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The Scientific Development View and the Harmonious Development of Economy and Society

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Abstract: Development is an eternal theme, which the whole world is seeking for. China is a developing country. China must quicken the pace for development if she wants to make foothold among the world’s nations. Nanjing is the Capital of Jiangsu Province. She also needs to accelerate her development pace if she wants to achieve the goal of “taking the lead to build affluent society, taking the lead to fulfill modernization”. Development is an absolute need and foremost duty. The developmental view cannot be separated from development itself. Regarding development, first of all, the economic development must be paid attention to. We must insist on focusing on the central task of economic construction and apply method of developing to solve the problems in course of advancement. Development should be scientific and its nature is comprehensive, harmonious and sustainable, which is the basic demand of scientific development view. However, it is not easy to maintain the comprehensive, harmonious and sustainable development of economy and society. We must take the national, provincial and municipal conditions into consideration so as to try our best to solve the crucial issues in the process of economic and social development. As the capital of Jiangsu Province and one of the biggest cities of Yangtse River Delta, economy and society in Nanjing have developed very fast in recent years. However, there also are some thorny and profound problems that are urgent to be solved. Therefore, we must adopt the scientific development view to guide the harmonious and healthy development of economy and society in Nanjing and thus assure the realization of “Two Taking the Lead”. At present, the focus of Nanjing’s development is overall planning and harmonious development between the rural and the urban ---“the urban spurring on the rural, industry driving agriculture, urban interacting with rural”. Thus we can accelerate the process of the unification of the urban and the rural. The foothold of the economic development is to enrich people. We must stick to the human-centered approach, fasten the process of enriching citizens, promote harmonious development of material civilization, spiritual civilization and political civilization, and construct harmonious society of Nanjing in the course of harmonious development.

Key words: developmental view, coordinated development of economy and society, enriching people

1. Take scientific development view as the instruction and plan the development of economy and society as a whole in Nanjing.

The scientific development view is the basic principle, which solves many contradictions in Chinese economical and social development, and is the guiding thought and thinking way of realizing economy and society development, which needs to persist for a long time. The comprehensive implementation of science development view is an objective goal request of advancing with the times and realization of “Two Taking the Lead” in Nanjing, namely, taking the lead to build affluent society, taking the lead to fulfill basically modernization.

Presently, the most prominent question of Chinese economy development is the lag of economical growth transformation way; the high input, consumption and the high pollution as the cost of average annual GDP 9.4% recent years. The Gross Domestic Product about 1,370 billion dollars in China occupied about 1/30 that of the world, actually consumed the global 1/8 electric power, 1/4 steel products, 1/3 coal and 1/2 cement. The resources and energy consumption is 8 - 10 times higher comparing with international sustainable
development standard. The growth type of high input and low output is continuing with difficulty. We must transform the economical growth type to achieve the goal of building a comprehensive well-off society. Nanjing is one of the cities whose developing speed of economic is quicker; its growth rate is over 15% last three years, which depends on expanding the scale of investment. The extensive economical growth type has not fundamentally changed. First of all, we have to solve the problem of the leading cadre's development view. They must transform one-sided development idea which only paid attention to economical growth and pursued purely GDP target into the view on economy and society development and all-round development of human being which is based on maintaining economical growth, into scientific development view of economical and social overall development and to persist in correct achievement view.

The foothold of economical development is enriching people. The government must implement the policy of enriching people and speed up the process of enriching people to provide more actual benefits to the common people. Therefore, the government of Nanjing established the developmental target of “enriching people firstly”. The document on speeding up promoting enriching people had been promulgated by government of Nanjing in 2003, which was divided into 4 aspects, 87 criteria of assessment, carried out by 26 responsibility units, 38 departments. It will be inspected once a quarter by the enriching people office, which set up in Committee of Development and Reformation. After two years of unremitting endeavor, we have already obtained tremendous success and realized sound interaction between enriching people and boosting metropolis. In brief, the scientific development view will be a development idea that will persist by Nanjing government for a long time.

2. Take scientific development view as master route and plan the development of economy and society of the urban and the rural as a whole in Nanjing.

The Chinese economy has obtained a considerable development since the reform and opening-up to the world 20 years ago. However, the unbalance phenomenon of relationship between the urban and the rural is more and more serious together with the economy growth. Its outstanding representation was that farmers' income grew slowly, the income lag of both urban and rural residents expanded manifestly, which has seriously restricted Chinese economy development and affected China’s goal of realizing total affluent society. Although Nanjing's velocity of economic development is among the front ranks of the nation, but the questions of unbalanced economical development in different district, the dissonance between urban and rural development is also extremely prominent. Nanjing itself also has development difference between the south and north of Yangtze River. The ”metropolis preference” formed under urban and rural dual structure is the deep reason for restricts of urban and rural comprehensive development. Therefore, Nanjing should speed up urban and rural Comprehensive development step, enlarge construction dynamics of wealth, modernize the village and the peasant as well as integrate the urban and the rural area.

Presently, the agriculture and rural economy has entered a new historical period. We are Facing with dual restraints of resources and market; dual pressures of developing economy and protecting environment; double roles of adjusting economical structure and safeguarding grain supplement. Therefore, to plan the development of economy and
society of the urban and the rural as a whole in Nanjing, to carry out scientific development view, to try our best to promote the farmers' income, the issues concerning with agriculture, country and farmers must be put in a center position. Without rural well-off society, we will not achieve the goal of building an overall well-off society; without agricultural modernization, we will not realize entire society's modernization goal.

Nanjing government has proposed to take the lead to building a well-off society in an all-round way in 2007. We must solve issues of breaking through urban and rural dual structure, reducing disparity between the urban and the rural, balance the income and area development differences etc. Thus, the inharmonic development between urban and rural is a key question that must be considered in formulating the eleventh five-year-plan. Currently, speeding up urban and rural balanceable development lies emphatically in four aspects. Firstly, we must put speeding up planning the development of economy and society of the urban and the rural as a whole in Nanjing in our mind; Secondly, we must speed up balancing urban and rural development in policy system; Thirdly, we must speed up balancing urban and rural development in planning construction; Lastly, we must speed up balancing urban and rural development in public product, which enable the old in rural can always be taken care of; the sick can be treated; the weak can get help, the poor can be aided and the young can be taught.

In general, the core of planning the development of economy and society of the urban and the rural as a whole in Nanjing is the rural area; the main responsibility lies in the government; the motivation is innovation and reform.

3. Take scientific development view as motivation and advance economical and social comprehensive development in Nanjing.

The core and fundamentality of scientific development view is the systemic comprehensive development, namely, boosting comprehensive development of economy, society and person; promoting comprehensive development of social material civilization, political and spiritual civilization. Thus, our social system may have abundant vitality.

As a result of system, structure and cognition reasons, Nanjing's social development lags behind economical development, which cannot adapt the request of fast economical development. The unbalance of economic and social development will directly affect the healthy, stable and fast growth of our economy, and will cause many social problems. Therefore, on the view of a long-term development and the whole development of Nanjing, we must promote comprehensive progress of economy and society, coordinate development of “three civilizations”, and construct harmonious society of Nanjing during the coordinated development. What is a harmonious society? Different person possibly has different understanding. It is clear that harmonious society is a variation concept, which contains various contents and standards under different historical background and social condition. Generally, the modern harmonious society is a people oriented, fair and justice society, a society that social various groups interact soundly, and a society of harmonious co-existence between human being and nature with coordinated development of both economy and society.

It is a lofty and great social project to constructs Nanjing’s harmonious society, which needs a vigorous impetus of the government. The government fully plays an important role in constructing harmonious society. At present, the government should emphatically try to
do such matters as follows:

Firstly, the government must pay attention to solve the contradiction: fairness and justice of the society in order to construct Nanjing’s harmonious society.

The key to construct harmonious society of Nanjing is to promote social fairness and justice, which is an important responsibility that the government must undertake. If we cannot solve the problem of social fairness and justice, it is easy to cause society instable and will directly affect Nanjing’s harmonious society's construction. Only under a fair and just social environment can each social stratum and groups of Nanjing be in his proper place and stay harmoniously together and thus we can achieve Nanjing’s harmonious goal. Presently, the solution of social fairness and justice is above all to reduce social gap, especially income gap between the rich and the poor. Next, we must pay attention to social disadvantaged groups and to perfecting social security system in advance. Lastly, we should actively adjust social policy and social framework to enhance the proportion of the middle-income group among entire social population structure.

Secondly, the government must strengthen the instruction and properly coordinate various profit groups to construct Nanjing’s harmonious society.

Presently, the phenomenon of the unbalance of social various profit groups has become outstanding. The government must pay great attention to it and earnestly study the solution of major and outstanding issues about profit coordination. We should especially pay attention to the establishment of social integration mechanism, which the core is profit adjustment, include social value view of citizen fundamental rights which emphasized equality; set up moral mechanism of expression, dialogue and consultation of different profit group; guide each profit group to express their benefit by rational and legitimate form; gradually establish social security system whose major contents are fairness of right, opportunity, process and distribution.

Lastly, We should pay attention to solve farmers’ issue in constructing Nanjing’s harmonious society.

We must pay attention to farmers’ issue while realizing “Two Taking the Lead” of Nanjing. Farmer is majority in China’s population and makes a great contribution to social progress in past and at present. Therefore, only when we treat the farmers properly, Nanjing will be able to have a harmonious and prosperous future.

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