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Foreword I

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping has delivered a series of important speeches, thoroughly answering a number of significant theoretical and realistic questions concerning the development of the Party and the country's cause under the new situation, presenting the grand vision for the future development of the Party and the country, and providing scientific guidelines and basic principles for our efforts in achieving new goals from the new starting point. The deep thinking and rich practice of comrade Xi Jinping during his work in Zhejiang Province serves as a good model of scientifically utilizing the Marxist world view and methodology to address the issues of contemporary China; such thinking and practice also highly embodies the adherence to the ideological line of seeking truth from facts, to dialectical materialism and historical materialism. In March, 2014, in order to deepen the understanding of the internal connection among a series of important speeches delivered by Xi Jinping from the great perspective of history and in light of the general developmental trend, and really profoundly increase the level of thoughts and theories, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences cooperated with the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province to initiate some research on the major issue of "The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang's Practice".

With painstaking research for nearly 1 year, the book series "The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang's Practice" was officially published. With about 2 million words, made up of seven volumes of monographs, the book series reveals, in a panoramic and three-dimensional way, the developmental experience gathered by Zhejiang through the "Eight-Eight Strategies". The "Eight-Eight Strategies" are the scientific ideas and strategic line of thought developed by comrade Xi Jinping while conducting in-depth surveys and research, scientifically analyzing the situation of Zhejiang Province and proceeding from Zhejiang's reality in all respects; the "Eight-Eight Strategies" presents the goals and principles for Zhejiang's practice in realizing the Chinese Dream, as well as the paths and methods for Zhejiang's practice. The achievements reached through the practice of the "Eight-Eight Strategies" make up the Zhejiang experience which is mainly characterized by and basically covers a people-oriented diversified economy, an inclusive and orderly

society, cultural self-improvement and innovation, well-functioning services from the government, strong and vigorous Party building. Since the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, especially the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province has continued to unswervingly carry out the “Eight-Eight Strategies”, push forward new practices and fresh explorations in Zhejiang. The prominent features and basic experience of Zhejiang’s practice in realizing the Chinese Dream during the new stage can be summarized as follows: economically, change is forced under pressure and active guidance is provided; politically, good democracy is achieved at the grassroots level and there is an effective government; culturally, pragmatic and trustworthy approaches are adopted, learning and goodwill are advocated; socially, rural and urban areas are integrated, it is safe and harmonious; ecologically, there is clean water and lush mountains, “gold and silver mountains”; in terms of the Party building, the foundation has been consolidated and play has been given to advantages. The experience from the “Eight-Eight Strategies” belongs not only to Zhejiang but also to the whole country. At present, China has entered a decisive stage for building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and a crucial period for comprehensively intensifying reforms, so we must tackle the difficulties in keeping a balance among reform, development and stability and address global issues. Continuously summing up the basic experience gathered by Zhejiang’s people through in-depth scientific explorations and successful practice in realizing the Chinese Dream is of particularly important theoretical value and practical significance for us to correctly understand the environment of the times, the domestic and international situations, and to calmly cope with various risks and challenges.

The book series offers five-point important inspirations from Zhejiang’s practice in realizing the Chinese Dream, which deserves our careful consideration. These inspirations are as follows: We must always uphold and strengthen the Party’s scientific leadership; we must give full scope to the decisive role of the market in resource allocation and give play to the government’s role in a better manner; we must attach great importance to tapping and carrying forward traditional culture and leverage cultural soft power to support and boost economic hard power; we must combine scientific planning and innovation with our inheritance, carry through one blueprint to pursue development; finally, we must carry forward and respect the natural law governing relevant aspects, respect practice and talents as well as the pioneering spirit of the people.

The research for and compilation of “The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang’s Practice” book series is a model of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences’ efforts in building a new type of think tanks with Chinese characteristics and giving play to those think tanks. The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences is endeavoring to turn itself into an internationally influential, world-famous think tank, and to take practical actions to realize the Chinese Dream of all the people engaged in the theories of philosophy and social science. We should also uphold the Party’s leadership and follow the correct political direction and academic orientation; moreover, we should focus on central tasks and serve the general situation, keep to the scientific spirit and encourage bold explorations, intensify the reforms,

constantly push forward innovations regarding the institutions, the mechanism and organization. Only in this way, can we fully perform the important functions of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: Offering advice and suggestions concerning state affairs, conducting theoretical innovation, guiding public opinion, providing social services, and carrying out public diplomacy.

The book series is the result of a second round of cooperative research jointly conducted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Party Committee, and the People's Government of Zhejiang Province. In 2005, both sides cooperated on researching the major issue of "The Zhejiang Experience and Its Implication for the Development of China". In 2007, the book series "The Zhejiang Experience and Its Implication for the Development of China—The Scientific Way of Development and Harmonious Society Building in Zhejiang" (six volumes) were published. These books have exerted a far-reaching impact on the society; they have given rise to a paradigm and mechanism in which the academic research institutions work closely with local governments, theory comes from and acts on practice. This cooperative research continues and enlarges upon the previous research. The Leading Party Group of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province attached great importance to this work, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences assigned the directors of 7 research institutes and more than 20 backbone research fellows to participate in this work, while Zhejiang Province also carefully chose and assigned more than 30 research elites, the Party and government leading cadres to jointly carry out surveys. The manuscripts were revised many times; after the finalization of manuscripts, the experts from both sides carefully revised them again and again, while the leaders of various departments of Zhejiang Province, including the Department of Publicity under the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province, the Policy Research Office under the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province, offered many valuable opinions and suggestions. In particular, comrade Xia Baolong provided meticulous guidance on many occasions and prefaced these books. We hereby express heartfelt thanks to them for their hard work!

Let us get together to write a new chapter on Zhejiang and the country's practice in realizing the Chinese Dream.

Beijing
February 2015

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Foreword II

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping has delivered a series of important speeches from the strategic perspective of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics and realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation; these speeches profoundly expound the significant theoretical and practical issues concerning the development of the Party and the country, and present many new creative ideas, viewpoints, judgments, and requirements. The principles from these speeches are the latest achievements made in the theoretical system of socialism with Chinese characteristics; they represent the most vivid Marxism for guiding the great struggles with many new historical characteristics. In particular, with a simple and unadorned concept, the Chinese Dream closely combines long-term expectations with reality, and the Party's philosophy of governance with the people's yearning for a beautiful life; it further sheds light on the common goals of the whole Party and the people of all ethnic groups in the country; it profoundly reveals the historical mission of the Chinese nation and the developmental trend of contemporary China; it gives expression to the Party's philosophy of governing for the people; it has become the intellectual banner for the Chinese people to forge ahead in unity; it has also been widely commended and highly recognized by the people from the rest of the world.

When working in Zhejiang, General Secretary Xi Jinping acted in a down-to-earth manner, came out in front, deeply carried out the "Eight-Eight Strategies", and pushed forward the vivid practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics in Zhejiang, thus leaving a valuable intellectual wealth for Zhejiang. As we study and implement the principles from a series of important speeches delivered by General Secretary Xi Jinping, it is necessary for us to study and implement the important remarks made by General Secretary Xi Jinping while he was working in Zhejiang, gain new insights from them, trustfully use and act upon them. Therefore, the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences jointly conducted research on the major issue of "The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang's Practice" as from March 2014, comprehensively

reviewing the historical process in which the successive Party Committees of Zhejiang Province have carried through one blueprint and deeply implemented the “Eight-Eight Strategies” since 2003; both sides scientifically summarized the valuable experience from the stimulating practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics in Zhejiang, delved into the main line of thought, viewpoints, major decisions and arrangements, on the economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological advancement and the Party building, made and developed when General Secretary Xi Jinping was working in Zhejiang; deeply uncovered and expounded the Marxist stands, viewpoints, and methods contained in them. The extensive research for 10 months gave birth to the final product—the book series “The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang’s Practice”. The book series consists of 7 volumes, including the General Report Volume, the Economy Volume, the Politics Volume, the Society Volume, the Culture Volume, the Ecology Volume, and the Party Building Volume.

With the Chinese Dream as the entry point, the book series “The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang’s Practice” focuses on Zhejiang’s experience, analyzes Zhejiang’s phenomena, and presents comprehensive research on the innovative practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics in Zhejiang. I believe that the book series will certainly help us better understand the origin of the line of thought and the foundation of practice formed under the principles from a series of important speeches delivered by General Secretary Xi Jinping; they will help us more comprehensively and systematically summarize Zhejiang’s practical experience, more profoundly realize that the “Eight-Eight Strategies” are the general program for guiding Zhejiang’s development, the overall strategy for promoting the work in various respects in Zhejiang and the golden key for understanding, adapting to and leading the new normal; they will help us continue, with tremendous confidence and determination, the great chapter—the “Eight-Eight Strategies”, do a better job at tying to reach the goals set for the future 1, 3, and 5 years, double the value in four respects, move faster to build a modern Zhejiang which is abundant in materials and rich in mind, and a beautiful Zhejiang, create a good life, comprehensively push forward the great practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics in Zhejiang, and write a brilliant chapter in Zhejiang for realizing the Chinese Dream.

It is worth noting that the research on the major issue “The Chinese Dream and Zhejiang’s Practice” received a great amount of attention and vigorous support from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. President Wang Weiguang specially led an expert group to Zhejiang for discussing matters concerned with the project, and put forward the requirements for the main contents of the research, its organizational structure, achievement planning, and specific implementation. The Research Group, mainly consisting of the experts from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Zhejiang Academy of Social Sciences, conducted numerous surveys at the grassroots level, elaborately carried out the research and wrote papers. The local authorities and various departments of Zhejiang Province made

careful preparations, actively cooperated on the relevant work and made great efforts for the relevant research and the publication of the book series. I hereby, on behalf of the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province, express my heartfelt thanks!

Beijing

February 2015

Xia Baolong

Secretary of the Party Committee of Zhejiang Province

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Series Preface

Since China's reform and opening began in 1978, the country has come a long way on the path of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China. Over thirty years of reform, efforts and sustained spectacular economic growth have turned China into the world's second-largest economy and wrought many profound changes in the Chinese society. These historically significant developments have been garnering increasing attention from scholars, governments, and the general public alike around the world since the 1990s, when the newest wave of China studies began to gather steam. Some of the hottest topics have included the so-called China miracle, Chinese phenomenon, Chinese experience, Chinese path, and the Chinese model. Homegrown researchers have soon followed suit. Already hugely productive, this vibrant field is putting out a large number of books each year, with Social Sciences Academic Press alone having published hundreds of titles on a wide range of subjects.

Because most of these books have been written and published in Chinese; however, readership has been limited outside China—even among many who study China—for whom English is still the lingua franca. This language barrier has been an impediment to efforts by academia, business communities, and policy-makers in other countries to form a thorough understanding of contemporary China, of what is distinct about China's past and present may mean not only for her future but also for the future of the world. The need to remove such an impediment is both real and urgent, and the *Research Series on the Chinese Dream and China's Development Path* is my answer to the call.

This series features some of the most notable achievements from the last 20 years by scholars in China in a variety of research topics related to reform and opening. They include both theoretical explorations and empirical studies and cover economy, society, politics, law, culture, and ecology; the six areas in which reform and opening policies have had the deepest impact and farthest-reaching consequences for the country. Authors for the series have also tried to articulate their visions of the “Chinese Dream” and how the country can realize it in these fields and beyond.

All of the editors and authors for the *Research Series on the Chinese Dream and China's Development Path* are both longtime students of reform and opening and recognized authorities in their respective academic fields. Their credentials and expertise lend credibility to these books, each of which has been subjected to a rigorous peer review process for inclusion in the series. As part of the Reform and Development Program under the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film, and Television of the People's Republic of China, the series is published by Springer, a Germany-based academic publisher of international repute, and distributed overseas. I am confident that it will help fill a lacuna in studies of China in the era of reform and opening.

Xie Shouguang

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