
Study on the Inheritance and Development of the Spiritual Characteristics of the Heroic Advance Detachment Entering Xizang in the New Era

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Abstract: With the development of the times and the progress of society, the spiritual and cultural sphere is also undergoing continuous change and development. The spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang is a valuable spiritual asset, which carries specific historical missions and value connotations. Under the background of the new era, conducting an in-depth study on the inheritance and development of the spiritual characteristics of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang has great practical significance.

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1. Introduction

In the magnificent picture of the united struggle of all ethnic groups under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang forged an immortal spiritual monument through extremely arduous and extraordinary feats. The lofty spirit embodied by this heroic force—firm belief, fearlessness of sacrifice, hard struggle, unity, and dedication—has long transcended specific historical time and space and has become a spiritual asset of the Chinese nation. Standing at the historical stage of comprehensively building a socialist modern country in the new era and advancing toward the Second Centenary Goal, grasping the contemporary value of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang and exploring the paths for its creative inheritance and innovative development required in the present time is not only a heartfelt remembrance of history and an expression of profound respect, but also an inevitable requirement for inspiring the driving force for progress, stimulating a sense of responsibility and action, and cultivating new generations of the era. This spiritual characteristic is like an inextinguishable torch, which continues to emit light that points the way forward, tempers character, and shapes values on the new journey of the new era^[1].

2. The contemporary value of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang

The spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang is a concentrated embodiment of ideals and beliefs, willpower and character, and behavioral ethos demonstrated by revolutionary forces led by the Communist Party of China during a specific historical period, in order to accomplish the task of national unity and the liberation of all ethnic groups in Xizang, under harsh natural conditions and complex struggle situations. Its core connotations have been integrated into the spiritual pedigree of Chinese Communists and constitute an important component of the red gene. In the context of the new era, this spirit has not faded away; on the contrary, it has shown enduring vitality and appeal.

The most prominent manifestation of its contemporary value lies in its strong spiritual guiding force. Bearing in mind the original aspiration of seeking happiness for the people and rejuvenation for the nation, the officers and soldiers of the advance detachment, with firm conviction that revolutionary ideals are higher than the sky, overcame challenges that pushed the limits of human physiology and wrote a patriotic epic with their loyalty and lives. Such adherence to ideals and beliefs constitutes vivid teaching material for responding to risks and challenges, resisting erroneous ideological trends, and consolidating the foundation of faith in the new era. No matter how the times change or how conditions improve, firm political orientation and lofty value pursuits remain the ballast stone for individual growth and social progress^[2].

Secondly, it possesses profound educational significance in terms of hard struggle. The severe trials of the “forbidden zone of life” experienced by the advance detachment represent the highest expression of the spirit of hard struggle. Such struggle is not a passive endurance of hardship, but an active choice to face difficulties and persevere for a lofty cause. In today’s context, where material conditions have been greatly improved, advocating hard struggle does not mean returning to an era of scarcity, but inheriting the spiritual temperament of fearlessness, diligence, frugality, and solid dedication. In overcoming arrogance, resisting hedonism, and cultivating the willpower required to shoulder the task of national rejuvenation, it plays an irreplaceable role of warning and encouragement.

Thirdly, it embodies the theme of ethnic unity and selfless dedication. The journey of the advance detachment itself constitutes a history of struggle to promote ethnic unity and safeguard national unity. The officers and soldiers respected Xizang’s compatriots and observed mass discipline, winning trust through their actions. For the collective goal and for the liberation of the Xizang’s people, they were willing to sacrifice everything personal, even their lives. This spirit of selfless dedication represents valuable spiritual assets for forging a strong sense of the Chinese national community and building a harmonious society. At a time when interests are diversified and ideas are pluralistic, carrying forward the spirit of unity, cooperation, and dedication has important practical significance for building social consensus and safeguarding national unity^[3].

3. Inheritance of the spiritual characteristics of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang in the new era

3.1. Excavating the historical foundations of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang

Effective inheritance must be based on a clear understanding of its historical authenticity. This means that it should not remain at the level of general praise, but should delve into historical details through evidence such as archival documents, oral histories, and physical relics, to sort out the background of the formation of the advance detachment, its marching routes, the extreme difficulties encountered, the sacrifices made, interactions with local communities, and the strategic significance of completing the mission. Only by placing the spirit within concrete and even harsh historical contexts can its moving power be appreciated, avoiding abstraction and hollowing. Excavating the historical foundations means restoring the “historical reality” of creating miracles through faith and discipline under adversity, laying a solid factual basis for inheritance.

3.2. Inheriting the essence of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang in combination with the characteristics of the times

As the times change, the forms in which the spirit is expressed must also be renewed. The key to inheritance lies in grasping the essential core that transcends time, namely, firm political character marked by loyalty to the Party and dedication to the people; revolutionary heroism characterized by fearlessness and courage; collectivist principles reflected in discipline and unity; and lofty value pursuits embodied in hard struggle and dedication. While the essential requirements of the new era have not changed, the modes of practice have transformed. Fearlessness of hardship is no longer mainly manifested in conquering natural barriers, but in tackling technological challenges, deepening reform, and responding to risks; willingness to dedicate oneself is embodied in conscientious service in ordinary positions, rural revitalization, and voluntary services. Combining the characteristics of the times means integrating these spiritual essences with the missions of the new era, endowing them with new expressions^[4] that resonate with contemporary experience.

3.3. Improving the educational inheritance system of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang

The inheritance of the spirit relies on systematic and normalized educational guidance. This requires establishing an educational inheritance system that runs through the national education system and covers different social groups. In school education, the spirit of the advance detachment should be integrated into ideological and political theory courses, history courses, Chinese language courses, and relevant school-based curricula, with supplementary reading materials and multimedia teaching resources. From the perspective of social education, efforts should be made to mobilize patriotic education bases, memorial halls, and martyrs' cemeteries to carry out immersive educational activities, leverage mainstream media and online platforms, and create literary and artistic works to tell the stories of the advance detachment. In addition, it is necessary to strengthen the cultivation of relevant teaching, docent, and research teams to ensure effectiveness. Through system improvement, education can move from fragmented to normalized, so that it truly takes root in people's minds.

4. The paths for the inheritance and development of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang in the new era

4.1. Strengthening political guidance and enhancing the sense of mission in spiritual inheritance

It is necessary to advance the inheritance of the spirit of the advance detachment from the political height of consolidating the Party's governing foundation. Promoting this spirit should be regarded as an important component of strengthening Party building, carrying out education on ideals and beliefs, and cultivating socialist core values. Party organizations at all levels should take the lead in learning, publicizing, and practicing the spirit of the advance detachment, integrate it into Party member education and cadre training, and guide Party members and cadres to draw political nourishment from it, strengthen the "Four Consciousnesses," firm up the "Four Confidences," and achieve the "Two Upholds." Relying on strong political guidance, spiritual inheritance should be treated as a "hard requirement," enhancing the sense of mission of the whole society, especially Party members and young people.

4.2. Deepening theoretical research and building a theoretical system for spiritual inheritance

Theoretical clarity is the prerequisite for firm action. At present, research on the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang remains insufficient. It is necessary to organize experts and scholars in philosophy and social sciences to carry out interdisciplinary and systematic research. Such research should examine its historical background, ideological sources, and practical foundations; summarize its core essence and connotations; analyze its connections with other revolutionary spirits; and explore its mechanisms of transformation and evaluation standards in the new era. By producing high-quality research outcomes and establishing a rigorous theoretical system, solid academic support can be provided for spiritual inheritance.

4.3. Strengthening practical teaching and enhancing the actual effectiveness of spiritual inheritance

The inspirational power of the spirit must be tested and elevated through practice. It is necessary to strengthen practical teaching components beyond classroom lectures. Students, young cadres, and the public can be organized to carry out experiential activities such as retracing the route of the advance detachment, experiencing hardships on site. Research topics and volunteer projects can be designed around development achievements, ethnic unity stories, and border defense deeds, guiding people to appreciate the value of predecessors' struggles. Elements of the spirit of the advance detachment can also be integrated into training and labor education to temper character. The key lies in careful design and guidance, so that participants achieve emotional resonance and behavioral transformation through personal involvement.

4.4. Integrating into education of the new era and cultivating socialist builders and successors with spiritual characteristics

The ultimate goal of inheritance and development lies in cultivating people. The cultivation of the spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang should be integrated into the national education system and moral development of society, to cultivate new generations possessing corresponding spiritual characteristics. Educational objectives should include requirements for loyalty, resilience, dedication, and unity; curriculum systems and campus culture should reflect the promotion of these spirits; and educational evaluation should explore ways to measure students' spiritual development. Young people should be guided to integrate personal ideals with national development and rejuvenation, establish firm ideals of struggle and dedication, and internalize the spiritual qualities of the advance detachment as their own spiritual genes, ensuring that the Party's cause is carried forward from generation to generation.

5. Conclusion

The spirit of the heroic advance detachment entering Xizang is a spiritual treasure trove containing inexhaustible strength. In the new era, only by possessing historical consciousness and cultural confidence, fully exploring its contemporary value, systematically advancing its inheritance, and actively exploring its development paths, can the spiritual torch that transcends time and space burn ever more brightly, illuminating the new journey of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and inspiring all Chinese people to write new chapters worthy of their predecessors, the times, and the people on the "examination road" of the new era.

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