

Xi says China needs to follow development path t



BRUGES, Belgium, April 1 (Xinhua) -- Chinese President Xi Jinping said here Tuesday that the un and circumstances determines that China needs to follow a development path that suits its own re

He made the remarks when addressing the students of the **College of Europe** during his state visit

"In fact, we have found such a path and achieved success along this path," said the president.

In 1911, the revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen overthrew the autocratic monarchy that had ruled C old system was gone, where China would go became the question, said Xi in his speech.

The Chinese people then started exploring long and hard for a path that would suit China's nationa constitutional monarchy, imperial restoration, parliamentarism, multi-party system and presidential added.

"Finally, China took on the path of socialism. Admittedly, in the process of building socialism, we h mistakes," he said, adding that "we have even suffered serious setbacks."

"After the 'reform and opening-up' was launched under the leadership of Mr. Deng Xiaoping, we ha conditions and the trend of the times, explored and blazed a trail of development and established s added.

"Our aim is to build a socialist market economy, democracy, an advanced culture, a harmonious s equity and justice, promote all-round development of the people, pursue peaceful development, cc society in all respects and eventually achieve modernization and prosperity for all," the Chinese pr

Belgium is the last leg of Xi's four-nation Europe trip, which has already taken him to the Netherlan third Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague.

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