

Jiang Zemin: Creativity Is the Soul of a Nation

In Akademgorodok, Russia, on Nov. 24, 1998, where he visited after meeting then-President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov in Moscow, President Jiang Zemin told his Russian colleagues, of his conviction that the progress of human civilization had proven the importance of science and technology as a “driving force for economic development and social progress.... Human wisdom is inexhaustible. Science and technology are a shining beacon of this wisdom....

“Creativity,” Jiang said, speaking Russian, “is the soul of a nation and an inexhaustible source of a country’s prosperity. The key to creation and innovation lies in human

resources, whose development depends on education.” For China as well as Russia, education and science “have a glorious history,” and China’s leaders follow the conclusion of Deng Xiaoping that “science and technology constitute a primary productive force.”

Lyndon LaRouche reflected that the only way to meet the challenge of development for all the people of Eurasia, “lies in a rapid explosion of scientific and technological progress, which has to be based, at the same time, on a large infrastructural base.” In the West, the net level of technological progress was becoming *negative*; international relations based on current practices were worse than useless. There must be investment in infrastructure, but this must be the foundation for a scientific-technological revolution, to transform the world economy. The future belongs, LaRouche said, to those national leaderships which are capable of grasping that the world needs a global technological revolution to survive. —*Mary Burdman*