Research on Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization and Environment Sustainable Development

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Abstract: Since the reform and opening up, China's sustained and rapid economic development, but the environment problem increasingly is prominent in our country. It has seriously affected the sustainability of economic development in China. Environment overall situation is not optimistic, and environmental management is imperative. Since the 18th national congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Xi Jinping has put forward the thought of building a beautiful China with ecological civilization and realizing the sustainable development of economic construction and environmental protection. Sticking to Xi's Thought of Ecological Civilization is a fundamental guarantee for the sustainable development of environment and building a new era of ecological civilization.

1. Introduction
Since the Reform and Opening up, China's economic development has achieved remarkable achievements, but it is also at the cost of high energy consumption and environmental damage. In recent years, China's environment and ecology have not been improved very well, on the contrary, which are seriously destroyed and has threatened the realization of China's goal of sustainability and beauty in economic and social development. Since the 18th national congress of CPC, Xi Jinping has put forward new ideas, new judgements and new measures to build ecological civilization. It is of great significance for our country to realize the economic and social development and protect the environment and promote the sustainable development of the environment.

2. Background of Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization
In recent years, environmental pollution and ecological destruction have become the short board of socialism with Chinese characteristics. At present, China has become one of the most serious soil erosion countries in the world. The annual amount of soil erosion is as high as 5 billion Ton. The total area of cultivated land accounts for 1/3 of the total cultivated land in the whole country. The area of desertification land is 2 million 622 thousand Km$^2$, accounting for 27.3% of the total land area. China is one of the countries with the least per capita forest area in the world. The pollution of groundwater is more serious[1]. Environmental pollution has brought great harm to the sustainable development of national economy and people's health.

2.1 Influence on the improvement of people's quality of life
The air pollution and water pollution in our country are very serious, and people's work and living in this environment will seriously affect their health.

2.2 Effective development and utilization of resources
The excessive discharge of "Three wastes" not only damages the environment, but also wastes
resources. At the same time, the environment also affects the development and utilization of resources, together with the phenomena of mining, exploitation, and fishing, which can make the environment even worse.

2.3 Influence on the expansion of China's foreign trade
Due to the enhanced awareness of environmental protection in the developed countries and the increasingly stringent standard for the environmental standards of imported goods, a considerable number of commodities have been rejected in our country.

2.4 It affects the sustainable development of our country's economy
The ecological system of our country is fragile, complex and unbalanced, and it is very easy to be destroyed and difficult to recover if it is not exploited and utilized in the right way. We can't follow the old path of pollution in developed countries, and persisting in sustainable development is our only choice.” While promoting economic and social development, we should also pay special attention to protecting resources and improving environment, so as to ensure that under the condition of resource shortage, we should attach importance to the balance ability of self-regenerative natural ecological environment and create a sustainable development ability[2]. Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization was put forward at this critical moment.

3. The connotation of Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization
Comrade Xi Jinping pointed out that "people-oriented, the most important is that it cannot destroy the environment of human existence in the process of development. If the population resource environment is seriously deviated, who can live and work in peace, how can a harmonious society begin[3]? He stressed that economic development "Cannot be sacrificed for the ecological environment". The Contents of Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization are very rich.

3.1 The ecological economic view of "Green water and green mountain are golden hill and silver mountain"
"We want green water and mountains, golden hills and silver mountains" Xi said. “We prefer green water and green hill to golden hills and silver mountains, and green water and green mountains are mountain of golden hills and silver mountains”[4]. Xi pointed out that we not only want GDP, but also create green GDP. We should change the way of economic development and optimize the structure of economic development. We should focus on the circular economy by taking the consumption mode of ecological civilization as the starting point and the foothold of the work.

Mr. Xi believes that protecting the environment and productivity are mutually reinforcing. For one region, a good ecological environment can ensure that the region is invincible in the competition. Xi pointed out the deep connection between the productive forces and the natural environment, namely the economy and the ecosystem. He believes that the development of economic research is to improve people's life quality and happiness index, and cannot put the cart before the horse. He proposed to strictly follow the scientific principle, and in the process of utilizing natural resources, we should energetically develop the circular economy and respect the objective laws of natural development.

3.2 Ecological and political view of "satisfying the people's new expectation of good ecological environment"
The "beautiful China" proposed by the 18th national congress of CPC has influenced the future development of China's ecological civilization, which has aroused wide resonance among the whole nation. “The people's yearning for a better life is our goal.” "To meet the people's new expectations for a good ecological environment" is the political goal of solving the problems of the people's livelihood and seeking the benefits of the people's livelihood. "Letting the people live a good life is the starting point and the foothold of all our work." "The environment is the livelihood of the people... We should not harm the ecological environment as the bottom line of development"[5].

From the perspective of the fundamental interests of the people and the long-term interests of national development, Xi discusses the importance of ecological civilization construction. He has
repeatedly said: "To build an ecological civilization, which is related to the well-being of the people, and the future of the nation"[6]. China's resource and environment carrying capacity is close to the upper limit. "The bottom line of keeping the environment safe is that the sword is high and heavy and heavy"[7].

The ecological environment has become a prominent short board to build a well-off society in all respects. Ecological civilization means to keep the bottom line of ecological security and let the people avoid the concern of the ecological environment. This is "The greatest politics".

3.3 The ecological social view of "human, natural and social harmonious symbiosis"

Engels said: "Man is a product of nature, developed in his own environment and with this environment"[8]. "The human plan, which is not based on the great laws of nature, will only bring disaster" [9]! Based on the perspective of human development, Marx put forward the idea of ecological social view. He believed that the relationship between man and man is decisive, and it has a profound impact on the relationship between man and nature. Therefore, there must be a harmonious relationship between people and people, and only in this way can the sustainable development of ecological civilization be guaranteed.

Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization is a summary and development of past ecological conservation experience. Xi believes that social development cannot be separated from human factors, and that social development will inevitably affect nature, which is the important basis for human development. Man can't grow without nature. Xi Jinping's ecological thinking has always emphasized the importance of human and natural coexistence, which is also the pursuit and ultimate goal of Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization.

3.4 The view of the ecological system of "The strictest system, the strictest rule of law"

At present, although our country has initially built up the legal system of ecological environment, which has not completely covered every aspect of the construction of ecological civilization. It is always the improvement of laws and regulations for social events. Since the 18th national congress of CPC, comrade Xi Jinping has stressed that: "To carry out the strictest system... To establish an accountability system, we must be responsible for those who blindly ignore decisions in the ecological environment and cause serious consequences, and we should pursue lifelong accountability[10].

The report of the 18th national congress of the CPC put forward the overall layout of socialism with Chinese characteristics and put the construction of ecological civilization in a prominent position[11]. This means that the relationship between ecological civilization construction and economic construction must be coordinated from the perspective of national governance and institutional level. This also enables the protection of the ecological environment and the coordinated development of the ecological environment and economy to become the consensus of the whole Party. The ecological civilization is closely related to the thinking of the rule of law. We should integrate legal thinking and ideas into the construction of ecological civilization system, and implement every detail to truly reflect the rule of law in ecological construction.

4. Guided economic and social sustainable development by Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization

Xi stressed that to build a new era of ecological civilization and build a beautiful China is an important part of realizing the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. He pointed out: "we should correctly deal with the relationship between economic development and ecological environment protection, firmly establish the protection of the environment is to protect productivity, improve the ecological environment is the development of the productive concept, more consciously promote health development, development cycle, low carbon development, and never at the expense of the damage of environment in exchange for temporary economic growth"[12]. To carry out Xi Jinping's Thoughts on Ecological Civilization and to guide the sustainable development of economy and society with the construction of ecological civilization, we must do the following five aspects:

4.1 Protection first, scientifically demarcate and adhere to the ecological protection red line
Ecological civilization construction adheres to the principle of priority protection. We must fundamentally change the old idea of pollution control. The priority of pollution control is to protect the ecological environment. While harnessing serious polluted areas, we gradually increase the protection of good ecological areas and support the new road of sustainable ecological civilization development in these areas. We are no longer allowed to sacrifice the quality of the environment for economic development. In areas where environmental quality is degraded, the main leaders and responsible departments must be accountable. We should establish the red line system for the protection of ecology, delimit the red line of the protection of ecology, and realize the long-term management of the ecological red line area.

4.2 Adhere to the rule of law and strengthen the legal guarantee of ecological civilization construction

Xi pointed out that only the strictest system and the of law can provide reliable guarantee for the construction of ecological civilization.

The severe environmental situation facing our country is largely due to the lack of law, the lax law enforcement and the unstudied chaos. In order to strengthen the guarantee of the rule of law of ecological civilization, we should write the citizen's environmental rights into the Constitution. We should study and formulate "the law of promoting ecological civilization" and establish the legal status of ecological civilization. To promote the adjustment and revision of all kinds of "ecological" laws, including the administrative law, economic law, criminal law, civil law, litigation law and other laws related to environmental protection law, to provide legal protection for the normalization of ecological civilization construction. We should give full play to the legislative and accountability functions of the people's congress on ecological civilization. The government should regularly submit reports on the achievements of ecological civilization construction to the people's congress and ensure that the construction of ecological civilization is in place.

4.3 Innovation-driven and enhancing the scientific and technological support of ecological civilization construction

Xi stressed that to properly deal with the relationship between economic development and ecological environment protection, we need to vigorously promote scientific and technological projects in key areas. We should find out the causes and solutions of the current outstanding environmental problems by means of scientific and technological means. We should continue to vigorously promote environmental benchmarking research, set up environmental standards that are in line with the conditions of Chinese Nation, guide the development of industrial innovation and optimize economic and social development based on environmental standards. We should speed up the development of energy saving and environmental protection strategic emerging industries, increase the government's efforts to purchase environmental services, promote energy saving and environmental protection products, effectively stimulate the demand of green consumption, and make it a new economic growth point.

4.4 Adhere to the system thinking and improve the top-level design of ecological environment management system

Xi Jinping's statement on "The Central Committee of CPC's decision on a number of major issues of the comprehensive deepening of reform" indicates that the Mountain, the rivers, the forest, the land and the lakes are a community of life. He pointed out that it is very necessary for a department to be responsible for unified protection and restoration of mountains, rivers, forest, the land and the lakes[13].

To perfect the top-level design of the ecological environment management system, it is necessary to fully straighten out the functions of the government's ecological, resource and environmental supervision. We must establish a unified administrative department that controls the responsibilities of land and space use, and improve the regulatory system of "unified supervision, division and responsibility" and "state supervision, local supervision and unit responsibility". We must reform the functions of the agency for environmental protection and explore the vertical management of environmental protection institutions under the provincial level.
4.5 Insist on taking the people as the base and advocate the emergence of a new cultural movement for the whole people's ecological civilization

"Ecological prosperity is civilized, while ecological decline is the decline of civilization." The construction of ecological civilization is the public opinion and the people's hope. It is necessary for the whole people to participate in the construction of ecological civilization and the mass line of mass control and group control. We should advocate the rising of the new culture movement of the ecological civilization, cultivate citizens with ecological ethics morals, perform the social responsibility of enterprises, build service-oriented government to fulfill the key role of market in resource allocation decisions, and build the trinity of the government, enterprises and the public, and promote the big pattern of ecological civilization construction.

The construction of ecological civilization depends on the guidance and restraint of ethical spirit and moral norms. We must carry out the promotion of ecological civilization to promote education, and integrate the ecological ethics into the socialist core value system. We must integrate the ecological civilization education into the national education system, and advocate the emergence of a new ecological life movement for all. We must guide the enterprises to undertake the social responsibility to protect the ecological environment, and explore the environmental protection public evaluation system at the grassroots level. We must establish a public participation environment for post-supervision and post-evaluation mechanisms to promote the participation of all people in the construction of ecological civilization.

5. Conclusion

Xi Jinping pointed out: "The construction of ecological civilization is the great plan for the sustainable development of the Chinese nation." "The construction of the ecological civilization is the power in the present and the advantages in the future"[14]. "To move towards a new era of ecological civilization and to build a beautiful China are an important part of realizing the Chinese Dream of the great revival of the Chinese nation "[15]. Xi Jinping's Ecological Thought has positive guiding significance and realistic value for the construction of ecological civilization, the construction of beautiful China, the realization of socialist modernization and the great revival of the Chinese nation. Only by adhering to and implementing Xi Jinping's Thought of Ecological Civilization, can we make new breakthroughs in environmental protection and governance. Only in this way can we enter the new era of ecological civilization, build a beautiful China with ecological civilization, realize the sustainable development of economic construction and environmental protection, and realize socialist modernization and the great revival of the Chinese nation.

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