Acting Premier Hua Kuo-feng Meets First Venezuelan Ambassador to China

Hua Kuo-feng, Acting Premier of the State Council, on February 7 met and had a cordial and friendly talk with Jose de Jesus Sanchez Carrero, first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Venezuela to the People's Republic of China.

Present were Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua and others.

Going Where the Motherland Needs Them Most

In response to the Party's requirements and of their own will, another contingent of graduates from institutes of higher learning recently left for the countryside, the border regions and other places where the country needs them most.

China's system of enrolment in institutes of higher learning changed in 1970 when students from among workers, peasants and soldiers and other working people with practical experience were selected and accepted. Under the leadership of the Party organizations in the colleges and universities, the students have persisted in the orientation of revolutionizing education, diligently studied Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, integrated with workers and peasants and actively taken part in class struggle, the struggle for production and scientific experiment. Both their political consciousness and professional ability have been greatly enhanced after about three years of study.

The graduates have always kept the workers, peasants and soldiers in mind. They have been aware that studying in the colleges and universities does not mean acquiring capital to make a name for themselves or for personal gain but to serve the people. The practice of the Chaoyang Agricultural College in northeast China's Liaoning Province is to enrol students from the countryside and send them back to the countryside after graduation. When this year's graduates held their graduation ceremony, representatives of poor and lower-middle peasants were there with gongs and cymbals to welcome the graduates back to the rural areas.

Before graduating, the students had written applications and letters expressing their determination to go to the countryside and the border regions where conditions are the harshest. More than 7,000 graduates of institutes of higher learning have gone back to the frontlines of revolution and construction in Szechuan Province. Upon their application and with the approval of the leadership, 14 of this year's 1,804 graduates of Tsinghua University have gone back to become peasants and 305 others have gone to Tibet, Chinghai and Sinkiang. Peking University agreed to let 88 graduates go to the villages and the western border regions. All these are firsts in Peking University's 77-year history and in Tsinghua University's 64 years.

The actions of the worker, peasant and soldier students demonstrate the superiority of the revolution in education and are a forceful rebuttal to the absurdities spread around in educational circles.

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Announcement

The historic visit to China made by President Richard Nixon of the United States of America and Mrs. Nixon and the issuance of the joint communique by China and the United States in 1972 have played a significant role in improving Sino-U.S. relations. The Chinese side and former President Nixon both consider that a revisit to China by him will be appropriate. The Government of the People's Republic of China has extended an invitation to him and Mrs. Nixon to revisit China on February 21, 1976, the fourth anniversary of their first visit. They have accepted the invitation with pleasure.