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Be Faithful to 40 Years' Mission and Continue Marching Forward in the New Era

On September 28, 1981, under the concerted efforts of related people's organizations and political parties, as well as celebrities, scholars and social activists keen on international exchanges from the circles of academies, culture, art and religion, Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) was founded. Since its establishment, adhering to the principle of "letting the world understand China, and letting China understand the world", and making the most of its advantages of being a far-reaching non-governmental international organization, CAFIU has been actively using all channels to develop in-depth foreign exchange in different areas, thus laying the foundation for the foreign exchange of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and offering platform for the mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between people of China and the rest of the world.

Over the past 40 years, CAFIU stayed faithful to its original aspiration and strove to accomplish its mission. With the means of "going global" and "in", CAFIU conducted all forms of communication with political parties, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, media of dozens of countries and a large amount of international organizations. In cooperation with our foreign counterparts and partners, CAFIU extended our warmth to people in under-developed regions by building schools, donating goods and constructing hospitals in their countries, thus playing an important role in enhancing the exchange between CPC and parties of other countries as well as in contributing to the development of relations between China and major countries, neighboring countries as well as developing countries. In the 21st century, CAFIU contributed to the mainstream voice of strengthening cooperation on the international arena by probing into the problems and challenges

of global governance, staging and participating in bilateral and multilateral events as well as taking part in setting the agenda and making the rule in terms of sustainable development. Since the 18th National Congress of CPC, CAFIU has been striving to build a community of shared future for mankind by publicizing the important views of Chinese President Xi Jinping on strengthening exchange and mutual learning among different cultures, building high-level platforms for dialogues among different civilizations and exploring channels of harmonious coexistence among different civilizations. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, CAFIU has been extending its great love transcending boundaries by taking part in the Silk Road Community Building Initiative and helping our foreign partners in curbing the pandemic, thus contributing to the building of a community of common health for mankind.

With its unswerving efforts and marching during the past 40 years, CAFIU is gradually growing into an accomplished social organization with major influence both at home and abroad. Standing on the new starting point and looking forward to the future, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with comrade Xi Jinping as the core, CAFIU will adhere to the guidance of the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for the New Era, and strive to strengthen the consensus on the common values of humanity among the international community by developing dialogue and cooperation and building bridges of mutual learning among different civilizations. CAFIU will also keep striving for the building of a community of shared future for mankind by enriching the forms and content of Belt and Road people-to-people exchanges and making new contribution to world peace and development in the new era.

40 YEARS OF CADENZA – A REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Congratulatory Message by President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China to the 35th Annual Meeting of the InterAction Council

On the occasion of the opening of the 35th Annual Meeting of the InterAction Council, I wish to extend, on behalf of the government and people of China and in my own name, hearty congratulations on the convening of this meeting and warm greetings to all the members of the Council attending the meeting.

Our world is facing with major changes unseen in a century. The reform of the global governance system and the international order is accelerating. Strengthening global governance and improving the global governance system are not only the general trend, but also the common task faced by all countries. The InterAction Council has made continuous exploration to handle various global challenges and played a positive role in maintaining world peace and promoting common development. This annual meeting focuses on global governance, which is of great significance. I believe it will help all parties deepen consensus and promote the improvement of the global governance system.

China has always adhered to the global governance concept of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, firmly supported multilateralism, and actively promoted the development of a new type of international relations and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. China is ready to work with all countries and the international community to enhance our exploration and practice for a better global governance system as well as a brighter future of mankind.

I wish the annual meeting a complete success!

Xi Jinping
President of the People's Republic of China
September 28, 2018 Beijing

In September 2018, Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to the 35th Plenary Meeting of InterAction Council. The meeting was held in Beijing by InterAction Council in cooperation with CAFIU.

Making Friends across the World

Friendship Based on Kindness and Virtue

President Xi Jinping once pointed out that nothing is more important than a true friend. As old sayings in China go, “Only heart-to-heart exchanges can last long”, “It is virtue that convinces people and wins esteem from the world”. Based on the traditional virtues of the Chinese people, the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) has established friendly ties with heads of political parties, leaders of NGOs, experts and scholars, young leaders, and media personalities from many countries, and enlarged its circle of friends.



In September 1983, at the invitation of Japan-China Association, Li Yimeng, President of CAFIU, visited Japan and met with then Prime Minister Nakasone Yasuhiro.



◀ *In April 1990, Li Yimeng, President of CAFIU, met with Mr. Kaminski, President of Austria-China Association for International Exchange, and his wife.*



In May 1991, Lei Jieqiong, Vice-Chairwoman of NPC Standing Committee and Acting President of CAFIU, met with a delegation headed by Mr. Guterres, then President of Parliamentary Caucus of the Socialist International of Portugal.



In May 1992, Lei Jieqiong, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and Acting President of CAFIU, met with an Indian delegation.



◀ In March 1995, Wu Xueqian, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and Chairman of CAFIU, met with Yavlinsky, a famous Russian economist and leader of the Yabloko bloc in the State Duma.

▶ In April 1997, Wu Xueqian, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and President of CAFIU, met with foreign representatives participating in the 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference on Peace, Disarmament and Symbiosis.



◀ In November 2004, Li Guixian, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and President of CAFIU, led a delegation to visit Japan and attended the 2nd Sino-Japanese Symposium on Asian Situation and Peace in the New Century.

In December 2006, Li Guixian, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee and President of CAFIU, visited Cambodia and met with Chea Sim, President of the Senate of Cambodia.



In June 2010, Zhou Tienong, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited Myanmar and met with then Prime Minister Thein Sein.

In April 2012, Zhou Tienong, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited Turkey and attended the opening ceremony of the Eurasian Economic Summit.





In December 2014, Uluhalala, Crown Prince of Tonga, and his delegation visited China at the invitation of CAFIU. They were welcomed by Yan Junqi, Vice-Chairwoman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU.



In May 2015, Yan Junqi, Vice-Chairwoman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited the Czech Republic and met with Filip, Deputy President of the Chamber of Deputies and Leader of the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia.



In June 2019, Ji Bingxuan, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited Indonesia and met with Zulkifli, Chairman of the People's Consultative Conference.



In December 2019, Ji Bingxuan, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited the Republic of Congo and met with President Sassou.

Paving the Path

Facilitating Party-to-party Exchanges

President Xi Jinping said that the international work is one of the important frontlines of CPC, an important part of China's overall diplomatic endeavor and an important representation of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. Since its establishment, CAFIU has actively paved the way for CPC's international exchanges, expanding the contents and fields of international communication and cooperation with the development and changes of the international situation and the needs of China's overall diplomacy, to make contribution to the innovation of CPC's international work.



◀ *In February 1982, Minister Ji Pengfei met with Inoue Kiyoshi, Japanese historian and professor emeritus of the Kyoto University, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.*



In July 1983, Minister Qiao Shi met with a delegation of the Italian Communist Party who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.



◀ In October 1984, Minister Qian Liren met with Şivgin, the Vice-President of the Motherland Party of Turkey, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.

▶ In May 1986, Minister Zhu Liang met with Almeyda, Secretary-General of the Socialist Party of Chile, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.

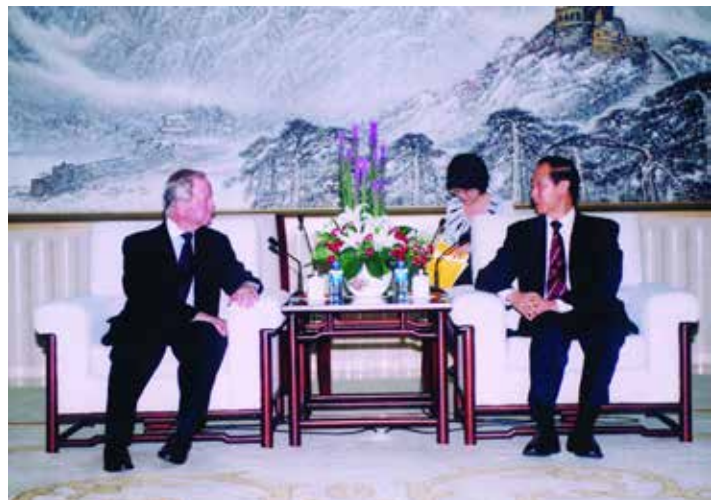


◀ In May 1995, Minister Li Shuzheng met with the Leader of the Colorado Party bloc in the Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.



◀ In October 1997, Minister Dai Bingguo met with Tomio Fujii, Leader of the Komeito of Japan, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.

In June 2010, Minister Wang Jiarui met with McFarlane, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs of the United States, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU. ▶



◀ In September 2018, Minister Song Tao met with Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria and Co-Chair of the InterAction Council, who visited China at the invitation of CAFIU.

Connecting the Hearts

Deepening Dialogues and Cooperation

As President Xi Jinping pointed out, “Friendship between the peoples holds the key to state-to-state relations, and heart-to-heart communication contributes to deeper friendship.” To ensure sound and steady implementation of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), it’s necessary to bring the hearts of peoples closer and consolidate the foundation of improving people-to-people exchanges. CAFIU is dedicated to deepening friendship between the peoples and sponsored a series of events such as “Understanding & Cooperation” Dialogue, China-US-Europe Young Leaders Program, and people-to-people exchange webinars with the US, Germany and Japan. CAFIU is also active in the Silk Road Community Building Initiative and the international cooperation in fighting against Covid-19, making substantive contribution to people-to-people exchanges and cooperation.



◀ In August 1995, young Yugoslav scholars visited CAFIU.

In October 1999, a CAFIU ▶
delegation attended the China
Reform and Opening-up Seminar
and delivered a keynote speech
during its visit to Bangladesh.

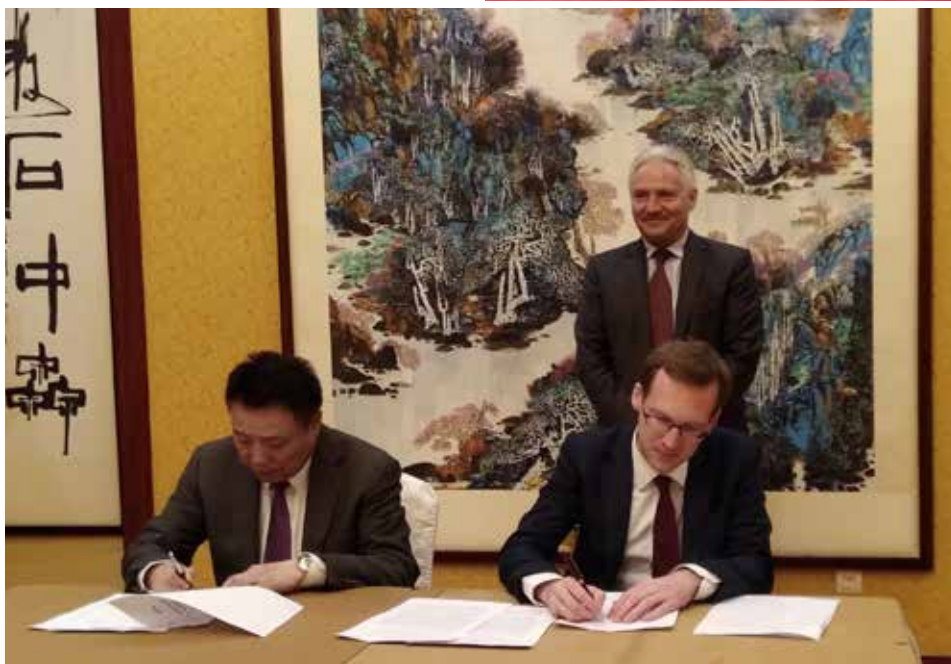




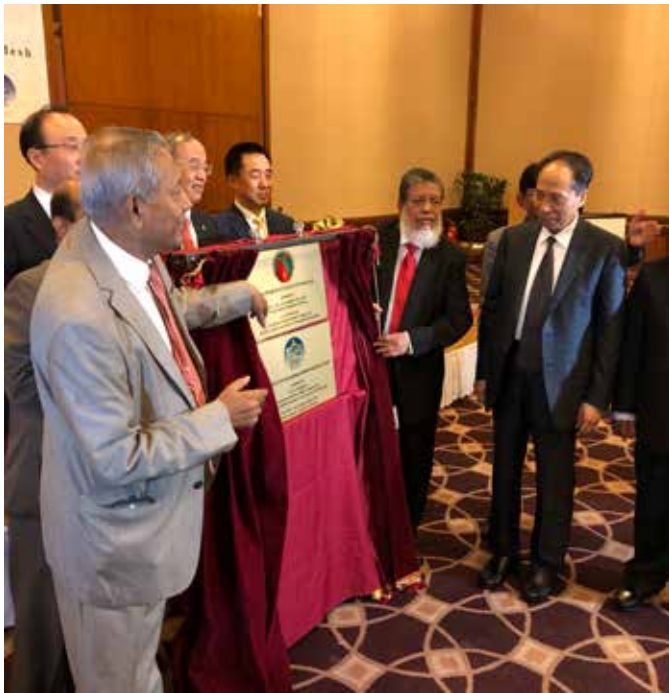
- ▲ Since 2012, CAFIU has hosted the "Understanding and Cooperation" Dialogue series.



In 2016, CAFIU and the Japan-China Association jointly organized the Sino-Japan Friendship Essay Contest. In February 2017, 5 winners of the contest visited Beijing and Quanzhou.



CAFIU signed MOU with the Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association (2013), Junior Chamber International Japan (2015), the Tanzania-China Friendship Association (2017), the Civil Association "Polish House" (2017), and Friedrich-Elbert Foundation of Germany (2018, 2021).



In June and December 2019, Ji Bingxuan, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, participated in the opening ceremonies of series of Silk Road Community Building Initiative in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Tanzania Station, and Congo (Brazzaville).



In June 2020, CAFIU organized two China-US public opinion communication webinars in cooperation with Schwarzman College of Tsinghua University and Institute for Global Cooperation and Understanding of Peking University.

The Power of Youth

Enhancing Youth Exchanges between China and Foreign Countries

President Xi Jinping said that the key to the friendship between the peoples lies in youth. Young people are ambassadors of cultural exchanges between countries. CAFIU is committed to promoting mutual understanding, exchanges and mutual learning among young people, to develop long-term friendly relations and sow the seeds of friendship in the hearts of countries.



▲ *At the invitation of CAFIU, the delegation of the China-US-Europe Young Leaders Program visited China multiple times.*



- ▲ *At the invitation of CAFIU, the delegation of young Korean politicians visited China multiple times. Representatives of CAFIU attended the Northeast Asian Youth Forum held in South Korea.*



- ▲ At the invitation of CAFIU, the delegation of Japanese young leaders visited China multiple times.



In 2015, CAFIU and the Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association jointly organized 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road Speech Contest. In April 2016, the student winners visited Beijing.



- ▲ In May 2020, CAFIU launched the joint initiative Young People's Initiative to Fight the COVID-19 Pandemic with 166 young people from 55 countries.



In June 2021, CAFIU held a series of symposiums entitled “From Impression to Experience: China in the Eyes of Young People of the World”.

Making a Strong Call of the New Era

Multilateralism, Main Theme of the Times

President Xi Jinping said that to tackle the intricate and complex problems facing the world, we need to uphold multilateralism and build a community with a shared future for mankind. CAFIU has actively participated in multilateral activities, such as the sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council, NGO Conference, C20 and Global Summit of Women, sending a strong message for improving international cooperation in a multilateral way.



◀ In January 2007, CAFIU sent representatives to join the Chinese NGO delegation and to attend the 7th World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya.

In August 2018, representatives of CAFIU attended the G20 Civil Society 20 (C20) Summit in Argentina. ▶





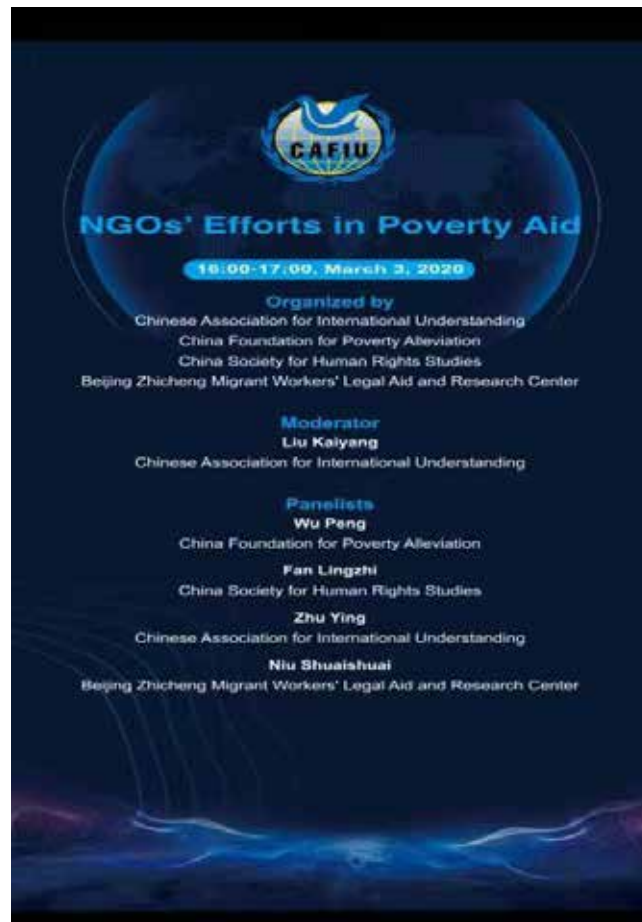
- ◀ *In August 2002, CAFIU delegation attended the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.*



- ◀ *In August 2014, representatives of CAFIU attended the 65th UN DPI NGO Conference in New York, USA.*



- ◀ *In June 2018, representatives of CAFIU attended the Consultations of the Committee with NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC, UN in New York, USA.*



In March 2020, representatives of CAFIU attended the UN Human Rights Council meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.



In March 2021, CAFIU, China Human Rights Development Foundation, and Friedrich-Elbert Foundation of Germany jointly organized the side event entitled “Mutual Learning between Civilizations and Promotion of Human Rights Protection” webinar at the 46th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Serving the People

Improving People's Well-being Through Cooperation

President Xi Jinping emphasized that serving the people wholeheartedly is the very purpose of China's diplomacy. Only when we have stayed committed to the people-centered principle in our work and taken people's well-being as the priority, can we win their trust and support. CAFIU has joined hands with its international partners to focus on projects concerning people's well-being, and we have jointly promoted common economic and social development.



◀ In January 1989, the Huapen Middle School, funded by the French Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development (CCFD), a partner of CAFIU, was built in Yanqing, Beijing.

▶ In March 2005, the Hope Primary School donated by Li Chongren and his wife, members of Rotary International of Australia - a partner of CAFIU - was built in Binxian County, Shaanxi Province.

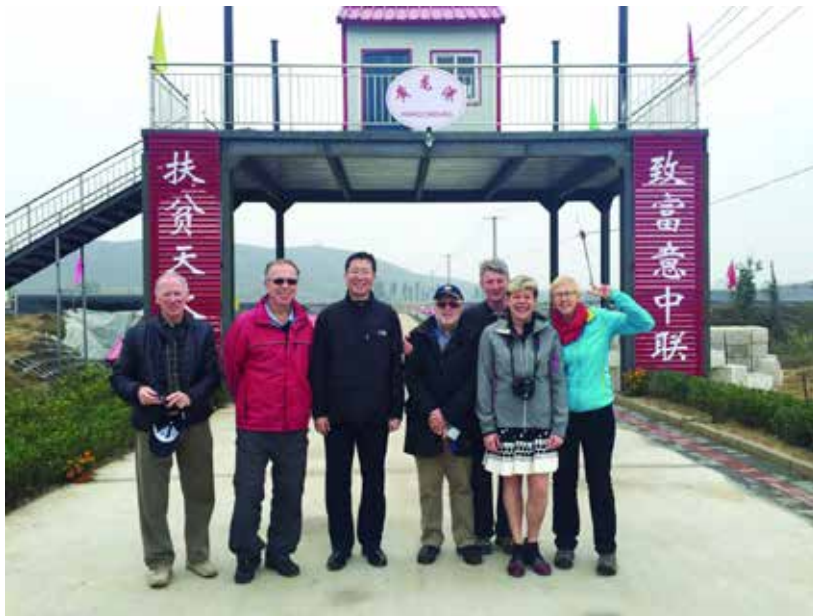




In September 2003, the United States International Aid Organization and Rotary International, partners of CAFIU, donated medical equipment to Yili Friendship Hospital in Xinjiang.



In September 2006, the computer teaching center donated by Bellpo Organization of Japan - a partner of CAFIU - to Tumushuke Senior High School in Xinjiang was unveiled.



In October 2016, CAFIU examined the poverty alleviation projects in Xingtang, Hebei, together with Rotary Internationals of Australia and New Zealand.



In November 2016, CAFIU delegation examined the poverty alleviation work in Xingtang, Hebei, with the Sino-Japan Exchange Association of Nagano, Japan.



- ◀ In January 2014, CAFIU was awarded the title of “Advanced Group of Fixed-Point Poverty Alleviation” by the Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation and Development of the State Council of PRC.



- ▲ In 2020, CAFIU participated in the Joint Action for Defeating the COVID-19 Silk Road Community Building Initiative and donated epidemic prevention materials to organizations such as the JCI Japan.

Pursuing Diversity of Civilizations

To Explore a Way of Harmonious Coexistence for Different Civilizations

President Xi Jinping elaborated on the idea that we should respect the diversity of civilizations in handling relations among civilizations, to replace mistrust, clashes and a sense of superiority with exchanges, mutual learning and coexistence. To implement the essence of President Xi's important remarks, CAFIU has been working hard to build a high-end platform for dialogues among civilizations, carry out a series of cultural exchange events, explore the way of harmonious coexistence of different civilizations, and promote the common values of all mankind.



- ◀ CAFIU held the Taimiao Performance of the Okinawa Cultural Exchange Visiting Group of Japan (1994), the public performance of the Japan-China Friendship Choir Dawn in China (2000), and the Exhibition of Japanese Ukiyoe Art Treasures (2007).





- ▲ *CAFIU and Japanese organizations co-hosted the Kagura of Hiroshima Public Performance in China (2012), and CAFIU hosted the “Though Miles Apart, We Share the Moonlight and the Blue Skye” Sino-Japanese Mid-Autumn Festival Dialogue Event (2020).*



- ▲ In November 2019, CAFIU held the first Civilization Exchange Dialogue with the theme of “For a Beautiful World-the Pursuit of Different Civilizations for Harmonious Coexistence and Mutual Learning ” at the Palace Museum in Beijing.



- ▲ *In December 2020, CAFIU and China Artists Association held a symposium on the exchange between Chinese and foreign civilizations with the theme of “Diversified Cultures, Common Pursuits” in Beijing.*

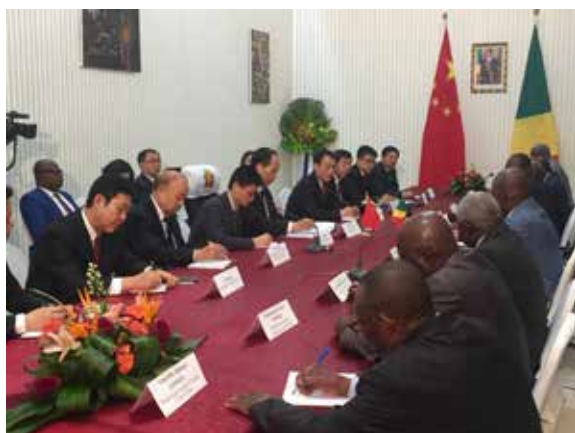
Embarking on a Great Path

Global Impacts of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era

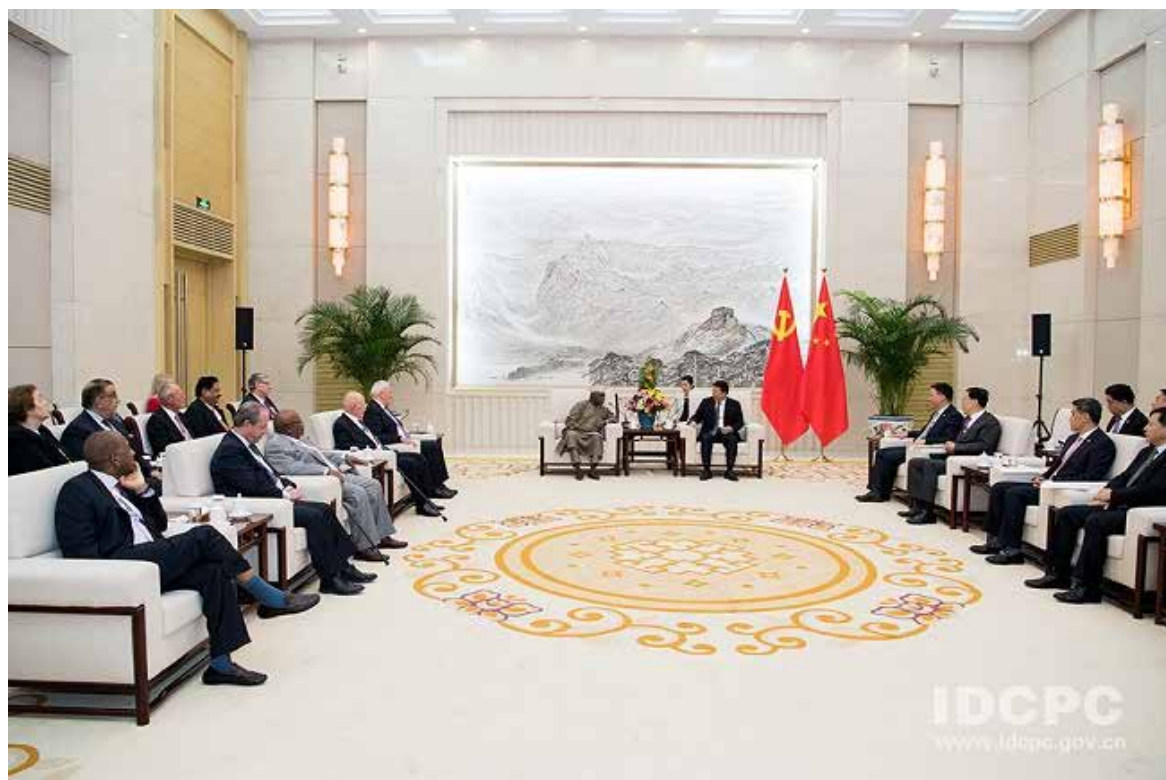
As delivered at the 19th National Congress of the CPC, “Chinese socialism’s entrance into a new era is of tremendous importance in the history of the development of the People’s Republic of China and of the Chinese nation. It is also of tremendous importance in the history of the development of socialism in the world and of human society.” Advanced ideas are always echoing with extraordinary undertakings. Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is China’s Marxism in the 21st century, providing China’s wisdom and solutions to coping with common challenges and issues faced by the entire world. In its multilateral and bilateral exchanges, CAFIU widely spread the essence of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era to the international community in many forms, winning recognition from foreign friends.



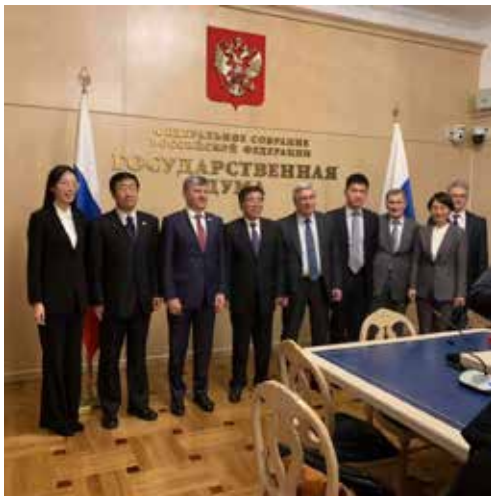
In December 2017, Yan Junqi, Vice-Chairwoman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, delivered a speech entitled China and the World after the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.



In June and December 2019, Ji Bingxuan, Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee and President of CAFIU, visited six countries in Asia and Africa and exchanged extensively with foreign political leaders, think tanks and non-governmental organizations. The foreign side spoke highly of the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, the concept of building a community of shared future for mankind, and the Belt and Road Initiative.



In September 2018, Minister Song Tao met with foreign representatives who attended the 35th annual meeting of the InterAction Council at the invitation of CAFIU and introduced CCP General Secretary Xi Jinping's important expositions on practicing multilateralism and improving global governance.



- ▲ In September and October 2019, CAFIU delegation visited Japan, Russia, and India, holding discussions with foreign parties, and widely promoted Xi Jinping's Thoughts on Diplomacy.



In August 2019, at the invitation of CAFIU, people from the religious community in South Africa came to China to visit our religious facilities and learn about our ethnic and religious policies.

Shining Stars of Friendship

Letters and Presents as Souvenirs

President Xi Jinping emphasized that to promote friendship between countries, we need to enhance good-neighborly interactions, mutual support and assistance, and frequent reciprocal visits. We should also respect each other with equality, cultural affinity, and empathy. During its four decades of interactions with international friends, CAFIU exchanged letters and gifts to convey greetings and expand cooperation. They are the memories of friendship and cooperation, modest but long-lasting along the road of mutual understanding and collaboration.









CONGRATULATORY LETTERS FROM CAFIU'S FRIENDS

Congratulatory Letter from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding

Respected Mr. Ji Bingxuan, President of Chinese Association for International Understanding,

On September 28, 2021, Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) celebrated its 40th anniversary. The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) is privileged to establish and maintain a long-term friendship with CAFIU during its 40 years of glorious history. On behalf of FES and in my own name, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to you and your colleagues on this important day.

The anniversary is also the occasion to look back. It is an opportunity not only to review and appraise what has been achieved with pleasure and pride, but

also to look ahead and think about how to meet the challenges as always.

FES will continue to deepen friendly cooperation between the two organizations. Mutual trust is not only the foundation of our cooperation, but also our great advantage. We look forward to celebrating more anniversaries with you together in the future.

Best regards!

Sincerely,

Chairman of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Martin Schulz

September 29, 2021 in Berlin

Congratulatory Letter from the Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding



বাংলাদেশ-চীন গণমৈত্রী সমিতি
孟中人民友好协会
Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association

Date: 27th September 2021

H.E. Mr. Ji Bingxuan
President of the Chinese Association for International Understanding.

Excellency,

On the occasion of the 40th Founding Anniversary of the Chinese Association For International Understanding (CAFIU) on behalf of Bangladesh - China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA) I would like to convey to your Excellency and through You to the esteemed members of CAFIU my warmest congratulations and best wishes.

I am very proud that our friendly relationship and good cooperation between CAFIU and BCPFA will be further strengthened and enhanced in the years to come for the benefits of our peoples and that of regional and global peace, stability and development cooperation.

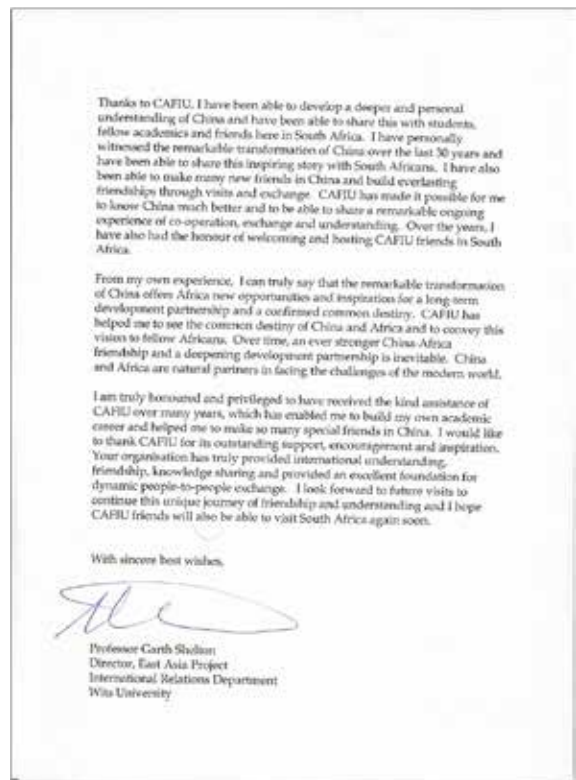
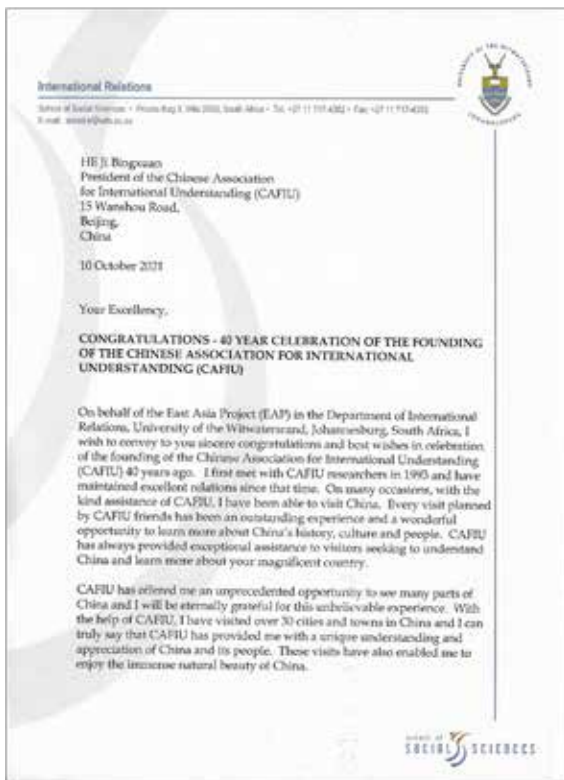
On this occasion, I wish Excellency good health, personal well-being and every success in your noble tasks.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

With regards,

Md. Shahriar Zaman Shuman
Secretary General
Bangladesh China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA)

Congratulatory Letter from Professor Garth Shelton of Wits University, South Africa to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding



Congratulatory Letter from JCI Japan to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding

H.E. Ji Bingxuan, President of the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU),

I'd like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for your support extended to the cooperation with Junior Chamber International (JCI) Japan.

2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of CAFIU. Here, on behalf of JCI Japan, I'd like to give the warmest congratulations and cordial tribute to the Association and the splendid achievements it made thanks to the efforts of all CAFIU staff. In 2015, CAFIU and JCI Japan signed

the memorandum of understanding (MOU) on China-Japan friendly exchanges, which deepened our mutual understanding and promoted people-to-people exchanges between our two peoples, playing a positive role in improving our bilateral relations.

JCI Japan will further enhance its friendly relations with CAFIU in the future.

Best wishes to CAFIU for a brighter and more promising future in the coming years!

Akira Nonami, President of JCI Japan

October 13, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Japan-China Society to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding

Your Excellency Ji Bingxuan, President of the Chinese Association for International Understanding

On behalf of the Japan-China Society (JCS), I wish to extend warm congratulations to the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) on its 40th anniversary.

Since its establishment on September 28, 1981, with the purpose of "letting the world understand China and letting China understand the world", CAFIU has cooperated with non-governmental organizations, political parties, research institutions as well as international organizations in various countries, and made efforts to promote people-to-people diplomacy in terms of world peace, common development and so on. At the same time, it has made contribution to promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and China through various people-to-people exchanges over the years.

Over the past year or so, we have been unable to carry out activities as we intended due to the impact

of COVID-19 epidemic; however, the spiritual bond between us has not been damaged by the pandemic. I believe that the more difficulty we encounter, the stronger our bond will be.

As the next year marks the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China, JCS hopes to work together with CAFIU and regard the year 2022 as a new start to make efforts in order to promote Japan-China relations to a higher level.

Best wishes to CAFIU for more success! Best wishes to you and all the staff!

Sincerely,

President of Japan-China Society

Member of House of Representatives

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September 28, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association to President Ji Bingxuan of the Chinese Association for International Understanding



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Mr. Ji Bingxuan

President

Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU).

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association (SLCFA) and also on my own behalf, I am honoured to extend warmest greetings and congratulations at the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU).

Representing the political inspiration of the International Department of the Communist Party of China, the CAFIU stands highly respected in the international community as the most prominent national non-governmental organization who has acquired special consultative status with the ECOSOC, UN. On the 01st April 2013, the CAFIU entered in to a Memorandum of Understanding with the SLCFA and since then our two Associations had successfully conducted many bilateral programs both in Sri Lanka and China, exchanged many delegations and worked very closely with each other during past eight years, and the most outstanding activity was conducting an island wide speech contest among 575 Sri Lankan students with the grand finale being held with the participation of Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, the Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka and Hon. Zhang Wenbao, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress of China.

I warmly wish that the close cooperation and mutual understanding between the SLCFA and the CAFIU would continue to be strengthened in future.

Thank you.

With Warm Regards,

Ananda Goonatilleke,
Attorney-at-Law
President of the SLCFA

Congratulatory Letter from the Center for the Promotion and Development of Belt and Road Initiative, Bosnia and Herzegovina



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To: Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU)

CONGRATULATIONS LETTER

Dear friends,

I was glad to receive the news that your institution, our long-term partner, is celebrating its 40th anniversary since the founding of the Association.

In the past few years, our two institutions as part of the non-governmental sector, have jointly done several projects aimed at getting to know each other and especially on the promotion and construction of President Xi Jinping's big Initiative, "One Belt and One Road".

Dear friends, with sincere congratulations on this important jubilee, I wish you to realize many more precious projects in the future. Our hearts and hands will be there with you.

Faruk Borić,

Executive Director of the Center



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Congratulatory Letter from the Moral Re-Armament/Initiatives of Change-Korea

Chinese Association for International Understanding,
First of all, on behalf of Moral Re-Armament/
Initiatives of Change (MRA/IC)-Korea, I would
like to extend the heartiest congratulations to your
association on the 40th anniversary and wish all the
staff good health.

Since the establishment in 1981 with the purpose of
"letting the world understand China and letting China
understand the world", your association has designed
many helpful programs from the perspective of
people-to-people diplomacy in order to enable people
of all nations to understand and cooperate with each
other, thus promoting world peace and development.

I am very pleased that MRA/IC-Korea and your
association have made joint efforts to enhance the
friendship between the two countries as well as
the peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia through
mutual exchanges and cooperation over the years.
I hope that we will work together to promote peace
and prosperity of the international community

through stronger mutual trust and cooperation in the
future.

Next year 2022 is of profound importance, which
marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment
of the diplomatic relations between South Korea
and China. In order to further consolidate bilateral
relations, MRA/IC-Korea plans to commemorate
the 30th anniversary and restart the exchanges
and cooperation between the young people of the
two countries, which has been interrupted by the
COVID-19 pandemic, and we hope that you will
give more help and support to this.

Once again, I would like to congratulate you on
the 40th anniversary and on China's even greater
development.

Sincerely,

President of MRA/IC-Korea

Cha Gwangsun

September 24, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Croatia-China Friendship Society



克罗地亚中国友好协会祝贺 中国国际交流协会成立 40 周年

Croatia-China Friendship Society congratulates Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU, 中国国际交流协会) in occasion of the 40th anniversary of its founding in 1981. At the time of the founding of CAFIU, People's Republic of China was starting to open itself to the outside world, with policy of *Reform and Opening* (改革开放), initiated by then-leader Deng Xiaoping (邓小平). Because of that reason, there was a need to establish an organization that would help China to understand the world, and world to understand China. Since its establishment, CAFIU has been actively promoting friendly relations between China and other countries. CAFIU also helps other countries and peoples to better understand today's Chinese official foreign policy of *Belt and Road Initiative* (一带一路倡议).

Croatia-China Friendship Society looks forward to closest cooperation with CAFIU in the future.

Congratulatory Letter from the Ehime Japan-China Association for Agricultural, Forestry and Aquacultural Exchanges

Chinese Association for International Understanding,

On behalf of the Ehime Japan-China Association for Agricultural, Forestry and Aquacultural Exchanges, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to you for the 40th anniversary on September 28, 2021, and pay tribute to your efforts in international exchanges.

Japan and China are neighbors enjoying traditional friendship and facing each other across the sea. With the everlasting friendship, the two countries have cooperated with each other closely in various fields, bringing benefits to both peoples and making positive contributions to the regional stability and development. Every time I led members of our association to visit China at your invitation, I was deeply impressed by the remarkable development of China. On behalf of our members, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you.

In the past year, when the people of our two countries joined hands to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, China has promoted the building of Belt and Road Initiative with joint efforts, injecting more vitality into the traditional friendship between the two countries. In the future, we will work with you and bring the friendly exchanges and development of the two countries to a new stage.

Finally, I wish your association a prosperous future!
Wish all the staff in good health!

Sincerely,

President of the Ehime Japan-China Association for
Agricultural, Forestry and Aquacultural Exchanges

Tadashi Yoshimoto

September, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Japan NPO BELLPO-KAI Social Training Association

Chinese Association for International Understanding,
On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of your establishment and the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, I would like to extend warm congratulations to you on behalf of the Japan NPO BELLPO-KAI Social Training Association.

The exchanges between us have lasted for more than 20 years. In 2003, the delegation of the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) visited Fukuoka to attend the ceremony celebrating the 30th anniversary of the BELLPO-KAI Social Training Association. Taking this as an opportunity, both of us have carried out many meaningful activities in various fields. It is worth mentioning that we have visited Tumxuk in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and poor areas in Shaanxi Province three times to assist with the construction of school buildings, which was rare experiences for us. Therefore, I would like to express the sincere gratitude again for your thoughtful arrangements for our then President Kaku Kennshi who decided to visit Tumxuk in spite of his old age. Now, I have been regularly receiving your publication

International Understanding, from which I learned about the diplomatic philosophy of China and knew that CAFIU was conducting cooperation and exchanges with other countries for the purpose of world peace and development.

The year 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the BELLPO-KAI Social Training Association. Under the guidance of the President Kaku Kennshi's vision for establishing the organization, we will further promote people-to-people exchanges.

With the successful conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, the baton of peace in fields such as culture and sports is being passed on in East Asia for the upcoming Beijing Winter Olympics. I sincerely wish the Beijing Winter Olympics a success while overcoming difficulties such as the COVID-19 epidemic.

Sincerely,

President of the Japanese NPO of social education
Bellpo Organization

Yukari Tsuru

September 27, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Japanese NPO the World

Chinese Association for International Understanding,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) for the upcoming 40th anniversary of its establishment. We spoke highly of the achievements CAFIU has made in deepening exchanges with friendly organizations around the world over the years. I hope that CAFIU will further deepen and expand the exchanges with the world.

Since our embellishment in 2003, we have carried out exchanges with CAFIU every year. However, the offline communication was interrupted by the impact of COVID-19 pandemic last year. I hope we can overcome COVID-19 next year, and at that time I will be determined to have meaningful exchanges with CAFIU again.

As this July marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, we have extended our sincere congratulations for this. At the celebration ceremony, President Xi Jinping said as quoted in Chinese media, “On the journey ahead, we will remain committed to promoting peace, development, cooperation, and mutual benefit, to an independent foreign policy of peace, and to the path

of peaceful development. We will work to build a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future, promote high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative through joint efforts, and use China's new achievements in development to provide the world with new opportunities. The Party will continue to work with all peace-loving countries and peoples to promote the shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, and freedom. We will continue to champion cooperation over confrontation, to open up rather than closing our doors, and to focus on mutual benefits instead of zero-sum games. We will oppose hegemony and power politics, and strive to keep the wheels of history rolling toward bright horizons.” Guided by this noble vision, the international activities of friendly exchanges carried out by CAFIU will become the great hope for friendly organizations around the world.

Sincerely,

Chief Director of the Japan NPO the World

Sen Nakata

September 25, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Kazankai Foundation

Chinese Association for International Understanding,

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU), the Kazankai Foundation would like to extend sincere congratulations for this.

The history of exchanges between us began in September 1983, when a delegation of CAFIU visited us. In October of the following year, our delegation paid a return visit to CAFIU. Since then, we have continued to carry out extensive exchanges. In particular, since the signing of the MOU in 2002, we have shared ideas freely in the discussion of topics of our common interest by holding seminars. It is fair to say that these achievements have contributed a lot to enhancing mutual understanding between

China and Japan.

Currently, we are unable to conduct international exchanges smoothly due to the impact of COVID-19. However, I will work with CAFIU in the future and make efforts to promote mutual understanding between China and Japan.

Finally, I wish you good health and everything goes well with your work!

We hope that CAFIU will continue to understand and support our work in the future.

Sincerely,

Director of the Kazankai Foundation

Junichi Abe

September, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Japan-China Workers Association for Exchange

Chinese Association for International Understanding,
Here are our sincere congratulations to the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU).

Founded under the guidance of China's policies of reform and opening-up, CAFIU has been conducting friendly people-to-people exchanges with countries around the world, which yielded fruitful results.

I would like to express gratitude to CAFIU again for the support since its early days, especially the special help in setting up the monument in the Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders, which writes the Pledge of No More War between Japan and China by our first president Makoto Ichikawa.

In recent decades, the relations between Japan and China have been soured, primarily due to the former side. Through exchanges and discussions with CAFIU, we have further enhanced and deepened our cognition and understanding of Japan-China relations as well as China's foreign policy, domestic issues and relevant policies. The clause about Taiwan mentioned in the Joint Leaders' Statement issued after the Japan-U.S. summit in this April, not only ignores

the Japan-China Joint Statement in 1972 which successive governments have adhered to, but also threatens peace with increasingly obvious intention. Our association will make efforts to develop Japan-China relations on the basis of our joint statement as well as in the spirit of the Pledge of No More War between Japan and China.

Now, as the COVID-19 pandemic is spreading around the world, we need to seek international solidarity and cooperation in more fields. We believe that CAFIU, as an organization promoting international peace and friendship, will be able to carry out more meaningful activities under the new circumstances.

I wish that CAFIU make further development in celebration of its 40th anniversary, and we have enhanced friendly cooperation and solidarity between us!

Sincerely,

President of the Japan-China Workers Association
for Exchange

Akinobu Ito

September 28, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations

Chinese Association for International Understanding,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) for its upcoming 40th anniversary on the occasion of this memorable year which marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China.

Since its establishment 40 years ago, CAFIU has made great contribution to developing friendly and cooperative relations with other countries and promoting mutual understanding through extensive exchanges in fields such as politics, economy and culture. Over the years, it has also offered a lot of cooperation and support to the Beijing Office of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR). For this, I would like to express

sincere gratitude again.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China. I will devote myself to promoting the local exchanges between Japan and China, hoping to further strengthen exchanges and cooperation with CAFIU as well as deepen the mutual understanding between Japan and China.

Finally, I wish CAFIU a prosperous future and all of you stay in good health!

Sincerely,

Director of the Beijing Office of the Japan Council of
Local Authorities for International Relations

Kisho Miyamoto

September 28, 2021

Congratulatory Letter from the Association For Sri Lanka-China Social and Cultural Co-operation



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Greeting Message for the 40th Anniversary

Of

Chinese Association for International Understanding.

Mutual understanding is a key factor in international relations and the development of bilateral friendship. Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) has done a tremendous and highly important mission to the entire world in the face of various international situations. CAFIU has played a significant role in bringing the specific details of these situations to the international community by conducting in-depth studies and researches.

ASLSCC members has participated several discussions and events including work -shops and forums organized by CAFIU past few years. We have seen the interest and dedication of CAFIU on promoting mutual understanding, organizing friendly exchanges and conducting forums and dialogues during our visits to CAFIU.

In this great occasion ASLSCC wishes all the courage and success for the CAFIU on promoting mutual learning among different civilizations and we happily join with CAFIU to walk towards shared future for mankind.

Indrananda Abeysekera
Friendship Ambassador (China)
President-ASLSCC



24th September 2021.

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Congratulatory Letter from the India China Economic and Cultural Council



India China Economic and Cultural Council

印度中国经济文化促进会

Congratulations CAFIU

On behalf of the Governing Board of ICEC and myself, we congratulate China Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) on its remarkably successful 40th Anniversary.

CAFIU has been one of the most effective NGO in enhancing mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between China and India. Its broad based and inclusive agenda for engagements and exchanges with civil society and other relevant institutions abroad is highly effective and useful for communication and mutual understanding.

ICEC has been lucky to cooperate with CAFIU on various exchanges and events between India and China, and it has been a very satisfying experience.

Once again, many congratulations on the 40th Anniversary and wish CAFIU a great success for its future endeavours.

ICEC looks forward to continue its association with CAFIU.

With best wishes,

Mohammed Saqib
Secretary General
28th September 2021



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