the victory to build a well-off society in an all-round way and then building a modern and powerful socialist country in an all-round way". This is the "new" of the times in the Chinese context.

In short, the assertion that the major social contradictions in our country have undergone major changes in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics fully proves that Xi Jinping's socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era is the product and performance of the combination of the basic principles of Marxism and China's reality, the latest achievement of sinicized Marxism, and "Marxism in China in the 21st century".

#### 2. The Significance of Transformation of Major Social Contradictions in China

# 2.1 The change of major social contradictions marks the great historic achievement of socialism with Chinese characteristics

In the new era, the change of major social contradictions in our country is of extraordinary significance, which indicates that socialism with Chinese characteristics has made great historic achievements and scientific socialism has shown great vitality in China in the 21st century. The change of major social contradictions is the result of the concerted and continuous efforts of generations of Chinese Communists to lead the Chinese people to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It is also the major achievement of our Party in taking the socialist road with Chinese characteristics as the fundamental way to solve major social contradictions in our country. The changes in major social contradictions have proved strongly that by combining the basic principles of scientific socialism with China's actual development and adhering to the Party's basic theory, line and strategy, people's aspiration for a better life and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation can be realized.

## 2.2 The change of major social contradictions marks the entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era

Times are categories that express specific social history. Different social forms, different historical periods and different stages of development form times with different connotations. The main social contradictions are the basic basis for dividing the times. They play a leading, dominating and decisive role in the process of social development and run through all fields and levels of the times. The change of major social contradictions in our country indicates that the original major social contradictions have been replaced by the new major social contradictions, which indicates that socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. The main contradiction in the new society is the important connotation and basic characteristics of the new era.

# 2.3 Changes in major social contradictions mark the entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics to promote development through development

Since the reform and opening up, China's development has attracted worldwide attention. But needless to say, there are still many problems in China. The analysis and evaluation of these problems vary from one angle to another. Generally speaking, the most central manifestation is the imbalance and inadequacy of development. What is the imbalance of development? This mainly

includes macro and micro levels. From a macro perspective, the imbalance of development is mainly reflected in the imbalance of development among the five major areas. Over the years, the work policy centering on economic construction has brought about remarkable economic achievements to our country. At the same time, it has also made us feel confident and strong. At the same time, it has also made us selectively ignore the development in political, cultural, social and ecological levels. The characteristics of economic construction, such as quick results, easy display and wide benefits, make us increasingly enthusiastic about economic development, which eventually leads to the theory that only GDP matters. From the micro level, the imbalance of development is mainly reflected in the imbalance between regions, groups and groups. What is insufficient development? This mainly means that the overall development of the fields related to the national economy and people's livelihood is not sufficient, resulting in the shortage of resources and looting. It can be seen from what people care about by word of mouth and what the news media report from time to time that this insufficiency is mainly manifested in the fairness of the education system, the soundness of the medical and health fields, the adjustment mode of employment pressure, the reform ideas of the housing system and the future development of the pension service industry. This is also the "qualitative" aspect of ordinary people's daily life.

#### 3. Conclusion

In summary, the judgment of the contradiction between the people's growing need for a better life and the unbalanced and insufficient development of the society in this new era has transformed backward social production into unbalanced and insufficient development, thus realizing the inclusive development of the theory, i.e. enriching the connotation of the theory on the basis of inheriting the original theoretical framework and the development of the objective situation. Then, at the new historical starting point, "we must firmly grasp the phased characteristics of our country's development and firmly grasp the people's yearning for a better life". Secondly, on the basis of continuously promoting development, we should strive to solve various problems arising in our country's development and strive to realize that in the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, we should not only pay attention to the speed of development, but also pay more attention to the quality of development, comprehensive benefits and all-round liberation and development of people. This is the historical task brought to us by the transformation of major social contradictions in our country today. The Communist Party of China will also continue to focus on the people, vigorously develop the productive forces, adhere to the economic construction as the center, meet the people's yearning and expectation for a better life, and finally successfully resolve this major contradiction.

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