

**Dates of Meeting:**

24-11-1950

**Type of Meeting:**

1<sup>st</sup> National Tax Conference

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

Thirty-four representatives from the Northeast, Northwest, East China, Inner Mongolia, and other major administrative regions, as well as provinces and municipalities, attended, along with forty-eight representatives from relevant departments of the Central People's Government. chaired by Vice Minister of Finance Rong Zihe

**Major Agenda Items:**

on unifying national tax policies, strengthening tax work, and reducing fiscal deficits

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Bo Yibo** Speech: stated that the conference had three tasks: first, to unify national tax laws, tax rates, and collection methods; second, to formulate a tax plan for next year, and to study and determine the scope and operating guidelines of monopoly businesses; and third, to determine the organizational structure of tax organizations at all levels and their relationship with governments at all levels.

Regarding tax laws and rates, Deputy Director Bo emphasized that the war to eliminate the remaining enemy forces continues, and the great task of nation-building must proceed step by step.

Consequently, fiscal expenditures are substantial, and efforts must be made to develop new sources of revenue. Deputy Director Bo stated: "Over 80 percent of the financial needs of the Chinese people's revolution have always been borne by the peasants. It is unacceptable to increase the burden on the peasants. In the future, industrialists and businessmen must also shoulder their fair share of responsibility." We should balance the burdens on urban industrialists and businessmen and farmers in accordance with the principle of "simplifying the tax system and implementing a reasonable burden," as stipulated in the Common Program of the CPPCC. Regarding

the issue of unification, Deputy Director Bo stated: "The objective conditions are now ripe for tax policy unification, and the subjective conditions are also ripe for unification." Deputy Director Bo stated: "Tax administration work must be rigorously organized, with particular emphasis on strict adherence to the reporting and requesting instructions system. Everything must be conducted in accordance with the regulations and bylaws.

Also speaking at the meeting today were Wang Shao'ao, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Central People's Government; tax expert Peng Xiaofan; Hu Zishou, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Inner Mongolia People's Autonomous Government; Wang Nanqiu, Director of the East China Commodity Tax Bureau; Shi Ying, Director of the Northeast Taxation Bureau; Luo Dongming, Director of the Northwest Commodity Tax Bureau; and Li Zhouxing, Director of the Tianjin Taxation Bureau

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

formulated the "National Tax Policy Implementation Guidelines

**Remarks:**