

Xi urges rural modernization

President calls for measures to advance stable grain supply and build beautiful, livable villages

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President Xi Jinping has called for solid measures to advance the modernization of agriculture and rural areas, emphasizing the need to guide farmers to create a better life with hard work and wisdom.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks during an inspection tour of the city of Dezhou, East China's Shandong province, on June 24.

He said that the modernization of agriculture and rural areas is crucial to the overall development and quality of Chinese modernization.

It is important to enhance the capacity, quality, and efficiency of agricultural production, ensure the stable supply of grain and other important agricultural products, and promote the construction of livable, business-friendly, harmonious, and beautiful villages according to local conditions, Xi said.

The inspection trip came at the time of the summer grain harvest in rural areas. Attaching great importance to the work related to agriculture, rural areas, and farmers, Xi



President Xi Jinping engages in a cordial conversation on June 24 with grain growers, agricultural machinery operators, and agricultural technicians during an inspection tour of Dezhou, Shandong province. YAN YAN / XINHUA

has said on various occasions that efforts must be made to ensure food security, drive rural vitalization on all fronts, and promote common prosperity.

At Dongyujia, a village in Dezhou's Lingcheng district, Xi heard reports on local agricultural production, learning about wheat harvests, corn planting, and farming supplies locally. He inspected water and fertilizer integration facilities and chatted with grain growers, machinery operators, and

agricultural technicians.

He said that ensuring the stable supply of grain and other important agricultural products is the top priority of agricultural production.

Xi underlined the need to implement policies that support grain production, saying that efforts must be made to stabilize farming supplies and their prices, and actively apply varieties of grain that suit local conditions, as well as advanced technologies and equipment to steadily increase yields and

efficiency, striving for a bountiful grain harvest for the year.

He also called for improving agricultural infrastructure, enhancing water-use efficiency, strengthening monitoring efforts, and providing early warnings for disastrous weather to strengthen agricultural disaster prevention, mitigation, and relief capabilities.

While visiting Xiyujia village, Xi inquired in detail about how the village strengthens the Party organization and provides services to the villagers.

Xi expressed his hope that village Party organizations would further leverage the guiding role of Party building and make new achievements in building a beautiful and harmonious countryside for people to live and work in. He urged sustained efforts to reduce the burden for grassroots officials so that they have more time and energy to serve the people and promote development.

Xi also visited the home of Yu Xinhui, a farmer in the village, looking around at the home furnishings and sitting down with the family to chat about everyday matters. Xi asked about their work and incomes, the health of the elderly and children's education, and inquired in detail about whether

the Party's policies on agriculture, rural areas, and farmers had been fully implemented.

He pointed out that establishing and practicing a correct understanding of governance performance is ultimately aimed at improving the well-being of the people.

Party members and officials must enhance their sense of serving the people, strengthen the bond with the people, and do more good things, be down-to-earth and address difficulties for the people, thereby genuinely enhancing the people's sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security, he said.

As Xi left the village, villagers warmly saw him off. He noted that July 1 marks the 105th anniversary of the CPC's founding, highlighting the remarkable achievements the country has made under the CPC's leadership over the past 105 years.

As the nation embarks on a new journey of comprehensively building a modern socialist country, Xi called on all the people around the country to work in solidarity to create a brighter future and continuously meet the people's aspirations for a better life.

He wished that the villagers would build beautiful homes and have better lives under the Party's leadership.

Li: Nation offers converging dividends

Premier stresses 'China Opportunity 2.0', as Summer Davos participants laud stable market

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Premier Li Qiang highlighted "China Opportunity 2.0" at the opening plenary of the 17th Annual Meeting of the New Champions of the World Economic Forum in Dalian, Liaoning province, on June 24, underscoring that China's development has brought the world vast opportunities and considerable room for growth.

He emphasized that China now offers the world converging dividends — anchored in its massive market scale and low-cost production factors, and reinforced by technological advancement and industrial upgrading.

Li made the remarks while addressing a full house of political and business leaders at the annual gathering, also known as the Summer Davos forum.

Elaborating on "China Opportunity 2.0", the premier said that it represents across-the-board innova-

tion empowerment and high-return investment prospects for enterprises worldwide, while for global development, he added, it means more accessible advanced technologies and more widely shared development benefits.

"China is committed to an open approach to innovation. Much of its innovation is open-source," Li said.

"This enables more countries, particularly developing countries, to access affordable new technologies and new products, which enhances their development capacity and can help address many difficulties holding back global development."

He cited broad international recognition and acclaim for China's rapid progress in innovation, and rebutted the narrative of a so-called "China Shock 2.0" — a term that implies anxiety over China's technological and industrial advances, and frames its development as a "shock" to the global economy.

On the Chinese economy, he said that despite increased volatility in

the international landscape and greater strain on the fragile global economic recovery since the start of this year, China has withstood the challenges, forged ahead and demonstrated strong resilience and a promising outlook.

The nation's economy has demonstrated stability, innovation, vitality, and integration with the rest of the world at the beginning of the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) period, he added.

China remains committed to openness and cooperation regardless of external changes, Li told around 150 corporate leaders from more than 30 countries and regions in a separate meeting attended by representatives of the business community.

He said China will continue to deepen its participation in international trade and investment cooperation, and promote the connectivity and integration of the Chinese and global markets.

Li noted that over the years,

China's economy has been advancing toward innovation and higher quality, which will bring more opportunities for global companies.

He highlighted three areas of upgrading — the market, manufacturing and infrastructure — that he said would create richer incremental space, a more efficient industrial ecosystem, and more favorable conditions for global businesses operating in China.

The premier pledged that the Chinese government will provide better service for businesses from all countries and foster a more open, fair and friendly environment for their operations in China.

Matts Johansen, CEO of Norwegian company Aker BioMarine, expressed growing confidence in China, calling it a stable and predictable market in an unstable world.

He noted that the Chinese market contributes to 20 percent of the company's global sales and is its fastest-growing region.

"If you want to invest in the

future, you have to invest in China. If you want to connect to the world, you have to connect to the Chinese innovation and supply chain," he said, adding that the company is establishing its own innovation and manufacturing hubs in the country.

Johansen endorsed the concept of "China Opportunity 2.0". He said, "Innovation here in China is a great opportunity for global businesses," citing the country's innovation strength, efficient supply chain and innovative consumers.

Luca Forte, corporate supply chain director at Italian multinational automotive electronics giant Eldor, said he is impressed by China's focus on developing new technologies and praised its efforts in pioneering a wide range of technologies.

He said the Chinese approach has demonstrated to the world that technologies can be developed in a very short time, with a simple method and avoiding unnecessary complexities, while remaining highly active and efficient.