

A discussion-ready draft of Brief Introduction to China's Sustainable Urbanization under Constitutionalism

With China's entry into WTO, the ancient Chinese nation began to truly step into the fast lane of the era of urbanization development. The problem regarding urbanization under the sustainable development is exactly what we are often worried about. It may be in the spirit of truly combining all the thoughts, observations, ideas and expressions about those worries that we have sustained passions for urbanization and sustainable development in China. For the reason that the topics of sustainable urbanization China should pay attention to mainly include the following aspects:

First, whether the sustainable urbanization development should highlight more humanistic care of humanism?

Urbanization which puts people first is the moral basis and spiritual home of sustainable development. The space design and cultural orientation of a city not only meet the needs of individuals to enjoy the privacy, but also meet the needs of urban residents to make social contacts, to maintain and preserve the characteristics of urban space, and to develop and spread the urban subculture, that is , display a city's spirit of law and its lofty style and personality from the angle of the city's appearance and the inherent form of city management and urban operation.

Second, whether the sustainable urbanization life should highlight humanity and personality?

Urban development should be joint undertaking which derives from the people, develops for the people, serve the people and promotes the progress of human civilization. After entering a new period of development, people began to cherish the modern value and significance of city, care more about the legal environment, physical environment, cherish more their own living environment and living quality. Constitutionalism began to regard city as "a big family" once again, and to consider each member's social income, status, personal development and equal right to speak in this "big family".

Third, whether the sustainable urbanization construction should embody greater democratic participation?

The setup of the directions and strategies of urban development and the choice of urban public policies should embody the interests of the vast majority of residents. At the same time, by way of the decentralization of state administrative power, urbanization gains the freedom to develop itself, decision-making of city has greater democratic participation, the scientific outlook on development is carried out at the starting out urbanization, and “mayor” cannot substitute for market.

Fourth, whether the management model of sustainable urbanization should highlight the characteristic of information-based science?

A modernized city is a city where materials, manpower, capital, information and other resources flow efficiently. The flow in an efficient, reasonable and orderly manner requires that the sufficient information of resource flow must be obtained in the process of their accumulation, distribution, management and control. Sustainable development is necessarily the information-based urbanization, including establishing the city’s information infrastructure and information-based network, introducing the operating model of urban management information, achieving the information-based production and way of life in the whole society, and so on.

Fifth, whether the sustainable urbanization management should highlight the characteristic of diversification?

With the rapid development of information and transportation industry, especially the promotion of new economic model, remote job entry and concentration of professions increase the alternative models of urbanization expansion, such as the developmental model of functional concentration, the developmental model of regional cooperation and the development of virtual communities.

Sixth, whether the industrial chain of sustainable urbanization should highlight the specialization of high-tech?

In the era of industrial economy, the development of industry, namely, the secondary industry, within the urbanization is the basis of city’s real development and rise. Therefore, the urban central zones of future sustainable development will become the most important distribution centers for developmental factors, including the flow

of science and technology centers, the flow of knowledge and information, the flow of capital, and the flow of human resources, the flow of materials, the flow of logistics, the flow of technology, and will collaborate with the tertiary industry in a scientific manner to guide developmental direction, image orientation, rank orientation, and motional orientation of urbanized industries.

Seventh, whether the city expansion of sustainable urbanization should necessarily highlight the integration of city and village?

The process of China's urbanization itself in recent years is a process of breaking and finishing the disadvantages of the urban-rural dichotomy. The existing and abnormally developed ways of industrial urbanization have caused serious consequences such as the opposition of urban-rural personality and the inequality of the human right to development. Therefore, sustainable urbanization must require the new urbanization revolution, and guide the traditional and long-term oppositions between urban areas and rural areas, between human being and environment to head for the coexistent, integrated and harmonious development.

Only when we have made a deep breakthrough can we achieve the sustainable urbanization with Chinese characteristics and also the socialist harmonious society with Chinese characteristics; and also, only when we have solved successfully the foregoing problems and have a good mastery of the rule of law and the constitutionalism can we consolidate the achievements of urbanization since the introduction of reform and opening-up, and the ideological and ethical foundation and material foundation of the urban-rural harmony.