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Value of Carrying Forward and Practicing the Spirit of the “Two Roads” in the New Era

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Abstract

The spirit of the “two roads” is the extremely valuable spiritual wealth derived during the construction and maintenance of the S. C.-T. B. and Q. H.- T. B. highways. It is the important manifestation of the national spirit and the spirit of the times and the strong spiritual motivation that urges Chinese people to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation in the new era. Coupled with abundant ideological implications, the spirit of the “two roads” involves massive historical clues. In the new era, it is of significant and profound practical significance to energetically carry forward and practice the spirit of the “two roads”.

Keywords

new era, the spirit of the “Two Roads”, era value

1. Historical Clues of the Spirit of the “Two Roads”

As an arduous and dangerous task, the construction of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways was undertaken under a highly complex international and domestic context. In 1950, an instruction was released by Chairman Mao Z. D. to the 18th liberation army that was approaching Tibet to build roads while keep marching on account of the central government’s weak authority over Tibet that was particularly in the southwest frontiers of China and the slack frontier defense there. Moreover, some foreign forces have long been coveting Tibet. In this context, a highway to Tibet that could closely connect Tibet with mainland China was of great strategic significance to national border security and internal ethnic unity.

On December 25, 1954, the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways, with a total length of 4,360 kilometers, opened to traffic, marking the end of the absence of modern highways in Tibet. The “two roads” are considered an epoch-making and unprecedented feat in the history of mainland China-Tibet transportation. The completion of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways is a miracle in global

highway history. During the construction, the troops feared no hardships and dangers, dared to sacrifice, lived by the roads, and dedicated to the great undertaking to gestate the significant spirit of the “two roads”.

2. Scientific Connotation of the Spirit of the “Two Roads”

The spirit of the “two roads” was formed along with particular international and domestic clues in a specific period in China. General Secretary Xi J. P., on the 60th anniversary of the completion of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways, expounded scientifically the profound connotation and era value of the spirit of the “two roads” from an overall perspective.

The spirit of “fear neither hardship nor death” is the indomitable will exuded from the road builders, under trying conditions, confronted with the most challenging task with the most complex condition in the world. “Tenacious struggle” and “being the road metal” reflect the strong pioneering spirit and sense of responsibility of the construction workers. Also, it is a noble spirit of giving. As difficult as the construction was, the maintenance was much more strenuous. After the completion of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways, for decades there have been highland warriors stationed and protecting the two roads. They have constructed and maintained the lifelines between the mainland and Tibet. “The Army and the people are one family” and “ethnic solidarity” reflect that the relationship between the army and the people is close as fish and water and the togetherness spirit of perfect harmony and cohesion of all nations. In essence, it embodies the fundamental purpose of the Communist Party of China of “serving the people wholeheartedly”.

3. Era Value of the Spirit of the “Two Roads”

3.1 The Spirit of the “Two Roads” is Crucial to Firmly Cast the Sense of Community of the Chinese Nation in the New Era

To firmly cast a sense of community for the Chinese nation is the current focus of the ethnic work of the Party and the Chinese government. The spirit of the “two roads” is vital to the maintenance of the overall national situation of a united multi-ethnic country, is key to the cohesion of the people of all ethnic groups, and is the objective requirement to realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. In light of the historical background, the construction of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways was to safeguard national reunification and maintain national unity. In the new era, we should give full play to the guidance function of the spirit of the “two roads” to increasingly enhance the Chinese people’s sense of national identity and assemble a larger community with a shared future.

3.2 The Spirit of the “Two Roads” is a Lively Textbook of Core Socialist Values in the New Era

As the valuable spiritual wealth and the important resource of red tourism, the spirit of the “two roads” has abundant ideological implications and vivid characteristics of the times. Coupled with the profound connotation of core socialist values, it also reflects the inherent requirements and value orientation of core socialist values, serving as a lively textbook for the education of core socialist values. Given the

new situations, taking the spirit of the “two roads” as the valuable material for the ideological and political course, carrying forward the spirit of the “two roads”, and telling good stories of the heroes of the “two roads” are crucial in educating and constructing core socialist values and strengthening national cohesion. The ideological and political theory course is the “key course” for cultivating new people in The Times. Under the new situation, taking the spirit of “two Roads” as the precious material of the ideological and political course, carrying forward the spirit of “two roads” and telling the heroic story of “two roads” well plays an important role in promoting the cultivation and practice of the construction of socialist core values and enhancing national cohesion, and is an extremely valuable and important resource.

3.3 The Spirit of the “Two Roads” is an Important Resource of Red Tourism in the New Era

Again, the spirit of the “two roads” is both the valuable spiritual wealth and the important resource of red tourism, and to make full use of its cultural value is of significance to the development of red cultural tourism along the “two roads”. By fully exploring the tourism resource of the “two roads” and telling good stories of the “two roads” and the people involved, with the spirit of the “two roads” upheld, it would present the tourists along the “two roads” with splendid natural scenery and allow them to deeply appreciate the profound connotation and cultural charm of the spirit of the “two roads” so that it further promotes the development of red tourism in ethnic minority areas. A deep understanding of the profound connotation and value charm of the “two Roads” spirit not only plays a good role in the education of red culture, but also further spreads and carries forward the “two roads” spirit, thus promoting the development of red culture tourism in ethnic areas.

3.4 The Spirit of “Two roads” Is an Inexhaustible Driving Force for the Development of Transportation in the New Era

The construction of Sichuan-Tibet Highway and Qinghai-Tibet Highway is a great practice full of hardships and creativity. Without the support and promotion of a strong spirit, our “two roads” construction would be difficult to complete. Today, with the completion and development of the “Two Roads”, great changes have taken place in all aspects of economy and society in Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet regions on the whole. However, at the same time, it is still necessary to further strengthen the construction of transportation, which still needs to adhere to the guidance of the “two roads” spirit, actively participate in the construction of transportation roads, and vigorously develop the economy of ethnic minority areas.

Since the founding of New China, under the strong leadership of the Party and the joint efforts of the whole country, China’s transportation industry has undergone tremendous changes. Today, on the level of traffic development, our country more pursues intelligent, environmental protection, university, fast, safety. In the new era, we should continue to develop the spirit of the “two roads” innovatively and enable the spirit of the “two roads” to keep pace with the times to fully demonstrate its era value, provide strong spiritual motivation to construct a country with strong transportation network, and help to realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

4. Conclusion

The spirit of the “two roads” is the extremely valuable spiritual wealth derived during the construction and maintenance of the Sichuan-Tibet and Qinghai-Tibet highways. It is the important manifestation of the national spirit and the spirit of the times and the strong spiritual motivation that urges Chinese people to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation in the new era. Coupled with abundant ideological implications, the spirit of the “two roads” involves massive historical clues. In the new era, it is of significant and profound practical significance to energetically carry forward and practice the spirit of the “two roads”.

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