

Chapter **49** **Improving the Multi-Tiered Social Security System**

With a commitment to the principle that all eligible persons should be covered, and in line with the requirements to help those most in need, to build a tightly woven safety net, and to build the necessary institutions, we will move faster to create a fair, unified, and sustainable multi-tiered social security system that covers the entire population in both urban and rural areas.

Section 1 **Reforming and Improving the Social Insurance System**

We will refine the old-age insurance system and take steps to keep basic old-age insurance funds balanced over the long term. We will bring basic old-age insurance under unified national management, and make it easier for people with flexible employment to get covered so as to bring about full coverage over legally stipulated groups. We will refine the system under which social security funds are replenished through the injection of state capital, and bolster strategic reserve funds for social security. We will refine mechanisms for making appropriate adjustments to the basic pensions of urban workers, and gradually increase basic pension benefits for rural and non-working urban residents. We will develop an old-age insurance system built upon multiple pillars and tiers, increase the coverage rate of enterprise annuities, and promote well-regulated growth of private pensions that serve as a “third pillar.” We will push for broad worker coverage under unemployment insurance and work-related injury insurance, and

promote unified management of these systems at the provincial level. We will facilitate the transfer of social security accounts between localities, and improve the unified national social insurance public service platform.

Section 2

Improving the Social Assistance and Charity Systems

With a focus on people living on subsistence allowances, people with acute difficulties, and low-income families, we will refine social assistance systems according to different tiers and categories in an effort to build a comprehensive framework of assistance. We will improve the system for basic needs assistance and special assistance systems for healthcare, education, housing, employment, disaster victims, and optimize the mechanism for dynamically adjusting assistance standards and recipients. We will improve policies and measures for temporary assistance, and bolster the function of emergency social assistance. We will boost coordination between urban and rural assistance systems, and take gradual steps to see that people can apply for assistance in their place of permanent residence. We will actively develop service-based social assistance, and expand social assistance services procured by the government. We will promote the work of charities, and refine tax benefits and other policy incentives. We will ensure well-regulated development of online charity platforms, and augment management over lotteries and public welfare funds.

Section 3

Improving Work Systems and Support Mechanisms for Demobilized Military Personnel

We will improve the systems of organization and management, operations, and rules and policies for veterans' affairs so as to provide them

with better services and support. We will deepen reform of the job-placement system for ex-service members, increase support for education, training, and employment, expand potential areas of employment, and improve the quality of job-placement. We will develop new benefit protection systems, improve and implement preferential support policies, increase benefits for ex-service members and other entitled groups appropriately, and ensure that proper arrangements are made with regard to employment, residency, and education for spouses and children accompanying transferred military personnel. We will improve systems for helping retired military personnel and military personnel demobilized due to wounds, illness, or disability transition to civilian life and for assisting them in treatment and recovery, step up the development of service centers (stations) for ex-service members, and enhance the development of relief hospitals, nursing homes for ex-service members and martyrs' families, and military supply stations as well as the services that these facilities provide. We will bolster integration of the insurance system for ex-service members. We will devote vigorous effort to carrying forward the spirit of heroes and martyrs, reinforce the construction and maintenance of monuments for heroes and martyrs, and build military cemeteries. We will also further advance the development of national model cities (counties) for mutual support between the military and civilian sectors.