

Highlights of China Unicom's 2022 Work Conference

China Unicom's 2022 Work Conference was convened in Beijing on 6-7 January 2022. The conference summarized the work in 2021 and laid out the tasks for 2022 with a view to fully implementing the Company's strategic plan and unveiling a new paradigm of high-quality development for China Unicom. Mr. Wang Jiangping, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), attended the conference and delivered a speech.

In his speech, Mr. Wang Jiangping fully recognised China Unicom's various achievements in 2021, introduced the development of the information and communication industry in 2021, and conveyed the relevant key work considerations of MIIT in 2022. For the next step of China Unicom, he had five wishes: to accelerate technological innovation and strengthen fundamental growth momentum; to enhance network capabilities and bolster strategic support; to cultivate a flourishing industry ecology and expand growth potential; to optimise service quality and enhance brand image; to deepen governance transformation and stimulate institutional vitality. Mr. Wang Jiangping said the information and communication industry is facing new opportunities and challenges and shouldering new missions and tasks. He hoped that every staff of China Unicom should proactively forge ahead and make greater contributions to the development of Manufacturing Superpower, Cyber Superpower and Digital China in the new era.

Mr. Liu Liehong, Chairman of China Unicom, delivered a speech entitled "Resolutely Fulfilling New Missions, Fully Implementing New Strategy and Striving to Sail in the Main Course of Digital Economy for a New Future of China Unicom". Mr. Chen Zhongyue, General Manager of China Unicom, delivered a work report entitled "Implementing New Strategy and Advancing in a New Journey to Unveil a New Paradigm of High-quality Development for China Unicom".

The conference comprehensively summarised the work of China Unicom in 2021. The year 2021 was a critical year as the Company formulated its new strategy and embarked on a new journey. Over the past year, focusing on the needs of the country, China Unicom shouldered its missions, formulated its new strategy, fulfilled its responsibilities to ensure stable communications, provided support to Cyber Superpower development and contributed to Digital China. Focusing on its corporate responsibilities, the Company steadily performed its economic obligations. Its operations and key businesses were making steady progress. Vitality continued to be stimulated via various reforms and operational efficiency was significantly enhanced. Focusing on the society, the Company earnestly took up its social responsibilities, stood at the frontline at critical times and spared no efforts in pandemic prevention and control. Its customer service was outstanding and cybersecurity support was remarkable. Focusing on the future, the Company deeply undertook its responsibilities in technological innovation in a year of change. Research on core technologies was making progress. The scale of proprietary products leapfrogged. Intelligent network operation achieved breakthroughs. Investment in innovation continued to rise. The reform of innovation system continued to deepen.

Building on an in-depth analysis of the current landscape, the conference put forward the overall work requirements for 2022: The Company should insist on the overall working principle of making progress in a steady manner, and implement the new development philosophies completely, accurately and comprehensively, so as to serve the establishment of a new development paradigm and drive high-quality growth. It should focus on the development of Cyber Superpower, Digital China and Smart Society, implementation of the “1+8+2” strategic plan and the five key businesses of “Big Connectivity, Big Computing, Big Data, Big Application and Big Security”. It should strive for steady growth, enhance its networks, implement reforms, bolster its capabilities, strengthen collaboration and control risks, striving to sail in the main course of digital economy for a new future of China Unicom.

The conference asked that everyone should deeply understand the Company’s new positioning and new strategy and enhance the capability to serve the country’s strategy. Everyone should deeply understand the Company’s strategic objectives and create a world-class enterprise. Everyone should deeply understand the Company’s five key businesses and integrate into the new development paradigm. Everyone should deeply understand the various reforms in innovation and leverage the critical role of innovation reform for the establishment of a new development paradigm. Everyone should deeply understand various support measures and safeguard high-quality development. Everyone should deeply understand the Company’s eight major action plans and advance them at full strength.

The conference specified a number of key tasks for 2022. First, to strengthen economy of scale and tap high-quality growth potential by consistently advancing the five key businesses and tapping the five key markets in an integrated manner. Second, to resolutely construct premium networks so as to support high-quality growth. Third, to enhance customer service to shape new reputation for high-quality growth. Fourth, to forge a powerful new engine for high-quality growth driven by better innovation. Fifth, to deepen reforms to enhance vitality for high-quality growth. Sixth, to build a new ecology for high-quality growth with deeper integration and open cooperation. With respect to various tasks for 2022, the conference asked for steadiness while making progress. The Company should deepen corporate reform, strengthen capability building and system concept, enhance coordination and promote synergetic high-quality growth of the industry. It should take the initiative to serve and integrate into the development of the digital economy, and strictly and pragmatically control various risks. It should curb inbound infection and rebound in domestic cases by engaging in routine, scientific and precise pandemic prevention and control. It should efficiently construct communications facilities for the stadiums and venues of the Winter Olympics, complete various preparation work for the Winter Olympics with high standard and provide high-quality service support to the events, going all-out for a runaway success at the Winter Olympics.

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