
GOALS, VIEWPOINTS AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW ERA, THE ERA OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RISE***Dr. Nguyen Thanh Minh**

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Abstract

An era is a historical period marked by important characteristics or events that have a great influence on the development of society, culture, politics and economy. An era is often used to divide time in history according to major events or fundamental changes in political, economic, social life or science, technology and environment. An era of rise implies creating a strong, decisive, resolute, positive movement, effort, self-reliance and confidence to overcome challenges, surpass oneself, realize aspirations, reach goals and achieve great achievements.

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INTRODUCTION**The goal of national development in the new era, the era of the Vietnamese people's rise**

The new era, in the common understanding, is the opening moment associated with a major event that has a great influence on the next stages of development of a field, community..., within the scope of the nation and humanity. In Vietnam, since the birth of the Communist Party, a new era has opened - the Ho Chi Minh era, successfully and gloriously carrying out two eras. The first era - the era of independence, freedom, and advancement to socialism (1930 - 1975). The Party led the August Revolution in 1945 to glorious victory, great victories in the resistance wars against colonial and imperialist invasion (1946 - 1975) and important initial achievements in the cause of building socialism in the North (1954 - 1975). Our entire Party, people and army have focused on implementing the two major contents of the first era of the revolution, winning and maintaining independence and freedom for the Fatherland and preparing the initial premise for the second era - the era of national reunification, innovation and development (1975 - 2025). In the spring of 1975, the resistance war against the US for national salvation was completely victorious, the whole country was unified and moved towards socialism, creating a new position and strength, new opportunities for the 6th Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam to initiate the renovation in 1986 and after nearly 40 years of renovation, the country has made great strides in development, achieving great achievements of historical significance, its foundation, potential, position and international prestige have been increasingly enhanced. The goals and major contents of the Second Era have basically been completed, allowing our country to enter the Third Era - a new era of national growth, prosperity and happiness, in which the opening moment is the 14th National Congress of the Party, the Communist Party of Vietnam marks 40 years of innovation (1986 - 2026).

The era of national rise is a development that follows the laws of the two previous eras, reflecting the fundamental and consistent law of the Vietnamese revolution: national independence is associated with socialism and is consistent with the dialectical development of the goal of Independence - Freedom - Happiness. The two previous eras established and continuously consolidated the foundation of national independence, creating the most important premise to move forward to build the initial foundation of socialism. The era of national rise accelerates the process of completing the construction of socialism, firmly ensuring and creating new values of national independence. The two previous eras realized the top goal, the common goal of the nation, which is independence and freedom, taking that as the foundation to gradually realize the goal of happiness for the people, for human beings. The era of national rise takes caring for the happiness of the people, for the People as the number one goal, on that basis enriching and deepening the goal of independence and freedom. The era of the Vietnamese nation's rise is in line with the unprecedented new opportunities and fortunes of the times, when globalization and international integration, although still facing many obstacles, are an increasingly profound and irreversible trend; when the Fourth Industrial Revolution and subsequent industrial revolutions create opportunities for all countries to adapt, make good use of its achievements, and develop at an unexpected speed and achieve miraculous successes. The Communist Party of Vietnam has early recognized correctly, proactively and actively seized this opportunity, considering it the key, the lever to accelerate the country's development and take off. Vietnam entering the era of the nation's rise is in line with the trend of the times.

Guiding viewpoints for national development in the new era, the era of the Vietnamese people's rise

The era of the Vietnamese people's rise creates remarkable development in all areas of political and social life, successfully implementing the "double breakthrough" process, taking advantage of opportunities, overcoming challenges, developing quickly, strongly, and sustainably. On the one hand, we must make breakthroughs, go straight into modernity,

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into high-tech fields, such as chip manufacturing, semiconductors, especially digital technology in which Vietnam has advantages, into modern national governance on the basis of digital government, digital economy, digital society, digital citizens, taking shortcuts, taking the lead, and developing breakthroughs. On the other hand, we must make breakthroughs in thoroughly and completely resolving bottlenecks, defects, difficulties, and obstacles that are holding back and hindering the country's development. These two breakthrough processes need to be carried out in parallel, synchronously, and supporting each other; It is fundamental and decisive to take shortcuts, take the lead, make breakthroughs, and go straight to modernity; it is urgent and important to make breakthroughs to overcome and effectively resolve weaknesses and shortcomings [Phung Huu Phu 2025]. The philosophy of this dual breakthrough process, as General Secretary To Lam identified, is to "take full advantage of opportunities and advantages, push back risks and challenges, and bring the country to comprehensive and strong development, breakthroughs and take-off" [To Lam 2024]. This scientific political philosophy was drawn from the valuable lessons of the August Revolution in 1945 by our Party and successfully applied throughout the process of leading the Vietnamese revolution.

The strategic orientation of national development in the new era, the era of the Vietnamese people's rise, is clearly demonstrated through the following basic and specific characteristics

First, strongly innovating development thinking is the step that opens the way to the era of the Vietnamese people's rise.

The success of the two previous eras both originated from the innovation of the Party's strategic thinking. The victory of the August Revolution was paved by adjusting the strategy, placing the goal of fighting imperialism and liberating the nation first, the task of fighting feudalism behind and subordinated to the task of fighting imperialism. The success of the renovation process was paved by the innovation of the Party's theoretical thinking: A more scientific re-perception of socialism and the path to socialism in our country; a breakthrough in the theory of the socialist-oriented market economy; of the socialist rule of law state of the people, by the people, for the people; of socialist democracy. The era of the Vietnamese nation's rise takes place in parallel with the digital era, the era of innovation and creativity according to the principle of "nothing is impossible". The Fourth Industrial Revolution and subsequent industrial revolutions are and will disrupt the way of thinking, doing business, and living of nations, communities, and people. Once again, reality requires and demands that we strongly innovate our development thinking, have a new, more scientific approach to socialism and the path to socialism in Vietnam; to the development of productive forces and socialist production relations, to the socialist infrastructure and superstructure; to the Party's leadership and governance methods..., in accordance with the digital era; as a basis for orienting breakthroughs in the development of basic areas of social life. We firmly adhere to the ideological foundation of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh thought, and the theory of the Party's renovation line in the spirit of constant creativity, while being open-minded and receptive to the scientific spirit of the progressive ideological and theoretical achievements of mankind so that our thinking is always fresh, carries the breath of the times, keeps up with

and advances with the times, and stands shoulder to shoulder with the great powers. This is truly a revolutionary opening step on the path to building socialism in Vietnam in the era of national development.

Second, make a strong breakthrough in institutions, unleash innovation and all development potentials.

The Party's new development thinking, if it wants to enter life, must be institutionalized by the constitution, laws, mechanisms and policies. To do so, it is necessary to fundamentally innovate the thinking, methods of building and practicing institutions in the spirit of the rule of law, taking promoting innovation and developing all potentials of the country to serve the cause of building a new era of national development as the consistent goal. General review and overcome overlaps, contradictions and loopholes in institutions that are major bottlenecks to development; eliminate institutions that have been overcome by practice; supplement new institutions that are suitable, sustainable and have long-term value to maximize domestic and foreign resources, promote innovation and open up development drivers; create a corridor to carry out the revolution in organizational apparatus and building a team of cadres, the digital transformation revolution, attracting and promoting talents... Operate the institution in the spirit of best promoting the role, initiative and dynamism of the subjects; closely connect and practically serve the requirements of practice, taking practical effectiveness as a measure of the rationality and strength of the institution.

Third, resolutely carry out the revolution in organizational apparatus associated with improving the quality of the team of cadres and civil servants, meeting the requirements of the new era, the era of national development.

The organization of the apparatus of the political system plays a pivotal role in the process of creating a new era. Strategic thinking and institutions for national development are implemented first and foremost through the organization of the apparatus of the political system. This issue has long been of concern to the Communist Party of Vietnam, especially since the 6th Central Conference, 12th tenure, and in reality has been actively implemented, creating important and positive changes in social life. However, compared to the requirements of the country's development practices, especially compared to the requirements of the new development era, the organizational system of our country's political system has not yet met the requirements. The cumbersome, overlapping, unsynchronized, multi-layered, unconnected, ineffective and inefficient operation of the organizational system has been and is hindering and slowing down the country's development. We must resolutely and actively carry out a revolution in streamlining the organizational apparatus in conjunction with improving the quality of the contingent of cadres and civil servants. It is called a revolution because we must fundamentally change our awareness, correctly understand the nature and characteristics of the political institutional model in the condition of a single Communist Party leading and ruling; overcome the rigid perception of the duality of the organizational system; correctly understand to design the right principle: when becoming the ruling Party, the Party leads the country, leads society by the State, through the State. The Party leads but does not make excuses, does it instead of the State; at the same time, correctly perceives and resolves the relationship between the State - market - society, the State does

not take on the role of replacing the market, replacing society but performs the role of creation, the role of midwife through building and operating a modern national governance system. The Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations are not administrative organizations, but political organizations associated with the People, promoting the role of mastery and self-management of the People. From these fundamental perceptions, a comprehensive review and synchronous, consistent, and comprehensive adjustment of a revolutionary nature from the Central to the grassroots levels is needed to streamline the organizational system of the Party, the State, the Fatherland Front, and socio-political organizations to be compact, unified, transparent, efficient, effective, and efficient on the basis of correctly defining the functions and tasks of each organization, agency, and unit. In this revolution, Party organizations, cadres, and Party members must take the lead, be exemplary, and sacrifice personal interests for the common good. Organizing the apparatus is not for the sake of organization; organizing the apparatus in a truly scientific way is to maximize the capacity, enthusiasm, and dedication of the cadres and civil servants. Assigning work to the strengths of cadres and civil servants according to their positions; choosing the right leaders with heart and vision; having mechanisms and policies for selecting, training, using, and rewarding cadres and civil servants, especially those who are truly virtuous, truly talented, have a vision, think deeply, and do great things; building a democratic, disciplined, united, and humane political environment to nurture and promote talent... that is the goal, the soul and lifeblood of the revolution in organizational apparatus.

Fourth, promote the digital transformation revolution, create a leap forward in the development of production forces, form a digital production method as a lever to help the country take off, accelerate the process of building socialism in our country.

To overcome the risk of falling behind other countries in the region and the world, to help the country develop, catch up, and keep up with the times, we have no other way but to widely deploy the digital transformation revolution; take advantage of and effectively promote the breakthrough achievements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. It is necessary to simultaneously promote research, application, and deployment of high technology, especially digital technology, in socio-economic activities, prioritizing areas where Vietnam has advantages, associated with the popularization and training of digital human resources, strongly developing a synchronous, modern, and connected infrastructure system, especially digital infrastructure.

Promote digital transformation, green transformation, develop production and business models and methods that adapt to the achievements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution; strongly develop digital production forces, truly turn science and technology into direct production forces, at the same time adjust and perfect socialist production relations in accordance with digital production forces, gradually establish digital production methods, perfect socialist infrastructure and superstructure. Digital production methods are a form of production method that adapts to the knowledge economy developing on the basis of digital technology; it is a demonstration of the high and superior level of development of socialist production methods. This is the decisive factor for Vietnam to soon complete the transitional development step to socialism, quickly enter the process of socialist construction.

Fifth, mobilize and make optimal use of resources; maximize the driving forces, especially the strength of the entire people, the entire army, and the Vietnamese people to create an invincible strength to develop the country and protect the Fatherland.

Vietnam has abundant, rich, and potential land, natural resources, human resources, and intangible resources crystallized from cultural and historical values, from geopolitical and geo-economic advantages... These great resources have contributed significantly to the great achievements of the renovation process. However, due to subjective and objective reasons, the country's potential resources have not been well exploited; many resources are still lost, wasted, and used ineffectively; the intellectual capacity of the Vietnamese people and the country's advantages have not been properly exploited. The new era requires a fundamental change in the awareness and actions of the entire Party, the political system and the entire society in preserving, protecting, nurturing and optimally using the country's resources. Land, natural resources, finance, time, human resources, domestic and foreign, etc., must be valued, preserved, cultivated and used most effectively to create material wealth to serve the country's development. Saving, fighting waste, loss, and being frugal in building the country must become a national policy; a broad social movement, an awareness, sentiment and voluntary action of the entire community and of every Vietnamese person in the new era. Fighting waste associated with fighting corruption and negativity must become the main content in building and rectifying the Party and the political system; fighting waste, being frugal, honest and upright must become a political task and an ethical standard for cadres, party members, civil servants and public employees. Vietnam enters the era of national development and needs to strongly promote development motivations - motivations from interests; from science, technology, innovation, digital transformation; from liberating social productive forces..., in which the most important is to promote the strength of great solidarity of a cultured and heroic nation; the strength of patriotism, self-respect, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-reliance, and self-strength of the entire people; the strength of a heroic, invincible armed force; the strength and aspiration to contribute of the hardworking, intelligent, and creative Vietnamese people on the foundation of unique Vietnamese historical and cultural traditions. These are the subjects that play a central role in the construction of a new era; the forces that play a decisive role in building an independent, self-reliant economy with high levels, high quality, competitiveness, and effective participation in the global production and value chain; Building a modern national defense and security system capable of firmly protecting independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, protecting the Party, protecting the People, and protecting the socialist regime. Taking care of nurturing the people's strength; taking care of building a regular, elite, and modern armed force; taking care of developing Vietnamese culture and people comprehensively; taking the prosperity and happiness of the People and of human beings as the top goal - that is the best policy to create a new era.

Sixth, combine national strength with the strength of the times, keep up with the times, promote Vietnam's soft power, raise the level of Vietnam's foreign affairs and diplomacy in the era of national growth.

Link the fate of the nation and people with the common fate of humanity. Grasp and exploit progressive trends, advanced administrative achievements, and modern technologies of the world to increase the endogenous strength of the nation. Promote the advantages of being a latecomer, taking shortcuts, taking the lead, effectively implementing the criteria of a developed country, shortening the gap with developed countries in the region and the world, keeping up with the times, advancing to stand shoulder to shoulder with the world powers. Promote the system of national values, the system of cultural values, and the peaceful and just foreign policy, increase Vietnam's soft power in the global value system. Raise the level of Vietnam's diplomacy in the era of national growth; Put national and ethnic interests first and foremost, while respecting the interests of countries in the regional and international community according to the principles of equal cooperation, mutual respect, and mutual benefit on the basis of international law. Expand and deepen international relations in a practical and effective manner; proactively and actively participate in building international institutions and participating in solving important regional and international issues. Successfully implement the principle of "relying on the unchangeable, responding to all changes", taking the independence, autonomy and endogenous strength of the country and people as the foundation, combined with taking advantage of favorable international factors to proactively and successfully respond to the fluctuations and uncertain risks of the world and regional situation; raise Vietnam's international position and prestige to a new level commensurate with the country's position and strength in the era of rising up.

Seventh, improving the Party's leadership and governing capacity; building a truly clean and strong.

Party and political system; fundamentally innovating the leadership, management and operation methods are the leading factors determining the success of the cause of creating a new era of national development. As the initiator and leader of the cause of creating a new era of national development, the Party bears on its shoulders a glorious historical mission and a very heavy responsibility. History requires the Party to improve its leadership and governing capacity; building a Party that is truly ethical, civilized, truly representative of the intelligence, honor and conscience of the nation and of the times, worthy of being the great helmsman leading the nation to prosperity and happiness. The people place their trust and expectations on the Party and the political system led by the Party to be truly clean and strong in all aspects: politically courageous, ideologically unified, culturally lofty, ethically beautiful, organizationally scientific, and exemplary in cadres. The people expect and demand that cadres and party members, especially leaders, especially strategic-level cadres, are truly virtuous and talented, know how to worry before the world, be happy after the world, know how to put work first, have the ability to design, inspire and set an example for the people to follow on the journey to create an era of national development. Renewing development thinking, implementing the revolution in organizational apparatus, building a contingent of cadres must be closely linked and carried out simultaneously with innovating the leadership, management, governance and operation methods of the Party and the political system.

The Party leads the country, the political system and society in all aspects, but does not make excuses, does not spread out, and does not get caught up in directing specific tasks. Raising the level of coverage of strategic and important issues in building and defending the Fatherland and the quality of orientation of major issues in building and promulgating resolutions; Focus more and more resolutely on leading and inspecting the effective and thorough implementation of the Party's guidelines and policies, resolutely not allowing bottlenecks and shortcomings to persist; pay more attention to the work of Party building and rectification, and building a contingent of cadres and Party members. Expand the scope and promote the rights, responsibilities, dynamism and initiative of the State in deciding and operating tasks related to national management and governance. Enhance the personal responsibility of Party committee members at all levels; reduce meetings, strengthen practical guidance; strongly reform administrative procedures, apply information technology and digital technology to modernize the Party's leadership methods.

Strongly innovate the State's management methods; effectively build and operate a modern national governance system towards maximizing the role of subjects and optimizing the allocation and use of resources for development. Promote the construction of digital government, digital economy, digital society, digital citizens; enhance publicity, transparency, accountability; strongly decentralize and delegate power to localities and grassroots levels, eliminate all constraints and mechanical control of administration, operate according to the principles of democracy and the rule of law. Fundamentally innovate the operation methods of the Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations. Strongly focus on the grassroots level, maximizing the role of the subject and center of the people; truly be a bridge between the Party, the State and the People, creating an environment to realize the mechanism of "people know, people discuss, people do, people inspect, people supervise, people benefit". Guidance on building and replicating models of people's self-management at the grassroots level according to the motto of relying on the people, using the people's talents and strength to care for the people. In short, creating a new era of national rise is a great cause that includes many great and complicated tasks. The whole Party, the whole army, and the whole people strive to successfully achieve the goal of building a rich, prosperous, civilized, happy Vietnam, steadily moving towards socialism.

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