

Research on the High-Quality Development Path of Shaanxi under the Background of a New Era

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Abstract

High-quality development is the theme and requirement of China's economic and social development in the 14th Five-Year Plan and the more extended period. This paper analyses the basis and advantages of Shaanxi's high-quality development, and argues for the need to further promote high-quality development in Shaanxi Province from four aspects: the new development concept, the economic development situation, the construction of a modern state, and the new pattern of regional development. It puts forward measures and suggestions to promote Shaanxi to form a new pattern of wide opening up, expand a new space for scientific development and accelerate building a strong cultural province.

Keywords: New era; New development philosophy; High-quality development; Shaanxi province

1. Introduction

From 2015 to 2022, General Secretary Xi Jinping inspected Shaanxi three times and gave instructions from "alleviating poverty in old revolutionary base areas¹" to "catching up and surpassing in the new era²" to "writing a new chapter of high-quality development³". The instructions scientifically explain the new tasks of promoting Shaanxi's development, enriching the people and strengthening the province, expanding the process of building a new highland of inland reform and opening up and socialist modernization in Shaanxi, and providing fundamental guidelines for Shaanxi's development in the new era.

2. Realistic Basis

2.1 Good momentum of economic development

Since 2016, Shaanxi has taken the initiative to adapt to new changes and implemented to maintain growth, adjust the structure and transform the way for efficient and coordinated development. Over the past six years, the province's gross regional product has grown at an average annual rate of 6.1%. As a result, Shaanxi has reached 2.98 trillion yuan in 2021 and achieved a breakthrough in total economic output. The implementation of the strategy of strengthening the quality of the province has promoted the gradual conversion of development momentum. The six new pillar industries represented by the advanced manufacturing industry to achieve output value accounted for the proportion of the province's total industrial output value increased year after year, the investment structure, industrial structure adjustment, and optimization to promote a comprehensive quality and efficiency significantly improved. At the same time, the province's total retail sales of consumer goods reached 1.025 trillion yuan in 2021, and consumer prices rose 1.5% over 2020, further releasing consumer potential. Stable agricultural production, another bumper crop of grain, increased momentum in industrial production, stable operation of the construction industry, and faster growth in the service sector, laying the foundation for the shift to high-quality development.

2.2 Remarkable improvement in people's life

In recent years, Shaanxi has focused on solving the problem of "Two Assurances and Three Guarantees", focusing on deep poverty and strengthening social security. In 2021, Shaanxi's annual per capita disposable income was 28,568 yuan, an increase of 8.9% over the previous year. The income growth of urban and rural residents is synchronized with economic growth, and people's living standards are increasingly improving.

2.3 Improved ecological environment

In recent years, Shaanxi firmly establishes the concept of "Clear waters and green mountains are as good as mountains of gold and silver", adhere to the precise treatment of pollution, scientific treatment of pollution, pollution treatment according to law, the implementation of source management, system management, comprehensive treatment, strengthen "three water integration" of water resources, water ecology and water environment, in-depth fight to promote the quality development of water environment. In Shaanxi, the implementation of the "Regulations" and "Master Plan" for the ecological protection of the Qinling Mountains has had remarkable results.⁴In 2021, the water environment quality in Shaanxi was the best in the past 20 years, the

forest coverage rate in the province was 46.39%, the average rate of good days in the year was 79.6%, the air quality level, and water environment quality gradually improved, and the ecological environment improved significantly.

2.4 Enhanced cultural confidence

In recent years, Shaanxi has proposed to prosper the development of cultural undertakings and cultural industries and build a strong cultural province as the target task. In-depth excavation of traditional culture, historical culture and red culture, and other characteristic resources. Shaanxi held the Chinese Qin cavity excellent repertoire performance, the seventh Silk Road International Arts Festival and other activities, cultural achievements, and the quality of cultural life to further improve, and strive to create a Chinese cultural heritage and innovation of Shaanxi business card.

3. The Necessity of High-quality Development in Shaanxi

China's economy has shifted from the stage of high-speed growth to the stage of high-quality development. Shaanxi, as one of the "main engines" of development in the western region, should promote high-quality development as the theme, strengthen the internal support conditions and external demand environment, and accelerate the integration into the new development pattern.

3.1 New requirements of the new development concept for high-quality development in Shaanxi

The concept is the precursor of action. The new development concept should run through the whole process and all fields of development. In the new era, Shaanxi should better realize high-quality development in which innovation becomes the first driving force, coordination becomes an endogenous feature, green becomes a universal form, openness becomes a necessary path, and sharing becomes a fundamental purpose. Currently, Shaanxi is in a critical period of catching up and surpassing, transforming, and upgrading. Shaanxi is facing the problems of the not fast pace of transformation and upgrading of traditional industries, insufficient cultivation and growth of new kinetic energy, and many short boards in infrastructure and people's livelihood, coupled with the multiple impacts of severe and complex domestic and international environments, rare floods and serious epidemics. Therefore, Shaanxi should firmly grasp the practical requirements of entering a new stage of development, implementing the new development concept and building a new development pattern, and gathering the powerful force to write a new chapter of high-quality development.

3.2 The new situation of economic development requires high-quality development in Shaanxi

At present, the world is in the unprecedented changes of the century, and the economic development environment is complex and uncertain, but the conditions of production factors to support high-quality development will not change. With the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial revolution of artificial intelligence, big data, and quantum technology, and the deepening of world multipolarity, economic globalization, cultural diversification, and social informatization, Shaanxi, as the new starting point of the Silk Road Economic Belt, is at the core of the road to West Asia and Europe, and is deeply integrated with the world, with huge development space and potential. To this end, Shaanxi should take the New Asia-Europe Continental Bridge Economic Corridor as the main axis, and actively connect with the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor to form a "land and air" efficient and intensive national logistics hub system to provide an effective impetus for the open economy. We will organically combine stable growth, structural adjustment, and reform, take innovation drive as the main direction, expand domestic demand as the strategic base, vigorously develop the real economy, and deeply integrate into the overall situation of building "one belt and one road".⁴

3.3 Modernization of the country requires high-quality development in Shaanxi

Shaanxi is located in the inland hinterland, straddling the Yellow River and Yangtze River basins, and is an important birthplace of Chinese culture and an important transportation hub in the whole western region. Therefore, Shaanxi occupies an important position in achieving the goal of rural revitalization and common prosperity. As the gateway to North China, Central China, Northwest and Southwest China, Shaanxi is in a critical period of economic transformation and is tasked with multiple tasks such as economic structural transformation, accumulation of dynamic energy, quality, and efficiency improvement, and improvement of people's livelihood. Although Shaanxi has become an important national economic, scientific and educational, and energy province, there are still shortcomings in terms of unbalanced economic development between Guanzhong and southern and northern Shaanxi, weak capacity for transformation of high-tech achievements, and insufficient development of openness to the outside world. In the new era, building a modern country requires Shaanxi to write a new chapter of high-quality development.

3.4 Building a new pattern of regional development requires high-quality development in Shaanxi

In April 2020, General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed during his visit to Shaanxi that it is necessary to accelerate the formation of a corridor, trade and logistics hub, important industry and humanities exchange base for Central Asia, South Asia, and West Asia countries, and to construct an international trade corridor with high efficiency, low cost

and excellent service in the inland region.¹ As a large province in the western inland region, Shaanxi's location and resource advantages are self-evident in the overall economic and social development of the country, and it is a key part of building a new highland of inland reform and opening up in the new era. Shaanxi should actively participate in the construction of new land and sea corridors in the west, focus on building a major land and sea trade corridor in Asia and Europe, create a high-energy open platform, improve the layout of overseas warehouses and Shaanxi commodity display centers, deepen cooperation with Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei, the Yangtze River Delta, the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Bay Area, the Yellow River Basin and provinces in the region involving the Qinling Mountains, etc., and consciously take up the dual responsibility of supporting the national overall situation and promoting its development to stimulate high-quality development momentum.

4.The Path to Achieving High-quality Development in Shaanxi

In the new era, Shaanxi faces new realities and historical missions to achieve high-quality development and must coordinate economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological construction to continuously meet people's needs for a better life. In this way, Shaanxi can come out of a high-quality development path with the stable economic operation, efficient government management, all-around improvement of people's lives, and green low-carbon transformation.

4.1 Develop the "three economies" and promote the formation of a new pattern of all-around opening up

Shaanxi, as the Eurasian Continental Bridge and the key nodes with Shanxi, Henan, Hubei, and other eight provinces and cities adjacent to the central location and hub position. First, we should continuously improve the construction of modern transportation systems and explore the formation of "aviation-driven, land-air interaction and multimodal transportation". With the Xi'an railroad hub as the center, it will link up southern Shaanxi, central and northern Shaanxi, accelerate the construction of the "international transport corridor" and "international aviation hub", and become an important engine of development; secondly, it will strengthen opening up and cooperation with the outside world, develop the "gateway economy" and build up the "gateway economy". The second is to strengthen the opening and cooperation with the outside world, develop the "gateway economy", and build a new high ground for opening up to the west. Shaanxi, as the starting point of the ancient Silk Road, will focus on building a platform to improve the number and quality of China-European trains (Chang'an), and continue to make efforts to build the "five centers"; third, vigorously promote the development of the mobile economy, realize the free flow of capital, information, talent, technology, and other factors, promote the flow of people, logistics, energy flow, capital flow, and information flow, and actively participate in the development of the "five centers". The third is to vigorously promote the development of a mobile economy, realize the free flow of capital, information, talents, technology, and other factors, promote the efficient concentration of people, logistics, energy, capital, and information flow, and actively integrate into the "Belt and Road" pattern and better serve the overall strategic layout of the western development in the new era.

4.2 Implement the "five fundamentals" and "five requirements "

Shaanxi to implement the "five fundamentals" and "five requirements", the two goals and requirements are the same. First, in accordance with the requirements of promoting high-quality economic development to make greater strides, make real, stronger and better real economy, vigorously develop strategic emerging industries, service industries and modern agriculture, deploy the innovation chain around the industrial chain, layout the industrial chain around the innovation chain, and constantly enhance innovation and competitiveness;¹ second, in accordance with the requirements of building a new highland of inland reform and opening up, constantly to reform for power, to open up for vitality, and deeply integrate into the new development pattern of co-construction of double cycle; third, according to the requirement of promoting the continuous improvement of ecological environment quality, continuously accelerate the pace of construction of beautiful Shaanxi, be a good ecological guardian of Qinling, strengthen the ecological protection of the Yellow River basin, and achieve a high level of ecological environment protection and high-quality economic development; fourth, to strengthen the requirements of livelihood protection and social construction, improve the system of prevention, control and treatment of major epidemics, and promote the provincial social governance modernization.

4.3 Adhere to the cultural construction in a prominent position

In the new era, we must give full play to the advantages of cultural resources, with a high sense of responsibility and mission to deeply explore and solidly promote the construction of a strong cultural province. First, we should increase the protection of cultural relics and promote the development of cultural industries and tourism. Strengthen the protection and utilization of cultural relics, guard and revitalize the historical and cultural heritage of Shaanxi, and promote the Great Wall, the Yellow River National Cultural Park (Shaanxi section), and other major projects; second, we should promote the excellent Chinese traditional culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture, and deeply explore the contemporary connotations of the Yan'an spirit and the spirit of westward migration to write a new chapter in the construction of a strong cultural province; third, we should cultivate and practice the core socialist values. Vigorously strengthen moral construction, and mass spiritual civilization activities, leading the

cultural construction of Shaanxi in the new era; fourth, to strengthen the supply of public cultural products and services, improve the public cultural service system, innovative ways of public cultural services, to meet the needs of the people's spiritual and cultural life.

4.4 Do well a comprehensive job of "six stable" work "six protection" tasks

Shaanxi should do a solid job of stable employment, stable finance, stable foreign trade, stable foreign investment, stable investment, stable expectations, the full implementation of the residents of employment, the basic people's livelihood, the main market, food, and energy security, the stability of the industrial chain supply chain, the grassroots operation tasks, and strive to write a new chapter of the new era of Shaanxi catching up and surpassing. First, we should put employees in the first place, implement policies such as deferring social insurance premiums and employment subsidies, strengthen employment assistance for key groups, and expand the recruitment of enterprises for college graduates; second, we should actively help market players to tide over difficulties, protect residents' employment, basic livelihood and food and energy, reduce the production and operation costs of enterprises, and create good conditions for enterprise development; third, we should strengthen the supply of important commodities such as food and energy, and play a good The "three rural" ballast role, continue to promote meat, vegetables, food and other necessities of life to ensure the supply of stable prices.

4.5 Win the four major defences and create a new situation of economic, social, and ecological development

Firmly establish and full practice "Clear waters and green mountains are as good as mountains of gold and silver", the organic combination of ecological governance and the development of special industries, and unswervingly take the road of ecological priority and green development. First, we must adjust and optimize the four structures, namely, industrial structure, energy structure, transportation structure and land structure, and promote the upgrading of industrial clusters; second, we must implement four special actions, namely, the implementation of industrial kiln governance, VOCs comprehensive improvement, ultra-low emissions in the steel industry and launch the action of assault fortified positions in autumn and winter to accelerate the fuel clean low-carbon alternative, in-depth promotion of ultra-low emissions in the steel industry, in strict accordance with the yellow, orange The third is to strengthen the ten safeguards, improve the economic policy system, improve environmental monitoring and surveillance network, strengthen scientific and technological infrastructure support, increase ecological and environmental law enforcement, actively carry out various forms of publicity and education, vigorously promote green consumption, advocate green housing, advocate green travel, and build a national participation in air pollution management pattern.

5. Conclusions

Development is the basis and key to solving all problems. High-quality development is an inevitable requirement for cracking the main contradictions in our society and building a modern socialist country in an all-around way. In the new era, Shaanxi should adhere to the new development philosophy, take high-quality development as the overall situation, plan scientifically, design systematically, promote orderly, focus on high-quality development, better serve and integrate into the new development pattern, and write a new chapter of high-quality development.

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