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ON ACHIEVEMENTS OF PARTY MEMBERS

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["Party Life" section article by Nguoi Xay Dung (The Builder): "Achievements."
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[Text] Everyone highly values achievements, because achievements manifest the results of an individual or collective in laboring bravely, fighting unselfishly, studying attentively and working industriously. Striving to score many achievements also means striving to produce a considerable amount of material and cultural wealth for society, to enrich the country and to improve the people's life. It is not easy for one to strive to score achievements, and to this end one must devote great efforts and much of his intelligence and overcome many hardships and difficulties. Striving to score more and more achievements and make a greater contribution to the revolution is what the party requires of each of us. It can serve as a gauge for measuring the virtues and talents of each of our cadres and party members.

Our entire country is entering the most valiant period in its history and is striving to build and defend the socialist fatherland. Each of us must further develop the revolutionary offensive spirit, overcome the habit of working just for form's sake, bravely overcome all hardships and difficulties and score outstanding achievements. If all of us and all of our units strive to emulate to score achievements, our revolutionary cause, no matter how difficult and arduous it may be, will achieve glorious success. For this reason, we highly esteem, respect and admire those who have scored achievements and follow their examples. Our party and state have always encouraged and motivated all of us to strive to score achievements. Those individuals and collectives that have scored achievements have been praised and rewarded, and those cadres who have scored achievements have been promoted or recommended for promotion. This is necessary and rational.

Actually, a great many individuals and units have correctly understood the question of achievements, have adopted a correct attitude after having scored achievements, and, inspired by a pure, just motive, have strived to score more and more achievements so as to make greater contributions to the common revolutionary cause. However, there are also individuals and units that have failed to understand this question correctly and to take judicious action.

A number of people who have scored some achievements or rendered some services to the revolution have now become conceited, boastful and vainglorious. They consider themselves to be outstanding or "the most meritorious." This causes them to be always jealous of others and to have the tendency to demand higher social positions or remuneration. If they cannot obtain what they seek, they become discontent and bear a grudge against the party and the state. Worse still, they sometimes place themselves above the collective, disregard discipline, run counter to the policies and principles of the party and state and disrupt internal unity. They forget that achievements have been primarily scored as a result of the common efforts of all the members of the collective and that the contribution of each individual, no matter how great it may be, is very small compared to the great sacrifices of the entire people and party. It is not because they wanted the revolution to repay them for their services that millions of compatriots and comrades did not spare their efforts, blood and bones, and unhesitatingly sacrificed their lives for the great revolutionary cause of the people and the party. We must not become conceited and demand one thing after another simply because we have scored a few achievements.

A number of people and units, after having scored some achievements, have become vainglorious and conceited, continually boast about their achievements, want to stop work and rest and lack the will power to strive for further progress. They fail to understand that although they have the right to be proud of their achievements, they must always be modest and constantly recognize that their achievements are simply the initial results of the entire process of a protracted revolutionary struggle. The recent tasks were difficult and arduous. However, on the path of advance of the socialist revolutionary cause, the coming tasks are even more difficult and arduous. These tasks require that our entire people, especially our cadres and party members, continue to make even greater efforts and sacrifices. Communist Party members should never be allowed to become complacent over what they have achieved. If they are complacent over their past achievements and overly proud of what they have achieved and do not continue to surge forward in order to fulfill all their tasks more satisfactorily, they will go downhill and may end up in a state of regression and backwardness.

What is even more reproachable is that a number of people, because they have been seriously affected by individualism, are afflicted with /the disease of achievements/. They do everything merely for the sake of achievements, and they always think of achievements and run after them with base calculations and profit-seeking expedients. To score achievements, they are ready to work in a sloppy and careless manner. They vilify and slander others, do not want to cooperate with and help others, and even worse, create difficulties for others, "play evil tricks" on them and seek to restrain them from scoring more achievements than they do. They like those who praise and laud them very much. They like to hear others speak of their good points and achievements, do not like to hear others speak of their [own] good points and achievements, do not like others to speak of their

shortcomings and are very afraid of the criticism of others. If they cannot conceal their shortcomings or dodge criticism, they will "find" the cause of these shortcomings in other people or sectors. They try by all means to make themselves prominent among and more important than others, despite the fact that they sometimes pretend to be modest. They sometimes achieve certain practical results; however, in scoring these achievements, they do not have a just motive nor do they want to make the greatest contribution to the common cause. They simply aim at securing their reputation and at serving their individual interests and those of their units.

More serious still, those afflicted with the disease of achievements have even faked "achievements" by making false and distorted reports. In agriculture, lacking high grain productivity and volume, they seek to "fabricate" high, sometimes very high, figures for grain productivity and volume. When the state collects and purchases grain, they do not have it for sale or sell less grain than the planned norm, and, when, during the preharvest period, the people suffer from famine, they cast the blame on natural calamities and ask the central echelon to provide assistance. In industry, when the production plan is unfulfilled, they fabricate the story that it has been fulfilled or overfulfilled. When production of a certain kind of goods is not yet finished, it is reported finished. "They also incorporate the contents of this year's plan with that of the previous year's plan," thus resulting in a situation in which through two annual reports, the amount of goods actually produced in 1 year is multiplied by two. They fabricate all kinds of stories and make "clever" arrangements of all kinds to deceive higher echelons each time the latter arrive to conduct on-the-spot inspections.

In truth, their achievements are merely "phantom achievements!" Consequently, there have been situations in which certain localities and units became well known for having scored many achievements, sometimes very great achievements, but actually in these localities and units production did not increase, the task of turning over products to the state was unfulfilled and the people's life was beset by many difficulties.

These deceitful acts violate party discipline and state law. President Ho taught us: "Our party is one which struggles and sacrifices for the interests of the fatherland, the people and the proletariat, not for any other interests."¹ "We join the party with the aim of wholeheartedly serving the class, serving the people and fulfilling our tasks as party members."²

Submitting figures for the sake of individual fame and wealth, working simply with the aim of running after achievements, or faking "achievements" in order to seek individual fame and wealth have absolutely no place in the activities of Communist Party members and revolutionary cadres. As Communist Party members and revolutionary cadres, we are not allowed to "work carelessly and falsify reports" and to be disloyal to the people and the party. Loyalty to the people and the party is the indispensable quality of Communist Party members and revolutionary cadres. Making false reports in order to

gain fame for having scored achievements is very harmful to the revolutionary cause, because making false reports means incorrectly reflecting objective reality, distorting the production situation and the people's life, thoughts and aspirations, and not helping higher echelons and responsible organs judiciously assess the actual situation so that they can have a sound basis for formulating appropriate policies and work methods.

Our party perseveringly carries out educational activities with the aim of upholding the spirit of socialist collective ownership and building revolutionary virtues, such as "one for all, all for one," loyalty, frankness and respect for party discipline and the state law. We are resolutely struggling to unmask those who have fabricated "phantom achievements" in order to deceive the party, the state and the people.

In their endeavor to implement the fourth party congress resolution, our cadres and party members must uphold their revolutionary enthusiasm and strive to emulate to overcome all difficulties and hardships and to score outstanding achievements. We must nurture the communist philosophy of life in order to adopt a correct attitude after having scored achievements. Those individuals and units that have scored achievements must diligently study and train themselves, continue to uphold their revolutionary offensive spirit and perseveringly and resolutely strive to score even greater achievements. We are determined to struggle against the evil practice of reporting false achievements.

Each cadre or party member and, in particular, the key cadres must fully understand their responsibilities to the party and the people and constantly uphold their vanguard, exemplary and loyal role. The party committee echelons and administrative organs must intensively educate cadres and party members, help them acquire revolutionary virtues, and regularly and satisfactorily carry out their inspectoral activities. Party committee echelons and administrative organs must use inspections as a basis for judiciously assessing and evaluating the situation, for correctly praising and rewarding those individuals and collectives that have truly scored achievements, and at the same time for appropriately dealing with cases of false, distorted reports.

FOOTNOTES

1. Ho Chi Minh: On Party Building, Su That Publishing House, Hanoi, 1970, p 139.
2. Ho Chi Minh: *ibid*, p 148.

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