

Fostering Chinese National Unity: Advocating the National Common Language and Writing System for Heightened Community Awareness

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Abstract: The promotion of the national common language and writing system stands as a cornerstone in cultivating a sense of community among the Chinese nation. The national common language and writing system, serving as a potent vehicle for cultural dissemination and linguistic communication, acts as a crucial bridge fostering unity, mutual support, cultural exchange, and cohesion among diverse ethnic groups. Its widespread promotion not only reinforces the cohesion of the Chinese nation but also plays a pivotal role in fortifying national and cultural identity. The advocacy and dissemination of the national common language and writing system contribute significantly to enhancing the sense of community within the Chinese nation. This concerted effort serves as an internal driving force, creating a positive feedback loop that strengthens both national identity and the cultural bonds shared by the Chinese people. The reciprocal relationship between the promotion and popularization of the national common language and writing system reinforces a mutual sense of assistance and reciprocity. This bidirectional dynamic propels a synergistic interplay, fostering a beneficial cycle in the promotion and widespread adoption of the national common language and writing system. In essence, the promotion and popularization of the national common language and writing system not only contribute to its advancement but also serve to deepen the sense of community within the Chinese nation. This reciprocal interaction between the two elements establishes a robust foundation for nurturing a strong and cohesive Chinese community.

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1. Introduction

In October 2017, General Secretary Xi Jinping formally introduced the concept of “forging a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation” during the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). This concept was subsequently incorporated into the Party Constitution, serving as a shared aspiration and fundamental guiding principle for the entire Party and all ethnic groups on the collective journey towards realizing the Chinese dream. This pivotal guideline signifies that the socialist cause with Chinese characteristics has entered a new phase, a fresh stage of development, and a renewed pursuit toward the ultimate goal of the

great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The inclusion of the consciousness of the Chinese national community in the Party Constitution holds immense significance, representing a new mandate for the new era that prioritizes the “five identities” of the entire Party and the people of all ethnicities within the country, ultimately achieving the “two commonalities.” Forging a robust sense of community among the Chinese nation encompasses all facets of the socialist cause with Chinese characteristics. A crucial condition for this endeavor lies in the acquisition, proficiency, and utilization of the national common language and writing system by all individuals.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, General Secretary Xi Jinping has consistently underscored the importance of the promotion and popularizing the national common language and writing system ^[1]. This emphasis extends beyond benefiting the nation; it holds implications for the individual development of ethnic regions and plays a pivotal role in cultivating a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation. The global, social, and universal nature of the promotion of the national common language and writing system is integral to national unity and solidarity. Additionally, it plays a crucial role in fostering interaction, communication, and integration among diverse ethnic groups, as well as in promoting the rich traditional Chinese culture and advancing the modernization of the Chinese style, among other objectives.

2. The significance of promoting the national common language and script

The promotion of the national common language and writing system bears a crucial responsibility in fostering a unified sense of community within the Chinese nation. It serves as a vital conduit for the integration and convergence of diverse ethnic groups. The widespread adoption of the national common language and script not only facilitates ethnic exchanges but also contributes to the integration and development of various ethnic communities. Simultaneously, it nurtures national sentiment and emotional resonance among all ethnicities, functioning as a bridge for national unity.

The communicative and coordinative role played by the national common language and writing system is paramount. From a holistic perspective, it facilitates cross-cultural exchanges and communication among all ethnic groups. Examined through an ethnic point of view, the national common language and script strengthens emotional ties, enhances understanding of diverse cultural customs, and dismantles barriers hindering cultural exchanges. On an individual level, whether one is engaged in study or work, proficiency in the national common language and writing system is indispensable.

Furthermore, the national common language and script stand as a cornerstone of national culture. It acts as a bridge for different ethnicities to exchange ideas and cultures. Language and writing, being essential tools for communication, enable people to accurately express their thoughts. When individuals from different ethnicities frequently employ the same language and writing, their thought systems resonate and gain recognition. This resonance extends to their ideological concepts, historical traditions, and ethical norms, creating a shared frequency of understanding and recognition.

Comprising 56 distinct ethnic groups, China stands as a vast, rich, diverse, inclusive, and creative family, where each member enjoys equality, forming a harmonious blend of pluralism and unity. When examined spatially, pluralism denotes significant differences among ethnic groups in terms of cultural practices, language, and dietary habits, stemming from distinct regional influences. These multifaceted differences contribute to the overall diversity of cultures.

Unity, on the other hand, underscores the nation’s cohesion despite its vast geographical expanse, acknowledging that cultural disparities among ethnic groups arise from geographical variations. Nevertheless,

a strong consensus of oneness prevails, enabling diverse ethnicities to strive for unity irrespective of their economic disparities. Amidst their differences, each ethnic group seeks commonalities, fostering integration and development from diverse perspectives and creating a unique unity.

Mastering the national common language and writing system emerges as a comprehensive, direct, and efficient means for all ethnic groups to enhance their sense of belonging to the Chinese national community. This proficiency promotes national unity, safeguards harmony, and serves as a constant impetus for the country's prosperity and development ^[2]. Despite remarkable achievements in the country's development, Chinese children must persistently face challenges with courage and hard work to propel the socialist cause forward.

In this journey, leveraging the vital role of the national common language and writing system is imperative. Uniting the collective strength of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds fosters a strong sense of community in the Chinese nation, contributing to the modernization and development of the Chinese identity. China boasts the largest and richest repository of scientific and cultural knowledge encapsulated in the national common language and writing system. Learning this language serves as a communication platform, facilitating employment opportunities and providing access to modern scientific and cultural knowledge, enabling integration into contemporary society.

In the border areas of the motherland, proficiency in the national common language is akin to possessing a key that unlocks the treasure house of knowledge, empowering individuals to learn, broaden their horizons, integrate into modern society, amass wealth, and ultimately create a better life. The promotion of the national common language not only enhances people's communication abilities but also broadens their access to modern knowledge, enriching both their production and quality of life.

The promotion of the national common language, in essence, reflects the shared will and needs of people from all ethnic groups, aligning with their fundamental interests. The national common language and writing system encapsulate the cultural memory of the Chinese nation, shaping the common spiritual home of all ethnicities. It serves as the cultural imprint of the community of destiny among diverse ethnic groups, acting as a cultural symbol and identity.

In vigorously promoting the national common language and script, the State has embraced and respected the cultures of all ethnic groups, achieving the organic integration of their diverse cultures. This reflects the role of the language and writing system as a powerful cultural symbol, fostering a sense of Chinese national community and enhancing identification with Chinese culture.

The national common language and writing system serve as a crucial link for social development, communication, and integration, effectively connecting various groups, organizations, and individuals within society. This connection generates a relatively robust impetus for development, fostering the rapid development of all segments of society. The evolution of society is an ongoing process of continuous communication and integration, wherein language and writing play pivotal roles.

Beyond being tools for communication, language and writing act as a carrier of information, enhancing the accuracy and expediency of information dissemination. Science and technology, as driving forces for social development, have significantly transformed people's lives. The accomplishments of science and technology must be conveyed through language and writing, allowing future generations to be inspired by the achievements of their predecessors. Language and writing create a bridge connecting the inventions of the past with the present needs of descendants, fostering new achievements in civilization and propelling society's continuous development.

3. Advancing the popularization of the national common language and writing system with a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation

In order to foster the widespread use of common languages and scripts, it is imperative to fully embrace the principles outlined in General Secretary Xi's significant remarks on education and his important directions regarding language and culture. This initiative is grounded in the commitment to instill a robust sense of community among the Chinese nation. The approach should align with the overarching goals of the country's development and the essential needs of the masses, emphasizing the fundamental task of cultivating morality and nurturing the people. It should also embody the qualities of effective leadership, leveraging digital empowerment and innovation approaches.

Simultaneously, a commitment to the high-quality promotion and popularization of the national common language and writing system should be upheld. This involves the seamless integration of language and writing initiatives with higher education, personnel training, scientific research, social services, cultural preservation, innovation, and international exchanges and cooperation. Such integration aims to better serve educational needs, propel the high-quality development of language and writing initiatives, and make meaningful contributions to the establishment of a formidable educational and cultural force.

The cultivation of a strong sense of the Chinese national community plays a pivotal role in enhancing the understanding and awareness of the people across all ethnic groups regarding the national common language and writing system. This sense of community not only fosters cohesion and unity but also establishes shared standards of value, emotional resonance, and behavioral norms. It enables different ethnic groups to cultivate a psychological state characterized by mutual attraction, mutual help, harmony, love, and mutual recognition.

Within the Chinese national community, all ethnic groups share cultural resources, such as language and writing, fostering cultural exchanges. The language and writing system serves as a connective thread in emotional exchanges, aiding in the understanding of national policies and breaking through barriers that may affect ethnic harmony. The stronger the sense of community among people of diverse ethnic backgrounds, the deeper their understanding and awareness of the common language and writing become, and the more enthusiastic they are to learn and promote the national common language and writing system.

The interaction among people stimulates language innovation and dissemination, forging a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation. This dynamic environment promotes inclusivity and respect for differences, as well as enhances the understanding and awareness of the national common language and writing system among people of diverse ethnicities. The promotion of the national common language and writing system is an inherent requirement for building a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation.

The influence of the Chinese national community extends to the use and transmission of the national common language and writing system. This sense of community holds significant sway over national rejuvenation and social development, reflecting the political and economic foundations of society. It encapsulates intrinsic value standards, shaping the operating system within the community and exerting a profound influence on the behavioral orientation of various ethnic groups.

In the exchanges and interactions among members of all ethnic groups, language and writing are indispensable tools. The national common language and writing system facilitates convenient communication, reducing obstacles posed by language and writing barriers. Participants from all ethnic backgrounds, guided by common value standards, contribute to the construction of socialist modernization, deepening their identification with the national common language and script in their daily communication.

As people engage with the national common language and writing system, they experience its inherent charm. They can conduct a wide array of economic and trade activities facilitated by the national common

language and writing system, reaping substantial economic benefits. This positive experience instills a willingness to pass on the national common language and writing system to future generations actively, contributing to its continued legacy.

The national common language and writing system stands as irreplaceable catalysts in fostering exchanges, communication, and interaction among diverse ethnic groups. They serve as crucial mediums for passing on Chinese culture, amplifying the cohesion of the Chinese nation, forging a robust sense of community, and advancing Chinese-style modernization. Language and writing constitute integral components of culture, acting as vital carriers for cultural expression. It can be asserted that the national common language and writing system embody the essence of Chinese culture, which is a precious heritage shared by the entire Chinese nation, serving as a vehicle for cultural communication and exchange among different ethnicities.

The promotion and popularization of common languages and writing assume a pivotal role in nurturing the roots of national unity and encapsulating the spirit of national harmony. It proves to be a potent tool for constructing a common spiritual home for the Chinese nation, fostering a collective identity with the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, the Communist Party of China (CPC), and socialism with Chinese characteristics. The widespread use of the national common languages and scripts emerges as a formidable support for realizing the collective unity and joint endeavors of all ethnic groups toward shared prosperity and development. This effort establishes a solid ideological foundation for the grand rejuvenation of the Chinese nation ^[3].

Acquiring proficiency in, understanding accurately, and learning to use the national common language and writing system contribute to the extensive expansion of diplomatic reach and the improvement of efficiency and cultural quality in domestic communication across all ethnicities. Assisting learners in accessing knowledge and information channels, along with obtaining the latest global achievements in social sciences, cultural knowledge, and various cutting-edge information materials worldwide, aids college students in enhancing their learning capabilities. This, in turn, elevates their proficiency in employment and labor service skills, as well as their knowledge of service and employment abilities.

Moreover, this endeavor supports the establishment of a multilevel and high-quality national education innovation system. Through this system, individuals of all ethnicities, whether in urban or rural areas, can access a fair, diversified, and rich modern education of high developmental quality. The promotion and popularization of the national common language and writing system serve as a crucial initiative to accelerate the prosperity and rapid development of the culture among all ethnic groups. Simultaneously, it ensures that individuals from different ethnic backgrounds, including both cadres and the general public, fully share the opportunities for national development and reap the benefits of cultural and economic progress.

4. Bidirectional interaction: promoting the national common language and forging a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation

Functionally, the national common language and writing system serves both communicative and educational purposes. Language forms the fundamental basis for societal construction, facilitating emotional connections and communication that bridge gaps and foster understanding in social interaction. Simultaneously, language and writing, under the educational function, serve as vehicles for recording and transmitting the accomplishments of human civilization, promoting widespread cultural exchange ^[4].

Through the communicative function of the national common language and writing system, individuals gain access to scientific and cultural education, enhancing their knowledge and cultivation. The widespread adoption of the national common language and writing system is not only a fundamental requirement for deepening unity and progress among all ethnic groups but also a crucial foundation for the construction of the

Chinese national community. The sense of the Chinese national community guides the direction of national common language and writing education, uniting the momentum behind its educational initiatives.

Breaking down regional division, ensuring the establishment of “publicity” for interactions among ethnic groups, creating a mutually beneficial language environment, and establishing a consensus on social norms are also key aspects of national common language and writing education. This approach represents the practical pathway for national common language and writing education to contribute to the construction of the Chinese national community. It involves improving system supply, addressing language deficiencies, and enhancing the intrinsic strength of regional “mutual embeddedness” development.

The national common language and writing system, rooted in excellent Chinese culture and tradition, encapsulates the knowledge of the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, history, values, and emotional experience of identification and empathy. It is a necessary measure for consolidating the sense of community among the Chinese nation. Forging a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation is a vital prerequisite for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and promoting the use of commonly used languages and scripts is the pathway to achieving this sense of community.

Promoting the popularization of commonly used languages and scripts is a fundamental requirement for forging a sense of community among the Chinese nation. It provides a basic condition for the interaction, exchange, and mingling of all ethnic groups, mutual learning, mutual appreciation, and common prosperity and development. This effort is not only a matter of concern for the Party and the State, conducive to national development, societal progress, and individual growth, but it is also a method of forging a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation.

Strengthening the popularization of commonly used languages and scripts facilitates extensive and profound exchanges and communication among all ethnic groups, continuously reinforcing the ideological identity of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The promotion and popularization of the national common language and writing system are necessary for promoting the common modernization of various ethnic groups, ensuring national unity, maintaining social stability, safeguarding national security, and representing a vital strategic initiative that aligns with the crucial interests of the diverse ethnic groups.

Language and writing represent a distinct culture in themselves, and individuals can grasp the cultural charm embedded in language and writing during their usage. The national common language and writing system exerts significant influence on people from all ethnic groups, fostering a cultural identity that aligns with the entire nation. Mastery of the national common language and writing system enables individuals to smoothly realize their self-worth, fostering a deeper connection to both personal and national emotions.

Furthermore, acquiring proficiency in the national common language and writing system empowers individuals to access cutting-edge scientific and technological knowledge, thereby expanding their knowledge base and enhancing their overall capabilities. This, in turn, facilitates a more profound realization of one’s self-worth. Only by acknowledging and appreciating their inherent value can individuals cultivate a heightened sense of social recognition.

5. Conclusion

The promotion and widespread adoption of the national common language and writing system stand as crucial pathways to foster a sense of community among the Chinese nation, constituting an integral aspect of national identity. Propelling the popularization of the national common language and writing system emerges as a method to advance the modernization efforts of all ethnic groups and serves as a catalyst for achieving

collective prosperity. Additionally, this initiative acts as a means to promote exchanges among ethnic groups, deepen their unity, and plays a pivotal role in forging a robust sense of community among the Chinese nation.

Simultaneously, the cultivation of a strong sense of community among the Chinese nation serves the functions of cohesion and emotional identity. It facilitates the formation of shared value tendencies, behavioral norms, mutual affinity, and identity among diverse groups. This, in turn, proves conducive to the promotion and widespread adoption of the commonly used languages and scripts of the country.

The promotion and popularization of the common language and writing system, along with the forging of a strong sense of Chinese national community, mutually complement and reinforce each other. This synergy enhances their interactive dynamics, leading to mutual success and creating a harmonious cycle of progress.

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