Studying and Following Ho Chi Minh’s Ideology, Morality, and Style in the New Situation Period: Necessity, Content, and Recommendations for Solutions

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Abstract: Implement Directive 05-CT/TW, dated May 15, 2016, of the Politburo on “promoting studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality and style”, in the past 5 years, Party Committee Kien Giang province has identified breakthrough contents that make a clear change in studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality and style, step by step making studying and following Uncle Ho deeply imbued with consciousness and action of each cadre and party member. In order to continue to study Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style in the new situation, all levels of Party committees, cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees in the whole Party committee of Kien Giang province need to properly perceive continue to study President Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality and style through specific and effective forms. This study focuses on clarifying the necessity and content of studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style at all levels of Party committees, cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees in the whole Kien Giang province in the near future.

Keywords: Ideology, morality, style, President Ho Chi Minh, Kien Giang province.

INTRODUCTION
Ho Chi Minh has left Vietnam and future generations a huge legacy, a very precious legacy: Ho Chi Minh’s ideology; Ho Chi Minh’s morality; Ho Chi Minh’s style. It is an extremely diverse and rich heritage, that permeated his entire life, career, ideology, morality, and style; shines in his works, in every action, in every gesture, and in his deep and considerate concern for people, for the people, for the country, and for humanity, especially for the people of the oppressed ethnic groups (The Politburo, 2016).

Ho Chi Minh’s ideology is a system of profound comprehensive views on the fundamental issues of the Vietnamese revolution, the result of years of wandering and rolling around in practice, research, study, applying and developing creatively Marxism-Leninism to the specific conditions of Vietnam, inheriting and developing the nation’s acceptable traditional values, and absorbing the cultural quintessence of mankind (Communist Party of Vietnam, 1991). Since then, Ho Chi Minh has made tremendous and unique creations in theory, actualization, enrichment, and enrichment of Marxism-Leninism.
Ho Chi Minh’s ideology has paved the way for our people's struggle to win and is a great spiritual asset to our Party and nation. Approaching Ho Chi Minh’s ideology as an integrated knowledge system with majors in social sciences and humanities, in the spirit of Directive 05 of the Politburo (2016), it is necessary to focus on promoting learning and doing. According to the most essential contents, associated with the basic contents of building a clean and strong Party in the spirit of the Resolution of the XIIth Party Congress (2016) such as: (i) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on goals national independence and socialism, creating a society for people and human values; (ii) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on economic construction and development, constantly improving people's living standards; (iii) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on democracy, building the political system in Vietnam, forming a government that is constructive, incorruptible, good governance and accountable to the people; (iv) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on the social policy system in Vietnam’s conditions; (v) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on Vietnamese human culture; (vi) Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on international solidarity, integration and cooperation.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Ho Chi Minh’s Ideology

Ho Chi Minh’s ideology is a basic system of views, perceptions, and guiding ideas of President Ho Chi Minh about the revolution and the upward path of the Vietnamese revolution in the present day. It is the result of the creative application and development of Marxism-Leninism in Vietnam’s specific conditions, inheriting and developing the nation's fine traditional values, and absorbing the cultural quintessence of Vietnam and humanity (Communist Party of Vietnam 1991 & 1996).

Ho Chi Minh repeatedly affirmed: "Vietnam is one, the Vietnamese people are one, rivers may dry up, mountains may erode, but that truth never changes" (Minh, vol 4, 2011, p. 469). "We all share the same ancestor, family, and brothers, etc. No one can separate a child from a family. No one can divide our country Vietnam" (Minh, vol 4, 2011, p. 470). "It’s better to sacrifice everything than to definitely not lose your country, definitely not to be a slave" (Minh, vol 4, 2011, p. 534); "Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom" (Minh, vol 15, 2011, p. 131); "Even if it means burning down the entire Truong Son mountain range, one must resolutely achieve independence" (Giap, 1994, p. 196). "I have only one desire, the ultimate desire is to make our country completely independent, our people completely free, all compatriots have food, clothing, everyone can study and water, we have a worthy position in the international arena" (Minh, vol 4, 2011, p. 187); "An independent country but the people do not enjoy happiness and freedom, independence has no meaning" (Minh, vol 4, 2011, p. 64). Therefore, independence must be associated with socialism; National liberation must be related to class liberation, social liberation, and human liberation, that is, socialist revolution must be carried out. Whether the rivers of Vietnam will become beautiful or not, whether the Vietnamese nation can be gloriously comparable to the great powers of the five continents, it is essential to promote the great unity of the entire nation, focus uniting all forces, ethnic groups, religions, all patriotic Vietnamese people.

According to Ho Chi Minh, in order to save the country and liberate the nation, there is no other way other than the path of the proletarian revolution: “Now there are many theories and many tenets, but the most genuine and revolutionary ideology is Marxism-Leninism” (Minh, vol 2, 2011, p. 304). Ho Chi Minh affirmed: “Only communism can save humanity, bring everyone without distinction of race and origin freedom, equality, fraternity, solidarity, and well-being on earth, jobs for everyone and for everyone, joy, peace, happiness” (Minh, vol 1, 2011, p. 496). Therefore, revolution is the cause of the people, by the people, and for the people under the correct leadership of a genuinely revolutionary party. If the Party is strong, the nation will be strong, because the Party is the vanguard, the leader of the working class, the working people, and the whole nation.

Ho Chi Minh’s Morality

Ho Chi Minh’s morality is revolutionary morality, the noble qualities of a revolutionary. They are industrious, thrift, integrity, righteous, and impartial. Industrious: Being industrious, hardworking, dedicated, and wholehearted for the common work, for the country, and for the people. Thrift (saving): Being thrifty, not extravagant, wasteful, especially for public property. Integrity: Being integrity, keeping integrity, honor, purity, and innocence. Righteousness: Being upright, upright, assertive, not bowing, bowing, keeping the morale of a gentleman and politician. Impartiality: Being working for the common cause, putting the public interest first, first of all; not for self-interest, for self-interest, not for personal gain.

From the old moral concept of “loyalty to the king, filial to parents” in the traditional morality of Eastern feudal society (Van & Luong 2019), Ho Chi Minh introduced a new and broader content that was “loyal to the country, filial piety.” with the people. He affirmed: “Loyal to the country, filial to the people, whole life striving to sacrifice for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland, for socialism, every task is completed, every difficulty is
overcome, the enemy is overcome. everyone wins” (Minh, vol 11, 2011, p. 350). President Ho Chi Minh resolutely fought against individualism, paying special attention to the education and training of revolutionary morality. People often say: “just like a river, it has a source to have water, without a source, the river dries up. A tree must have a root, without a root the tree will wither. A revolutionary must be virtuous, without morality, no matter how talented you are, you can’t lead the people” (Minh, vol 5, 2011, p. 252). According to him, “Revolutionary morality does not fall from the sky, it develops and strengthens through struggle and daily practice, just as the brighter the pearl, the more gold tempered, the clearer” (Minh, vol. 5, 2011, p. 253).

**Ho Chi Minh’s Style**

Ho Chi Minh’s style is a lifestyle, modest, simple, demanding, close to the people, respecting the people, believing in the people, studying the people, doing everything for the benefit of the people; being a servant of the people, not “being an official of the people”, not being “a revolutionary mandarin”. According to him, each cadre and party member must voluntarily study, strive to cultivate, and practice in order to constantly improve their awareness and qualifications, to become cultured, conscientious, and loyal people to the Party. , filial piety to the People, every task is completed, every difficulty is overcome, and every enemy is defeated. He affirmed: “Our regime is a democracy, which means that the people are masters. Our Party is the leading party, which means that all cadres, from the Central to the district, to the province, to the district, to the commune, at any level, and in any branch must be loyal servants of the people. All cadres must wholeheartedly serve the people” (Minh, vol 10, 1996, p. 323).

To say Ho Chi Minh’s style refers to the valuable characteristics imbued with Ho Chi Minh’s imprint, associated with his transcendent personality, brilliant intellect, pure morality as a great man, and outstanding culturalist. It is a sensational and modern style scientific, revolutionary, noble, and practical.

Ho Chi Minh’s style is expressed in all areas of his life and activities, forming a consistent whole with unmistakable scientific, ethical, and aesthetic values.

The ideology, morality, and style of President Ho Chi Minh are invaluable spiritual assets of the Communist Party of Vietnam, illuminating the revolutionary cause, leading every step up, and winning the Vietnamese revolution. In any circumstances and conditions, the Party and People of Vietnam are always loyal and steadfast in their ideals, goals, and revolutionary path: “National independence is associated with socialism”; Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's ideology serves as the ideological foundation and a guideline for all actions. In the current context, the entire Party, army, and people have been actively studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style, determined to achieve the noble goal of a “Rich people, strong country, democratic, fair and civilized”, as Ho Chi Minh once wished.

**RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

*The Need to Study and Follow Ho Chi Minh’s Ideology, Morality, and Style*

Ideology governs morality, behavior, and style; behavior is the concretized expression of ideology and morality. During his lifetime, Uncle Ho was an example of vividly embodying and always educating cadres and party members on those contents. Therefore, it is extremely necessary to promote studying and following Uncle Ho’s style and style together with studying and following Uncle Ho’s moral example for cadres and party members in the current period (Luongngoc & Vuhong, 2022).

As analyzed above, to say that Ho Chi Minh’s style is to refer to the valuable characteristics, imbued with Ho Chi Minh’s imprint, associated with his transcendent personality, brilliant intellect, and pure morality in his ideologies. how to be a great man, an outstanding cultural person. It is a style that is both national and modern, scientific, revolutionary, noble, and practical.

Ho Chi Minh’s style is expressed in all areas of his life and activities, forming a consistent whole with unmistakable scientific, ethical, and aesthetic values. It is very important for cadres and party members to practice in the style of mass and democracy, set an example, and uphold the exemplary responsibility of cadres and party members, especially key leaders at all levels in the current situation necessary, because:

Ho Chi Minh’s style is an extremely great asset to the Party and of our nation, forever an endless source of light illuminating every Vietnamese soul, directing everyone to the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Vietnamese people;

Studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology morality and style is extremely important to the revolutionary cause in our country today, helping cadres and party members to always cultivate and train to become people with political qualities, a simple and pure lifestyle, always closely associated with the people. He is an example to help cadres, party members and people look into it to do
right and good things, fights against bad habits and vices;

Studying and following his style to constantly strengthen the people's trust in cadres and party members as well as strengthen the relationship between the Party and the people;

Studying and following Ho Chi Minh's style is an immediate and long-term task for the revolutionary cause in our country today (Vu, 2022). The great achievements in the renovation of the country over the past time have always been associated with the role of cadres and party members; which must mention their efforts in practicing working style following Uncle Ho's example. Most of the cadres and party members have done what they say and do, and their superiors set an example for their subordinates.

However, the current reality shows that there is still a part of cadres and party members, including leaders and managers, who still reveal many weaknesses and limitations in their working style with work, talk more, do less, etc. Some cadres and party members who are members of the party committee, and cadres holding leadership and management positions also show signs of a lack of sense of responsibility at work, intentionally contrary to the guidelines and policies of the Party and the law of State, autocratic bureaucracy, autocracy, for personal gain, etc. (Trung & Van, 2020).

In order to overcome the above reasons and create a strong change in the current Party building work, the Resolution of the 4th Central Committee (term XI) (2012) has selected 3 issues that are really urgent and need to be done immediately. Desire to create concrete and clear results to strengthen the trust of cadres, party members, and people. The top issue among the three is: “Preventing and reversing the deterioration in ideology, politics, morality and lifestyle of a large number of cadres and party members, especially cadres and cadre's leaders, managers at all levels, etc.”.

At the same time, in order to overcome limitations and weaknesses in working style, effectively implement speaking and doing, contributing to building the style of cadres and party members to meet the requirements and tasks of the career. In today's industrialization, modernization, and international integration, each cadre and party member needs to raise more awareness, the right perception - the right action, and consistency between speaking and following a moral example and Ho Chi Minh style.

Core Content in Studying and Following Ho Chi Minh’s Ideology, Morality, and Style

Implementing Directive 05-CT/TW, dated May 15, 2016, of the Politburo on “promoting learning and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality and style” effectively, the Party Committee of Kien Giang province identify and focus on implementing breakthrough contents, supplementing to the program and action plan to carry out the local political tasks. Specifically, it is to develop and strictly implement regulations and working regulations, clearly define the responsibilities of each individual, especially the head, focusing on promoting thrift practice, and preventing corruption. Corruption, wastefulness, and bureaucracy; renovating working styles and working styles, promoting the pioneering and exemplary roles of officials and party members, especially the heads of the Party committees and agencies in order to make a clear change in learning and working. According to Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style, etc.

In the implementation of Directive No. 05, the Party Committee has paid special attention to innovation, improving the quality and efficiency of daily life in the Party committees at all levels. In addition to informing and organizing learning conferences, mastering the directives and resolutions issued by the Provincial Party Committee, District Party Committee, and Party Committees at all levels in the province, also organize propaganda activities to implement the Directive. 05 of the Politburo in association with the implementation of Resolution TW4 (term XII) (2018), the Resolution of the Party Congress at all levels in many forms such as visual promotion by banners, panels, slogans, pages of electronic information of the Provincial Party Committee; invite and send local communicators. Through the above-mentioned forms, each cadre, party member, civil servant, and public employee in Kien Giang province has raised a sense of responsibility and self-discipline to study. In addition, the Provincial Party Committee also focused on guiding Party committees at all levels to organize thematic activities.

As a result, in 5 years (2016-2020), Party committees in the whole province have organized many thematic activities on studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style with practical contents associated with the implementation of political tasks of each unit such as “studying and following Uncle Ho’s working style”; “Advancing self-study”, “self-examination and self-correction”, “Strengthening the great national unity bloc, building a clean and strong Party and political system according to Ho Chi Minh’s ideology,
morality and style”. Ho Chi Minh”, “implementing President Ho Chi Minh's views on settling complaints and denunciations”, “building a sense of respect for the people, promoting democracy, taking care of people's lives”, etc.

After studying and researching topics, all levels of Party committees organized for officials and party members to contact themselves and set out directions to strive and follow (Luongngoc & Vuhong, 2022b). Thoroughly grasp and implement the viewpoint of the XIIIth Party Congress “The important driving force and resource for national development are too strongly arousing patriotism, self-reliance, the strength of national unity and aspiration. To develop a prosperous and happy country (Van, 2022). To promote the strength of the entire political system, culture, and people of Vietnam external resources, in which endogenous resources, especially human resources, are the most important” (Communist Party of Vietnam, 2021, vol 1, p. 34).

The introduction of the content of learning and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style in the past 5 years has also been included in the action program by the Provincial Party Committee, associated with the implementation of political tasks and implementation. Emulation movements, campaigns of all levels of the Party Committee, of each agency and unit, thereby creating a sweeping action movement among cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees with the motto “the bravery, knowledgeable, thorough, timely”. On that basis, the Party Committees at all levels from the province to the grassroots, together with the leaders of agencies and units, have been directed to focus on timely solving the key and outstanding issues of the agency, focusing on promoting administrative reform, innovate methods, and working style; improve the bravery, professional qualifications and political theory level for cadres and party members.

In order to make studying and following Ho Chi Minh's ideology, morality, and style a regular and practical job, the Provincial Party Committee of Kien Giang has deployed cadres and party members to register to commit to the contents of “doing follow” Uncle (Ho Chi Minh) attached to the performance of assigned responsibilities and tasks, and at the same time strengthen the inspection and supervision of the registration of “doing follow” content and committed to cultivating and training for each party member. At the end of the year, the Party Committees at all levels organize the evaluation of the registered contents and consider this as one of the annual ranking criteria of the party members.

During his lifetime, President Ho Chi Minh said: “A vital example is worth more than a hundred propaganda speeches”. Realizing that, in the past 5 years, the Party Committee of Kien Giang province has focused on directing the building of typical collectives in studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style; Party members were commended and rewarded for their outstanding achievements in the emulation movement to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the implementation of President Ho Chi Minh’s Will (September 1969 - September 2023) and in the performance of Directive 05 of President Ho Chi Minh. Politburo on studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style in the 2016-2020 period. There are many Party members in the Party Committee who have been praised and awarded certificates of merit for their outstanding achievements in implementing Directive 05 of the Politburo. The practice in the Party Committee shows that the replication of good models, good models, and good practices has brought practical effects, avoiding the “disease of the form”, and “the disease of achievement”.

It can be said that after 5 years of implementing Directive No. 05-CT/TW of the Politburo on “Promoting learning and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style”, there has been an apparent change in the perception, knowledge, and actions of cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees in the entire Party Committee; contribute to improving the leadership capacity of the Party Committee; to build the Party Committee more and more clean and strong; prevent the deterioration of political ideology, morality, lifestyle and internal “self-evolution” and “self-transformation” expressions and effectively carry out local political tasks.

Solution Orientation
In order to continue to implement the practical study of Ho Chi Minh's ideology, morality, and style in the new period, the Party committees and party members in the province need to continue to master the following specific contents:

Currently, our country is entering a new development period, but the cause of socialist-oriented innovation is facing great opportunities and challenges intertwined. Therefore, we need to firmly grasp Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, study and follow Uncle Ho's morality and style to improve the Party's leadership capacity, responsibility, and fighting strength, and build a clean and stable Party. In particular, it is necessary to improve the political bravery and intellectual level of the Party so that “Our Party is moral and civilized” as Uncle Ho
said. Especially in the period of our country’s industrialization, modernization, integration, globalization, etc. the ideology, morality, and style of Ho Chi Minh is really an indispensable fulcrum.

It is necessary to understand and realize that Ho Chi Minh’s moral example is: A lifelong example of striving and sacrificing for the cause of national liberation, class liberation, and human liberation. An example of great will and spiritual energy, overcoming all challenges and difficulties to achieve the goal. An example that absolutely believes in the strength of the People respects the People, and wholeheartedly and wholeheartedly serves the People. The example of a compassionate, altruistic, tolerant, kind-hearted person who is devoted to people. An example of thrift, is integrity, impartiality, pure personal life, a simple lifestyle, and extraordinary humility.

The central task in studying and following Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality, and style in the coming time: Studying is to understand clearly and correctly what Uncle Ho said and did about morality, as well as to follow his example and practice in life. To follow is to imitate Ho Chi Minh, but one must master the basic spirit of Uncle Ho’s teachings on morality to apply them in accordance with the current specific circumstances. The first is to properly understand and properly apply the qualities of Ho Chi Minh’s morality and style.

Loyalty to the country, and filial piety to the people today is Infinite loyalty to the cause of national construction and defense, defense of independence, culture, defense of the Party, regime, and people, and the cause of renewal, protecting the interests of the country. Always respect and promote the People’s right to mastery, and wholeheartedly and wholeheartedly serve the People. Having the will to rise above poverty and backwardness and get rich righteously. To preserve the unity of the whole nation, unity within the Party, agencies, and units. Have a high sense of responsibility with work, and have a clear professional conscience. Each person must properly deal with the individual - family - collective - social relationships; the relationship between rights and obligations.

Studying and following his example, practicing diligence, thrift, integrity, integrity, and impartiality in the current period are: Actively working studying, and working with a creative and productive spirit., quality, high efficiency; know how to appreciate the labor and property of the collective and the people; not lavish, wasteful, unobtrusive, formal, etc. Resolutely against individualism, pragmatic lifestyle. Eliminate the habit of chasing fame and status, gaining benefits for yourself, gathering personal interests, etc. Must be frank, and honest, protect the Party's lines and views, and protect good people; do not pursue achievements, do not hide flaws; do not run the job, run the right, etc. Resolutely fight against laziness, a hedonistic, selfish lifestyle, talking does not go hand in hand with doing, talking a lot, and doing little.

Raising a sense of democracy and discipline, closely sticking with the People, for the People to serve each cadre, party member, civil servant, and public employee must: Put oneself in the organization, in the collective, must respect principles, law, discipline. All for the People, each cadre and party member, regardless of position, must be close to the people, understand the people, study the people, and be responsible to the people. Improve the operational efficiency of the democratic practice regime in Party and State agencies, promote the ownership of cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees, and enhance the role of the head. agencies and units, Uncle Ho affirmed: “A vital example is worth more than a hundred propaganda speeches”. Each agency and unit needs to raise their awareness and responsibility for the good implementation of democratic regulations in their agencies and units.

Especially the contents related to financial management, property, emulation, reward, personnel policies, etc., must be discussed and approved by the collective of cadres, civil servants, and public employees. Agencies and units, through grassroots trade unions at all levels, organize to thoroughly grasp the meaning and content of democracy regulations in order to propagate, raise awareness, and praise typical examples in implementing and promoting democracy. In order to have widespread democracy, the first thing is to thoroughly grasp and strictly implement the principle of democratic centralism, away from the principle of democratic centralism which is the root cause of the recession, etc. The Decree aims to ensure that the People can discuss, discuss and decide on all local and grassroots affairs, from small and specific jobs to big issues such as building guidelines and legal systems. He takes criticism and self-criticism very seriously. The person who teaches cadres, party members, and each of us: Not afraid of defects, not afraid of criticism, but only afraid of not recognizing flaws, and mistakes and not having the determination to correct defects, which will lead to bigger defects, and damage.

President Ho Chi Minh is the embodiment of true patriotism combined with pure internationalism. Following Uncle Ho, we must:
Actively implement the foreign policy of openness, multi-lateralization, and diversification of international relations with the spirit that Vietnam is ready to be a friend and reliable partner with other countries. In the world promoting the spirit of independence and self-reliance, respecting the independence and sovereignty of other countries, and expanding cooperation for mutual benefits. Raise the spirit of self-reliance, self-reliance, resolutely fight against the mentality of inferiority, and narrow-minded nationalism. Actively integrating into the international economy, absorbing the quintessence of humanity.

CONCLUSION
Practically celebrating the 133rd anniversary of his birth (May 19, 1890-19/5/2023), each cadre, party member, civil servant, and public employee; Each agency and unit in the whole province needs to model themselves in order to learn and follow Ho Chi Minh’s ideology, morality and style in a specific, effective way, and apply to each individual and each agency, organization. Since then, created strong changes at all levels, branches, and localities, forming a movement to cultivate, practice and follow Ho Chi Minh’s morality example and style widely throughout society, especially among cadres, party members, civil servants, public employees, union members, youth, and students in the province. Raise the revolutionary morality, industrious, thrift, integrity, righteousness, justice, and impartiality; pushing back the deterioration of political ideology, morality, lifestyle, and social evils, contributing to the successful implementation of the Resolution of the Party Congresses at all levels and the XIII National Congress (2021) of the Party.

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