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INTRODUCTION

1. Reasons for choosing the research topic

Throughout the course of leading the Vietnamese revolution, President Ho Chi Minh always regarded the building, preservation, and promotion of the close-knit relationship between the Party and the People as a sacred and fundamental mission. According to him, the Party's strength originates from the People, and the People's trust is the root of all victories. This ideology is the crystallization of Vietnam's patriotic and humanitarian traditions, of valuing the role of the People in national history, combined with the absorption of human cultural quintessence-especially the scientific and revolutionary viewpoints of Marxism-Leninism on the relationship between the Party and the People.

He consistently affirmed the central role of the People in the revolutionary cause with the viewpoints: "The people are the root," "The people are the masters," and "All authority and strength lie within the people." Meanwhile, cadres and Party members are simultaneously "leaders" and "faithful servants of the People." Therefore, Ho Chi Minh emphasized: "...leaders must maintain close ties with all social strata, with the masses." In his view, the relationship between leaders and the People must be continuously maintained, firmly upheld, and never neglected-not even for a moment. This means that cadres cannot detach themselves from the people's lives, nor are they allowed to alienate themselves from the people, forget the people, or disregard the people's opinions, needs, and interests. Such closeness is not only a political responsibility but also a measure of moral qualities and leadership capacity.

Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People is not only theoretical, but also vividly embodied through his practical actions and daily lifestyle, becoming a core value with enduring vitality in the Vietnamese revolutionary process. He inherited, developed, and nurtured this relationship, laying a solid foundation for the great national unity bloc, and thereby contributing decisively to the glorious victories of the Vietnamese revolution.

The Party's 6th National Congress in 1986 summarized the principle "Taking the people as the root" as one of the fundamental, overarching lessons in Party building. The Resolution of the 8th Plenum of the 6th Party Central Committee in 1990 on "Renewing the Party's mass mobilization work, strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People" also emphasized the pivotal role of this close relationship. The Platform for National Construction in the Period of Transition to Socialism, adopted at the 7th National Congress in 1991, affirmed this spirit as a strategic orientation for national development: "All activities of the Party must stem from the legitimate interests and aspirations of the People. The Party's strength lies in its close-knit bond with the People." This viewpoint continued to be reiterated in platforms, resolutions, and documents of subsequent National Congresses, especially at the 13th National Congress (2021), which stated: "...the viewpoint 'the people are the root,' as the subjects of the renovation cause, has been increasingly recognized and implemented more deeply and fully; the close relationship between the Party and the People has been consolidated and strengthened." The Draft Documents for the 14th National Congress (May 2025) further emphasized: "Strengthen mass mobilization work, deepen and tighten the close relationship between the Party and the People, rely on the People to build the Party."

Historical reality shows that the close relationship between the Party and the People was formed from the earliest days of the Party's establishment. Throughout arduous struggles for national independence and freedom, the Party was not only the leader but also the faithful "servant" of the People. Therefore, it earned profound affection, trust, and steadfast support from the People. This unity and cohesion between the Party and the People created glorious victories in the nation's history-from the triumph of the August Revolution in 1945 to the victory over French colonialists (1945-1954) and American imperialists (1954-1975), marking the heroic historical milestones of Vietnam in the 20th century. However, since becoming the ruling Party and leading the People-especially in the period of transition to socialism-a segment of cadres and Party members, particularly key officials at various levels, have shown negative tendencies such as bureaucratism, authoritarianism, corruption, wastefulness, distancing themselves from the people, etc. These issues have diminished public trust and affected the Party's prestige and standing. Without timely and effective solutions, combined with sabotage and divisive efforts by hostile forces domestically and abroad, these shortcomings could cause serious consequences and weaken the foundational relationship essential to Vietnam's revolutionary cause.

Alongside the socio-economic development of the country, Thanh Hoa Province-with its strategic location, long-standing historical and cultural traditions, and strong development potential-stands as a land rich in natural and human endowments. It is a place in which President Ho Chi Minh placed great trust: "Thanh Hoa must become a model province." Building upon its glorious 95-year revolutionary tradition, the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa have consistently upheld solidarity, proactiveness, creativity, and the ability to turn challenges into opportunities, seizing favorable conditions to make breakthroughs and promote comprehensive, sustainable development across all sectors. All these efforts aim to realize the goals and tasks set forth by the 20th Provincial Party Congress, striving for a prosperous, civilized, and rapidly developing Thanh Hoa: "By 2030, Thanh Hoa will be among the leading provinces in the country; by 2045, it will become a rich, beautiful, civilized, and happy province." These achievements clearly reflect the pivotal role of the close relationship between the Party and the People of Thanh Hoa in the province's development. However, alongside these accomplishments, due to the influence of various factors, this relationship has, at times and in some places, not been truly strong, reflected in declining trust among segments of the populace. The main causes include moral degradation, diminished professional competence among some Party members, violations of grassroots democracy, weaknesses in mass mobilization work, and formalistic operations of certain socio-political organizations.

From a scientific perspective, the topic "Applying Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province today" remains relatively new and has yet to be comprehensively researched.

In this context, studying and applying Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People to the practical conditions of Thanh Hoa Province is an urgent requirement. It contributes to strengthening national unity, enhancing the Party's leadership effectiveness, and creating momentum for the province's sustainable development. For these reasons, the researcher chose the topic "Applying Ho Chi Minh's

thought on the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province today,” aiming to clarify the values of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on this relationship and propose concrete and appropriate solutions to further strengthen Party-people relations in Thanh Hoa Province in the new situation.

2. Research Purpose and Tasks

2.1. Research Purpose

Based on an analysis clarifying Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the relationship between the Party and the People, and an assessment of the current state of this relationship in Thanh Hoa Province from 2015 to the present, the thesis proposes solutions to strengthen this relationship in the coming years.

2.2. Research Tasks

Provide an overview of research related to the thesis’s content and identify issues that require further study.

Systematize Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the relationship between the Party and the People, specifically:

Clarify several essential concepts such as: the concept of the Communist Party of Vietnam; the concept of the People; the concept of the Party-People relationship; the concept of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the Party-People relationship; and the concept of applying Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa Province.

Clarify President Ho Chi Minh’s viewpoints on the role and position of the Party-People relationship; analyze the core contents and measures he proposed to strengthen this relationship.

Objectively assess the reality of consolidating and strengthening the Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa Province from 2015 to the present from the perspective of Ho Chi Minh’s thought; identify achievements, limitations, causes, and emerging issues.

Forecast factors influencing the close relationship between the Party and the People in the new era; propose directions and practical solutions to consolidate and strengthen this relationship in Thanh Hoa Province based on the application of Ho Chi Minh’s thought.

3. Research Subject and Scope

3.1. Research Subject

The thesis focuses on Ho Chi Minh’s thought regarding the close relationship between the Party and the People, and the application of this thought in addressing the relationship between the between the Party and the People, of Thanh Hoa in the current context.

3.2. Research Scope

Content Scope: The thesis studies Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the relationship between the Party and the People and its application in Thanh Hoa Province today, as reflected in his speeches, writings, works, and practical activities; as well as in the viewpoints, guidelines, and policies of the Party, the State, and Thanh Hoa Province regarding this relationship.

Spatial Scope: Application of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the Party-People relationship in the practical context of Thanh Hoa Province.

Temporal Scope: Study and assessment of the application of Ho Chi Minh’s thought on the Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa Province from 2015 to the present; propose directions and solutions toward 2045.

4. Theoretical Basis and Research Methods

4.1. Theoretical Basis

The thesis is grounded in Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's thought, and the guiding viewpoints of the Communist Party of Vietnam on consolidating and strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People.

4.2. Research Methods

The thesis is conducted based on the methodology of dialectical materialism and historical materialism. During implementation, the author flexibly applies a system of common research methods, combining interdisciplinary and specialized approaches suitable for the characteristics of the topic. Applied methods include: analysis, synthesis, statistics, induction, deduction, comparison, forecast, field surveys, sociological investigation, as well as generalization and abstraction to evaluate and clarify the content and value of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People and its application in Thanh Hoa Province today. This ensures that the research issues are approached objectively, comprehensively, and scientifically. Specific application in each chapter:

Chapter 1. Overview of the Research Situation Related to the Thesis

In this chapter, the author primarily employs analytical, synthetic, and statistical methods to clarify the research situation related to the topic and the issues that need further investigation.

Chapter 2. Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People

In Chapter 2, the thesis focuses on clarifying several theoretical issues regarding the concepts, position, role, content, measures, and values of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People. Therefore, it primarily employs deductive, analytical, and synthetic methods in examining documents to further enrich the theoretical issues addressed.

Chapter 3. The relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province today from the perspective of Ho Chi Minh's ideology - current situation and issues raised

To grasp the current state of the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province, the thesis employs analytical, synthetic, investigative, and survey methods to collect information on the building, consolidation, and strengthening of this relationship. On that basis, it evaluates the strengths and limitations and identifies their underlying causes.

Chapter 4. Directions and solutions to strengthen the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province in the new era according to Ho Chi Minh's thought

To propose fundamental solutions for strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province in the new era, the thesis combines various methods such as deduction, induction, analysis, forecast and observation to develop appropriate solutions, address weaknesses and limitations, and promote positive aspects in order to further enhance this relationship.

5. New Scientific Contributions of the thesis

First, the thesis systematizes and analyzes the content of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the Party-People relationship, providing a scientific foundation for its application in Thanh Hoa Province today.

Second, the thesis evaluates the current state of consolidating and strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province in recent years in accordance with Ho Chi Minh's thought. It identifies the pressing issues that must be addressed in order to further enhance this relationship in the province.

Third, the thesis proposes directions and solutions to strengthen the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province today in accordance with Ho Chi Minh's thought, thereby contributing to promoting and enhancing the effectiveness of consolidating and strengthening this relationship in the new era.

6. Theoretical and Practical Significance of the thesis

6.1. Theoretical Significance

Translation:

The thesis contributes to supplementing, systematizing, and deepening scientific understanding of Ho Chi Minh Thought regarding the relationship between the Party and the People nationwide in general, while more clearly elucidating the close and intimate relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hóa Province in particular; at the same time, it affirms the great strength of the relationship between the Party and the People in our country's revolutionary cause; and it helps to build a theoretical foundation for formulating directions and solutions to consolidate and strengthen the relationship between the Party and the People in the current period.

6.2. Practical Significance

The research results can serve as reference materials for dissemination, study, and teaching of Ho Chi Minh's thought in general and his thought on the Party-People relationship in particular. The thesis also provides scientific arguments to help consolidate and strengthen the Party-People relationship, contributing to national construction and defense today-especially in Thanh Hoa Province-making this relationship increasingly firm and effective in the coming period.

7. Structure of the thesis

Apart from the introduction, conclusion, references, and appendices, the thesis consists of four chapters and ten sections.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH RELATED TO THE THESIS

1.1. RESEARCH SITUATION RELATED TO THE THESIS

1.1.1. Studies on the Relationship between the Party and the People

The relationship between the Party and the People has received significant attention from leaders of the Party, the State, as well as many scholars, including prominent figures such as Truong Tan Sang, Nguyen Phu Trong, Duong Trung Y, Nguyen The Trung, Ha Thi Khiet, Tran Van Phong, Pham Tat Thang, Bui Dinh Bon, and Nguyen Khanh... These studies show that scholars have approached this issue from various perspectives and dimensions. A notable common point among the research is the emphasis on affirming the strategic role and significance of strengthening the close bond between the Party and the People. However, there remains a lack of in-depth studies on mechanisms, specific solutions, and the impact of emerging factors such as social media, transparency, and

accountability. This calls for more comprehensive and updated research to further consolidate the Party-People relationship.

1.1.2. Studies Related to Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Relationship between the Party and the People

Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People has been examined by many scholars, such as Tran Dinh Huynh, Phan Van Trinh, Bui Dinh Phong, Ly Viet Quang, Doan The Hanh, Le Dinh Nam, Tran Thi Phuc An... These studies present Ho Chi Minh's viewpoints on the Party-People relationship and agree that it is a close and inseparable bond in which the Party is both the leader and the loyal servant of the People, while the People are the masters of the country. The works also clarify the foundational role of trust, social consensus, and the Party's responsibility to serve the People within Ho Chi Minh's thought.

1.1.3. Studies Related to the Application of Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Relationship between the Party and the People

The application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People has attracted the attention of many scholars, notably Hoang Chi Bao, Pham Tat Thang, Dinh Xuan Ly, Do Xuan Tuat, Yen Ngoc Trung, Do Van Phoi, Doan Thi Chin, Bui Dinh Phong, Nguyen Thi Minh Thuy... These studies indicate that applying Ho Chi Minh's thought on the Party-People relationship during the renovation process has contributed to strengthening trust, enhancing solidarity, and promoting the People's role as the masters of the country. Although many achievements have been made, limitations remain in implementation, concretization, and supervisory mechanisms. This calls for continued renewal of leadership methods, strengthened dialogue, ensured transparency and accountability, and a closer connection with the People, along with more in-depth research to ensure appropriate application in the current context.

1.2. OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH RESULTS RELATED TO THE THESIS AND ISSUES REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY

1.2.1. Overview of Research Results Related to the thesis

With a diverse and abundant body of knowledge, the aforementioned research works and articles published in domestic and international journals have approached and analyzed the close relationship between the Party and the People from multiple angles and methodologies, yielding important findings. These can be summarized into several key results: *First*, the studies have presented and analyzed the concept of "the People" in relation to associated concepts such as nation, the masses, the working class, as well as theoretical categories including ruling party, leading party, communist party, and particularly the Communist Party of Vietnam. *Second*, many studies have focused on establishing the scientific foundation for the relationship between the Party and the People, considering it a fundamental issue for the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam. *Third*, several research works have assessed the current state of the Party-People relationship across various aspects, thereby identifying both achievements and limitations. *Fourth*, each study on the Party-People relationship approaches the topic from different perspectives and scopes, ranging from theoretical to practical. *Fifth*, some research has highlighted the foundational role of the relationship between the Party and the People in the cause of national construction and defense.

1.2.2. Issues Requiring Further Study

Through reviewing and evaluating the published scientific works, it can be seen that although many studies have addressed the relationship between the Party and the People according to Ho Chi Minh's thought, there remain gaps that need further examination. Notably, no study has focused on an in-depth analysis or practical application of Ho Chi Minh's thought to propose solutions for strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province in the new era. Therefore, the thesis needs to concentrate on clarifying several key aspects: *First*, the thesis must systematize and deepen the core theoretical issues concerning the relationship between the Party and the People in Ho Chi Minh's thought. Specifically, it should clarify the fundamental conceptual tools, including the concepts of "Communist Party of Vietnam," "the People," "the relationship between the Party and the People," "Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People," and "the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa province today." It should also elucidate Ho Chi Minh's viewpoints on the position and role of this relationship, as well as analyze the essential content and measures aimed at strengthening the close bond between the Party and the People in his thought. *Second*, the thesis should comprehensively survey and assess the current situation of strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province in recent years. This includes not only acknowledging achievements but also analyzing limitations in the process of building and enhancing this relationship. Alongside the assessment, the thesis should identify the causes behind both achievements and limitations, thereby forming a basis for determining issues that need to be addressed in the future. *Third*, the thesis should forecast factors that will influence efforts to strengthen the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province in the coming period. It should also propose orientations and solutions to reinforce and promote this relationship in the new era.

Conclusion of chapter 1

The overview of existing research shows that studies on the relationship between the Party and the People in Ho Chi Minh's thought have achieved certain results. These findings, particularly those addressing the Party-People relationship in general, have contributed to supplementing and strengthening the theoretical and methodological foundations for studying this relationship within Ho Chi Minh's thought and for applying it in current local and institutional practice. In reviewing the research landscape, the doctoral candidate has focused on fundamental studies across three main aspects: research on the relationship between the Party and the People; research on Ho Chi Minh's thought regarding this relationship; and research on the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought to the Party-People relationship. Therefore, inheriting, absorbing, and creatively developing the achieved research results is essential and necessary to ensure the quality and effectiveness of accomplishing the objectives and research tasks set out in the thesis.

Chapter 2

HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE

2.1. SOME BASIC CONCEPTS

2.1.1. The Concept of "the Communist Party of Vietnam"

The Communist Party of Vietnam is the vanguard of the working class, while also serving as the vanguard of the People and the Vietnamese nation. It is the sole

revolutionary political organization that holds leadership over the State and society, founded on Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought, and driven by the ideals and objectives of national independence and socialism. The Party operates on principles of Party organization and Party discipline.

2.1.2. The Concept of “the People”

In Ho Chi Minh's thought, “the People” refers to the broad masses of Vietnamese citizens across all classes, social strata, ethnic groups (majority and minority), religions, and those living both inside the country and abroad, who share common interests and ideals, fulfilling revolutionary goals and tasks in each historical period for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland and the happiness of the People under the leadership of the Party.

2.1.3. The Concept of “the Relationship between the Party and the People”

The relationship between the Party and the People is a dialectical, interactive relationship between the Communist Party of Vietnam-the leading force of the country, the vanguard of the Vietnamese working class, the loyal representative of the interests of the working class, the working people, and the entire Vietnamese nation-and the broad masses of the People-the revolutionary participants and the holders of all state power across all classes, social strata, ethnicities, and religions-aiming to achieve the common goal of national independence and socialism.

2.1.4. The Concept of “Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Relationship between the Party and the People”

Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People is a comprehensive and profound system of viewpoints on the position, role, content, and measures for building, consolidating, and strengthening the dialectical and interactive relationship between the Communist Party of Vietnam-the leading force of the revolution, the vanguard of the Vietnamese working class, the loyal representative of the interests of the working class, the working people, and the entire Vietnamese nation-and the broad masses of the People-the revolutionary participants and the holders of all power across various classes, social strata, ethnicities, and religions-toward fulfilling the common goals of national independence and socialism.

2.1.5. The Concept of “Applying Ho Chi Minh's Thought on the Relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province”

The application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa province refers to the comprehensive set of activities undertaken by the Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa to understand, internalize, and creatively apply Ho Chi Minh's viewpoints on the position, role, content, and measures for strengthening the Party-People relationship. This aims to generate great strength, accomplish local tasks in the new context, and promote the province's role in national construction, defense, and development, in line with the legitimate needs and interests of the People.

2.2. HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT ON THE CONTENT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE

2.2.1. Ho Chi Minh's Viewpoints on the Position and Role of the Party-People Relationship

2.2.1.1. The Position and Role of the People in the Revolutionary Cause

The People play an immensely important role. They are the key factor determining the development of the nation and the success or failure of the revolution. They serve as the

firm foundation and the driving force behind the progress of history. Ho Chi Minh affirmed the great role of the People through the following points: *First*, the People are the creators of history. *Second*, the People constitute the main force and hold the decisive role in every revolutionary victory. *Third*, in the new social system, the People are the owners and exercise mastery. *Fourth*, the People are the firm support for the Party and the political system.

2.2.1.2. The Position and Role of the Party in the Revolutionary Cause

The Communist Party of Vietnam - the political party of the Vietnamese working class - was founded as the inevitable result of comprehensive preparation in political, ideological, and organizational aspects by Nguyen Ai Quoc - Ho Chi Minh, through the harmonious integration of Marxism-Leninism, the workers' movement, and the patriotic movement. The Communist Party of Vietnam is the sole leading force of the Vietnamese revolution, as affirmed in the Constitution and trusted and supported by the People. The Party plays a central role in orienting and organizing political, economic, social, national defense, and security activities. Thus, the Party's role is expressed in the following aspects: *First*, the Party is the banner that unites the People and promotes the strength of great national unity. *Second*, the Party formulates correct revolutionary guidelines that meet the needs and aspirations of the People.

Third, the Party organizes and leads the People in carrying out the revolution.

2.2.1.3. The Position and Role of the Party-People Relationship in the Vietnamese Revolutionary Cause

Throughout the entire Vietnamese revolutionary process, President Ho Chi Minh consistently emphasized the special importance of the relationship between the Party and the People. This relationship is close and inseparable; distancing from it means losing the Party's essence and its foundation for existence and development. Therefore, building and strengthening the close bond between the Party and the People is not only an objective requirement of the revolutionary cause but also a prerequisite for ensuring the Party's correct, effective, and sustainable leadership-and for safeguarding the regime. The position and role of this relationship are reflected in the following aspects:

First, the Party-People relationship is a strategic issue that determines the success of the revolution. *Second*, it is a close and inseparable relationship with unity of interests.

Third, it is the banner that rallies forces, promotes great national unity, and unleashes the People's tremendous strength. *Fourth*, it is the decisive factor ensuring the Party's correct leadership.

2.2.2. Ho Chi Minh's Viewpoints on the Content of the Relationship Between the Party and the People

2.2.2.1. The Party formulates guidelines, lines, policies, and resolutions that reflect collective wisdom and the will of the People, meeting their legitimate needs and interests

The Party leads the People through the guidelines, lines, and policies it formulates; however, those guidelines and lines must originate from the realities of the People's lives and accurately reflect their needs, interests, and aspirations in order to earn the People's trust and receive their active support and implementation.

2.2.2.2. The Party organizes implementation, bringing its guidelines and policies into the daily life of the People; listens to their opinions, thoughts, and aspirations; stays close to the People; trusts the People; and respects the People

The Party's line is a system of political, ideological, and organizational viewpoints aimed at orienting the goals, tasks, and solutions of the Vietnamese revolution; it serves as a banner

that gathers and unites all strata of the People in the revolutionary process. The Party's line is also the basis for formulating the Party's guidelines, platforms, and resolutions, as well as the State's policies, with the highest objective being the interests of the People. Therefore, the Party's line must be both correct and scientific, consistent with the objective laws governing social development, and closely linked to the legitimate interests and aspirations of the People; it must also penetrate the People's lives and be embraced by them.

2.2.2.3. The Party continually works to improve and care for the material and spiritual life of the People

Ho Chi Minh always regarded the happiness and well-being of the People as the supreme goal of the revolution. According to him, independence and freedom have meaning only when the People are well fed, warmly clothed, educated, provided with housing, and able to live in a just and civilized society. Therefore, he paid the utmost attention to and took great care of the People's material and spiritual life. In order to achieve the goal of improving and enhancing the People's living conditions, he chose the path of national independence associated with socialism, for only in a socialist society can human beings truly enjoy a prosperous, free, and happy life.

2.2.2.4. The People trust, support, assist, and protect the Party

The People's trust in, support for, assistance to, and protection of the Party depend on the Party's leadership capacity and its fighting strength. If the contingent of cadres and Party members degenerates and becomes corrupted, it will erode the People's trust in the Party. Conversely, when cadres and Party members consistently serve as exemplary and pioneering figures, rely on the People, stay close to them, love them, devote themselves wholeheartedly to the People's interests, and listen to their opinions, thoughts, and aspirations, the Party will be able to formulate guidelines, lines, policies, and resolutions that are in line with the People's needs and aspirations.

2.2.2.5. The People participate in building and rectifying the Party and in formulating the Party's political decisions

Party building is not only the responsibility of the Party itself but also that of the entire People. The People have the right and obligation to participate by offering opinions, exercising supervision, and reflecting their thoughts and aspirations in order to help the Party become increasingly and effective.

2.2.2.6. The People exercise their rights, responsibilities, and obligations as citizens

Under the Party's leadership, the State consistently upholds and protects the lawful rights and legitimate interests of the People, respects citizens' democratic freedoms (such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and belief, etc.), while strictly prohibiting acts that abuse these democratic freedoms to violate the law or infringe upon the interests of the nation, the people, or the country. Citizens, while enjoying their rights, must at the same time fulfill their duties, responsibilities, and obligations as citizens.

2.2.3. Ho Chi Minh's Viewpoints on Measures to Strengthen the Relationship Between the Party and the People

2.2.3.1. Strengthening mass mobilization work and building great national unity; intensifying propaganda, persuasion, education, mobilization, organization, and guidance for the People to implement the Party's guidelines and policies

In order to build a strong and sustainable great national unity bloc, Ho Chi Minh placed special emphasis on the role of mass mobilization work-the essential bridge linking

the Party with the masses of the People. It is precisely through mass mobilization that the Party can organize, unite, and arouse the People's immense strength, transforming trust into action and patriotism into a material force that plays a decisive role in the victory of the revolutionary cause.

2.2.3.2. Building and rectifying a clean, strong, exemplary contingent of cadres, Party members, and Party organizations worthy of the People's trust

According to President Ho Chi Minh, it is necessary to build a contingent of cadres and Party members-especially those in leadership positions-who possess both virtue and talent, whose words are matched by deeds, who are truly clean, exemplary, impartial, and selfless.

2.2.3.3. Preventing and pushing back the risks of decline within the ruling Party, especially bureaucracy, corruption, and wastefulness

Ho Chi Minh also emphasized that every cadre and Party member must strictly cultivate revolutionary qualities and ethics, maintain a clean and healthy lifestyle, love and respect the People, and always rely on the strength of the masses in all their activities.

2.2.3.4. The People unite, trust in the leadership of the Party, and remain vigilant against distortions and schemes aimed at division by colonialists, imperialists, and hostile forces

Throughout the arduous yet glorious revolutionary journey of the Vietnamese nation, the strength of great national unity under the Party's leadership has always been the decisive factor in every victory. Therefore, the People's wholehearted unity, absolute trust in the Party's leadership, and vigilance and resolute struggle against distorted arguments and divisive schemes of hostile forces constitute an objective requirement of vital significance to the revolutionary cause.

Conclusion of chapter 2

Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People is one of the core components of his ideological legacy, carrying profound theoretical and practical significance. According to him, this is a close and inseparable relationship that forms the foundation ensuring every victory of the revolution. Ho Chi Minh affirmed the principle of "taking the people as the root," viewing the People as the creators of history and as the center and purpose of all Party guidelines and policies. The Party's strength and prestige stem from the trust and support of the People; therefore, the Party must always remain close to the People, listen to them, and wholeheartedly serve them.

The relationship between the Party and the People in Ho Chi Minh's thought is rich and diverse, expressed through several key components: *First*, the Party formulates guidelines, policies, and resolutions that reflect collective wisdom and the will of the People, meeting their legitimate needs, aspirations, and interests. *Second*, the Party organizes implementation, brings its guidelines into the daily lives of the People, listens to their thoughts and aspirations, stays close to them, trusts them, and respects them. *Third*, the Party continuously improves and cares for the material and spiritual life of the People. *Fourth*, the People trust, support, assist, and protect the Party. *Fifth*, the People participate in building and rectifying the Party and in formulating the Party's political decisions. *Sixth*, the People exercise their rights, responsibilities, and obligations as citizens. On this basis, President Ho Chi Minh also put forward viewpoints on measures to build, consolidate, and strengthen the Party-People relationship.

Therefore, it is essential to raise the awareness of cadres, Party members, and the People regarding the nature, content, and methods of building the Party-People relationship. This requires the Party to possess firm ideological resolve, wisdom, and flexible leadership capacity, along with the unity, trust, and active participation of the People. Only when this relationship is strongly consolidated can the revolutionary cause develop sustainably and meet the demands of the era.

Chapter 3

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE TODAY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT - CURRENT SITUATION AND EMERGING ISSUES

3.1. OVERVIEW OF THE PARTY ORGANIZATION AND THE PEOPLE OF THANH HOA PROVINCE

3.1.1. Overview of the Party Organization of Thanh Hoa Province

The Party organization, government, and people of Thanh Hoa's ethnic communities have continually strived to transform the province's rich cultural values, historic traditions, and majestic natural landscapes into great resources for sustainable development in this land of exceptional talents. Over more than nine decades of formation and development, through three major historical periods (1930-1954; 1954-1975; and 1975 to the present), the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa Province has overcome countless difficulties and challenges, is steadily growing in political, ideological, and organizational strength. Under its leadership, the entire population has united with one heart to build a dynamically developing Thanh Hoa Province achieving remarkable accomplishments across all fields with the goal of making the province a "model province," a new growth pole worthy of President Ho Chi Minh's teachings and aspirations.

3.1.2. Overview of the People of Thanh Hoa Province

With more than 990 years under the name Thanh Hoa, the province has forged a proud tradition and cultivated the noble character of the people of Xu Thanh. The people of Thanh Hoa have always demonstrated a deep love for their homeland, a strong spirit of solidarity, mutual support, compassion, and resilience; creativity in labor; courage in combat; integrity, straightforwardness, and loyalty to moral values. They have maintained a naturally close and enduring relationship with the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa throughout the historical process of nation-building and national defense. Thanks to this relationship, Thanh Hoa Province has achieved remarkable development as seen today. All these qualities have shaped the people of Xu Thanh-those who embody both the fundamental identity of the Vietnamese people and unique local characteristics.

3.2. THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE FROM 2015 TO THE PRESENT ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT

3.2.1. Achievements and Causes

3.2.1.1. Achievements

Strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province since 2015 has achieved many outstanding accomplishments in various aspects:

First, the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa Province has issued timely and effective guidelines, orientations, resolutions, and documents to lead the People.

The timely and effective issuance and implementation of Party guidelines, policies, resolutions, directives, programs, plans, conclusions, and documents hold special significance for the Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa. Among these, the dissemination and thorough understanding of Party viewpoints and orientations play a key role in bringing them into practice, promoting the People's mastery, creating unity within the Party, and fostering consensus in society. Innovations in the methods of studying Party resolutions have helped to raise awareness, political will, revolutionary ethics, and strengthen the trust of cadres and Party members. This has spread a sense of responsibility in implementing Party policies and enhanced the close relationship between the Party and the People.

Second, the Thanh Hóa Provincial Party Committee orients and leads the government in institutionalizing the guidelines, lines, and resolutions in practice, thereby contributing to the timely resolution of issues facing the People.

In recent years, the work of leadership, direction, institutionalization, and concretization of the Party Charter, the Central regulations, and the Province's directives, guidelines, lines, and resolutions has achieved positive results, reflected across many areas of social life, and has helped to promptly address the issues arising for the People.

Third, the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa Province has taken care to improve and enhance the material and spiritual life of the People.

In the national renewal process, through the creative and effective implementation of the major orientations in the 2011 Platform for National Construction, the Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa have promoted internal strength, unlocked potential and advantages, attracted external investment, and accelerated industrialization and modernization, creating strong transformation in all aspects. As a result, under the leadership of the Party Committee, Thanh Hoa has achieved comprehensive results in socio-economic, cultural, and national defense-security development, contributing to improvements in both the material and spiritual well-being of the People. Over 95 years of construction and development, the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa has consistently affirmed its pioneering role, worthy of the proud historical, cultural, and revolutionary traditions of this "sacred land of outstanding people".

Fourth, the People's trust in the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa Province has been increasingly strengthened.

Consolidating the People's trust in the Party is a crucial task that contributes to strengthening the close bond between the Party and the People. In recent years, the Party Committee of Thanh Hoa has effectively implemented the Party Central Committee's resolutions on Party building, rectification, and renewal. It has also issued and amended various regulations to reinforce discipline and order within the ranks of cadres and Party members. Alongside this, efforts to prevent and combat corruption and negative behaviors have been strengthened comprehensively; Party resolutions and regulations on inspection, supervision, and discipline have been implemented synchronously, helping to prevent corruption early and from afar. As a result, signs of deterioration have been curbed, and the People's trust has been increasingly consolidated and enhanced.

Fifth, the people of Thanh Hoa Province actively participate in Party building and in formulating the political decisions of the Provincial Party Committee.

The people exercise their rights to supervision and social criticism in a scientific, objective, and responsible manner. They not only contribute opinions to building the Party and government but also proactively propose initiatives and solutions to improve the effectiveness of governance and administration within the political system, especially at the grassroots level. With an increasingly heightened social awareness, citizens are capable of objectively assessing policies and guidelines, and they confidently express opinions and suggest practical solutions derived from real-life situations.

The people of Thanh Hoa have actively participated, either directly or indirectly, in policy-making through various dialogue channels such as voter meetings and forums for social criticism. Feedback rooted in practical realities has helped Party committees and authorities adjust policies to better align with actual conditions, meet the aspirations of the people, and contribute to the sustainable development of the Province and the country.

Sixth, most people in Thanh Hoa Province have fulfilled their rights and obligations as citizens.

This clearly reflects the deep sense of responsibility and strong attachment of Thanh Hoa's people to the cause of national construction and development. The local population not only actively exercises its rights and duties as citizens but also proactively supports the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws across various aspects of social life. Such active participation has contributed to reinforcing the stable foundation necessary for the province's sustainable development, while also demonstrating strong political resolve and a profound sense of community among its people. Therefore, Thanh Hoa Province needs to continue strengthening communication and legal education efforts, creating better conditions for all citizens to fully understand and fulfill their rights and obligations, and to promote their potential and contributions to the development of their homeland and the nation.

3.2.1.2. Causes

The achievements mentioned above stem from several causes: the continued promotion of the fine traditions of the Party Committee and the people of Thanh Hoa Province; the timely and effective implementation by the Provincial Party Committee of the Party's guidelines and policies to promote the people's mastery; positive changes resulting from Party building and rectification efforts, which have strengthened the people's trust in the Provincial Party Committee; and innovations in political and ideological education that have enhanced public awareness.

As a result, the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province has been strengthened and made more sustainable, grounded in mutual understanding, trust, and shared responsibility in the province's development.

3.2.2. Limitations and Causes

3.2.2.1. Limitations

Alongside the achievements, the strengthening of the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province still faces several limitations:

First, some Party organizations show signs of losing democracy and becoming distant from the masses.

Second, certain guidelines, policies, and resolutions of the Party are not suitable for actual conditions and fail to reflect the legitimate aspirations of the People.

Third, communication, mobilization, and organization of the people in implementing the Party's guidelines and policies still show shortcomings, especially in mountainous areas.

Fourth, there are manifestations of power degradation among a portion of cadres and Party members, along with risks of bureaucracy, corruption, and wastefulness within government bodies at various levels.

Fifth, a segment of the population remains indifferent to political activities and government-building efforts; violations of State and local policies and laws are still relatively common.

3.2.2.2. Causes

The limitations and weaknesses in strengthening the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa arise from multiple causes, such as: Negative effects of the downsides of the market economy; Inadequate inspection, supervision, and personnel management, with insufficiently strict handling of violations in some areas; Limited awareness among a segment of the Thanh Hoa population; Hostile activities and sabotage by reactionary and adversarial forces.

3.3. ISSUES POSED FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE TODAY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT

3.3.1. The gap between policy formulation, implementation, and practical realities in the lives of Thanh Hoa's people

One of the notable issues in the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province today is the persistent gap between the Party's policies and the actual living conditions of the people. Although not a new phenomenon, this gap continues to exist at various levels and across many sectors, directly affecting the connection between government and citizens, and gradually eroding public trust in the Party's leadership. This gap can be seen in the fact that while policies are correctly formulated and strategically appropriate, their implementation often fails to achieve the expected effectiveness or to bring noticeable improvements to daily life. In other words, the "Party's will" does not always align with the "people's sentiments," weakening the persuasiveness and effectiveness of policies and affecting the people's trust in the Party and the State.

3.3.2. Institutionalization of the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province

The institutionalization of the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa must be based on the broader system of mechanisms and policies of the Party and State, especially the mechanism "The Party leads, the State manages, the People master," and the principle "People know, people discuss, people do, people inspect, people supervise, people benefit". However, this institutionalization has not yet been treated as a mandatory requirement in Party-building and political system development; instead, it often remains at the level of slogans or administrative provisions. As a result, the interaction between the Party and the people has not been effectively transformed into practical operational mechanisms, leading to gaps in trust and consensus among the population.

3.3.3. Mass mobilization work of the Provincial Party Committee in relation to Thanh Hoa's specific conditions

Mass mobilization is a central political task of the Party and the entire political system. According to Ho Chí Minh's thought, its highest goal is to serve the people. Mass mobilization should not only aim to persuade citizens to comply with Party guidelines and State laws but should also help them understand that such policies are designed for their legitimate interests. Thanh Hoa is a large province with diverse terrain, ethnic compositions, and religions. This requires that mass mobilization work to be closely linked to local realities and characteristics to be effectiveness. However, in practice, implementation in some localities, agencies, and units in Thanh Hoa still faces many shortcomings. A portion of cadres and Party members engaged in mass mobilization are not truly close to the people, lack the ability to grasp public sentiments and aspirations, and still exhibit bureaucratic, top-down, and administrative tendencies. This diminishes the connection between the People, the Party and the Government.

3.3.4. On implementing democracy within the Thanh Hoa Provincial Party Committee and among the People in the Province

Democracy within the Party is a prerequisite for the Party to fulfill its role as the comprehensive leader. However, the practice of democracy within the Party in Thanh Hoa Province today faces numerous issues that must be addressed. Limitations and shortcomings in intra-Party democratic practice have not created momentum for democracy in society at large. The lack of democracy within the Party remains relatively common; in many places, democracy is superficial, merely formalizing bureaucratic and subjective decisions of key leaders. This lack of internal democracy restricts the effective practice of democracy in society, which, when present, often remains symbolic. As a result, the role of the people in contributing feedback to Party-building and the development of the Party's political decisions is not fully promoted.

3.3.5. Practical implementation of promoting the role of Thanh Hoa's people in Party-building

The promotion of the people's role in Party-building in Thanh Hoa Province still reveals many shortcomings. Citizens are either not given opportunities to contribute opinions or, when they do, their views are not sufficiently heard or taken into consideration. This has led to negative consequences, such as violations committed by Party members and officials. These violations occur largely because mechanisms for public supervision have not been fully leveraged. Channels for receiving public feedback are sometimes symbolic, ineffective, or not addressed promptly and seriously. Therefore, more than ever, Party organizations in the Province must clearly recognize the critical importance of the people's trust. They must courageously face the truth and resolutely combat and strictly handle any violations by officials and Party members-without concealment or leniency. At the same time, it is essential to enhance transparency and openness, especially in disciplinary processes, so that the people can clearly see the political determination to purify and strengthen the Party's ranks.

3.3.6. On the political awareness, sense of responsibility, and civic obligations of a portion of the population in the Province in the new context

In the process of national development in general and in Thanh Hoa in particular, the people are not only beneficiaries of policies but also central actors in realizing the Party's

guidelines and the State's laws. However, current realities in several localities, including Thanh Hoa, show that political awareness and civic responsibility-especially among younger generations-remain limited. This poses significant challenges to build a socialist rule-of-law state and promoting socialist democracy. Such limitations not only reduce the effectiveness of implementing socio-economic development policies but also adversely affect the close relationship between the Party and the People. Prolonged declines in social consensus can undermine the political foundation of the grassroots political system, hindering the sustainable development of both the locality and the country.

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In recent years, the implementation of the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province has achieved significant accomplishments, reflected in the following aspects: *First*, the Thanh Hoa Provincial Party Committee has issued timely and effective guidelines, policies, resolutions, and documents to lead the People. *Second*, the Thanh Hóá Provincial Party Committee orients and leads the government in institutionalizing the guidelines, lines, and resolutions in practice, thereby contributing to the timely resolution of issues facing the People. *Third*, the Provincial Party Committee has taken care to improve and enhance the material and spiritual well-being of the People. *Fourth*, the People's trust in the Provincial Party Committee has been increasingly strengthened and consolidated. *Fifth*, the people of Thanh Hoa have actively participated in Party-building and in shaping the political decisions of the Provincial Party Committee. *Sixth*, the majority of Thanh Hoa's population has fulfilled their civic rights and obligations. Alongside these achievements, the application of this relationship in Thanh Hoa still faces several limitations: *First*, some Party organizations show signs of lacking democracy and distancing themselves from the masses. *Second*, certain guidelines, policies, and resolutions of the Party are not suitable for actual conditions and fail to reflect the legitimate aspirations of the People. *Third*, communication, advocacy, and the organization of the People in implementing the Party's directives still face shortcomings, especially in mountainous areas. *Fourth*, there are manifestations of power degradation among a portion of cadres and Party members, along with risks of bureaucracy, corruption, and wastefulness within government bodies at various levels. *Fifth*, a segment of the population shows indifference toward political activities and government-building, and violations of State and local laws remain relatively common. From this situation, several causes of the strengths and limitations have been identified, along with six key issues emerging in the current Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa Province: The gap between policy formulation, implementation, and real-life experiences of the people of Thanh Hoa; The institutionalization of the Party-People relationship in the province; Mass mobilization work of the Provincial Party Committee in connection with the province's specific conditions; The practice of democracy within the Provincial Party Committee and among the People in the province; Practical implementation of promoting the People's role in Party-building; The political awareness, sense of responsibility, and civic obligations of a portion of the population in the new context.

The findings analyzed above provide a practical basis for proposing orientations and solutions to strengthen the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province today in accordance with Ho Chi Minh's thought.

Chapter 4

ORIENTATIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE IN THE NEW ERA ACCORDING TO HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT

4.1. FORECAST FACTORS AFFECTING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE IN THE NEW ERA

4.1.1. Impacts of globalization, international integration, scientific and technological development, innovation, and digital transformation

Factors such as globalization and international integration are increasingly becoming crucial drivers in the development process of Thanh Hoa Province in particular and the whole country in general. These elements exert strong impacts on the relationship between the Party and the People, both positively and through potential challenges. In addition, in the context of deepening globalization and international integration, science - technology and digital transformation have become powerful currents penetrating all aspects of social life, creating significant changes nationwide, including in Thanh Hoa Province. The rapid development of new technological achievements exerts multidimensional effects on management thinking, production methods, economic - cultural - social life, and particularly on the relationship between the Party and the People.

4.1.2. Impacts of changes in the socio-economic situation of Thanh Hoa Province

Thanh Hoa is a province with a strategic geographical position and strong economic development potential. In recent years, the province has witnessed profound changes in its economic, political, cultural, and social landscape. These transformations have been directly influencing the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa. However, accompanying these developments are various challenges that directly affect this relationship, such as land clearance, livelihood changes, and increasing intra-regional income disparities.

The socio-economic, political, and cultural changes in Thanh Hoa present both opportunities for development and challenges to the Party-People relationship. The ability of the Provincial Party Committee to promptly adapt, adjust, and implement appropriate policies will be decisive in maintaining and strengthening the close, sustainable relationship with the People in the new era.

4.1.3. Impacts of restructuring and reorganizing the political system apparatus in the Province

Grassroots authorities, especially the contingent of officials and Party members at village, commune, and ward levels, play an essential role in connecting the Party with the People. They are the ones who directly implement the Party's and the State's guidelines and policies among the people and simultaneously grasp the people's thoughts and aspirations to report to higher levels. Therefore, they act as an important "bridge" between the Party and the People. However, the restructuring and reorganization of the political system apparatus in Thanh Hoa Province in recent years, while generating many positive changes, have also created certain impacts affecting the psychology of both citizens and officials, Party members. Thus, to maximize the effectiveness of organizational restructuring, it is necessary to continue reviewing and adjusting mechanisms as well as adopting solutions to stabilize the mindset of the cadre workforce and ensure the legitimate rights and interests of the local population.

4.1.4. Impacts of the population's intellectual level and political awareness

In the new era, the intellectual level and political awareness of the people of Thanh Hoa Province will continue to be among the factors that profoundly influence the quality and depth of the relationship between the Party and the People. Along with socio-economic development, international integration, and digital transformation, the awareness, attitudes, and level of political participation of Thanh Hoa's residents are expected to experience many positive changes, while also posing new challenges. Therefore, investing in enhancing the people's intellectual capacity and political consciousness is an investment in trust, solidarity, and long-term political stability for Thanh Hoa Province in its new phase of development.

4.1.5. Increasingly sophisticated sabotage activities by hostile forces

In the coming period, alongside Thanh Hoa Province's strong development across all fields, the sabotage activities of hostile forces are also expected to become more sophisticated, complex, and unpredictable. This is forecast to be one of the greatest political and security challenges, potentially affecting the People's trust and the close relationship between the Party and the People if not identified, controlled, and addressed in a timely manner. Therefore, in the new era, the struggle to protect the Party's ideological foundation in Thanh Hoa Province will become more intense and complex, particularly within a globalized digital environment.

4.2. ORIENTATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE IN THE NEW ERA IN LINE WITH HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT

4.2.1. Strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hóá Province needs to be closely linked to the locality's specific characteristics

Thanh Hoa is a land of extraordinary people and rich cultural heritage, with thousands of years of history associated with enduring values of tradition, patriotism, revolution, and strong community solidarity. The traditions of "bravery and resilience," "faithfulness and compassion," and especially the spirit of "the homeland of Lady Triệu, a sacred and talented land," have long served as precious spiritual foundations, forming the bond between the People and the Party throughout different historical periods. Strengthening this relationship today is not only a political task but also a cultural and moral responsibility of the revolution, requires the inheritance of long-standing traditions and the renewal of thinking and action in accordance with the times.

4.2.2. Strengthening the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa in association with enhancing the leadership capacity of Party organizations and building a clean, strong political system in the province

In recent years, the Thanh Hoa Provincial Party Committee has been determined in the fight against corruption and other social evils, achieving encouraging results. However, these dangerous problems persist in various forms, threatening the Party, eroding public trust, and causing divisions in the relationship between the Party and the People. To strengthen this relationship, Party committees at all levels in Thanh Hoa must strongly innovate both the content and methods of leadership over the State and sociopolitical organizations within the political system, while also ensuring democratic mechanisms and promoting the people's right to mastery. At the same time, the Party and the State must

demonstrate greater responsibility and capacity in leadership, governance, and effectively combating bureaucracy, corruption, and social evils to ensure rapid, sustainable, and proper national development. Only then can the relationship between the Party and the People of Thanh Hoa continue to be consolidated and strengthened.

4.2.3. Strengthening the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa associated with enhancing political and ideological education for the People

Political and ideological education is fundamental to building trust, raising awareness, and reinforcing the close bond between the Party and the People. In the context of Thanh Hoa's strong socio-economic development and the challenges posed by the information and ideological landscape, strengthening political education for the people has become even more urgent and strategically significant.

4.2.4. Strengthening the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa must ensure the mobilization and promotion of the People's resources to serve their legitimate needs and interests

The Party's strength stems from the consensus and support of the People, from its closeness to the people-understanding them and working for their interests. To maintain the people's trust, all guidelines and policies must place their interests and aspirations at the center and as the driving force for action. The Party and the State need to perfect mechanisms that ensure the genuine exercise of the people's right to mastery, creating conditions for public participation in policymaking, supervision, and criticism, thereby improving governance quality and enhancing the Party's credibility.

4.3. SOLUTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE IN THE NEW ERA IN ACCORDANCE WITH HO CHI MINH'S THOUGHT

4.3.1. Enhancing the awareness of Party committees, Party organizations, cadres, Party members, and the people of Thanh Hoa Province regarding the importance of the close relationship between the Party and the People

4.3.1.1. Improving the quality of training, fostering, and political-ideological education for cadres and Party members

4.3.1.2. Raising public awareness of the need to strengthen the close relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.1.3. Conducting practical reviews and drawing lessons learned in consolidating and strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.2. Continuing to enhance the leadership capacity and combat strength of Party committees and Party organizations at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.2.1. Building truly clean, strong Party organizations and a capable, exemplary contingent of cadres and Party members

4.3.2.2. Innovating the Party's leadership methods to ensure the effectiveness of guidelines and policies in practice

4.3.2.3. Promoting democracy within Party committees and expanding democracy throughout society in the Province

4.3.2.4. Improving the effectiveness of mass mobilization work; strengthening communication, outreach, and mobilization activities across the Province to contribute to consolidating and enhancing the strength of the great national unity bloc in the new era

4.3.3. Institutionalizing the relationship between the Party and the People; building a system of government at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province that truly belongs to the People, is established by the People, and serves the People

4.3.3.1. Institutionalizing and concretizing the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.3.2. Improving the legal system to ensure that government authorities at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province truly represent the People, are created by the People, and act in the interests of the People

4.3.3.3. Strengthening efforts to combat embezzlement, wastefulness, bureaucracy, and other social evils within governmental systems across the Province

4.3.4. Building a solid bridge between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa through the promotion of the role of the Provincial Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations

4.3.4.1. Promoting the intermediary role of the Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations in Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.4.2. Enhancing the capacity and awareness of Fatherland Front and mass organization officials in Thanh Hoa Province in the new context

4.3.4.3. Improving the quality of supervision and social criticism conducted by the Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations

4.3.5. Further promoting the role of the People in building the Party and the political system in the Province

4.3.5.1. Promoting grassroots democracy-effectively implementing the principles of “People know, people discuss, people do, people inspect, people supervise, and people benefit”

4.3.5.2. Constantly improving and enhancing the material and spiritual well-being of the people of Thanh Hoa Province

4.3.5.3. Paying attention to, directing, and promptly and effectively addressing legitimate public concerns, complaints, denunciations, and petitions

4.3.6. Struggling against and refuting distorted and hostile viewpoints that aim to undermine the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa

4.3.6.1. Raising vigilance against attempts by hostile forces to exploit ethnic and religious issues to distort, defame the Party, and divide the close relationship between the Party and the People in the Province

4.3.6.2. Resolutely combating and countering distorted and misguided viewpoints that aim to create division in the relationship between the Party and the People in the Province

Conclusion of chapter 4

The relationship between the Party and the People has always been a fundamental and profoundly significant relationship in the history of the Vietnamese nation since the Party's establishment. This relationship bears immense importance for the destiny of the country and the nation, and it determines the success of every revolutionary undertaking. Its significance stems from the pivotal role of the People-the very force capable of “capsizing the boat” or “propelling the boat forward”-whose material strength, when guided by the Party, has produced historic victories and forged an inseparable, organic bond between the Party and the People.

At present, hostile forces are employing various schemes and tactics to distort the Party's and the State's guidelines and policies, thereby attempting to undermine the relationship between the Party and the People. In this context, the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa has also faced new difficulties and challenges. If these issues are not addressed promptly, they may pose risks to the survival of the Party and the overall development of the Province. Therefore, to strengthen the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa in the coming period, several orientations must be ensured: Strengthening the relationship between the Party and the People in Thanh Hóa Province needs to be closely linked to the locality's specific characteristics; enhancing the leadership capacity of Party organizations and building a clean, strong political system; strengthening political and ideological education for the People; and effectively mobilizing and promoting the People's resources in service of their legitimate needs and interests. Simultaneously, it is essential to effectively and synchronously implement the following groups of solutions: enhancing the awareness of Party committees, Party organizations, cadres, Party members, and the People of Thanh Hoa about the significance of the close Party-People relationship; continuing to improve the leadership capacity and combat strength of Party committees and Party organizations at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province; institutionalizing the Party-People relationship and building a system of government at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province that truly belongs to the People, is established by the People, and serves the People; building a solid bridge between the Provincial Party Committee and the People through strengthening the role of the Provincial Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations; further promoting the role of the People in Party building and the construction of the political system; and resolutely combating and refuting distorted and hostile viewpoints that aim to divide the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa.

CONCLUSION

From the analysis of the concept and content of the relationship between the Party and the People in Ho Chi Minh's thought, as well as the current status of applying this relationship in Thanh Hoa Province, the dissertation draws several key conclusions:

1. The relationship between the Party and the People is an intimate, inseparable, and fundamentally important relationship in Ho Chi Minh's thought and throughout the Vietnamese revolutionary cause. It is also one of the organizational and operational principles of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), ensuring the Party's invincible strength and all victories of the revolution. Without this relationship, the Party would lose its firm foundation and risk threatening its own survival and that of the political system. Maintaining, consolidating, and strengthening the close bond between the Party and the People is therefore the responsibility of Party committees, Party organizations, cadres, Party members, and the entire population. Given its significance and importance, numerous scholarly works have examined the theoretical foundations, current conditions, and proposed viewpoints and solutions to further consolidate and strengthen this relationship in the present context.

2. The content of the relationship between the Party and the People in Ho Chi Minh's thought includes the following dimensions: *First*, the Party formulates guidelines, policies, and resolutions that reflect both wisdom and the will of the People, meeting their legitimate needs and interests. *Second*, the Party organizes implementation, brings its guidelines and policies into the daily life of the People, listens to their opinions, concerns, and aspirations, and remains close to, trusting in, and respectful of the People. *Third*, the Party continuously strives to improve and care for the material and spiritual well-being of the People.

Fourth, the People place their trust in, support, assist, and protect the Party. *Fifth*, the People participate in Party-building and rectification, as well as in the formulation of the Party's political decisions. *Sixth*, the People exercise their rights, responsibilities, and obligations as citizens.

3. The relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa in recent years has achieved certain results; however, several major limitations remain and must be addressed. Through assessing the current situation and analyzing the causes of both achievements and shortcomings, the dissertation identifies six issues in the Party-People relationship in Thanh Hoa Province: *First*, the gap between the formulation, implementation, and operationalization of provincial Party guidelines and policies and the lived realities of the people of Thanh Hoa. *Second*, limitations in the institutionalization of the Party-People relationship within the Province. *Third*, challenges related to the mass mobilization work of the Provincial Party Committee in connection with the specific

characteristics of Thanh Hoa. *Fourth*, issues in ensuring democracy within the Provincial Party Committee and in the exercise of democracy by the People. *Fifth*, the practical shortcomings in promoting the role of the People in Party building. *Sixth*, constraints in political awareness, sense of responsibility, and civic duty among a segment of the population under current conditions.

4. To fundamentally address the issues currently affecting the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa, and to strengthen this relationship in the new era, it is necessary to implement synchronously and effectively the following groups of solutions: *First*, Enhancing the awareness of Party committees, Party organizations, cadres, Party members, and the People of Thanh Hoa Province regarding the significance of the close relationship between the Party and the People; *Second*, Continuing to strengthen the leadership capacity and combat strength of Party committees and Party organizations at all levels; *Third*, Institutionalizing the Party-People relationship and building a governmental system at all levels in Thanh Hoa Province that truly belongs to the People, is established by the People, and serves the People; *Fourth*, Building a strong bridge between the Provincial Party Committee and the People through strengthening the role of the Provincial Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations; *Fifth*, Further promoting the role of the People in building the Party and the political system in the Province; *Sixth*, Combating and refuting distorted, hostile viewpoints intended to undermine the relationship between the Provincial Party Committee and the People of Thanh Hoa.

5. The application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the relationship between the Party and the People in leadership, governance, and practical implementation of political tasks in Thanh Hoa Province has not only contributed to reinforcing public trust in the Party but has also directly enhanced the leadership capacity and combat strength of the Provincial Party Committee. When Party organizations at all levels thoroughly internalize the principles of "taking the People as the root" and ensuring that "the Party's will accords with the People's aspirations," the Party's guidelines, policies, and resolutions can truly take root in reality, generating social consensus and mobilizing the collective strength of the entire society. Therefore, the application of Ho Chi Minh's thought on the Party-People relationship holds both theoretical significance and immense practical value in ensuring the stable and sustainable development of Thanh Hoa Province in the period of accelerating industrialization, modernization, and international integration. This once again affirms the correctness, enduring relevance, and vitality of Ho Chi Minh's thought in building a strong Party and advancing national development along the socialist path.

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