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TRAINING SCHOOLS IN THE CURRENT PERIOD**

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INTRODUCTION

1. Rationale for the study

Since its establishment, the Communist Party of Vietnam has consistently attached great importance to safeguarding its ideological foundation and firmly combating erroneous and hostile viewpoints. In the new revolutionary period, the Party has identified the protection of its ideological foundation and the effective refutation of erroneous and hostile viewpoints as a fundamental, crucial, and vital component of Party building and rectification. This task is regarded as a top priority for the entire Party, the armed forces, and the people.

In recent years, the Fourth Industrial Revolution has developed rapidly, and cyberspace has emerged as a “special territory” and a new sphere of development for nations and peoples. Alongside its opportunities, the expansion of cyberspace has posed significant challenges to the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation. Hostile and reactionary forces have increasingly exploited cyberspace, particularly social media platforms, to undermine Vietnam’s revolutionary cause, distort the truth, and deny the Party’s ideological foundation. The risks of political, ideological, moral, and lifestyle degradation, as well as manifestations of “self-evolution” and “self-transformation” in cyberspace, have become increasingly complex. Therefore, safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation in cyberspace has become an inevitable and urgent requirement, occupying a position of paramount importance in the era of information and communication technology expansion.

Military academies and officer training colleges are educational, training, research, and scientific development institutions which are directly responsible for educating and fostering military officers and cadres. In addition to fulfilling their central political tasks, these institutions are the core force of the Vietnam People’s Army in safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation in cyberspace. In recent years, this work has been implemented comprehensively, seriously, and creatively, yielding numerous significant achievements. Several military academies and officer training colleges have affirmed their pioneering role within the armed forces through innovative and effective operational models. Nevertheless, theoretical understanding of the protection of the Party’s ideological foundation in cyberspace within military academies and officer training colleges has not fully kept pace with practical developments. Certain limitations remain across various aspects of this work, differing in scope and degree. In some cases, leadership, direction, and implementation have lacked sufficient determination. As a result, the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding the Party’s ideological foundation in cyberspace have not always been commensurate with the institutions’ potential and position, and notable disparities exist among different levels, agencies, faculties, units, and academies, officer training colleges.

Looking ahead, the international and regional situation is expected to continue experiencing unprecedented rapid and complex changes. Domestically, after nearly four decades of renovation (Đổi mới), Vietnam’s national strength, international standing, and public confidence have been significantly enhanced. However, socio-economic development remains insufficiently sustainable, while the four major risks identified by the Party continue to develop in complex ways. Hostile and reactionary forces are intensifying their efforts to undermine the Party’s ideological foundation in cyberspace through increasingly sophisticated methods and tactics. Furthermore, the continued development of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and cyberspace will generate new challenges for ideological protection efforts. The tasks of national construction and defense in the new era of development require the strengthening of the “people’s hearts and minds posture”, the core of which lies in maintaining and reinforcing public confidence in the Party, consolidating the leading role of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the Party’s renewal theory in the spiritual life of society. Meanwhile, the Vietnam People’s Army is entering a new stage of development toward a revolutionary, regular, elite, and modern force. Military academies and officer training colleges are assigned increasingly demanding responsibilities, particularly in education, training, scientific research, and the development of high-quality human resources for both the military and the nation, as well as in building smart, modern, standardized, and exemplary educational institutions. Such

circumstances and requirements necessitate the strengthening of efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation in general, and in cyberspace in particular.

Based on the aforementioned considerations, the candidate has selected the topic *“Safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period”* as the subject of a doctoral dissertation in the field of Building Party and State Governance.

2. Research objectives and research tasks

2.1. Research objectives

The dissertation aims to contribute to clarifying both theoretical and practical issues concerning the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. Based on an assessment of the current situation, identification of causes and lessons learned, the study proposes major solutions to strengthen the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through 2035.

2.2. Research tasks

To achieve the above objective, the dissertation undertakes the following tasks:

- To review domestic and international scholarly works related to the research topic, summarize the major findings of existing studies, and identify issues requiring further investigation.
- To clarify the theoretical and practical issues concerning the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.
- To assess the current situation of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges, identify its causes, and draw practical lessons.
- To propose orientations and major solutions for strengthening the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges onward 2035.

3. Research object and scope

3.1. Research object

The dissertation focuses on the work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

3.2. Research scope

- Scope of Content: The dissertation concentrates on fundamental theoretical and practical issues concerning the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.
- Scope of Research Sites: The study is conducted at five military academies and officer training colleges, namely: The Political Academy; The Military Technical Academy; The Political Officer Training College; Infantry Officer Training College No.1; The Artillery Officer Training College.
- Scope of Time: The dissertation employs data collected through surveys, investigations, and official reports covering the period from 2019 to 2025.
- The proposed orientations and solutions are intended to remain relevant and applicable through 2035.

4. Theoretical and practical foundations and research methodology

4.1. Theoretical and practical foundations

- Theoretical foundation: The dissertation is grounded in: Marxism-Leninism; Ho Chi Minh Thought; the theory of the renovation process; the viewpoints and policies of the Communist Party of Vietnam concerning Party building, ideological work, and the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation.

- Practical foundation: The practical foundation of the dissertation includes: The actual implementation of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges; Leadership directives, resolutions, summary reports, statistical data, and documents relating to Political, Party work, and the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation from

2019 to 2025; Findings from field surveys conducted by the author at five military academies and officer training colleges; Selected results from previously published scientific studies.

4.2. Research methodology

- Methodological Approach: The dissertation is conducted based on the methodological principles of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the viewpoints and policies of the Communist Party of Vietnam concerning ideological work.

- Research Methods: The study employs a combination of disciplinary and interdisciplinary research methods, including: Historical and logical methods; Analysis and synthesis; Practical review and summarization; Systems and structural analysis; Statistical methods; Comparative analysis; Deductive and inductive reasoning; Survey and field investigation methods.

5. New scientific contributions of the dissertation

The dissertation makes the following original contributions:

It develops a conceptual framework and systematically generalizes the content of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period.

It identifies and synthesizes four practical lessons derived from the implementation of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

It proposes a comprehensive system of solutions, including two breakthrough measures, aimed at strengthening the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through 2035.

6. Scientific and practical significance of the research

6.1. Scientific significance

The dissertation contributes to further clarifying the theoretical and practical issues concerning the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

6.2. Practical significance

- The findings provide a scientific basis for leadership and management authorities to strengthen the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period.

- The dissertation may serve as a reference source for research and teaching in Party Building and State Governance, Party and Political Work, and related disciplines at military and civilian educational institutions.

7. Structure of the dissertation

The dissertation consists of: Introduction; four chapters comprising nine sections; conclusion; list of the author's published works related to the dissertation topic; references; appendices.

Chapter 1

LITERATURE REVIEW OF STUDIES RELATED TO THE DISSERTATION TOPIC

1.1. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The dissertation reviews two major groups of foreign studies conducted in the former Soviet Union and, more recently, in China and Cuba: 1) Studies related to safeguarding the ideology of communist parties; 2) Studies related to cyberspace and the protection of communist party ideology in cyberspace.

1.2. DOMESTIC STUDIES

The dissertation reviews three major groups of domestic studies: 1) Studies concerning the safeguarding of the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam; 2) Studies concerning cyberspace and the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; 3) Studies concerning the participation of military academies and officer training colleges in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation, particularly in cyberspace.

1.3. SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS AND RESEARCH GAPS ADDRESSED BY THE DISSERTATION

1.3.1. Summary of existing research findings

International Studies:

With regard to safeguarding Communist Party's ideology, previous studies have clarified the objectives, nature, and methods of the strategy of "peaceful evolution" and proposed measures to counter such strategies in the political and ideological domains.

Regarding cyberspace and the protection of Communist Party's ideology in cyberspace, scholars have extensively examined emerging issues such as ideological security in cyberspace, Internet governance, cyberspace management, and political and ideological work in the digital environment.

Domestic Studies

Concerning the safeguarding of the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam, previous studies have extensively explored theoretical issues such as concepts, actors, content, methods, and forces involved in protecting the Party's ideological foundation. They have also clarified the schemes and tactics used by hostile and reactionary forces, assessed current conditions, and proposed various solutions to improve the effectiveness of ideological protection efforts.

Regarding cyberspace and the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, existing studies have examined both theoretical and practical issues relating to cyberspace and ideological protection. Particular attention has been devoted to analyzing the methods and tactics used by hostile and reactionary forces to undermine the Party's ideological foundation online. Researchers have also proposed general solutions for protecting the Party's ideological foundation and countering erroneous and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace.

With respect to the participation of military academies and officer training colleges, existing studies have clarified several theoretical and practical issues linking the protection of the Party's ideological foundation with education, training, and scientific research activities. They have also focused on enhancing the capabilities and roles of lecturers and cadets in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The review of existing literature enables the candidate to identify an appropriate research direction, avoid duplication, and selectively inherit valuable findings from previous studies. Therefore, the dissertation entitled "Safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period" constitutes an independent and original research project that does not duplicate previously published or completed scientific works.

1.3.2. Research issues addressed by the dissertation

First, the dissertation seeks to clarify theoretical and practical issues concerning the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. It examines military academies and officer training colleges, as well as cyberspace, from the perspective of the research topic, including their concepts, functions, tasks, organisational structures, characteristics, and challenges. It also identifies the concepts, contents, forms, and measures associated with safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. On this basis, the study focuses on clarifying the concept, content, and role of this work within military academies and officer training colleges.

Second, based on the established theoretical framework, the dissertation conducts empirical investigations, surveys, and data collection to assess the current situation of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. It identifies the causes of strengths and shortcomings and derives practical lessons from implementation.

Third, the dissertation forecasts factors likely to affect the safeguarding of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace and, on that basis, determines future orientations and proposes major solutions for strengthening this work at military academies and officer training colleges onward 2035.

Chapter 2

THE WORK OF PROTECTING THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES - THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

2.1. OVERVIEW OF MILITARY ACADEMIES, OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES, CYBERSPACE, AND THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES TODAY

2.1.1. Overview of military academies and officer training colleges

2.1.1.1. Concept of military academies and officer training colleges

Military academies and officer training colleges are disciplinary education, training, and research institutions aligned with their functions and duties, operating under the law and the Regulations on College Work of the Vietnam People's Army, tasked with training and developing officers and personnel at all levels for the entire military and contributing to human resource development for national construction, scientific research, military art, and military social sciences and humanities to meet the requirements and missions of army building, national defense, security, and homeland protection.

Currently, the system of military academies and officer training colleges consists of 21 institutions, including 9 directly under the Central Military Commission and the Ministry of National Defense, and 12 under military services, corps, general departments, and the Border Guard High Command. This system represents the most important component of the military education system.

2.1.1.2. Functions and missions of military academies and officer training colleges

Military academies and officer training colleges hold legal person status, performing functions of education, training, scientific research, institutional building, and the issuance of diplomas and certificates in accordance with regulations of the State and the Ministry of National Defense.

Military academies and officer training colleges are tasked to organize the training and professional development of military officers and personnel; provide training for State leadership and management officials on national defense and security duties; enhance practical capabilities for cadres, technical and professional personnel, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted soldiers; and develop human resources to serve national construction. Conduct, apply, develop, and cooperate in scientific research. Participate in ideological and theoretical struggles; defend the Party's ideological foundation; and combat "peaceful evolution", "self-evolution", "self-transformation", and the "depoliticization" of the military. Conduct mass mobilization and special propaganda. Build comprehensively strong, "exemplary and typical" academies and colleges; and build clean and strong college Party organization. Stand ready to receive and accomplish other duties assigned by the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defense, and higher authorities.

2.1.1.3. Organizational structure of military academies and officer training colleges

College organizational structure

The Board of Directors (for Academies and Officer training Colleges). Functional agencies are responsible for providing advice, direction, guidance, and inspection across all fields of work. The Political Agency is in charge of the Political, Party work; it serves as the standing body of Steering Committee 35, tasked with advising, directing, guiding, and inspecting activities to defend the Party's ideological foundation. Depending on their functions and duties, teaching faculties are organized into specialized faculties, social sciences and humanities faculties, basic sciences faculties, and military sciences faculties. Cadet management units are organized into departments and battalions, with subordinate units being classes

and companies. Research institutes and centers are established at certain academies; along with agencies, units, and facilities serving education and training.

Party organizational structure

Academies and officer training colleges directly under the Ministry of National Defense possess a Party organization and a Party Executive Committee, serving as a Party committee directly subordinate to the Central Military Commission. Academies and officer training colleges under military services, arms, general departments, and the Border Guard High Command possess a Party organization and a Party Executive Committee, serving as an immediate higher-level Party committee of grassroots organization. At agencies, teaching faculties, cadet management units, institutes, and research centers under these academies and colleges, grassroots Party organizations are established at either a single-level or two-level structure, taking the form of a grassroots Party organization or a grassroots Party cell. Subordinate to a grassroots Party organization are Party cells established in boards, sections, classes, companies, and equivalents.

Mass organizational structures and Military Councils

At agencies, teaching faculties, and cadet management units under military academies and officer colleges, depending on their effectiveness, functions, and duties, mass organizations are established, such as: the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, grassroots trade unions, and grassroots women's associations (since July 30, 2025, trade union organizations have ceased operations). Grassroots youth union organizations consist of grassroots youth union branches and grassroots youth unions; among them, grassroots youth unions are organized at departments and student management battalions tasked with training tactical-level officers, with youth union branches established in student companies. Military Councils are organized at agencies, teaching faculties, classes, companies, and equivalents.

2.1.2. Cyberspace

2.1.2.1. Concept of cyberspace

Cyberspace is a human-made virtual environment based on the interconnected network of information technology infrastructure, reflecting human social relations through digital information; it is a space where individuals engage in social behaviors unrestricted by space and time.

2.1.2.2. Characteristics of cyberspace

First, cyberspace possesses broad social characteristics.

Second, cyberspace is borderless.

Third, cyberspace exhibits State-centric characteristics.

Fourth, cyberspace features multimedia capabilities, high interactivity, fast connectivity and dissemination, directly impacting social life in real time.

2.1.2.3. Threats and challenges from cyberspace

First, hostile and reactionary forces have intensified their sabotage against the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, while increasing the risks of degradation in political ideology, morality, and lifestyle, as well as 'self-evolution' and 'self-transformation' in our country.

Second, the risks and activities of espionage, information gathering, and cyberattacks.

Third, the risk of cyber warfare.

Fourth, high-tech crime and fake news.

2.1.3. Defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

2.1.3.1. Concept of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

Concept of the Party's ideological foundation

The Party's ideological foundation is a system of viewpoints, theories, and doctrines that serve as the basis for unifying the Party politically, ideologically, and organizationally; building the Party; shaping and developing the revolutionary line; and serving as a compass for all of the Party's actions.

The Party's ideological foundation comprises Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the theory on the "Doi Moi" (Renovation) line. Our Party is the ruling Party and the sole force leading the State and society; therefore, the Party's ideological foundation plays a dominant role in the spiritual life of society.

Concept of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

Defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges is the entirety of activities to preserve and promote the values of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the theory on the "Doi Moi" line, while fighting and refuting wrong and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace. This aims to contribute to ensuring the Party's ideological foundation plays a dominant role in the spiritual life of society, developing a safe and healthy cyberspace, and simultaneously building clean and strong military academy and officer college Party organizations, as well as comprehensively strong, "exemplary and typical" units.

2.1.3.2. Contents of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer colleges

First, defending Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the theory on the "Doi Moi" (Renovation) line.

Second, defending the Party, its Political Platform, and its lines; defending the rule-of-law State and the socialist regime of Vietnam.

Third, defending the cause of renovation, industrialization, modernization, and international integration.

Fourth, defending national interests, and maintaining a peaceful and stable environment for national development.

Fifth, defending the culture and fine traditions of the Vietnamese nation.

Sixth, defending the history, traditions, and fine nature of the Vietnam People's Army, as well as the cultural values of "Uncle Ho's Soldiers"

2.1.3.3. Forms and measures for defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

First, defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through education, training, and scientific research.

Second, defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through political and ideological education and propaganda, the dissemination of positive information, and fighting to refute wrong and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace.

Third, defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through promoting the exemplary role of cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff, and soldiers in social media usage.

Four, defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through implementing technical and technological solutions.

2.2. THE WORK OF DEFENDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES - CONCEPT, CONTENTS, AND ROLE

2.2.1. Concept of the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

The work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges is the entirety of activities conducted by Party committees, Party organizations, leading cadres, Steering Committee 35, the standing body of Steering Committee 35, and other organizations and forces to implement the contents, forms, and measures for defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. This contributes, alongside the entire military, to promoting the Army's core role in participating in defending the Party's ideological foundation and fighting to refute wrong and hostile viewpoints in the new situation.

2.2.2. Contents of the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

First, thoroughly grasping and applying leadership, direction, and management documents of the Party, the State, the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defense, and the General Department of Politics; and concretizing them into resolutions, programs, plans, regulations, and guidelines

on defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Second, organizing the implementation of resolutions, programs, and plans to defend the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The contents of this work include: 1) conducting political and ideological education and propaganda to raise the awareness and responsibility of organizations and forces participating in the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; 2) building, consolidating, training, and developing forces to defend the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; 3) establishing and developing a network of websites and building a defense posture to protect the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; 4) organizing cyber information monitoring and managing social media usage by cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff, and soldiers; 5) organizing political and ideological education and propaganda, disseminating positive information, and fighting to refute wrong and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace; 6) integrating contents of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace into education, training, and scientific research activities; 7) organizing combat drills to defend the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Third, coordinating with organizations and forces participating in defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Fourth, investing in and ensuring information technology, technical-material facilities, and funding for the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Fifth, inspecting, supervising, reviewing, summarizing, and drawing lessons learned from the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

2.2.3. Role of the work of defending the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

First, directly deploying and organizing the implementation of leadership, direction, and management documents of the Party, the State, the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defense, the General Department of Politics, and higher authorities; contributing to ensuring the Party's ideological foundation plays a dominant role in social life, maintaining the Party's ideological battlefield, and building a safe and healthy cyberspace.

Second, ensuring the preservation of the Party-nature and political orientation in education, training, and scientific research at military academies and officer training colleges.

Third, building and promoting the political-spiritual factor at military academies and officer training colleges.

Fourth, enhancing the leadership capacity and combat strength of Party committees and Party organizations, building clean and strong military academy and officer college Party organizations, as well as comprehensively strong, "exemplary and typical" units.

Fifth, providing scientific arguments to assist the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defense, the General Department of Politics, and higher authorities in leading and directing the strengthening of the defense of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace

Chapter 3

PROTECTING THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES: CURRENT SITUATION, CAUSES, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

3.1. THE CURRENT SITUATION OF EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES

3.1.1. Strengths

First, the dissemination and application of leadership, directive, and management documents issued by the Party, the State, the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defence, and the General Political Department, as well as their concretization into resolutions, programs, plans, regulations, and guidelines on protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, have been implemented in a serious, creative, and practical manner at various levels by the majority of military academies and officer training colleges.

The Party Committees and Standing Party Committees in military academies and officer training colleges have seriously developed and implemented plans for studying, disseminating, and carrying out the Party's resolutions, conclusions, and directives. They have also thoroughly implemented the directives, programs, projects, plans, regulations, and guidelines issued by the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defence, the General Political Department, and Steering Committee 35 of the Central Military Commission. Based on these documents, they have developed and issued a system of regulations and guidance on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. In general, this system has ensured consistency, comprehensiveness, and suitability to the functions, tasks, and authority of the organizations.

Second, the implementation of resolutions, programs, and plans for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at many military academies and officer-training schools has become increasingly comprehensive, rigorous, and well-coordinated, achieving significant and noteworthy results.

Political and ideological communication and education have been strengthened to enhance the awareness and sense of responsibility of organizations and personnel involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The contents, forms, and methods of political and ideological education have been renewed in a comprehensive manner. Several topics related to safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace have been incorporated into educational programs. These topics have been effectively integrated into propaganda activities, reports by political educators, and legal dissemination and education programs, thereby contributing to the enhancement of political awareness, political steadfastness, and socio-political understanding among cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers. Annual assessments of political awareness in military academies and officer training colleges have consistently met the standards required for recognition as excellent units.

Building, consolidating, training, and developing forces responsible for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Party Standing Committees of military academies and officer training colleges have regularly paid attention to leading the consolidation, training, and promotion of the role of Steering Committee 35. Steering Committee 35 at these institutions have been established and consolidated their supporting secretariat teams in accordance with higher-level guidance. The functions, tasks, and responsibilities of Steering Committee 35 members, its standing agency, and the secretariat have been clearly defined and regularly reviewed and updated in the Committee's working regulations. The work of building, consolidating, and training Force 47 has also received regular attention, resulting in both quantitative and qualitative development, thereby continuously improving operational effectiveness. Training activities aimed at enhancing political steadfastness, responsibility, knowledge, skills, and practical experience in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace for relevant organizations and forces have been actively implemented. The contents, forms, and methods of these training programs have become increasingly diverse and appropriate to each target group.

Establishing and developing a network of online information platforms and building an overall posture for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Military academies and officer training colleges have led, directed, and implemented the development of numerous online information platforms aimed at safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. These include websites managed by Force 47, as well as the promotion and effective use of online platforms operated by cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers. Initial mechanisms for linkage and coordination among these online platforms have been established, thereby forming a network and an overall posture for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Some online platforms operate on a regular basis and have achieved good quality and effectiveness, attracting a relatively large number of followers, visits, and interactions.

Organizing the monitoring of online information and managing the use of social media by cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers.

Most military academies and officer training colleges have actively and proactively organized the monitoring of online information, as well as the analysis, assessment, and forecasting of the cyberspace situation and hostile and reactionary forces' activities. Many institutions have implemented the registration

and management of social media accounts of cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers, while regularly conducting education to enhance their sense of responsibility and observance of organisational discipline in the use of social media. Overall, the detection and prevention of violations related to cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges have shown positive changes in recent years.

Organizing propaganda and political-ideological education, disseminating positive information, and countering and refuting false and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace.

Some military academies and officer training colleges have actively implemented mass communication activities to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation, including organizing teams to write propaganda and in-depth analytical articles for publication in print and online newspapers. Some institutions have also participated in competitions on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation organized by press agencies. In addition, they have taken part in specialized programs and segments on this issue, such as "Recognizing the Truth" on the Vietnam National Defence Television channel. The contest on political theory writing for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation has also been actively and proactively participated in by many academies and colleges. The online portals of various institutions have likewise been effectively utilized to contribute to safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Propaganda and political-ideological education activities, the dissemination of positive information, and the countering and refutation of false and hostile viewpoints on social media platforms at military academies and officer training colleges have developed strongly in many aspects. Overall, the themes and contents of posts are relatively comprehensive and focused, combining the dissemination of positive information with direct criticism and refutation of false and hostile viewpoints. The forms of content have become increasingly diverse, with greater emphasis on producing creative images and short videos of improving quality. Live-streaming activities have also been actively implemented in some institutions, generating significant influence and reach in cyberspace.

Integrating the content of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace into education, training, and scientific research activities.

The content on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace has been integrated by military academies and officer training colleges into training programs and curricula in line with training objectives. One hundred percent of lectures have ensured a correct political orientation, upheld the Party spirit, and included the critical analysis, criticism, and refutation of false and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace. In addition, practical teaching activities have been strengthened to equip cadets with skills in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. The quantity and quality of research projects and initiatives at various levels related to this field have been improved. Military academies and officer training colleges have organized the research, compilation, and publication of numerous textbooks, monographs, reference books, and materials on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation. Scientific seminars and conferences on this issue have been held at multiple levels. Research activities and the publication of scientific articles related to safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace have also shown positive progress in both quantity and quality.

Organizing exercises and drills on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The system of documents serving the exercises has been focused on development and has been increasingly improved. The scale, content, forms, and methods of organizing the exercises have been clearly defined in line with the practical conditions of each military academy and officer training college. In the organization of these exercises, the contents, procedures, forms, and methods of activities of relevant organizations and forces have been standardized and unified.

Thirdly, coordination among organizations and forces participating in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace has been actively and proactively implemented by many military academies and officer training colleges, with the scope, subjects, content, and forms of coordination continuously expanded.

Coordination among subordinate organizations and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at many military academies and officer training colleges has become increasingly close and effective. The content of coordination is relatively comprehensive, while its forms and methods have been gradually renewed in association with administrative reform, information

technology application, and digital transformation, with clearly defined responsibilities of lead agencies and coordinating bodies, including faculties, teaching departments, and units in implementation.

Cooperation, linkage, and collaboration with external organizations and forces in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace have also been strengthened at some military academies and officer training colleges, with more diverse content and forms and an expanding scope. Coordination relationships have been established in accordance with hierarchical levels and have been progressively expanded on the basis of promoting the respective strengths of each party.

Fourthly, investment in and provision of information technology, infrastructure, technical facilities, and funding for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at most military academies and officer training colleges has been increasingly timely and relatively synchronized, with certain aspects given priority.

Military academies and officer training colleges have actively implemented internet connectivity and expanded Wi-Fi coverage. Virtual computer systems and tablets have been received, managed, and utilized relatively effectively, alongside efforts to encourage and mobilize the use of personal internet-connected devices. Some digital platforms and software applications have been given attention for investment and development. All military academies and officer training colleges have deployed the Mocha 35 application. The second-generation proactive communication system has also been implemented. The estimation, management, and use of funding for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace have been carried out strictly, carefully, economically, and effectively by military academies and officer training colleges.

Fifthly, inspection, supervision, preliminary review, and final review of the work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at most military academies and officer training colleges have been given due attention and carried out in a serious, timely, and effective manner.

The work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges has been identified as an important content in inspection and supervision conducted by Party committees, Party organizations, and inspection commissions at all levels. In addition to planned inspections, greater attention has been paid to inspections when there are signs of violations, combined with regular supervision and thematic supervision. The standing agency of Steering Committee 35, relevant agencies, and commanding officers at various levels have specified inspection contents related to safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace in accordance with their functions, tasks, and authority within plans for Party building and political work inspections and other areas of work. Direct inspection of the operational effectiveness of online platforms for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace has also received increasing attention. The contents, forms, and methods of preliminary reviews, final reviews, and lessons-learned activities on this work have been clearly defined and are relatively comprehensive. Lessons-learned activities have also been integrated into command briefings, Party and political work briefings, and other functional briefings, while being further strengthened through practical implementation activities of organizations and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

3.1.2. Limitations and shortcomings

Firstly, the dissemination and application of leadership and directive documents issued by the Party, the State, the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defence, and the General Department of Politics, as well as their concretization into resolutions, programs, plans, regulations, and guidelines on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges, have not been comprehensive, have not been closely aligned with practical conditions, and lack creativity.

Secondly, the implementation of resolutions, programs, and plans on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges has not been sufficiently decisive; difficulties and practical shortcomings have not been addressed in a timely manner, and some aspects have yielded limited results.

Thirdly, coordination among organizations and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges has not been truly close, regular, or effective, and certain aspects remain limited.

Fourthly, investment in and provision of information technology, infrastructure, technical facilities, and funding for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges have not been synchronized; some issues and shortcomings have been slow to be resolved.

Fifthly, inspection, supervision, preliminary review, and final review of the work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges have not been conducted in a specialized and regular manner, and effectiveness in certain aspects remains limited.

3.2. CAUSES AND PRACTICAL LESSONS IN SAFEGUARDING THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES

3.2.1. Causes of strengths and limitations

3.2.1.1 Causes of strengths

Firstly, the Communist Party of Vietnam issued its first thematic resolution on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation and combating false and hostile viewpoints, thereby ensuring comprehensive, synchronized, and systematic leadership and direction, and promoting the combined strength of the entire Party, people, and armed forces.

Secondly, the Central Military Commission, the Ministry of National Defence, the General Department of Politics, and Steering Committee 35 of the Central Military Commission have regularly paid attention to and directed the work of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace across the entire military, including military academies and officer training colleges.

Thirdly, there has been decisive, creative, and timely leadership and direction from Party committees, Party Standing Committees, boards of directors/principals, Steering Committee 35, and the standing agencies of Steering Committee 35.

Fourthly, the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges have been continuously enhanced.

Fifthly, the quality of organizations and forces has been improved, and the overall synergy of military academies and officer training colleges has been effectively promoted.

3.2.1.2. Causes of limitations and shortcomings

Firstly, cyberspace has been developing rapidly, while theories, mechanisms, and policies on safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace still contain certain aspects that have not kept pace with practical developments.

Secondly, the awareness and responsibility of some stakeholders and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace remain limited in certain aspects.

Thirdly, the leadership, direction, and advisory work of some Party committees, Party organizations, commanding officers, and functional agencies have, in some respects, not kept up with the development requirements of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Fourthly, the promotion of overall synergy in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at some military academies and officer training colleges has not been regular or comprehensive.

3.2.2. Some practical lessons in safeguarding the party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

Firstly, particular importance should be attached to achieving a strong shift in awareness and enhancing the responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces involved in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Secondly, it is necessary to ensure decisive, sensitive, creative, and timely leadership, direction, and guidance from Party committees, Party organizations, commanding officers at all levels, as well as Steering Committee 35 and its standing agency.

Thirdly, it is essential to closely follow practical realities, the development of cyberspace, and the schemes and tactics of hostile and reactionary forces; to closely integrate this task with other areas of work

and assigned missions; and to continuously renew and apply the content, forms, and methods of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace in a flexible and creative manner.

Fourthly, focus should be placed on building a strong core force while promoting overall synergy and strengthening coordination among internal and external organizations and forces within and outside military academies and officer training colleges in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Chapter 4

STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS AND KEY SOLUTIONS FOR ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES THROUGH 2035

4.1. PROJECTION OF INFLUENCING FACTORS AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS FOR ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES THROUGH 2035

4.1.1. Projection of factors influencing the protection of the party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

First, the global and regional situation is undergoing rapid, complex, and unprecedented changes, making future developments increasingly difficult to predict.

Second, the Fourth Industrial Revolution continues to advance vigorously, while cyberspace is experiencing new and evolving patterns of transformation.

Third, the country is entering a new era of development characterized by significant opportunities and favorable conditions, intertwined with numerous difficulties and challenges, some of which are more acute and demanding than those encountered in previous periods.

Fourth, the Party's ideological foundation, theoretical system, as well as the Party's and the State's guidelines, policies, and legal framework, will continue to be developed and refined.

Fifth, hostile and reactionary forces are intensifying their efforts to undermine the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace through increasingly sophisticated, insidious, and subversive schemes and tactics.

Sixth, the development of national defense and security tasks, together with the policy of building a revolutionary, regular, elite, and modern military and promoting the development of smart, modern, standardized, and exemplary military educational institutions, is being further accelerated.

4.1.2. Orientations for strengthening the protection of the party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges through 2035

First, it is necessary to continue thoroughly grasping, strictly implementing, and creatively applying the Party's guidelines and viewpoints, with particular emphasis on the resolutions of the 14th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam; Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW; Conclusion No. 89-KL/TW on the continued implementation of Resolution No. 35-NQ/TW; the Regulation on Political and Ideological Work within the Party (Regulation No. 19-QĐ/TW); the Resolution of the 12th Congress of the Military Party Organisation for the 2025-2030 term; and other resolutions, directives, and projects issued by the Central Military Commission and the Ministry of National Defence. Efforts should be intensified to strengthen communication, dissemination, and education in order to continuously enhance the awareness and responsibility of all relevant actors and forces, ensuring absolute consistency in political stance and ideological orientation. The task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace must be closely integrated with professional duties and regarded as a self-conscious, routine, long-term, and determined responsibility of agencies, faculties, units, and every cadre, lecturer, trainee, staff member, and servicemember.

Second, it is essential to maintain and strengthen the comprehensive leadership of Party committees and Party organizations, as well as the centralized and unified direction, management, and administration exercised by leading cadres at all levels. The proactive role of Steering Committee 35 and its standing agencies in advising, directing, guiding, coordinating, and inspecting the implementation of relevant tasks

should be further enhanced. Military academies and officer training institutions should continue to affirm their position and further strengthen their role as the core and pioneering force within the armed forces in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Third, the strengths of educational and scientific research institutions should be fully leveraged by promoting closer integration between the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace and educational, training, and military scientific research activities. Greater attention should be devoted to comprehensively developing trainees' qualities and competencies in safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace in accordance with training objectives, while also strengthening practical reviews and theoretical research in political science and Party-building studies. A close and balanced combination between "construction" and "struggle," between disseminating positive information and identifying, refuting, and countering erroneous and hostile viewpoints in cyberspace, should be maintained. Grounded in practical realities, substantial innovation should be introduced in the content, forms, and methods of political and ideological education, thereby improving the quality and effectiveness of communication, positive information dissemination, and the struggle against hostile and erroneous narratives in cyberspace.

Fourth, the combined strength of organizations and forces within military academies and officer training institutions should be fully mobilized through the development of highly capable, professional, and modern core forces alongside broad-based participation. Coordination with organisations and forces both within and outside the military in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should be strengthened. Continuous innovation in content and forms of cooperation, together with the expansion of collaborative networks and partnerships, is required to establish a comprehensive, resilient, and extensive posture for safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Fifth, available resources should be effectively mobilized to accelerate the development of information and communication technologies, while closely integrating digital transformation with efforts to strengthen the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Command, management, and operational systems, as well as technical facilities and material resources supporting this mission, should be modernized and synchronized. At the same time, the quality and effectiveness of inspection, supervision, periodic reviews, and overall evaluations of activities related to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should be continuously improved

4.2. KEY MEASURES FOR ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF THE PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION IN CYBERSPACE AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGES UP TO 2035

4.2.1. Enhancing the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces in protecting the party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

This solution serves as the foundational basis for implementing other measures aimed at strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. To enhance the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces regarding the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period, attention should be focused on the following key areas:

First, enhancing the awareness of relevant stakeholders and forces about the Party's ideological foundation and the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in the new situation.

Second, enhancing the awareness of relevant stakeholders and forces about cyberspace and the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Third, enhancing the awareness of relevant stakeholders and forces of the schemes and tactics employed by hostile and reactionary forces, as well as the necessity of strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Fourth, strengthening the responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Fifth, educating relevant stakeholders and forces and ensuring their thorough understanding in order to prevent and combat misconceptions and erroneous views regarding their awareness and responsibility for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

In order to enhance the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges, it is necessary to employ a variety of forms and measures in a flexible and innovative manner, with particular emphasis on the following key forms and measures:

First, strengthening political education, propaganda and mobilization activities, as well as legal dissemination and education.

Second, through meetings and activities of mass organizations, enhancing the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Third, through training programs, teaching activities, and academic exchanges, enhancing the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Fourth, through practical work in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges, enhancing the awareness and responsibility of relevant stakeholders and forces.

Fifth, developing regulations governing the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Sixth, promoting the role of relevant stakeholders and forces in self-study, thorough grasp, innovation in thinking, and enhancement of their awareness and responsibility for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

4.2.2. Enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of party committees, party organizations, leading cadres at all levels, and steering committee 35 in protecting the party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

This is a crucial solution for enhancing the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Firstly, enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the leadership exercised by Party committees and Party organizations at military academies and officer training colleges in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

For the Party Committees and the Standing Board of the Party Committees at military academies and officer training colleges

Party Committees and the Standing Board of Party Committees at military academies and officer training colleges need to formulate specialized resolutions and leadership regulations on the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. They should also develop and implement a system of thematic meetings dedicated to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. The Steering Committee 35 should regularly report to the Standing Board and Party Committees of military academies and officer training colleges on the leadership and implementation of tasks related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. On that basis, the Standing Board and Party Committees can consider and adopt appropriate policies and measures, while addressing emerging difficulties and shortcomings.

For Party executive committees, party organisation of departments, teaching faculties, branches and battalions

Continuously enhance the leadership capacity and combat effectiveness of Party committees and Party cells within agencies, faculties, and units in carrying out the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. In accordance with the guidance of superior Party committees, grassroots Party committees and Party cells should promulgate specialised resolutions and develop leadership regulations on the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Party committees and Party cells at all

levels should establish and implement thematic sessions on this work, with the participation and guidance of representatives from Steering Committee 35, its standing agencies, or superior Party committees. Regular consultations among key leaders or Party committees should be conducted to consider and decide matters within their authority relating to complex and sensitive issues arising in cyberspace. Firm and objective standards should be applied in assessing organisational performance, classifying organizations, and recommending commendations or disciplinary measures, with evaluations closely linked to achievements, shortcomings, and violations associated with the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Secondly, to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of leadership, management, and direction exercised by key cadres at all levels within military academies and officer training colleges in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

From an institutional perspective, it is necessary to more clearly define the responsibilities, duties, and authority of commissars, junior commissars, cadres responsible for Party and political work, and commanders at all levels in directing, managing, and implementing activities related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace within military academies and officer training colleges. Their responsibilities should also encompass the command and coordination of subordinate forces in handling sensitive and complex situations arising in cyberspace. At the same time, they must maintain a firm grasp of developments relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, improve the quality of advisory and policy recommendations submitted to Party committees and Party organizations, and demonstrate determination in implementation, organization, supervision, and inspection. Leadership cadres at all levels should act as pioneers and role models by directly participating in activities aimed at safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Furthermore, criteria relating to the effectiveness and efficiency of leadership, management, and direction in this field should be strictly incorporated into the assessment, evaluation, training, appointment, deployment, and utilization of leadership cadres at all levels.

Thirdly, to refine the organizational structure and enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the advisory, directive, guiding, coordinating, and supervisory functions of Steering Committee 35 (SC35) within military academies and officer training colleges in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The organizational structure of SC35 in military academies and officer training colleges should comprise the Head of the Steering Committee, the Standing Deputy Head, Deputy Heads, members of the Steering Committee, the Standing Agency, the Secretariat, and specialized advisory groups operating in specific fields. It is recommended that the Director or President of the academy or college serve as the Standing Deputy Head of the Steering Committee, while Vice Directors or Vice Presidents should be included as members of SC35. In addition to including heads of relevant functional agencies, the structure should also incorporate leaders of selected faculties and departments to enhance the depth and quality of advisory, directive, coordinating, guiding, and supervisory activities relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Due attention should be paid to the assignment, training, and professional development of propaganda and education cadres so that they are capable of meeting the requirements of this work. At the same time, coordination among relevant agencies and departments should be strengthened to improve the performance of the Standing Agency of SC35. Specialised advisory groups should be established in areas such as political theory, ideology and culture, literature and the arts, and technology and communications. The responsibilities of SC35 members for directing, guiding, and inspecting activities should be closely linked to their respective areas of responsibility and to the agencies and units under their management. In addition, the responsibilities and authority of the Standing Agency of SC35 should be further strengthened in directing, guiding, and inspecting the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, particularly through the establishment of effective mechanisms for information provision and strategic guidance. Such mechanisms must ensure responsiveness, timeliness, decisiveness, and effectiveness in organizing and implementing activities to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

4.2.3. Flexibly and creatively applying the content, forms, and measures for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

This is an important solution that plays a guiding role in the implementation of other measures aimed at strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Firstly, to flexibly and creatively apply the content of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

It is necessary to continue identifying the protection of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh Thought, and the theory of the Party's renewal policy as the primary, fundamental, and overarching content of efforts to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period. Particular attention should be paid to countering and defeating all attempts to separate or oppose the Party's theory of renewal from Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Thought. Greater emphasis should be placed on affirming commitment to the socialist path, as well as the mission and leadership role of the Party in the new era of national development. The content of Party protection should be comprehensively specified and implemented across the domains of history, politics, ideology, ethics, organisation, and cadre work. Proactive efforts should be devoted to protecting the Party, its Political Platform, and Party Charter, particularly in connection with the review of one hundred years of Party leadership of the Vietnamese revolution and the revision, supplementation, and development of the Political Platform and Party Charter. Close attention should be paid to the schemes and tactics employed by hostile and reactionary forces to identify specific and effective areas of struggle; timely information should be provided and persuasive explanations offered regarding sensitive and complex issues. Particular focus should be placed on countering distortions of the Party's and the State's breakthrough development policies and strategic decisions in the new era.

Efforts should be intensified to promote content aimed at safeguarding unity of will and action, while fostering confidence and aspirations for national development. In line with the country's ongoing progress, greater attention should be given to disseminating achievements in all areas of social life and promoting the realization of the two centenary goals set by the Party, the People, and the armed forces. At the same time, content refuting false, hostile, and distorted narratives concerning national conditions, the Party's and State's foreign policy activities, and attempts to undermine national unity and international solidarity should be strengthened.

Regular communication and advocacy should focus on protecting national independence, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity; affirming the inseparable relationship between national independence and socialism; and promoting the value of peace and stability as prerequisites for achieving the nation's development aspirations. Every effort should be made to expose hostile schemes aimed at inciting war and conflict in disputes relating to territorial sovereignty and maritime issues, as well as attempts to distort socio-economic development policies or exploit anti-corruption campaigns, ethnic affairs, democracy, religion, and human rights issues in order to destabilise politics and undermine social order and safety. Greater emphasis should also be placed on public awareness and preventive efforts relating to cybercrime, online fraud, and threats to information security and cybersecurity.

Continuous efforts should be made to promote and disseminate the values of an advanced Vietnamese culture imbued with national identity, as well as the national value system, cultural value system, family values, and standards of Vietnamese character. Positive cultural and informational activities that contribute to building a healthy cultural environment and civilised lifestyles in cyberspace should be widely promoted. Greater attention should be devoted to communication and ideological struggle in the fields of literature and the arts, with resolute efforts to counter attempts at historical revisionism and the distortion of historical truth. Participation in promoting the image of Vietnam, its culture, and its people to the international community should also be strengthened.

The dissemination of military history and traditions should be concretised and closely linked to the history and traditions of military academies, officer training colleges, and units throughout the armed forces. Greater emphasis should be placed on protecting and promoting the relationship between the military and

the Party, the State, the People, and the People's Public Security. Communication efforts should highlight national defence and military achievements, as well as the progress made in building a revolutionary, regular, elite, and modern military, thereby strengthening public confidence. Particular attention should be given to promoting and disseminating the five core characteristics of the cultural values and qualities of "Uncle Ho's Soldiers" in the new era, together with the spirit of wisdom, courage, creativity, and selfless devotion to the People demonstrated by cadres and soldiers throughout the armed forces. At the same time, resolute efforts must be made to expose and refute attempts to distort the history and traditions of the military, exploit isolated cases of legal or disciplinary violations to deny the military's noble character, or tarnish the image of "Uncle Ho's Soldiers."

Secondly, to flexibly and creatively apply forms and measures for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace

It is necessary to flexibly and creatively apply, and further strengthen, the integration of Party ideological foundation protection in cyberspace into education, training, and scientific research activities. Priority should be given to the early review of the Project on "Renewing the training process and curriculum for military cadres at all levels to meet mission requirements in the new situation." On that basis, the content relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should be further supplemented and refined within the objectives, curricula, and training programmes for all categories of learners. At the same time, greater efforts should be devoted to renewing the content, forms, and teaching methods of social sciences and humanities subjects. Emphasis should be placed on enhancing the Party-oriented nature, combativeness, timeliness, and practical relevance of instructional content. Research orientations should be concretized to contribute to the review of one hundred years of Party leadership of the Vietnamese revolution (1930-2030), the strategic orientation for national development during the subsequent century (2030-2130), and the review of forty years of implementing the Platform for national construction during the transition to socialism. Greater attention should also be given to practical reviews and theoretical research, with the identification of key scientific research tasks that directly contribute to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Closely following developments in multimedia communications, efforts should be intensified to safeguard the Party's ideological foundation through the press and media, thereby contributing to the dissemination of authoritative information and the effective guidance of public opinion in cyberspace. Participation across diverse journalistic genres should be expanded, while the quality of media products serving the protection of the Party's ideological foundation should be enhanced. Modern multimedia communication technologies should be widely applied, and specialized sections dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation should be developed and improved on institutional web portals. Thematic communication campaigns and coordinated series of articles should be strengthened in order to create focal points and generate significant political and ideological educational impact.

The organization and effectiveness of competitions relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation should also be renewed and enhanced, with particular emphasis on political essay competitions and journalism contests, accompanied by proactive dissemination of their products and outcomes in cyberspace. Such competitions should be widely launched for different target groups and implemented at all organizational levels. In addition, institutions should proactively organize creative competitions involving short video clips, positive imagery, livestreams, infographics, podcasts, and similar formats, thereby fostering innovation in the application of content, forms, and measures for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Priority should be given to the professionalization and specialization of social media communication activities aimed at safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation within military academies and officer training colleges. Social media communication should be developed as a professional discipline, supported by well-organized procedures and close coordination among relevant organizations and forces to ensure both ideological correctness and effective dissemination of information in cyberspace. Active participation should also be maintained in higher-level technical and legal countermeasure activities. A combination of educational, administrative, and technological measures should be employed to strengthen management of

social media use among cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers, while proactively preventing and combating violations of law and military discipline related to cyberspace. The application of forms and measures for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges must combine routine activities with concentrated campaigns conducted during key periods and major events.

4.2.4. Reforming the organizational model of forces and the network of electronic information platforms for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

This is a breakthrough solution that creates important conditions for strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Firstly, to reform the organizational model of forces engaged in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

It is necessary to reform and further improve the organizational model of Force 47, shifting from an arrangement organized under SC35 to a structure aligned with the organizational and personnel establishment of military academies and officer training colleges. Force 47 may be organized according to different models, including a one-tier model, a two-tier model, and a three-tier model, with the long-term objective of implementing a unified three-tier structure corresponding to: (1) the academy or officer training college level; (2) subordinate organizational units directly under the academy or college; and (3) divisions, departments, academic sections, classes, companies, or cadet-management battalions. Personnel participating in Force 47 at each level should be selected and appointed by the corresponding Party committee, Party organization, and leadership cadre at that level. Based on the requirements of strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, the functions and tasks of Force 47 should continue to be supplemented and developed, with responsibilities clearly defined in accordance with the capabilities and operational scope of each organizational level. The activities of Force 47 should become increasingly specialized and professional, closely linked to specific tasks, forms, methods, and content relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, while also taking into account the strengths of each academy, officer training college, agency, faculty, and unit. At the same time, a broad-based force for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should be established throughout military academies and officer training colleges by mobilizing and encouraging the active and voluntary participation of cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers. The role of this broad-based force is to disseminate positive information in cyberspace, support the activities of Force 47, and promote and expand social media communication streams that contribute to protecting the Party's ideological foundation through comments, responses, interactions, and the sharing of content produced by Force 47.

Secondly, to reform the organizational model of the network of electronic information platforms for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training college

A networked organizational model of electronic information platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation should be established for each social media platform, following a vertically integrated and hierarchical structure extending from the academy or officer training college level down to classes, companies, and equivalent units, corresponding to the organizational model of Force 47. In line with trends in social media development, as well as the capabilities and growth of Force 47, this network should be continuously expanded and established across other widely used social media platforms in order to maximize the advantages of each platform and reach different groups of online users. At the same time, each member of Force 47 at every level should develop and maintain a personal electronic information platform with a distinctive and personalized style, thereby strengthening connectivity and expanding influence in cyberspace. Specific regulations should be introduced, together with appropriate mechanisms to encourage and mobilize personal electronic information platforms operated by cadres, lecturers, cadets, staff members, and soldiers to connect with the official platforms of their units and Force 47. These personal platforms would serve as intermediate channels for disseminating content related to the protection of the

Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. On that basis, external linkages should be established with electronic information platforms operated by organizations and forces both within and outside the military, as well as with those of individual cyberspace users, thereby creating a broad, resilient, interconnected, and efficient network capable of ensuring close, coordinated, and effective cooperation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

A mechanism should also be established whereby higher-level electronic information platforms provide strategic guidance and direction for the activities of lower-level platforms, while organizational platforms guide and orient the activities of individual accounts. At all levels, close attention should be paid to balancing quantitative expansion with the quality and effectiveness of operations of electronic information platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Continuous efforts should be made to increase interaction, engagement, follower numbers, audience reach, and participation on each platform. Investment should be focused on developing key and influential platforms, while those operating merely in a formalistic or ineffective manner should be decisively discontinued and restructured, thereby creating opportunities for the establishment and development of new, and more effective platforms

4.2.5. Promoting the combined strength of organizations and forces, and enhancing coordination, expanding cooperation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at Military Academies and Officer Training Colleges

This is a fundamental and important solution aimed at strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period.

Firstly, promoting the combined strength of organisations and forces in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

For functional agencies

Functional agencies should continuously promote their roles and responsibilities in providing advice, direction, guidance, and supervision, closely integrate the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace with all aspects of work and tasks carried out at military academies and officer training colleges.

For public mass organizations and military personnel councils

It is necessary to intensify thematic activities on protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace within Youth Union activities. Efforts should continue to be made to innovate the content and forms of activities of the Young Theoretical Club model, developing new activity models that reflect the distinctive characteristics of Youth Union work at each military academy and officer training colleges, especially models that focus on creating digital media content aligned with the psychology, interests and trends of young internet users. In addition, the network of electronic information platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation on social media platforms should be further expanded and developed.

Leadership and direction should be exercised through Women's Union activities in order to educate and enhance the awareness and sense of responsibility of female cadres and members, while providing appropriate content and forms of training to improve their capacity to participate in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Efforts should continue to be made to develop online information platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, with increasingly distinctive features reflecting the characteristics of women at military academies and officer training colleges. In addition, Force 47 and Youth Union grassroots organizations should be assigned to provide guidance, support and coordination with grassroots Women's Union organizations in order to promote and strengthen their participation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

The role of Military Personnel Councils should be strengthened in educating, disseminating directives, encouraging, and promoting the responsibility of all military personnel and national defense civilian employees within their units. Leadership and direction should be provided to Military Personnel Councils to promote democracy and proactively propose measures to strengthen the protection of the

Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace to party committees, party organizations, leaders of functional agencies, teaching faculties and military units. Pilot projects should be implemented to establish online information platforms managed by Military Personnel Councils to support the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, with a particular focus on issues related to democracy, human rights, ethnicity and religion.

For cadres, lecturers, cadets, employees and soldiers

Party committees, party organizations, key leaders at all levels, the Steering Committee 35 and its standing agencies should regularly provide leadership, direction and guidance on the content and methods for promoting the role of cadres, lecturers, cadets, employees and soldiers in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. At each level, these responsibilities should be translated into specific objectives and performance targets within annual task commitment and evaluation frameworks, accompanied by regular monitoring, inspection, and supervision of implementation. Units of managing sub-unit officer cadets should organize appropriately scaled collective activities, enabling cadets to take turns on a daily basis in carrying out activities, measures and forms of participation aimed at protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. In addition, emulation and commendation activities should be regularly organized and effectively implemented to encourage, motivate and recognize cadres, lecturers, cadets, employees and soldiers who actively and voluntarily participate in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Secondly, strengthening coordination and expanding cooperation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at Military academies and Officer training colleges

Mechanisms for coordination should be further refined, with Steering Committee 35, particularly its standing agency, serving as the central body responsible for directing, coordinating and synchronizing the activities of relevant organizations and forces. A coordinated linkage model should be established among units within military academies and officer training colleges, including functional agencies, teaching faculties, cadets' branches and battalions. Close and regular coordination should also be maintained among Force 47 units at different levels, as well as between Force 47 and supporting forces, particularly in creating, publishing, sharing, commenting and interacting with online content. Such activities should be conducted in accordance with unified operational procedures and supported by rigorous mechanisms for supervision, coordination, and centralized management to ensure consistency and effectiveness in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Efforts should continue to be made to innovate and diversify partners, areas of cooperation, forms of collaboration and levels of engagement, while gradually expanding the scope of cooperation both within and beyond the military in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. The role of Steering Committee 35 in providing advice, coordinating, and leading collaborative efforts should be further enhanced. In particular, the standing agencies and offices of Steering Committee 35 should serve as the primary focal points for direct and regular coordination and cooperation. Cooperation should be strengthened in areas related to teaching and scientific research concerning the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; the exchange and support of information technology resources and technical solutions; the sharing of practical experiences; the training and development of personnel; the management and provision of online information; the coordination of activities among core forces and online platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Mechanisms for coordination and cooperation among relevant stakeholders should be institutionalized through the signing of cooperation agreements and joint action programs on the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. In addition, through mass mobilization activities and twinning or partnership programs, military academies and officer training colleges should strengthen cooperation with local party committees, authorities and socio-political organizations in areas where they are stationed. Such cooperation should focus on protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace,

with Youth Union organizations serving as the core and pioneering force in coordinating and implementing joint activities.

4.2.6. Promoting the application of technology, innovation, and digital transformation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges

This is a breakthrough solution aimed at strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges in the current period.

Priority should be given to leading and directing the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI), with implementation plans developed according to specific and appropriate roadmaps. The deployment of AI should neither be delayed nor rushed, and its role in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should not be absolutized. Regulations governing the responsibilities of organizations and forces in the application of AI should be further refined, including procedures for reviewing and approving AI-generated information, as well as processes for creating and approving digital content that utilizes AI technologies. Core technology teams should be established to provide support, consultation and solutions to issues arising during the implementation and use of AI.

An innovation-friendly environment should be fostered through appropriate institutional mechanisms and both material and spiritual incentives, thereby inspiring and encouraging organizations and forces to maximize their creative potential in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Appropriate forms of recognition and rewards should be introduced for innovative initiatives and solutions that contribute to improving the effectiveness of the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. At the same time, a balanced and objective approach should be adopted toward innovation, avoiding prejudice, stereotyping or undue criticism of risks and challenges that may emerge during the innovation process.

Efforts should be focused on accelerating the transition of leadership, direction, management and operational activities related to in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace onto digital platforms. Continued emphasis should be placed on fostering substantial improvements in awareness and responsibility, while supplementing and refining regulations, mechanisms, policies and management procedures to facilitate digital transformation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges at military academies and officer training colleges. The development of digital databases serving the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges should be vigorously promoted and closely integrated with AI applications. A centralized digital data repository should be established within A Cyber Ideological Foundation Protection Operations Center and placed under the management and supervision of Steering Committee 35. The standing agency of Steering Committee 35 should be directly responsible for the development, maintenance, protection, administration, processing and coordination of data usage, while ensuring data security and safety.

In addition, core personnel within the standing agency of Steering Committee 35 and information technology agencies should be trained and developed to meet the requirements of this important mission.

The information technology infrastructure should be further improved to meet the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, in close association with the development of digital infrastructure at military academies and officer training colleges. A Cyber Ideological Foundation Protection Operations Center should be established at these institutions and placed under the authority of the standing agency of Steering Committee 35.

Information technology equipment should be standardized and synchronized to ensure seamless connectivity between the operations center and command posts at all levels, including functional agencies, teaching faculties and cadets' units. Investment should also be directed toward the development of specialized software systems designed to support the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

The functionality of electronic reading rooms, common activity rooms and Ho Chi Minh rooms should be optimized and existing computer systems with Internet connectivity should be effectively utilized

in order to establish centralized operational hubs for protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace, fully integrated with command, management and operational systems at all levels.

Financial resources should be strengthened to promote the application of technology, innovation and digital transformation in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. The standing agency of Steering Committee 35 should proactively coordinate with relevant functional agencies to advise on, formulate budget estimates, propose funding requirements, and organize the implementation of financial plans in accordance with programs and projects approved by competent authorities.

4.2.7. Enhancing the effectiveness of inspection, supervision, revision, evaluation and after-action reviews in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at Military academies and Officer training colleges

Enhancing the effectiveness of inspection, supervision, revision, evaluation and after-action reviews is a highly important solution for strengthening the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Firstly, improving the effectiveness of inspection and supervision of the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Comprehensive, focused and priority-based content related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace should be incorporated into the inspection and supervision plans of party committees and party organizations at all levels. To improve effectiveness, inspection and supervision activities should be based on specific contents that closely align with the functions, responsibilities, duties and authority of relevant organizations and forces, while also reflecting the practical requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace within functional agencies, teaching faculties and cadets' units. Greater emphasis should be placed on thematic inspections and supervision, with particular attention given to inspections conducted when signs of violations are detected. Inspection and supervision activities should also make greater use of data and digital information related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. Continuous efforts should be made to enhance the awareness, sense of responsibility and professional competence of inspection personnel at all levels, enabling them to effectively carry out inspection and supervision tasks in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. In addition, close and regular coordination should be maintained between the standing agency of the Inspection Commission and the standing agency of Steering Committee 35 in providing advice, direction, guidance and organizing inspection and supervision activities related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

Secondly, enhancing the effectiveness of revision, evaluation and after-action reviews in the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace.

Specific regulations should be established regarding the conduct of periodic revision, evaluation and after-action reviews at each level. The content of these activities should comprehensively cover all aspects of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges. Efforts should be made to innovate and diversify the forms and methods of organizing revisions and evaluations. Greater emphasis should be placed on specialized revisions and evaluations tailored to the functions and responsibilities of specific organizations and forces, while also integrating them into the broader revisions, evaluation and after-action reviews of functional agencies, teaching faculties and cadets' units. Revisions, evaluations, and after-action reviews should be closely linked with inspection and supervision efforts related to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. The role of key leaders at all levels, as well as Steering Committee 35 and its standing agencies, should be further strengthened in conducting inspections and drawing lessons from practical experience in protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. After-action reviews should become a routine and continuous task of the standing agencies of Steering Committee 35, carried out on a daily basis through digital platforms and regular command briefings with functional agencies, teaching faculties and cadets' units.

CONCLUSION

1. Military academies and officer training colleges are educational, training, and scientific research institutions that constitute the most important component of the military education system. The development of cyberspace under the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution has opened up a new strategic front in the task of protecting the Party's ideological foundation. Military academies and officer training colleges play a core and pioneering role within the armed forces in carrying out this mission. The protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at these institutions encompasses comprehensive content, diverse forms and methods, and requires continuous innovation together with flexible and creative application in practice.

2. The protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges is the aggregate of activities conducted by Party committees, Party organizations, key leaders, the Steering Committee 35, the Standing Agency of the Steering Committee 35, and other organizations and forces in implementing the content, forms, and measures of safeguarding the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace. These efforts contribute to the armed forces' core role in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and combating false, hostile, and distorted viewpoints in the new situation. This work encompasses a wide range of activities associated with the specific characteristics of military education, training, scientific research, and military organizations. It constitutes a fundamental component of Party and political work and plays a vital role in promoting the military's core responsibility in protecting the Party's ideological foundation and refuting hostile viewpoints; ensuring Party orientation and maintaining the correct political direction of education, training, and scientific research activities; and contributing to the building of clean and strong Party organizations and comprehensively strong military academies and officer training colleges that are "exemplary and model" in fulfilling their assigned missions.

3. In recent years, the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges has received increasing attention and has been comprehensively promoted, achieving a number of important and notable results. However, in the context of the rapid expansion of cyberspace and compared with the institutions' existing strengths and potential, this work still exhibits certain shortcomings and limitations across different areas. These shortcomings require comprehensive, objective, and timely assessment and must be resolutely addressed. This is also an imperative arising from practical realities and from the requirements of protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace in the new period.

4. Efforts to strengthen the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges are influenced by numerous objective and subjective factors, involving both opportunities and challenges. To enhance this work in the current period, and on the basis of correctly identifying strategic orientations, a comprehensive system of solutions should be implemented. These include: raising awareness and responsibility among relevant actors and forces; improving the effectiveness and efficiency of Party committees, Party organizations, key leaders, and the Steering Committee 35; flexibly and creatively applying appropriate content, forms, and measures; reforming the organizational model of forces and networks of electronic information platforms dedicated to protecting the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace; harnessing the combined strength of organizations and forces while strengthening coordination and expanding cooperation; promoting the application of technology, innovation, and digital transformation; and improving the effectiveness of inspection, supervision, reviews, evaluations, and lessons-learned activities relating to the protection of the Party's ideological foundation in cyberspace at military academies and officer training colleges.

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