Draw the Wisdom and Strength of Higher Education from the Spirit of the May 4th Movement

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Abstract. As a great social revolutionary movement, the May 4th Movement, as the patriotic tradition of the Chinese nation, has the eternal value of enlightening national wisdom and safeguarding national independence and dignity. In the struggle of the whole people against the epidemic, studying the important speech delivered by General Secretary Jinping Xi at the meeting commemorating the 100th anniversary of the May 4th Movement has important enlightenment and value of the times for higher education to firmly and correctly political direction, to keep in mind the mission of "building up people by virtue", to explore the regularity of youth growth and to cultivate the key abilities and core qualities of youth.

1. Introduction

General Secretary Jinping Xi attaches great importance to drawing wisdom from his in-depth thinking on history and moving towards the future. In his speech to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the May 4th Movement, General Secretary Jinping Xi pointed out :" the May 4th Movement, when it broke out in national distress, was a great patriotic revolutionary movement against imperialism and feudalism, spearheaded by advanced young intellectuals and attended by the broad masses of the people, a great social revolutionary movement set off by the Chinese people to save the nation's peril, safeguard national dignity and rally national strength, and a great ideological enlightenment movement and a new cultural movement to spread new ideas and new knowledge. The Chinese people and the Chinese nation are encouraged to realize the national rejuvenation with great power." [1] It clearly explains the spiritual connotation of "patriotism, progress, democracy and science" of the May 4th Movement and its historical significance and value to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It provides valuable wisdom and strength for higher education with the main content of cultivating youth's key ability and core accomplishment by adhering to the socialist thought with Chinese characteristics in the new era to lead the correct political direction, taking "building up people by virtue" as the fundamental task, exploring the regularity of youth's growth and cultivating youth's key ability.

2. The Milestone of the May 4th Movement Shows That Higher Education Should Unswervingly Adhere to the Correct Political Direction

Jinping Xi highly appraised the milestone significance of the May 4th Movement and pointed out :" the May 4th Movement, with the revolutionary revolution of thoroughly anti-imperialism and anti-feudalism, the progressive pursuit of the truth of saving the country and the extensive active participation of the masses of all ethnic groups and all walks of life in China, promoted the spread of Marxism in China, promoted the combination of Marxism and the Chinese workers' movement, made ideological preparations for the founding of the Communist Party of China, created conditions for the
new revolutionary forces, revolutionary culture and revolutionary struggle to rise on the historical stage, and was the turning point for the old democratic revolution of China to the new democratic revolution. It is a milestone in the historical process of the Chinese nation's pursuit of national independence and it was through the May 4th Movement. "[1]Under the guidance of Marxism, the Chinese people embarked on the socialist road through the new democratic revolution led by the proletariat. This milestone of the May 4th Movement shows the importance of higher education in the correct political direction to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

In the development of China under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, higher education has always armed people's minds and inspired people's wisdom with the continuous innovation and development of Marxist theory to ensure "thinking is not biased", and always adhere to the direction of socialism and communism to ensure "unchanged nature", so as to guide practice and the fundamental purpose of the Communist Party of China scientifically and effectively. The basic program and the basic line are consistent. After the founding of new China, the "common program" promulgated on October 1, 1949 stipulated that "love the motherland, the people, love labor, love science, love public property" for all national morality, clearly put forward the requirements and direction of cultural education. Xiaoping Deng stressed in the first national education work conference that "schools should improve the quality of education, improve the level of scientific and cultural teaching, and What we should do is to serve the socialist construction well. "China should always put the firm and correct political orientation in the first place, and vigorously improve the quality of education and vigorously improve the scientific and cultural level of students under the premise of adhering to the correct political direction. In the new era, general secretary Jinping Xi has repeatedly stressed that" socialism with Chinese characteristics is socialism instead of other subjects. " We should not lose the basic principles of scientific socialism. If we lose them, we will not be socialism. " Major issues issues of right and wrong in the past century, we must adhere to the new theoretical orientation of socialism with Chinese characteristics to guide the direction of the times. In all practical activities, we must uphold the correct political direction, maintain firm political positions and political orientation, enhance self-awareness, maintain sober political consciousness before the major issues, stand firm on China's major principles, and maintain the banner of Jinping Xi. We should constantly enhance self-confidence in road, theory, system and culture.

3. The Triumphant Spirit of the May 4th Movement Demonstrates That Higher Education Must Bear in Mind the Mission of "Moral Cultivation of People"

The report of the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China put forward for the first time "to build up people as the fundamental task of education, training moral, intellectual, physical and aesthetic all-round development of socialist builders and successors." This is the general requirement of our party and country to the education work from the overall situation and the strategy height in the new era, for the higher education, it is the direct goal and the fundamental task. The spirit of the May 4th Movement passed down from generation to generation, and the 100 years before the triumphant song showed that the direct goal and fundamental task of "moral cultivation of people " is the essence, destiny and duty of higher education.

The Chinese nation has always had an excellent tradition of attaching importance to virtue, and "Zuo Zhan" has "the virtue of greatness, followed by meritorious service, and secondly the words", and "Book of Rites" contains "the way of university is in clearing Ethics, "Being close to the people and ending in the best". "Zi Zhi Tong Jian" says "talent, virtue of virtue; virtue, virtue of talent" also
emphasizes the important role to cultivate a man of virtue. The education policy of the party and the country has always attached importance to the role of ideological and moral education in the growth of youth and built it as a national strategy. For example, Zedong Mao proposed in the early days of the founding of the People's Republic of China to cultivate and bring up a "red and professional" socialist successor. Xiaoping Deng proposed a talent cultivation goal of "both virtue and talent", Zemin Jiang proposed a "reliable and capable" talent standard, and Jintao Hu proposed "moral The "knowledge, ability, performance" view of talents regards cultivating moral as the primary condition for success. In the new era, General Secretary Jinping Xi regards "establishing virtue and virtue" as a strategic arrangement related to the long-term stability of the Party and the Country. In the report of the 19th National Congress of 2017, Jinping Xi pointed out: "We must fully implement the party's education policy, implement the fundamental task of establishing morality, develop quality education, promote education equity, and cultivate socialist builders and successors for the comprehensive development of morality, wisdom, physical beauty. "[2]In the "Decision" adopted by the Fourth Plenary Session of the Nineteenth Central Committee in 2019, Jinping Xi pointed out: "Comprehensively implement the party's education policy, adhere to the priority of education development, focus on running education that is satisfactory to the people, and improve the system of establishing a virtuous person. Deepen the comprehensive reform in the field of education, strengthen the construction of ethics and ethics, and cultivate the socialist builders and successors for the comprehensive development of ethics, morals, physical beauty and labor." [3] The ways and means of achieving virtue in different eras are different, but the ultimate goal is to train socialist builders and successors, all of which emphasize the outstanding position of excellent moral qualities in the overall development of youth, and pointed out the direction for higher education to help young people to establish what virtue and how to establish morality.

4. The Characteristics of Youth in the Spirit of the May 4th Movement Reveals That Higher Education Should Constantly Explore the Regularity of Youth Growth

Youth is the vanguard of the May 4th Movement, and the pursuit of truth and permanent struggle are the youth characteristics of the May 4th spirit. It enlightens higher education to adapt to the characteristics of educational objects, to explore the laws of youth education and to improve the pertinence and effectiveness of education.

General Secretary Jinping Xi instructed us to inherit and carry forward the spirit of the May Fourth Movement in the new era and train young people to become socialist builders and successors with comprehensive development of morality, intelligence, physical education, art, and labor. The first prerequisite is to understand the status and characteristics of youth moral development. For their advantages of "active thinking, quick thinking, novel concepts, wide-ranging interests, full exploration of the unknown, quick acceptance of new things, strong sense of subjectivity and participation, and a strong desire for life development," [1]they fully affirm this "youthful nature" give youth vitality, passion, imagination and creativity. [1]At the same time, understand the limitations of their “less experience, easy to understand and understand the world from their own perspective and from the perspective of ideal conditions,” [1]respect and adapt to the laws of youth growth, and be their guide. With regard to how to grasp and use the laws of youth education and effectively do a good job in youth education, General Secretary Jinping Xi put forward specific requirements and valuable suggestions in his May Fourth speech. He pointed out that first, we must be close to young people and be their friends; second, we must sincerely care for young people, care for young people, and be
enthusiastic in youth work; third, we must carefully educate and guide young people and be their
guides. Grasp the best time for education in a timely manner, "persist in the unity of care and love and
strict requirements, respect for laws and active guidance, educate and guide young people to correctly
understand the world, fully understand the national conditions, and grasp the general trend of the
times. It is necessary to understand what young people think, to open up the vast sky for them to
gallop their minds, we must also actively educate and guide young people, and push them
down-to-earth on the broad stage of great achievements." [1] Patiently and meticulously pointed out
the effective ways and reasonable methods of youth education, and foresight is for the whole society,
especially School education and the Communist Youth League have set forth requirements and
pointed out the direction for scientific and effective educational work organized by the Communist
Youth League. It is worthy of our serious study, in-depth understanding and hard work.

5. Vanguard Power of the May 4th Spirit Reveals Higher Education to Focus on the Cultivation
of Youth Key Competences

Growing up in a semi-colonial and semi-feudal old China, the progressive youth of the May Fourth
Movement had broad vision and avant-garde thinking. They were most affected by the New Culture
Movement and became the progressive group that awakened the earliest. They were enlightened and
liberated, and deeply realized the deep roots of the country’s weakness and poverty. The May 4th
Progressive Youth actively accepted advanced progressive ideas, propagated revolutionary principles,
organized the movement of students and workers, and became an advanced group with ideals and
beliefs. Only driven by these positive youth forces, there is this patriotic led by the struggle of
advanced young intellectuals. As Jinping Xi pointed out in his speech to commemorate the 100th
anniversary of the "May 4th Movement": "No matter the past, present or future, Chinese youth will
always be the vanguard of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation!" [1] The youthful
characteristics of the May Fourth spirit, it enlightens higher education it is necessary to focus on
cultivating the key abilities and core qualities of the new generation of youth, which is directly related
to the future of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the destiny of the Chinese nation.

Cultivating the key abilities and core qualities of the new generation of youth is the objective need
of the party and socialist construction in the new era, a necessary prerequisite for promoting
innovative development, and a guarantee for promoting the comprehensive development of youth.
Youth is an important period for the formation of personal worldview, outlook on life, and values. In
this period, the key abilities and core qualities of the young generation can be cultivated to have the
basic abilities of survival, development, and self-realization, and play a key role in the lifelong
development of people. Contemporary young students have grown up under the care and education of
the Party. “They are full of vigor, studious, broad vision, open and self-confident. They are a lovely,
credible and doable generation.” [1] They connect the present and the future and are the power of
reality and future power. Pay attention to cultivating youth's non-technical professional qualities such
as the will, mental endurance, cooperation ability, public relations ability and also do not neglect the
cultivation of the inherent qualities such as attention, analysis ability, judgment ability, execution
ability, abstract ability, and systematic thinking. Only the young generation with high professional
quality and profound theoretical accomplishment can they be the builders and successors of the
comprehensive development of morality, intelligence, physical education, art and labor, can they be
the backbone of the future construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and can shoulder
the responsibility for national rejuvenation. To be responsible for the historical mission and
responsibility of seeking prosperity for the country and the happiness of the people, so as to ensure that the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics is prosperous and prosperous, and to accumulate talents and wisdom for the party and the country to achieve the "two centenary" goals.

6. Conclusion

A hundred years ago, the advanced youth who raised their arms and shouted were the backbone of social development and became the vanguard of the struggle against imperialism and feudalism. Today in the new era and new mission, Chinese youths touch the history of the May Fourth Movement, and with the spirit of defying hardships and dangers, charging ahead, and forgetting their lives, in the fight against the new crown pneumonia epidemic, they have become the winners in the fight against the epidemic, new force. Standing at the historical intersection of the "two centuries", drawing on the wisdom and power of higher education from the spirit of the May Fourth Movement, demonstrating the era value of the May Fourth spirit, insisting on leading the correct political direction with innovative and developing Marxist ideas, and keeping in mind the goal and fundamental task of "moral cultivation of people", to explore the regularity of youth growth, and to focus on the cultivation of key abilities of young people in the new era, to continuously innovate and develop higher education, and also to encourage young people in the new era to always bear heavy responsibilities and continue in a complex environment struggle, bloom youth where the people need it most, and contribute the most vigorous youth power.

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