

Central Directive on Convening People's Representative Conferences in Cities with Populations Exceeding 30,000 and All Counties

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East China Bureau, and notifications to all bureaus and field committees:

Acknowledged your respectful telegram.

(1) In the past, you did not issue directives on the matter of convening people's representative conferences in cities, and you also did not implement it in Shanghai, leaving yourselves in a passive position and causing considerable damage to urban work. Now that you have held a successful representative conference in Shanghai and issued instructions to your subordinates on August 24, you have regained the initiative on this matter. The central authorities have seen this with great satisfaction. In addition to relaying your telegram to all bureaus and fields, please urgently urge all cities with populations exceeding 30,000 under your jurisdiction to convene a people's representative conference in September. All conferences should be publicly announced in newspapers and broadcast on radio stations. Non-compliance and failure to make public announcements or oral broadcasts are not permitted. Using this opportunity to closely unite the Party organizations in cities with populations exceeding 30,000 and the people's representatives from all walks of life, relying on them to unite people from all walks of life, overcome difficulties, restore and develop production, and overcome the bureaucratic style in the Party's leading organs, where many people only trust a few Party cadres and do not believe in the people's representative conferences. In the future, in all cities with populations exceeding 30,000, convene people's representative conferences at least once a month, lasting one to two days each time, with one or two issues for discussion and decision each time being sufficient.

(1) Chun County should convene people's representative conferences for all sectors in the county. The methods should follow the recent instructions sent by the Central Committee to the East China Bureau, and various provincial committees, district party committees, and county committees should take responsibility for leadership and implementation. This should change the negative practice of not convening people's representative conferences for a long time. These conferences should be held in all counties, regardless of whether they are in new or old areas. In new areas, they can be held after two to three weeks of occupation, without waiting for the establishment of rural farmers' associations. One significant purpose of holding such conferences in the county is to mobilize the rural masses.

(2) For the above two items, please follow the instructions for implementation by the Northeast Bureau, North China Bureau, Shandong Branch Bureau, Northwest Bureau, Central China Bureau, and South China Branch Bureau. All field committees should pay attention to study and assistance.

Central Committee, August 26th