

Decision of the Standing Committee of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference on Launching a Study Movement for the Ideological Remolding of People from All Walks of Life

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1.

In accordance with the resolution of the Third Session of the First National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the CPPCC and its local committees at all levels shall take responsibility for leading people from all walks of life in carrying out a study movement for ideological remolding.

Given that many sectors have already begun organized study under leadership, the CPPCC and local committees shall, for the time being, focus primarily on directing the study of members of the democratic parties, non-party individuals in all levels of government, people's organizations, and consultative bodies, as well as experts in government and enterprises, members of the industrial and commercial sectors, and religious figures.

2.

Participation in ideological remolding study under the leadership of the CPPCC shall be based on the principle of voluntary participation.

3.

The ideological remolding study shall include three fundamental components:

1. Study of theory — study the basic theories of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Zedong Thought (the integration of Marxism-Leninism with the Chinese revolution) to understand the future of the Chinese revolution and to develop a correct revolutionary outlook.
2. Study of policy — study the *Common Program* and key policy documents of the Central People's Government and the major administrative regions.
3. Rectification — practice criticism and self-criticism to correct mistaken thoughts and behaviors that violate the interests of the state, the people, and the revolution.

4.

The content and methods of study shall be divided into three levels according to the learners' background:

(1) Advanced level:

Subjects: Basic social science theory, issues in the Chinese revolution, and current political policies.

Methods: Self-study, lectures, and group discussions.

(2) Intermediate level:

Subjects: Basic knowledge of social development, basic knowledge of Chinese issues, and current policy issues.

Methods: Classroom instruction and group discussions; those unwilling or unable to attend classes may study independently instead.

(3) Elementary level:

Subjects: Basic political knowledge.

Methods: Classroom instruction and group discussions.

5.

For people from various sectors, rectification (zhengfeng) should, in principle, be conducted once a year, lasting one to two months each time.

During rectification, regular study shall be suspended in order to focus on studying relevant documents and carrying out criticism and self-criticism.

The specific content and methods of rectification shall be determined according to local circumstances.

Participation in rectification by those involved in theoretical and policy study shall also be voluntary.

*(Note: The 1952 rectification study was decided to focus on opposing corruption, waste, and bureaucratism — the “Three-Anti” campaign, as stated in the CPPCC notice of January 5, 1952.)*

6.

To take charge of leading the study among all sectors, the CPPCC and its local committees shall establish Study Committees.

For operational convenience, these Study Committees may establish subcommittees based on sectoral needs (such as subcommittees for democratic parties or industrial and commercial circles) and may also set up offices under the committees and subcommittees.

7.

The national and local Study Committees shall promptly organize, independently or jointly with other organizations, theoretical study lectures and evening schools (or morning, weekend, and other schools), begin registering participants, and assign them to study groups.

Those already participating in other study organizations need not join the CPPCC-led study organizations again.

8.

The national Study Committee may issue general instructions on study work to local Study Committees, but the specific issues of study at the local level shall be handled by the respective local Study Committees.