

Promoting the power of great national unity in the work “Some theoretical and practical issues about socialism and the path to socialism in Vietnam” by General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong

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Abstract: *This article focuses on analyzing the most basic contents presented in the work “Some theoretical and practical issues about socialism and the path to socialism in Vietnam” by the General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, on promoting the strength of great national unity: the strength of great unity and the successful implementation of national Doi Moi; position, role, goals, tasks, and action motto of the Vietnam Fatherland Front; awareness and action on arousing and promoting the strength of great national unity in Doi Moi process.*

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Since its inception, our Party has always identified great national unity as the source of strength, the main driving forces, and building, consolidating, expanding great national unity are goals, tasks of the Party and of the revolutionary. Under the strong leadership of the Party, the National United Front has gathered and united people regardless of class, ethnicity, religion, etc., creating great strength, uniting the entire nation to win historic August Revolution of 1945, and resistance wars saving the country, protecting national independence. The strength of great national unity bloc continues to develop at a high level, becoming an important driving force of the comprehensive Doi Moi of the country initiated and led by our Party from 1986 to present. That viewpoint is again clearly reflected in many articles by General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong in the work “Some theoretical and practical issues about socialism and the path to socialism in Vietnam” and sheds light on the role and strength of great national unity in the national Doi Moi in our country today.

The work explains the power of great national unity in the successful implementation of national Doi Moi.

In the work, General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong affirmed: “Our country has never had the same fortune, potential, position and international prestige as it does today”⁽¹⁾.

Those great achievements are the result of persistent efforts and creative products of the entire Party, entire people, entire army and above all from the strength of the great national unity bloc.

To affirm the power of great national unity in the successful implementation of the national construction cause, the work “Some theoretical and practical issues on socialism and the path to socialism” brings forth following arguments:

The strength of great national unity plays a decisive role in successfully implementing the country’s Doi Moi process. According to General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, in order to realize the general goal of Socialism in Vietnam that our Party has identified in the political platform, *“A socialist society we are making all efforts to build is a society where the people are well-off, the nation is strong and the people are owners, a society characterized by democracy, equality and civilization”; “it possesses a highly developed economy on the basis of a modern productive force and suitable and progressive production relations. It enjoys an advanced culture imbued with national identity; Its people are entitled to wellbeing, freedom and happiness and are blessed with opportunities for comprehensive development; Ethnic groups in the Vietnamese community are equal, united, respectful and supportive of each other to grow together. It has a law-governed socialist State of the people, by the people and for the people under the leadership of the Communist Party. And it maintains friendship and cooperation with all countries in the world”*⁽²⁾, it is necessary to work towards many solutions synchronously, of which the following is specially emphasized *“... promoting the will and strength of the great national unity bloc”*⁽³⁾.

The necessity to promote the strength of great national unity and the decisive role the great national unity in the successful implementation of the Doi Moi process has been specifically discussed in the work. According to the General Secretary, solidarity is a prized tradition and precious historic lesson honed over thousands of years of building and defending our nation, as old sayings go, “One tree cannot make a hill, three trees gathered together can make a high mountain”; “United we stand, divided we fall!”... Therefore, since its inception and during its leadership in the Vietnamese revolution, our Party has determined that great national

unity is a strategic guideline, the source of strength and the main driving force of the Vietnamese revolution.

In the work, the General Secretary affirmed that under the Party's leadership, our people won great victories in the August Revolution of 1945, in the resistance war against the French colonialists and especially the resistance war against America, saving the country, completely liberating the South, unifying the country. It is the promotion of the strength of great unity, will, and energy of the entire nation, combining national strength with the strength of the times that account for those resounding victories.

In the national development, especially during nearly 40 years of Doi Moi, *"our country has obtained great achievements of historical significance"*⁽⁴⁾. Overall, it can be seen that *"our country's status and power have been strengthened, the country is prospering, and the country's fortunes are on the rise"*⁽⁵⁾. In the presented work, regarding the underlying cause for those results, he attributes to various reasons, of which, the main cause is *"...We have the solidarity, unity, joint efforts, and unanimity of the entire Party, people and our army"*⁽⁶⁾.

The work explains the position, role, goals, tasks, and motto of action of the Vietnam Fatherland Front in contributing to the successful implementation of the country's Doi Moi process.

In the work, the General Secretary raised an issue that needs to be deeply understood and well answered: *"What is the position and role of the Vietnam Fatherland Front and its member organizations in this new revolutionary period?"*⁽⁷⁾. The General Secretary affirmed: *"The Front has upheld an extremely important position and role"*⁽⁸⁾; *"...for more than 90 years, under the Party's leadership, the Vietnam National United Front has worked hard, using all forms and measures, to arouse the spirit of patriotism and promote the great strength of the great national unity, combined with the strength of the times, contributing to helping the Vietnamese revolutionary ship weather all storms, winning many victories"*⁽⁹⁾. At the same time, the General Secretary cited the victories of the Vietnamese revolution through historical periods associated with the role of the Front. Specifically: *"During the struggle for national independence (1930 - 1945), the Front mobilized and organized all classes of people to unite and rise up in the successful August Revolution of 1945, winning national independence and establishing the State of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam"*⁽¹⁰⁾. In the long resistance war against the French colonialists, the Front united patriotic people from all walks of life, gathering the great

strength of the entire people to bring our nation's resistance and national construction to complete victory. During the resistance war against the US invasion, in the North, *"the Vietnam Fatherland Front widely united all classes, strata, parties, ethnic groups, religions, and personalities, patriotic and progressive intellectuals; mobilized all forces of the entire nation to build the socialist North into a great rear for the great front line in the South"*⁽¹¹⁾. In the South, the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam and the Alliance of National Democratic and Peace Forces of Vietnam united and widely gathered all walks of life in the South to fight against the America, saving the country. Therefore, under the Front's flag of solidarity, the entire nation united and devoted all their efforts to conduct the general offensive and uprising in the spring of 1975, achieving the victory of the historic Ho Chi Minh Campaign for complete liberation of the South, unifying the country, bringing the whole country together to socialism.

According to General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, in the innovation and building socialism, the Fatherland Front and its member organizations, with its important role, have had many rich, realistic and effective activities to strengthen, expand and promote the great solidarity of the entire people, consensus in society and care for people's lives; encouraged people to promote the spirit of dynamism, creativity, positivity, and enthusiasm to participate in patriotic emulation movements; actively and proactively participated in building the Party, the government, strengthening and expanding friendly relations between the Vietnamese people and the people from other countries in the world.

At the same time, in the work, the General Secretary posed an issue: *"The Vietnam Fatherland Front and its member organizations need to thoroughly grasp the goals, action guidelines, tasks, and solutions to contribute to realizing the goals and tasks of building and developing the country"*⁽¹²⁾. He affirmed that: The Front needs to focus on *"innovating the content and methods of operation, widely deploying and improving the quality of patriotic emulation movements and campaigns to attract a large number of union members and associations, people from all walks of life to promote competition, to mobilize resources in society, participating in successfully implementing the goals and tasks of building and developing the country and protecting the Fatherland."*⁽¹³⁾; closely coordinate with organizations in the political system to propagate, mobilize, and widely gather people from all walks of life, creating high unity and consensus in society...; *"Continue to innovate and diversify forms of*

gathering people, promote the practice of democracy at the grassroots, carry out social supervision and criticism, participate in preventing and combating corruption and negativity, contributing to building the Party and political system increasingly clean and strong”⁽¹⁴⁾.

To continue implementing the Doi Moi guidelines in the coming period, the work identifies the need to be thorough in awareness and action in arousing and promoting the strength of great national unity.

Currently, the entire Party, the entire people and the entire army are striving to comprehensively and synchronously promote the cause of innovation, for the goal of “wealthy people, strong nation, democracy, equity, civilization.” In the work, the General Secretary affirmed that: this is a revolutionary cause of extremely great significance, and also “a giant battle”; At the same time, he also emphasized that in the work for that cause, we must face extremely massive, complex difficulties and challenges.

Assessing the international context and the domestic situation in the current period, the General Secretary determined that, in addition to advantages and opportunities, there were numerous intertwined difficulties and challenges. In that situation, according to the General Secretary, the entire Party, the entire people, and the entire army, more than ever, must “*promote patriotic and revolutionary traditions, the spirit of solidarity, responsibility, making joint efforts to overcome all difficulties and challenges to build our Fatherland more and more prosperous and beautiful*”⁽¹⁵⁾. To continue to successfully implement the Doi moi in the coming period, in the work, the General Secretary requested the Father Front to focus on the following key tasks and solutions:

Firstly, to continue promoting the role of party committees, authorities, Fronts and unions at all levels in strengthening the building and solidifying the great national unity bloc.

In order to strengthen the building and solidification of the great national unity bloc, the General Secretary determined that: party committees, authorities, Fronts, and unions at all levels need to continue to be aware and deeply grasp the guiding viewpoints: “*Revolution is the cause of the people, by the people, for the people, and it is the people who create great victories of historic significance*”⁽¹⁶⁾. Therefore, according to the General Secretary, it is vital for the party committees, authorities, Fronts and unions at all levels to clearly define the overarching tasks, the most important of which is to continue to build and strengthen the unity bloc, uniting all people, widely gathering all

classes of people to create great internal strength to build a country with wealthy, happy people, strong nation, democracy, equity, civilization. At the same time, party committees, authorities, Fronts, and unions at all levels need to better propagate, educate, and mobilize people to fully understand and well implement the Party's guidelines, and State's policies and regulations. *"Strengthen extensive propaganda so that all classes of people are deeply aware of the sinister plot of hostile forces that distort history, Party's views, guidelines, policies, and the State's laws about ethnicity and religion to divide and destroy the great national unity"*⁽¹⁷⁾.

Secondly, to take care of, promote and ensure the people's rights to democracy, ensuring that all state power belongs to the people.

According to the General Secretary, widely practicing and promoting socialist democracy and people's ownership is important in building and promoting the strength of the great national unity bloc. This is because with the need of Doi Moi, only by expanding socialist democracy can there be true and sustainable solidarity. It is necessary to thoroughly grasp and effectively implement forms of direct democracy and representative democracy, especially democracy at the grassroots; do well the motto: *"People know, people discuss, people do, people inspect, people supervise, people benefit"*⁽¹⁸⁾; promote primary role of the people as subjects with the center position in the country's development strategy, in the entire cause of building and protecting the Fatherland. To promote the key role of the Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations which are owned by people; preside over consultation and coordination among member organizations in social supervision and criticism; gather and listen to people's opinions to reflect on the Party and State agencies at both central and local levels; exchange dialogues, listen, learn, receive opinions, solve difficulties, problems and fulfill legitimate requests of the people;...

Thirdly, to build, develop and promote the role of the working class, the peasantry, the intellectuals, the young generation, the businessmen, women, veterans, the elderly..., in the promotion of industrialization and modernization of the country in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The industrialization and modernization of the country and the Fourth Industrial Revolution have arisen the need to educate, train, foster and develop the working class in both quantity and quality, strengthening political bravery, improving educational level, expertise, professional skills, industrial

style, and labor discipline. The role of farmers as subjects in the process of agricultural development, building new rural areas, the rural economy should also be upheld. The country's development in the new situation requires us to focus on building an increasingly strong intellectual team in quantity and quality. For the businessmen, it is vital to build a strong force with culture, ethics, good governance, a sharp business mind and spirit of dedication to the country. It is necessary to provide comprehensive education and training towards the goal of healthy, comprehensive, and harmonious development of the Vietnam's young generation intellectually, physically, and aesthetically. We also should promote gender equality, constantly improve the quality of human resources and the role of women in socio-economic development; promote the socio-political positivity, intelligence; utilize life experiences of veterans, retired police officers, and the elderly in building and protecting the Fatherland, the Party, the State, the people and the socialist regime.

Fourthly, to continue building and strengthening solidarity among ethnic groups in the Vietnamese ethnic community.

The General Secretary requested that: in the process of planning and implementing ethnic policies, attention should be paid to the specificities of each ethnic region and combats against ethnic discrimination and ethnic extremes; It is necessary to fight against all plots and severely punish actions aimed at dividing and destroying the great national unity; strengthen communication, advocacy, solidarity, and gathering of religious organizations and religious believers to live with the motto of "Good life, good religion; promote good cultural, moral values and the resources of religions for the cause of building and protecting the Fatherland. It is necessary to support overseas Vietnamese people to *"have a solid legal status, develop their economy and life, integrate into the society of the host country; improve the effectiveness of citizen protection work; preserve national cultural identity, enhance national pride and self-respect; encourage fellow citizens to head the home country and actively contribute to the cause of building and protecting the Fatherland"*⁽¹⁹⁾.

Fifthly, to continue to perfect the mechanism, consolidate and innovate the organization, content and operating methods of the Vietnam Fatherland Front and its member organizations to meet the requirements and tasks of the Vietnamese revolution in the new situation.

In order to meet the requirements and tasks of the Vietnamese revolution in the new situation, the Vietnam Fatherland Front and its member

organizations need to constantly innovate their organizational structure, content and operation towards improving the quality of staff at grassroots and residential areas; closely working with the people, building the people's hearts and minds posture, promoting the strength of solidarity and consensus of the people at home and abroad to build and protect the Fatherland; performing well the function of social supervision and criticism, representing and protecting the legitimate rights and interests of union members, etc. To do so, it is necessary to *"promptly propose measures to remove institutional difficulties and inadequacies related to model of organization, operation mechanism and improve the efficiency of the Vietnamese Fatherland Front and mass organizations..."*⁽²⁰⁾.

Sixthly, to continue to strongly innovate the Party's leadership methods for the cause of great national unity.

According to the General Secretary, innovating the Party's leadership methods for the cause of building great national unity is one of the very important groups tasks and solutions to constantly enhance the Party's leadership role in the cause of building great national unity. Innovating the Party's leadership methods for the cause of great national unity means that the Party needs to improve its forecasting capacity and strategic foresight in planning guidelines and policies on building great national unity. The Party's correct policy is the leading factor, ensuring the victory of the Vietnamese revolution in general, and the cause of building great national unity in particular. The Party's leadership methods in building great national unity can only be strongly innovated and promoted effectively when the Party sets out the correct Platform, guidelines and policies consistent with the country's reality. In formulating the Party's resolution on building great national unity, it is of great importance to base on domestic and international developments and trends in all aspects to come up with long-term and short-term guidelines, strategies to build great national unity that are feasible and aligned with reality./.

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