



China - Governing for Development by Ying Chen, Deputy Director-General, China Enterprise Confederation

In society of all ages, no matter in the east or the west, people always pursue the goal of building a fair, stable and harmonious society.

In Chinese culture, there are ideologies about balance of long standing, such as Yin and Yang. In the past 27 years during the process of reform and opening to outside world, China has made great achievements. What we need now is to think about the reform in China in a more rational way, and try to find the new point of balance. To achieve this, several key elements should be noted.

Firstly, the government should be able to adjust strategic objectives to guarantee the balance of development.

In this new phase of new century, Chinese government has brought forward a goal of building a harmonious society, for the sake of being adapted to the trend of this era and meeting the new requirements for reform and development.

A harmonious society is a society with democracy and legal system, equity and justice, compliance and brotherliness, vitality and energy, stability and order, and harmonious coexistence between man and nature.

The government has set some indicators in the new five-year plan to guarantee the achievement of balance, such as 20% reduction in the energy consuming. To reach these indicators, the government should genuinely play the role of regulating, governing and providing services to the market, always be in the right place and never to be absent, try to reach common understanding and trust with enterprises, and make efforts to achieve objectives hand in hand with enterprises in a favorable environment for development.

Secondly, adhering to our faith and learning to how to communicate with others for building a harmonious world.

China has chosen socialism as the basic system, which is based on its history, culture and values. The nature of socialism lies in emancipating productivity, developing productivity, eliminating exploitation, eliminating polarization and ultimately achieving common prosperity. Our ideal is that some day there is no single person in poverty in China. Chinese people should learn to exchange ideas, communicate with other countries worldwide, to achieve mutual understanding and respect, to seek the common grounds and put aside the difference, and to strengthen cooperation, so as to build a harmonious environment for our development.

Thirdly, to establish an effective social dialogue mechanism guaranteeing the achievement of harmony and balance.

In the coming five years, China will deepen its reform in five aspects: economic system, political system, education and culture system, employment and social security system and social governing system for government. Among them, the objective of improving social governing system includes the mechanism for coordinating interests and the mechanism for settling conflicts and disputes. The key progress we have made recently is that Chinese government accepted the suggestion of CEC, writing tripartite mechanism for coordinating labor relations into the national eleventh five-year plan, which endows us with a legal status in the mechanism to make dialogue with employers, employees and government on social policies.

Last but not least, employer organization must continuously build its capacity and bring its role into full play

With the further development of China's market economy, employer organization is playing more and more important role. Employer organization is not only the voice of employers, but also the bright lamp for guiding enterprises to improve competitiveness and make sustainable development.

In the context of economy globalization, China's market has been closely connected with the world. To concern about rights and interests in work and business ethics and to undertake the social responsibility for stakeholders become the common understanding among enterprises worldwide. Chinese enterprise must take actions in this context.

For long time, Chinese economy grows in extensive mode, at the cost of fast consumption of energy and resources, serious pollution in environment and unhealthy, unstable and unsustainable growth of economy. Chinese enterprises must take the road of energy saving and consumption reduction to meet the requirements for sustainable development of Chinese economy.