

Seeking Truth—the Soul of the Statistically Cultural Construction

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“Seeking truth from facts” is the soul of Mao Zedong philosophy. For more than half a century, the whole contents and basic requirements of the spirit of seeking truth from facts have been approved for many times in the practice of construction of new China, profoundly affecting and rebuilding the time spirit of the contemporary Chinese Nation. At present, the statistical work in China has entered a new development stage. It’s essential to adhere to and carry forward the spirit of seeking truth from facts and develop this spirit into the time spirit for contemporary statistical work through the statistically cultural construction, as this is the guarantee for the continuous development of our statistical sector.

1. Why seeking truth from facts is the soul of the statistically cultural construction?

First, it’s decided by the feature and basic nature of the statistical work. Like “seeking truth from facts”, statistics also requires us to start from reality to form a correct understanding of matters; it’s the most concrete and realistic practice of “seeking truth from facts”. So, truth is the life of statistics, as well as the basis and precondition for statistics to play into all functions.

Secondly, it’s decided by the values of statistical products. The values of statistical products are the soul of the statistical culture as well as a decisive factor in the forming and development of the statistical culture. Its contents represent one key point, that is, whether statistical products can reflect the objective reality, represent the objective features, and satisfy the objective demand based on the principle of “seeking truth from facts”. The demand of “seeking truth” is represented in the whole process of the value of statistical products, the social evaluation of statistical products, as well as the objective and business philosophy of statistical products.

Thirdly, it’s decided by the functional features and due quality of the statistical culture. The statistical culture should be reflected by the integral civilization of the statistical system, which should include statistical modes, statistical concepts, and statistical measures, and take the spiritual activities of statisticians as its main contents. Our fundamental goal to launch the statistically cultural construction is to facilitate and improve the development of the statistical career. Its features and functions should be the most direct and realistic representations of the ideology of seeking truth from facts. Statistics must seek truth from the development and changing rules of matters and from the social development and changes in certain time and under certain circumstances. This spirit is a one seeing both fight and combination. Only through continuous fights and combinations can the statistical culture have sound development.

2. Fully implementing the spirit of seeking truth, and energetically developing the construction of the statistical culture

(A) Taking the concepts of seeking truth as the guiding ideology for the construction of the statistical culture

(B) Richening the contents of the construction of the statistical culture with the attitude of seeking truth

The construction of the statistical culture signifies a great conception. It cannot be done with one strike while it will need the statistical staff to make long-term and arduous efforts in fulfilling the historic mission. It also needs a progressive and upgrading process. In the progressive course, it requires us to be reality-bound and intensify the study and seek the regularity, and constantly richen and optimize the construction of the statistical culture with the attitude of seeking truth.

We must seek the people-oriented truth in the construction of the advanced statistical culture and foster batches of professional talents who are good at statistics science, master the modern IT and know well the economic management.

We must seek the truth of serving the economic and social development in the construction of the advanced statistical culture.

We must seek the truth of the statistical operation mechanism in the construction of the advanced statistical culture, and speed up the reform on the statistical system and methods.

We must seek the truth of the statistical means in the construction of the advanced statistical culture and energetically strengthen the network construction on the statistical information.

We must seek the truth of the administration and execution by law in building the advanced statistical culture, and make unswerving efforts in uplifting the social status of the statistical work.

(C) Creating excellent atmosphere for the construction of the statistical culture with the spirit of seeking truth

Creating excellent cultural atmosphere is the important precondition to boost the development of the statistic sector and the implementation of the construction of the statistical culture. We must intensify the construction of the statistical work ethics in creating excellent cultural atmosphere.

In order to create a good cultural atmosphere, we must pursue the policy of “the free debate of different schools of thoughts”, and stick to the integrity of the theme and diversity.

(D) Developing the brand-new fields of the statistically cultural construction with the spirit of seeking truth

We should properly handle the dialectical relationship between the inheritance and the introduction. Only if we handle well these two relationships, can the statistical culture possess its characteristics while possessing a virtuous mechanism of the development.

RÉSUMÉ

Dans la situation actuelle où la statistique chinoise entre dans la nouvelle phase de développement, le présent texte a exposé en général le sujet que l'âme relatif à la construction culturelle de la statistique est de rechercher la vérité à partir des faits en basant sur la pratique de la statistique et à partir des particularités, de la nature fondamentale, de la notion de la valeur des produits de statistique ainsi que des caractéristiques influences par la civilisation traditionnelle et de la qualité due. Il présente en même temps à partir de l'idée directrice, du contenu et des ambiances en vue de la construction culturelle de la statistique qu'il faut appliquer complètement l'esprit réaliste en déclenchant avec effort la construction culturelle de la statistique et en développant sans cesse le nouveau domaine de la construction culturelle de la statistique.