

# **The Study of Xi Jinping Malaysia Overseas Chinese Affairs Policy**

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Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China adopted the ideology of "Chinese Dream" as the highest guiding principle in his reign. He also developed the "One Belt One Road" economic strategy as one of his global initiatives. Xi's aggressive style of ruling means that he has abandoned Deng Xiaoping's strategy in keeping China in a low profile. His government is getting more active and vocal in the fields of foreign and Overseas Chinese affairs.

In this paper, systematic theories are applied to study Xi's Overseas Chinese policies. With a background research of the history of Overseas Chinese affairs, this paper includes studies on Xi's "Chinese Dream", on the assignments of personnel in the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, and on Xi's strategies of foreign trade and diplomacy. This paper also explores China's soft power and its influences upon Malaysian political parties and the Chinese community throughout the implementation of Overseas Chinese policies.

This study shows that Xi's Overseas Chinese policies towards Malaysia are full of challenges. First, China's active participation in the Overseas Chinese affairs imposes high risks on the fragile relationships among ethnic groups in Malaysia. It might also affect the diplomatic relations between Malaysia and China. Second, China might have to face pressure from the Malaysian government and the Malays when they are working on Overseas Chinese policies towards Malaysia. Third, the Malaysian Chinese community generally upholds "One China policy", and the business and political leaders of the community have stood up to support the ideology of "Chinese Dream".

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