

Key advantages of the Chinese system overcoming COVID-19

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Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn was confident from the beginning that China would overcome the COVID-19 epidemic because of three reasons: its commitment, competence, and readiness to change and improve.

"China's system of party-led, strong government can deal more effectively, more efficiently and more rapidly with the stringent demands of a lockdown, quarantine and containment, and mobilization of national resources and healthcare professionals," explained Kuhn, who is chair of The Kuhn Foundation, an organization that advances the understanding of science and philosophy.

As Kuhn noted during an interview with Chinese media, the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was the main force behind its victory over COVID-19. In the face of another challenge, the ruling party demonstrated its historical role in defending the interests of the Chinese people. It provided further evidence that adherence to the centralized and unified leadership of the CPC is one of the most significant advantages of China's national governance system.

On January 7, which was during the early stages of the pandemic, President Xi Jinping gave a clear statement about the country's prevention and control work at a top decision-making meeting. As the virus spread, he chaired several high-level meetings during which he issued direct demands on how to proceed. During a meeting with visiting World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, President Xi emphasized that "people's safety and health always come first."

Throughout the pandemic, the President undertook inspection tours of Beijing and Wuhan, as well across the provinces of Zhejiang and Shaanxi. He offered sincere gratitude and greetings to frontline personnel, conveying the idea of people-oriented governance and sending out a clear signal that China can prevail. The nation's ruling party and its government demonstrated through their actions that they are steadfast guardians of the interests of the Chinese people.

Analysts have attributed China's success in overcoming the virus in a relatively short time to its extraordinary mobilization ability and the institutional advantage of concentrating resources to accomplish large undertakings.

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