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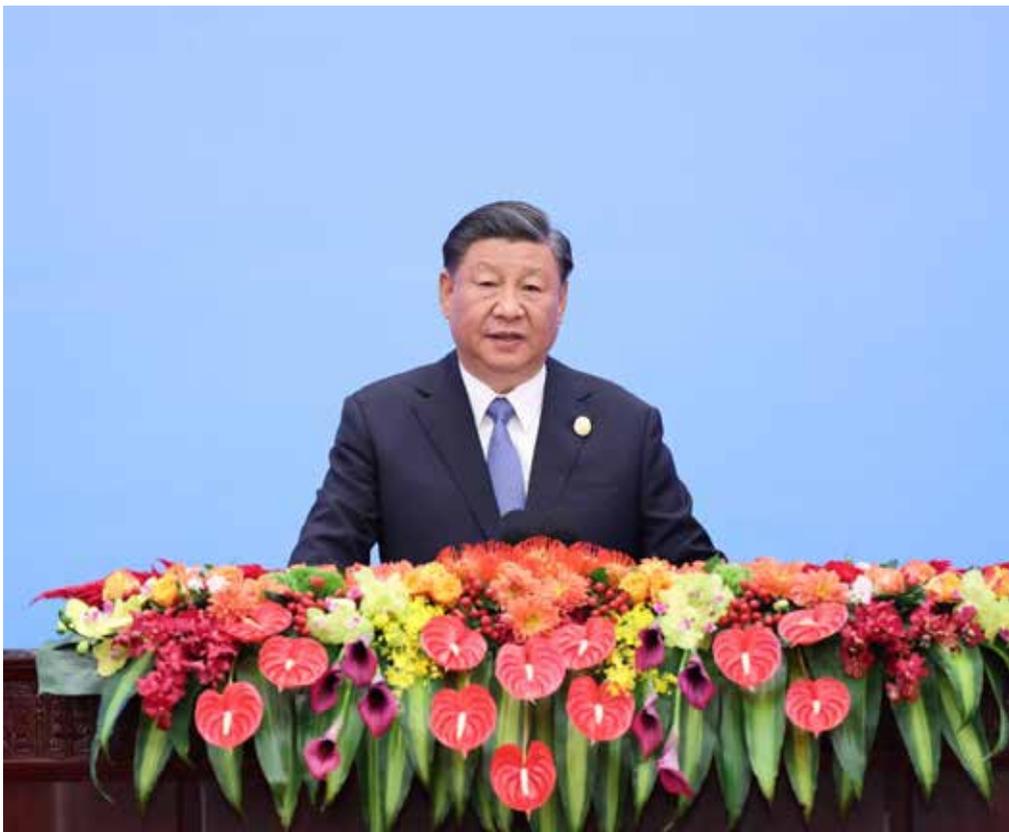
Building an Open, Inclusive and Interconnected World For Common Development

Keynote Speech by H.E. Xi Jinping

President of the People's Republic of China

*At the Opening Ceremony of the Third Belt and Road Forum
for International Cooperation*

October 18, 2023



Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government,
Heads of International Organizations,
Representatives of Various Countries,
Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Friends,

Today, we are meeting here for the opening
ceremony of the Third Belt and Road Forum for

International Cooperation (BRF). On behalf of the Chinese government and Chinese people and in my own name, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to you all!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) I proposed. The BRI, drawing inspiration from the ancient Silk Road and focusing on enhancing connectivity, aims to enhance policy, infrastructure, trade, financial and people-to-people connectivity, inject new impetus into the global economy, create new opportunities for global development, and build a new platform for international economic cooperation.

Over these 10 years, we have stayed committed to this founding mission. Thanks to our joint efforts, Belt and Road international cooperation has gotten off the ground, grown rapidly and produced fruitful outcomes.

Belt and Road cooperation has extended from the Eurasian continent to Africa and Latin America. More than 150 countries and over 30 international organizations have signed Belt and Road cooperation documents. We have held two sessions of the BRF before, and have established over 20 specialized multilateral cooperation platforms under the BRI.

Belt and Road cooperation has progressed from "sketching the outline" to "filling in the details," and blueprints have been turned into real projects. A large number of signature projects and "small yet smart" people-centered programs have been launched.

Belt and Road cooperation has expanded from physical connectivity to institutional connectivity. Important guiding principles for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation have been laid down, which include the principle of "planning together, building

together, and benefiting together," the philosophy of open, green and clean cooperation, and the goal of pursuing high-standard, people-centered and sustainable cooperation.

Over these 10 years, we have endeavored to build a global network of connectivity consisting of economic corridors, international transportation routes and information highway as well as railways, roads, airports, ports, pipelines and power grids. Covering the land, the ocean, the sky and the Internet, this network has boosted the flow of goods, capital, technologies and human resources among countries involved and injected fresh vitality into the millennia-old Silk Road in the new era.

Trains speeding along rail tracks, automobiles running on roads, flights connecting different countries, cargo ships breaking waves, and e-commerce bringing so much convenience to people-- they have all become symbols of international trade in the new era, just like camel caravans and the sailing ships were for the past age.

Hydro, wind and solar energy based power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and the increasingly smart and interconnected power transmission networks are removing the development bottleneck caused by energy shortage and fulfilling the dream of developing countries to achieve green and low-carbon development. These energy projects have become the oasis and lighthouse for sustainable development in the new era.

Brand new airports and harbors, smooth roads, and newly built industrial parks for business cooperation have created new economic corridors and new growth drivers, and have become the trading routes and staging posts of the new era.

Rich and colorful cultural years, art festivals, expos

and exhibitions, Luban Workshops, people-to-people exchange programs like the Silk Road Community Building Initiative and the Brightness Action program, and deepening exchanges between non-governmental organizations, think tanks, media organizations, and the youth-- all these flourishing activities have composed a symphony of friendship in the new era.

When COVID-19 struck, the Belt and Road became a life-saving road. China provided more than 10 billion masks and 2.3 billion doses of vaccines to other countries and jointly produced vaccines with over 20 countries, making a special contribution to BRI partners' efforts in fighting COVID-19. And China also received valuable support from more than 70 countries when it was hit hard by the pandemic.

Belt and Road cooperation is based on the principle of "planning together, building together, and benefiting together." It transcends differences between civilizations, cultures, social systems, and stages of development. It has opened up a new path for exchanges among countries, and established a new framework for international cooperation. Indeed, the BRI represents humanity's joint pursuit of development for all.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends,

Our achievements in the past decade are truly remarkable, and there is so much we can draw from them.

We have learned that humankind is a community with a shared future. China can only do well when the world is doing well. When China does well, the world will get even better. Through Belt and Road cooperation, China is opening its door even wider to the world, with its inland regions turning from

"fullbacks" into "forwards," and coastal regions scaling new heights in their opening-up. China's market has become even more closely integrated with the global market. China has become a main trading partner of more than 140 countries and territories and a primary source of investment for more countries. Both Chinese investment overseas and foreign investment in China have boosted friendship, cooperation, confidence and hope.

We have learned that win-win cooperation is the sure way to success in launching major initiatives that benefit all. When countries embrace cooperation and act in concert, a deep chasm can be turned into a thoroughfare, land-locked countries can become land-linked, and a place of underdevelopment can be transformed into a land of prosperity. Countries taking the lead in economic development should give a hand to their partners who are yet to catch up. We should all treat each other as friends and partners, respect and support each other, and help each other succeed. As the saying goes, when you give roses to others, their fragrance lingers on your hand. In other words, helping others is also helping oneself. Viewing others' development as a threat or taking economic interdependence as a risk will not make one's own life better or speed up one's development.

We have learned that the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit is the most important source of strength for Belt and Road cooperation. I once said that the pioneers of the ancient silk routes won their place in history not as conquerors with warships, guns, horses or swords. Rather, they are remembered as friendly emissaries leading camel caravans and sailing ships loaded with goods. Belt and Road cooperation

is based on the belief that flame runs high when everyone adds wood to the fire and that mutual support can get us far. Such cooperation seeks to deliver a good life not only to people of just one country, but to people in other countries as well. It promotes connectivity, mutual benefit, common development, cooperation and win-win outcomes. Ideological confrontation, geopolitical rivalry and bloc politics are not a choice for us. What we stand against are unilateral sanctions, economic coercion and decoupling and supply chain disruption.

What has been achieved in the past 10 years demonstrates that Belt and Road cooperation is on the right side of history. It represents the advancing of our times, and it is the right path forward. We need to remain clear-eyed and undisturbed in a volatile world, and we need to be keenly aware of our responsibility for history, for the people and for the world. We should jointly address various global risks and challenges, and deliver a bright future of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit for future generations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends,

Changes of the world, of our times, and of historical significance are unfolding like never before. China is endeavoring to build itself into a stronger country and rejuvenate the Chinese nation on all fronts by pursuing Chinese modernization. The modernization we are pursuing is not for China alone, but for all developing countries through our joint efforts. Global modernization should be pursued to enhance peaceful development and mutually beneficial cooperation and bring prosperity to all. On our way forward, we will encounter both headwinds and tailwinds. We need to stay focused on our goal, take results-oriented

actions, persevere, and keep moving forward until our goal is met. China will work with all parties involved to deepen Belt and Road partnerships of cooperation, usher this cooperation into a new stage of high-quality development, and make relentless efforts to achieve modernization for all countries.

Now, I wish to announce eight major steps China will take to support our joint pursuit of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

First, building a multidimensional Belt and Road connectivity network. China will speed up high-quality development of the China-Europe Railway Express, participate in the trans-Caspian international transportation corridor, host the China-Europe Railway Express Cooperation Forum, and make joint efforts to build a new logistics corridor across the Eurasian continent linked by direct railway and road transportation. We will vigorously integrate ports, shipping and trading services under the "Silk Road Maritime," and accelerate the building of the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor and the Air Silk Road.

Second, supporting an open world economy. China will establish pilot zones for Silk Road e-commerce cooperation, enter into free trade agreements and investment protection treaties with more countries. We will remove all restrictions on foreign investment access in the manufacturing sector. In light of international high-standard economic and trade rules, we will further advance high-standard opening up in cross-border service trade and investment, expand market access for digital and other products, and deepen reform in areas including the state-owned enterprises, digital economy, intellectual property and government procurement. China will hold the Global Digital Trade Expo annually. In the next five years (2024-

2028), China's total trade in goods and services is expected to exceed USD 32 trillion and USD 5 trillion respectively.

Third, carrying out practical cooperation. China will promote both signature projects and "small yet smart" livelihood programs. The China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China will each set up a RMB 350 billion financing window. An additional RMB 80 billion will be injected into the Silk Road Fund. Together, they will support BRI projects on the basis of market and business operation. Cooperation agreements worth USD 97.2 billion have been concluded at the CEO Conference held during this Forum. China will carry out 1,000 small-scale livelihood assistance projects, and enhance vocational education cooperation through Luban Workshops and other initiatives. We will also step up joint efforts to ensure the safety of BRI projects and personnel.

Fourth, promoting green development. China will continue to deepen cooperation in areas such as green infrastructure, green energy and green transportation, and step up support for the BRI International Green Development Coalition. China will continue to hold the BRI Green Innovation Conference, and establish dialogue and exchange mechanisms for the solar industry and a network of experts on green and low-carbon development. China will implement the Green Investment Principles for the Belt and Road, and provide 100,000 training opportunities for partner countries by 2030.

Fifth, advancing scientific and technological innovation. China will continue to implement the Belt and Road Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation Action Plan, hold the first Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange, increase the number of joint laboratories

built with other parties to 100 in the next five years, and support young scientists from other countries to work on short-term programs in China. At this Forum, China will put forward the Global Initiative for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance. We stand ready to increase exchanges and dialogue with other countries and jointly promote the sound, orderly and secure AI development in the world.

Sixth, supporting people-to-people exchanges. China will host the Liangzhu Forum to enhance dialogue on civilizations with BRI partner countries. In addition to the Silk Road International League of Theaters, the Silk Road International Arts Festival, the International Alliance of Museums of the Silk Road, the Silk Road International Alliance of Art Museums, and the Silk Road International Library Alliance that have been set up, China has also launched the International Tourism Alliance of Silk Road Cities. And we will continue with the Chinese government scholarship Silk Road Program.

Seventh, promoting integrity-based Belt and Road cooperation. Together with its cooperation partners, China will release the Achievements and Prospects of Belt and Road Integrity Building and the High-Level Principles on Belt and Road Integrity Building, and establish the Integrity and Compliance Evaluation System for Companies Involved in Belt and Road Cooperation. We will also work with international organizations to carry out research and training on promoting integrity in Belt and Road cooperation.

Eighth, strengthening institutional building for international Belt and Road cooperation. China will work with its BRI partner countries to strengthen the building of multilateral cooperation platforms covering energy, taxation, finance, green development, disaster reduction, anti-corruption, think tank, media, culture and other fields. China

will continue to host the BRF and establish a secretariat for the Forum.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends,

The past decade has been a journey of dedicated cooperation and fruitful outcomes. Belt and Road cooperation was proposed by China, but its benefits and opportunities are for the world to share. Let us meet the expectations of the people, assume responsibilities entrusted on us by history, closely follow the trend of the times, and press

ahead with energy and enterprise. Let us deepen Belt and Road international cooperation, and bring Belt and Road cooperation to a new stage of higher-quality and higher-level development. Let us advance modernization of all countries, build an open, inclusive and interconnected world for common development, and jointly build a community with a shared future for mankind.

I wish the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation a full success!

Thank you.

Key Takeaways from Xi Jinping's Keynote Speech

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Xi Jinping's Important Discourses on the Belt and Road Initiative

2013

To forge closer economic ties, deepen cooperation and expand development space in the Eurasian region, we should take an innovative approach and jointly build an economic belt along the Silk Road. This will be a great undertaking benefitting the people of all countries along the routes.

–Xi Jinping's speech at Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan on September 7, 2013

Southeast Asia has since ancient times been an important hub along the ancient Maritime Silk Road. China will strengthen maritime cooperation with the ASEAN countries, and the China-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation Fund set up by the Chinese government should be used to develop maritime partnership in a joint effort to build the Maritime Silk Road of the 21st century.

–Xi Jinping's speech at the People's Representative Council of Indonesia on October 3, 2013



2014

“Neighbors wish each other well, just like family members do to each other.” China always pursues friendship and partnership with its neighbors, and seeks to bring amity, security and common prosperity to its neighborhood. It practices the principles of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness and works hard to make its development bring more benefits to countries in Asia. China will work with other countries to speed up the development of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, and hopes that the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank could be launched at an early date. China will get more deeply involved in the regional cooperation process, and play its due part to ensure that development and security in Asia facilitate each other and are mutually reinforcing.

*–Xi Jinping’s speech at the Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures on
May 21, 2014*



2015

The initiative of building a Silk Road Economic Belt and a 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (the Belt and Road Initiative) that China has launched is a significant move to fully open up itself under the new conditions. This initiative also reflects China's commitment to sharing development opportunities and outcomes with more countries. We will strengthen cooperation with countries along the land and maritime Silk Roads and realize the connectivity of roads, trade, finance, policies and our peoples, so as to jointly build an open platform for cooperation and create new impetus to achieve sustainable development in the related regions.

--Xi Jinping's speech at the Parliament of Pakistan on April 21, 2015



2016

The spirit of mutual learning, mutual benefit and win-win results has been inherited for centuries, and the faith of peace, cooperation, openness and inclusiveness has stretched long and unbroken for miles. As the national conditions, development stages and culture of countries along the route differ from one another, it is important to respect each other and live with differences during co-existence, and to help the poor as well as the disadvantaged and develop in balance while working together. The “Belt and Road” construction is the joint cause of countries along the route, which requires joint efforts of all countries to well cooperate, develop and share.

–Xi Jinping’s speech at the Silk Road Forum and Poland-China Regional Trade & Business Forum on June 20, 2016



2017

The Belt and Road Initiative originated in China, but it belongs to the world. The construction of “the Belt and Road Initiative” spans different regions, different stages of development and different civilizations. It is an open and inclusive cooperation platform and a global public product jointly created by all parties. It focuses on the Eurasian continent and is open to all like-minded friends, without excluding or targeting any party.

–Xi Jinping’s speech at the Leaders’ Roundtable Summit at the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation on May 15, 2017



2018

To respond to the call of the times, China is ready to jointly promote the Belt and Road Initiative with international partners. We hope to create new drivers to power common development through this new platform of international cooperation; and we hope to turn it into a road of peace, prosperity, openness, green development and innovation and a road that brings together different civilizations.

—Xi Jinping’s keynote speech at the 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation on September 3, 2018



2019

An ancient Chinese philosopher observed that “plants with strong roots grow well, and efforts with the right focus will ensure success.” The Belt and Road cooperation embraces the historical trend of economic globalization, responds to the call for improving the global governance system and meets people’s longing for a better life. Going ahead, we should focus on priorities and project execution, move forward with results-oriented implementation, just like an architect refining the blueprint, and jointly promote high quality Belt and Road cooperation.

-- Xi Jinping’s keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation on April 26, 2019



2020

China is committed to peaceful development and mutually beneficial cooperation. China will work with its partners to develop the Belt and Road into a model of cooperation for meeting challenges through unity, a model of health for protecting people's safety and well-being, a model of recovery for restoring economic and social activity, and a model of growth for unlocking development potential. High-quality Belt and Road cooperation among participating countries will contribute to a community with a shared future for mankind.

--Xi Jinping's remark in a written message to the High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation on June 18, 2020



2021

I have noted on various occasions that the Belt and Road Initiative is a public road open to all, not a private path owned by one single party. All interested countries are welcome aboard to take part in the cooperation and share in its benefits. Belt and Road cooperation pursues development, aims at mutual benefits, and conveys a message of hope.

--Xi Jinping's keynote speech at Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 on April 20, 2021



2022

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--Xi Jinping's remark in a written message to the High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation on June 18, 2020

Next year will be the tenth anniversary of the Silk Road Economic Belt initiative that I first proposed during my visit to Kazakhstan in 2013. From laying the groundwork to building pillars and frameworks, to delivering results on the ground, and to achieving sustainable progress, the Belt and Road Initiative has become a platform for international cooperation that is open, inclusive, mutually beneficial and promotes win-win cooperation and a global public good widely welcomed by the international community.

--Xi Jinping's signed article on Kazakh newspaper on September 13, 2022



2023

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to explore new ways for countries from near and far to achieve common development and to open up a “path of happiness” that benefits the whole world.

–Xi Jinping’s speech at the opening ceremony of the plenary session of the second Eurasian Economic Forum of the Eurasian Economic Union on May 24, 2023



Remarks

**Remarks by
Marinko Čavara, Chairman of the House of
Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina**



I feel so honoured to be in the beautiful and great country China to experience its ancient culture and listen to President Xi Jinping’s visionary proposals for a better world and a brighter future for humankind. I look forward to the opportunities to exchange views with all of you, to listen to your insights on the future and on the ways to make our aspirations true for a shared future.

The future is full of uncertainties. When we were young, we used to idealise everything with utopian thoughts and dreams. Yet as time went by, we gradually matured and started to be aware of the increasing challenges and temptations of

relationships among countries, nations and peoples as well as the hypocrisy of the hegemonists’ proclaimed ideas and real behaviours, their deceptions and imposed solutions.

When I graduated from a mechanical college in 1991, I thought that all people hated war just as I did. Suddenly, however, the war broke out in my country—Bosnia and Herzegovina, with disastrous consequences.

Therefore, what is really important at the moment is to strengthen the foundation of partnership among countries, nations and all peoples, just like the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by President

Xi Jinping, which calls for all countries and people to pursue peace, prosperity, solidarity, cooperation and work together for a better future.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of President Xi Jinping's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind. This initiative has pointed out the way forward for the future of the world and provided a solution for the challenges we all face with.

Over the past decade, the initiative of building a community with a shared future for mankind has grown from an idea to action and from a vision to reality.

The initiative calls on the international community to act on true multilateralism, support the United Nations in playing a central role in international affairs, further develop and improve the global governance system, and jointly build a community with a better future for mankind.

I'm an optimist and I believe that every cloud has a silver lining. We will also learn lessons from history.

However, the current international situation shows that the hegemonists are showing hostility more openly and seek to gain the compliance of the weak.

I am concerned because it seems to me that we have learned nothing from history, nor do we know to where this division will lead us.

The chaotic situation that is unfolding around could be an opportunity to build a new, better and fairer world order.

Now, all the crises we see and all the crises we foresee are threatening the peace and stability of the world in a chaotic way. Most politicians believe that we are now creating a new era in international relations. At this moment, it is all the

more important for us to respect the diversity of civilisations and uphold the principles of equality, mutual learning, dialogue and inclusiveness among civilisations, and we should jointly advocate the shared values of the entire mankind.

Because after every emergency, nothing can go back. But it is always an opportunity to create a new era. The shared values of humanity for peace, development, equity, justice and freedom are the joint pursuit of people of all countries. We shall foster broad-minded tolerance toward the understanding of values by different civilisations.

The core of capital flows has shifted towards the only goal of materialism. We all talk only about markets, trade and profits, and in our minds the trade rules are the only principles for survival in the world. However, the global trends are warning us that we must stop and ask ourselves whether our actions will destroy human beings.

In every war, human suffering and humanitarian crises are confined to the areas affected by the war. But it seems that now wars would weaken global economic growth, cause inflation and lead to other unforeseeable consequences.

Analysts predict that due to rising food and energy prices, there may be greater chaos in regions from Africa and Latin America to Central Asia and the Middle East, and even in some parts of Europe.

The geopolitical landscape of the world is now shifting, with intensifying conflicts, widespread insecurity among all walks of life concerning new divisions and new alliances, food and fuel shortages, better-armed states, nuclear catastrophe, possible alien planetary collisions, climate change causing the extinction of species (including human beings), and the possible risks posed by artificial intelligence.

Countries are spending more and more on their militaries, and it is hard to really know how much each country is spending on military equipment. In modern warfare, “weapons” are being redefined. Modern technology may not have been created for war, but we see that social networks can be used as tools of war, and hacking can also be used for new invasions.

All wars end in negotiations. No one can be intact in a war. No matter how much people praise certain battles, they always leave tragedy and suffering for humanity.

We should seek peaceful solutions to crises, and solutions must and can only be the result of consultation, agreement and the development of social relations, instead of the bitter suffering of war. Not long ago the Chinese government released the white paper “A Global Community of Shared Future: China’s Proposals and Actions”. We note that China has taken the high-quality Belt and Road cooperation as one of its concrete actions.

I would like to thank China for its friendly relationship with Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as for the constant improvement of cooperation

in recent years in various fields including transportation, energy, health and agriculture.

It is important in the foreign policy interest of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue to improve bilateral political, economic and all other relations with the People’s Republic of China.

Bosnia and Herzegovina’s support of one-China principle is indubitable. And we would like to engage in cooperation with China based on equality and mutual respect, which means:

- Respect China and Bosnia and Herzegovina’s sovereignty and territorial integrity
- Respect and protect the equal rights for all citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The efforts that the international community invest in Bosnia and Herzegovina must be in the function of a peaceful, just and rational solution for people of all ethnic groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I thank you for all you have done. I hope that we will all contribute to a lasting peace that connects civilisations, promotes common development and builds a prosperous future for mankind.

Thank you!

Remarks by Guesri Messaoud, Vice-President of People's National Assembly of Algeria



It's a great pleasure for me to join all of you at today's forum at the invitation of the CPC leaders, to whom I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude.

On behalf of Abou El Fadhel Baadji, Secretary-General of the Algerian National Liberation Front and leaders of other Algerian political parties attending this forum, I would also like to extend cordial greetings to all of you. The National Liberation Front is ready to work hard to advance the level of the historic cooperation with the CPC, constantly expanding the fields of cooperation, serving the utmost interest of the two countries, strengthening the mutual learning and experience sharing, promote dialogues and cooperation, and opening up new prospects for the relationship

between the two parties.

Following the signatory of the Cooperation Plan between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on Jointly Advancing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Three-Year Plan for Cooperation in Key Areas Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the bilateral relations between the two countries have become even closer. These two cooperation plans are also important achievements within the framework of the BRI since Algeria joined it in 2018.

These cooperation plans are parts of the comprehensive vision. Algeria is an important pivot point, and can take its participation in the development of the BRI as one of the approaches to its integration into the new global economy. The new global economy began to take shape after the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which propels countries to promote the diversification of economic partners on the basis of common interest.

As a development strategy that revitalises the ancient Silk Road connecting China and the rest of the world and aims to link China with the rest of the world and achieve the win-win goal through economic cooperation and political exchanges, The BRI has received positive responses and participation from over 150 countries, including the Arabian countries and Middle East countries, and aims at revitalising the Maritime Silk Road and the Land Silk Road that connected China and the world 3000 years ago. This initiative is based on the aims and norms of the UN Charter and the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, i.e. mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

The implementation of the above principles depends on countries strengthening political coordination, communication and dialogue, promoting free trade and creating necessary conditions for economic development.

This important initiative requires broad publicity by political parties, think tanks, media and other parties at all levels so as to address potential

challenges and obstacles.

Countries participating in the BRI have different systems and political and economic interests. The success of this initiative requires the joint efforts from China and all the participating countries to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation, so as to respond to mechanism and security challenges.

Since the BRI was put forward 10 years ago, the CPC and political parties from Arabian countries have carried out in-depth exchanges in the governance of party and state through party diplomacy, explored their own patterns and paths of development, created a theoretical basis for building an Arab-China community of a shared future and a community with a shared future for mankind, and accumulated practical experience.

The BRI is of great significance for Algeria and other Arabian countries, which helps promote mutual benefit and win-win cooperation for both sides, build an Algeria-China community of a shared future, further expand bilateral cooperation in innovative green development, energy, food security, public health, investment and other fields, and build a cooperation model at a higher level and with broader fields. More and more Algerian and Chinese people will benefit from the BRI, so that the two nations will have more confluences on their respective path to rejuvenation.

Long live the friendship between the Algerian National Liberation Front and the Communist Party of China!

Thank you.

Remarks By Sommad Pholsena, Vice-President of the Lao National Assembly & President of Lao Committee for Peace and Solidarity



The Lao side highly values the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping in 2013. I wish to extend my cordial congratulations to the 10th anniversary of the BRI. The BRI is a mechanism featuring solidarity and cooperation, and aims at achieving mutual benefit and win-win result. It prioritises the wellbeing of the people of all countries while extending the global development in a wider coverage. Practices in the past decade have proved that the BRI has effectively facilitated the connectivity and coordinated development between China and countries in Asia, Europe and Africa, boosted regional cooperation and global development. It plays a major role in deepening the policy coordination among countries and

pushing forward global connectivity and economic development. It is a sure path for all countries to build international cooperation platforms to realise sustainable development, prosperity and progress.

The implementation of the BRI, especially the facilities connectivity contributes to enhancing exchanges and cooperation between countries, regions and peoples all over the world. It creates a favourable condition to boost socio-economic development, stimulate trade and investment as well as improve the well-being of the people.

Laos is a landlocked nation. Therefore, it is our top priority to strengthen connectivity to facilitate the development of Laos. We spent great efforts

in building infrastructure in Laos and connecting our neighbouring countries, elevating the level of connectivity. For example, the China-Laos railway travels all the way from China-Laos border to Vientiane and will connect our railways with our neighbouring countries. Since the opening of China-Laos railway, people have enjoyed their travels in a more comfortable, convenient and efficient way, and a growing number of tourists travel to Laos from neighbouring countries and countries in the region.

Lao Committee for Peace and Solidarity has made significant achievements in implementing the BRI and enhancing people-to-people connectivity between Laos and China. We have established the mechanism of exchanges and visits and regular cooperation with the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament, which have contributed positively to the bilateral ties of Laos and China as well as the friendship between our peoples. In particular, within the framework of Belt and Road Cooperation, we have jointly worked with China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) to improve the infrastructure for education. Up to now, 17 primary schools have been built

and more are in plan. We have donated a batch of teaching facilities and also managed to raise anti-epidemic supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2019 to now, we have been carrying out Panda Pack programme in collaboration with China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) for five years. We have donated in total 140,000 packs of school bags and stationery, thus bring tangible benefit to Lao people. Each year CFPD and our Committee will organise visits to China for students from China-Laos Friendly Nongping Primary School. All these students are from a small town of Laos. Their exchanges with peers from Beijing are vivid representations of people-to-people connectivity between Laos and China.

We highly value and positively respond to the BRI. Under the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by President Xi Jinping, we are ready to carry out related programmes and events within our capability and strength and seek greater benefit for people in the region and all over the world.

Thank you!

Remarks By Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations & High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations of the United Nations



I am very pleased and privileged to be addressing the thematic segment of the Third Belt and Road Forum for the second time.

I am also delighted to be back to Beijing in less than 3 months. My latest visit was in last July at the invitation of the Chinese Association for International Understanding.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the new Belt & Road initiative which offers a new vision for a better future based on mutual respect for all humanity, multilateral cooperation, understanding civilisations and charting a course for a prosperous

future for all.

If we look back at the routes our ancestors took along the Ancient Silk Road, we will see the spirit of inclusiveness and openness. From the Nile valleys, the Tigris and Euphrates to the Ganges and Yangtze Rivers, we will see the story of encounters between diverse peoples, civilisations and religions. These ancient Silk Routes connected the ancient civilisations of Egyptians, Babylonians, Indians and Chinese as well as Muslims, Christians and Buddhists.

It is always useful to remember our history so as

to build a better future. And the Ancient Silk Road is telling of a story of human progress as well as economic prosperity.

This brings me to the Global Civilisation Initiative, which H.E. the President of China Mr. Xi Jinping launched earlier in March this year. The GCI is based on 4 pillars : respecting diversity of civilisations, advocating the common values of humanity, valuing the heritage and innovation of civilisations and strengthening people-to-people exchanges and cooperation.

Excellencies,

Today, humanity is at the crossroads.

The global landscape as we see it today reminds us of difficult times that prevailed during the Cold War era, if not worse.

Back then, it was a bipolar world seen through the narrow lens of 2 superpowers. It was an era when great powers' competition shaped the geopolitical scene.

Today, as we transit into a multipolar world, we witness a similar pattern where great powers are defining the global landscape.

Paradoxically, there are also power vacuums, from Sudan and Sahel in Africa to Eastern Europe, the Balkans and south Caucasus.

The devastating situation in the Middle East is a case in point.

This is when people are looking for true leadership and political will to bring the 2 parties to the negotiating table and avert the scourge of an

impending catastrophe that may spill over other countries in the region.

Nonetheless, there is none.

Excellencies,

We need to restore universal humanistic values that are embedded in the UN Charter.

We need a new narrative to address the current global context. One is people-centred focusing on the vulnerable.

We need to rebuild trust and restore solidarity.

We need to invest in social cohesion through inclusion and protection of human rights and human dignity.

We need to enhance global citizenship education.

We may all agree that peace is often an elusive goal.

Yet it is our only hope for a better world for the future of our children.

As we are increasingly living in multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural societies, it is imperative to build inclusive and peaceful societies.

A society that is strong in its respect for each and every individual regardless of their identity, religion, faith, colour, ethnicity or gender.

A society that is just in its protection of all its citizens and its citizens' rights, equally and without discrimination.

A society that is rich in its diversity.

Distinguished guests,

All this is possible if we all work together in opening new channels for dialogue.

Dialogue nurtures trust, understanding and respect. Dialogue between peoples serves as a diplomatic tool that contributes to fulfilling peace.

In this context, the Global Civilisation Initiative encourages dialogue, and the Alliance of Civilisations provides a global space for dialogue among states and non-state actors.

Through the Belt and Road Initiative, China brings a tremendous instrument that will support our common objectives of fostering understanding and dialogue between different religions, different cultures, different civilisations and at the same time to create the environment for exchanging ideas, respecting each other, and working together.

I will conclude by quoting President Xi Jinping, who,

in his speech at UNESCO in March 2014, referred to a world of civilisations, saying that,

“First, civilisations come in all shades, and it is precisely this diversity that gives exchange and learning among us its meaning.

Second, civilisations are equal, and it is precisely this equality that makes exchange and learning among us possible.

Third, civilisations are inclusive, and it is precisely this inclusiveness that gives exchange and learning among us the drive we need to move forward.”

Therefore, we should forge a new norm of international collaboration based on a win-win cooperation and equal partnerships and alliances.

I thank you.

Prosper the Silk Road by Composing a Symphony of Development—Exchanges of Ideas



Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, Former President of Chile



Thanks to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Latin American and Caribbean countries have a historic opportunity to strengthen ties with China and the rest of the Asian economies, sharing with them the

civilisation proposal of connectivity and common prosperity.

The BRI is a deep commitment to the fundamental values to the achievement of greater global

economic and social well-being, which are expressed in interconnectivity, closer trade and investment links, transparency and openness, and economic growth in step with social progress.

Firstly, the Belt and Road connects different civilisations. We need to enhance intercultural education, which involves cultural diversity, the history of multiple civilisations and different ways of thinking and living in the world.

Since we live in a heterogeneous and multicultural world, it is essential that our people learn to relate to people from other cultures and avoid all forms of discrimination.

Secondly, the Belt and Road promotes common development. Our joint pursuit of development for all is conducive to resolving the economic and social imbalances that exist between China and other developing countries, and even within those same countries.

By building major infrastructure works and stimulating free trade, more employment

opportunities will be generated, access to goods and services will increase, which will create drivers for poverty alleviation in participating countries.

Likewise, this is a good opportunity to foster collaboration in clean and renewable energy, promote dialogues on energy conservation and environmental protection, and provide training in areas of climate change and green energy.

Lastly and the most importantly, the Belt and Road helps Maintaining Lasting Peace. Our mission is to uphold peace, strongly oppose war, and promote an understanding based on common values such as progress, democracy, justice, fairness, human rights and freedom.

Moreover, we should promote the openness of our countries, because it is the best way to face the difficulties of development and globalisation, to unite with the international community, to promote innovation and to deliver greater benefits to all peoples in the world.

Essam Sharaf, Former Prime Minister of Egypt & Chairman of Sharaf Foundation for Sustainable Development



It gives me a great pleasure to be with you today.

Let me start by stating two key points. First, It is essential to remember that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) originated in China and has now expanded to include approximately 180 countries and international organisations. Second, the BRI is founded on two principal pillars: connectivity and partnership.

Several scholars have introduced the principal idea that when a country engages in trade, it allows capital and labour to shift towards industries where

they are used more efficiently. As a result, society experiences a higher level of economic prosperity since increased trade leads to an increase in GDP per capita and a reduction in poverty rates. Therefore, instead of praising international aid, we should praise international trade as it is more beneficial.

That is precisely what BRI aims at, as indicated in the Action plan on the Belt and Road Initiative published in 2015.

Let me quote, “Infrastructure investment creates

jobs, removes bottlenecks constraining trade and growth, subject to removing tariff and non-tariff barriers, and thereby improves overall productivity and enhances social well-being.”

Over the past decade, BRI projects have initiated more than 3,000 cooperation projects, totalling nearly US\$1 trillion in investment and creating 420,000 employment opportunities.

At a regional level, I'd like to take this chance to share an example of the impact of BRI projects in Africa during the period 2013 to 2020. These

projects have created an average of nearly 20,000 jobs per year in the last decade, compared to about 12,000 jobs from US projects, 7,000 from French projects, and 5,000 from UK projects.

With the aforementioned brief, I have no hesitation to fully agree that the Belt and Road Initiative brings shared opportunities for development to the world, the BRI has created job opportunities for participating countries, boosted regional economic growth, and promoted the development of the global industrial chain and supply chain.

Massimo D'Alema, Former Prime Minister of Italy & President of the Italianeuropei Foundation



What do we mean when we talk about development that places people and nations at its centre? First and foremost, we want economic growth to enable every woman, man, and child to have access to the basic, common goods for a dignified life. We want to reduce the intolerable social distances and inequalities that produce unjust and socially unsustainable societies. We want to ensure harmony between economic growth and the protection of the natural environment. For ten years, the Belt and Road Initiative has worked in this direction, not only by promoting infrastructure investments and physical connections between different countries and

regions but also, consequently, by strengthening cultural and political relationships. We have moved with the conviction that by making cooperation and economic interdependence closer, we would achieve a fairer globalisation and also push for a growing understanding among different worlds at the political level.

Today we find ourselves in a profoundly changed international scenario compared to ten years ago. The financial crisis, the pandemic, and finally, war have challenged an optimistic vision of globalisation and intensified international tensions, bringing us back to an era of sharp political and ideological

confrontations. We can no longer rely on the economy to push us towards more effective and friendly political cooperation. On the contrary, it is politics that must take the initiative to rekindle the reasons for peaceful coexistence and cooperation. This, in my opinion, is the message that must come from this Forum. We must halt the drift towards new nationalistic and protectionist closures. None of the major problems facing humanity can be

addressed without effective collaboration among all countries, regardless of their political and cultural differences. And one cannot think - as a European citizen deeply committed to these values - that democracy and human rights can more easily prevail in a world divided by bitter conflicts and oppositions. I am convinced that a strong message for peace and cooperation will emerge from this Beijing forum.

Ling Feng, Professor of Neurosurgery of Xuanwu Hospital, Capital Medical University



I founded the Chinese Medical Volunteers (CMV) in 2017 to join the national fight against poverty. Reaching out along the Silk & Road is also one of our tasks.

Our CMV is open to foreign doctors.

We organised a CMV action in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in 2018. European medical professors were very happy to join our CMV, becoming our foreign participants.

In 2018, we organised a team of pediatric neurosurgeons of the Chinese Medical Volunteers to perform free consultation, operation and teaching in Conakry. Our foreign

participants of pediatric neurosurgeon experts from France, Germany, Italy and the UK joined our action.

We worked together with the European participants of CMV in free consultation, ward rounding and operation.

Pediatric hydrocephalus is a common disease in Africa. Yet, few doctors can do the operation. We ran a training course for them.

The Silk Road Hospital was officially opened in the capital of Ethiopia in 2019. The Hospital became the working base of the Chinese Medical Volunteers in Africa.

A paralysed boy was rejected by the local hospitals. He was brought to the Silk Road Hospital. Examination showed he lost walking ability due to the brain tumor pressure. Our French and Italian participants of CMV examined the boy with us and we reached the decision for an operation.

I carefully explained the situation to the boy's mother. The illness was developing fast. If not performing immediately, the consequence would be very bad. Acquiring the parents' agreement, we started careful preparation. This was the very first operation in the newly opened Silk Road Hospital.

The operation was very successful. The boy recovered well.

The Silk Road Hospital staff members joined

our Chinese Medical Volunteers and played an important role in African fight against the pandemics.

For the outstanding performance of the Silk Road Hospital, we have received commendations by the Chinese Embassy, Ethiopian Health Ministry and the Prime Minister of Ethiopia.

Last month, I was invited to Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, attending the Central Asian Silk Road Neurosurgery Congress and the opening ceremony of Silk Road Hospital CT clinic. Next year, I will lead a CMV team to work there.

THANK YOU!

Jason Ho, President of Macau Technology General Association



When I look at the Belt and Road Initiative, I think the first word that comes to my mind is collaboration, the collaboration among all of the members with mutual benefits. It starts with the infrastructure that leads to more communication, more trades, and more cooperation.

So from what we have been doing in Macao is an annual technology expo called the BEYOND Expo. Macao is a special administration region of China, by utilising the platform provided by the BRI, and we see BRI as a perfect example where we have seen more and more

technology innovation rising in this area and also huge market opportunities.

What we do at BEYOND Expo is to bring together latest technology innovation including sustainability, health tech and consumer technology from Asia to BRI and beyond. We want to not only showcase the newest technologies but also use technologies to solve global challenges. BRI allows us to go beyond borders where we can bring such collective effort from all members to really make these great technologies in use for a better future for all.

Illuminate the Silk Road with the Light of Civilisations—Exchanges of Ideas



José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Former Prime Minister of Spain



First of all, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the host of the forum, the International Department of the CPC Central Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to

exchange views about the Belt and Road cooperation and cultural diversity on such an important platform.

It's a great pleasure for me to visit China in

2023. As is known to all, we are currently celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and Spain this year. Over the past half century, both Spain and China have undergone tremendous changes, while our relations have been further strengthened and become better complementary. Our bilateral relations are characterised by peace, mutual understanding, cooperation and cultural convergence instead of conflict. Therefore, we need to further our cooperation in politics, business and finance, and move closer to each other in the cultural sector.

This platform of Belt and Road initiated by the Chinese leader serves as a road that connects the economies and cultures of all countries, as well as a path for us to jointly explore new modes and opportunities of globalisation.

Humanity can make progress only when all countries stay united for a shared future of mankind.

More people will get rid of poverty and hardships if there are cooperation, communication and understanding. We, humanity as a whole, have to address the challenge of climate change and manage to pursue peace in regions affected by conflicts.

China plays a decisive role in fulfilling these

tasks. In the past four decades, China has undergone tremendous changes, with over 700 million people getting out of poverty and the per capita income increasing by 40 times. It is the country with the largest number of registered patents and sci-tech publications. It is also the country with the largest number of doctoral students majoring in science and technology.

It is safe to say that China has changed itself and the world. China shall therefore make contributions to the international community by working towards building a global civilisation that features mutual understanding and peaceful co-existence.

China can play a historic role in the development of a global political community featuring peace, cooperation, understanding and solidarity. It will contribute to strengthening the role of UN and UN Charter as well as the realisation of sustainable development goals.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate the forum and participants from all over the world. Your discussions on peace and cooperation are very fruitful to keep down the noises that trigger conflicts.

Thank you very much!

Jhala Nath Khanal, Former Prime Minister of Nepal



I am Jhala Nath Khanal, former prime minister of Nepal. It is a matter of great pleasure to find an opportunity to greet you all at this momentum conference, which is a watershed to a new, equitable, prosperous and progressive world order. The journey of this world order began 10 years before with the declaration of the Belt and Road Initiative by President Xi Jinping, heralding a new model of cooperation and collaboration among nations, countries and people across the world. This initiative reinvented the Ancient Silk Road and Maritime Silk Road which connected different civilisations across the world. The invention of the Silk Road provided an opportunity for global

people to trade mutually, learn from each other's values and promote mutual communication and cooperation. In that course, Nepal and China introduced formal communication between the government and the people. Nepal and China's formal relationship stands 1600 years in history and is remembered as a relation established by Cha ma gu dao (Tea Horse Road), one of the branches of the Silk Road.

Your Excellencies,

The velour of the global relations established by the Silk Road system was destroyed by Western cultural arrogance, racism, colonialism and imperialism. Today, BRI is bringing the velour back,

with a vision of a shared future for humanity and inclusive economic cooperation. The rise of the global south and expansion of the BRI across the globe has marked the beginning of new peaceful relations among nations, countries and people and the co-existence, cooperation and transformation of different civilisations of the world today. BRI as a reinvention of the Silk Roads purports that civilisations co-exist, cooperate and transform each other but there is no classes and contradiction among them.

Some western imperialist and hegemonist powers want to oppose the expansion of BRI, but no force

in the world could stop the development and global expansion of BRI. Thus, it creates new hope among the people of the globe for a better world with a shared future of economic prosperity and coexistence of different civilisations. Nepal has been a part of this initiative, and thus, feels pride of being connected through BRI with the Globe. In this way, ultimately, a new, prosperous and common human civilisation will develop in our beloved blue planet.

Thanks for your patience in listening to me.

Liu Chengyong, Curator of China National Archives of Publications and Culture (CNAPC)



Over 2000 years ago, the Silk Road served as a bridge for exchanges and mutual learning between the Eastern and Western civilisations. Chinese products such as silk and porcelain gained great popularity in the West, while the Western music, singing and dancing were also brought to the East along with the camel caravans. Such cross-culture exchanges have contributed to the advancement of human civilisation.

In the past decade, the Belt and Road Initiative has witnessed the pragmatic cooperation between China and the rest of the world. Major infrastructure projects such as the Jakarta-Bandung high-speed railway have paved a road

to progress, improving the livelihood of the local people. By launching the “six 100 projects”, China has provided aid to other developing countries in such areas as agriculture and medical care, thus sharing the benefits of development of China with others and building a road to poverty reduction. To deepen our friendship and mutual understanding, China launched cultural exchange programme such as Plan on the Translation of Asian Classic Works to build a path to strengthening people-to-people connectivity. All these cooperation projects have brought people with sense of fulfilment, and it’s a sure path to a community with a shared future.

Looking into the future, China will further strengthen exchanges and cooperation with all countries to jointly contribute to the prosperity and development of human civilisation. As a symbolic cultural programme in the new era, China National Archives of Publications and Culture (CNAPC) shoulders the mission of carrying forward the legacy of Chinese culture. We are committed to implementing the Global Civilisation Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping, promoting

exchanges and mutual learning among civilisations, in a bid to write a new chapter of enhancing people-to-people connectivity and sharing the achievements of civilisation.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my invitation to all of you to visit CNAPC. Let us join hands and contribute our efforts to the building of a community with a shared future.

People-to-People Connectivity Case Sharing

For the Colourful Dreams of Millions of Kids

In April 2015, China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) and Alibaba Philanthropy jointly launched the Panda Pack Project to improve the basic living and learning conditions of students in Belt and Road partner countries. Up to now, the project has been carried out in 14 countries with a total investment of 150 million yuan, and has helped the growth and development of 1.2 million students.

This is a story that took place in Nepal. When the country was struck by a magnitude-8.1 earthquake, Ms. Zou Zhiqiang, director of the CFRD Nepal Office, along with other international volunteers from China immediately sent Panda Packs to kids in Nepal despite multiple difficulties in their work and life, and helped to make their colorful dreams come true.



Ms. Zou Zhiqiang and a Nepali kid with her Panda Pack

Happiness along the Belt and Road —Love in the Maternity Wing

Since the launch of the Thwake Dam Project in Kenya, China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) under China Energy Engineering Group has actively fulfilled its corporate social responsibilities and carried out many “small yet smart” livelihood programme. The company has renovated 16 middle and primary schools, built 9 functional units and pharmacies for local hospitals, drilled 6 wells and repaired many arterial roads. In May 2021, the CGGC donated a maternity wing to the Kathulumbi Health Centre to improve its health service conditions and address difficulties of delivery faced by pregnant women. The newly built maternity wing has ensured the health of women and

children living in a dozen of nearby villages.

This story is about a Kenyan couple named Alan and Mary, who were troubled by the fact that the Kathulumbi Health Centre, the only medical institute nearby, had no independent delivery rooms and its medical conditions for delivering babies were very poor. Recognising that such problem was prevalent in Kenya, the CGGC worked with the African Development Bank and the Kenyan government to build a new maternity wing for the Centre. The new maternity wing has improved local health service conditions and ensured Mary a safe and smooth childbirth.



Macy, head nurse of the Kathulumbi Health Centre, is talking with local women in front of the maternity wing

Happiness along the Belt and Road —Never Give Up

In 2012, China Jushi Company under China National Building Material Group opened a fiberglass production line in Egypt, then established the China-Egypt Joint Laboratory for High Performance Fiberglass and Composites, and sent experts to Egypt to offer guidance on the R&D and production of fiberglass. Jushi Egypt has trained over 2,000 workers in 10 years' time, and 98% of its employees are Egyptians.

With a total investment of US\$1 billion, a fiberglass production base has been built which has an annual capacity of 340,000 tons. The base has

promoted the development of local industrial chains, making Egypt the fourth biggest fiberglass producer in the world, and creating US\$ 1.6 billion foreign currency revenues for Egypt.

This story is about Fathy Torky, an employee of Jushi Egypt, and his Chinese master Mr. Shen, who is a leading expert on fiberglass. Through concerted efforts, they jointly solved the bottleneck problem related to raw materials of fiberglass. Their story vividly illustrates that the Belt and Road is a road of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and a road to happiness for all.



Chinese masters and their Egyptian apprentices are setting up the fiberglass production line

Supporting Sports Events, Connecting People's Hearts

In the construction process of the Lusail Stadium of the FIFA World Cup- Qatar 2022, over 7,000 constructors of more than 100 companies from 20 plus countries carried out extensive consultation and collaboration, overcame numerous challenges and finally completed the project through close cooperation in global industrial and supply chains. The project showcases the strength of Belt and Road cooperation and becomes a “golden” example of people-to-people connectivity among

BRI partner countries.

This is a story about world-class designers, construction enterprises and scientific research institutes working together to overcome difficulties during the construction of the Lusail Stadium, ranging from grass planting to establishing the large-scale steel structure. The Golden Bowl has not only impressed the audience, but also brought people around the world together.



A group photo of international constructors after they finished the last piece of roof membrane at the height of 70 metres

Hand in Hand to Create a Peace Land

In May 2018, under the guidance of China NGO Network for International Exchanges, the Peaceland Foundation signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Development Projects with Cambodian demining institutions to carry out pilot demining near Angkor Wat and provide assistance to individuals affected by landmines. Up to now, thanks to the demining project, the clearance of 70 hectares of mine-infested land has been completed, and a total of 63 landmines and 99 other unexploded ordnance removed, benefiting 247 local families with a total of 1,164 people.

The Foundation also constructed small-scale water facilities, donated solar-power street lights and energy-efficient stoves, and carried out pilot

projects on farming for poverty alleviation, in a bid to promote local sustainable development.

This is a story about Liu Wenzhi, a Chinese demining volunteer from the Peaceland Foundation, who went to Cambodia to assist local demining operations, promote local development and deliver benefits to the local community. Confronted with the landmine emergency triggered by torrential rains, Liu Wenzhi stood out to safeguard the lives of more than 300 local teachers and students, thus helping them safely return to school as scheduled. The story has deeply impressed the local community and motivated more people to join the demining team, and built up closer people-to-people ties among BRI partner countries.



Chinese demining volunteers are discussing demining skills with Cambodian partners

From Darkness to Brightness —The Power of Belt and Road

To respond to President Xi Jinping’s proposal of building a Health Silk Road, Chinese ophthalmologists have traveled to more than 30 countries and regions in Africa, Asia and America, to provide health services to more than 17,000 patients, and perform free cataract surgeries on over 8,300 individuals, strengthening people-to-people bonds and bringing brightness and hope to patients.

This is a story about the International Sight Saving Mission medical team from Peking University People's Hospital. They helped Liya, a 90-year-old patient with cataract from Uzbekistan, restore eyesight and taught local medical workers relevant skills. Despite a power outage in the operating room caused by a thunderstorm, the doctors managed to perform the surgery with mobile phone flashlights.



A member of the International Sight Saving Mission medical team is providing treatment to a cataract patient in Central Asia

From Silence to Sound —The Power of Belt and Road

In May 2022, in order to improve the healthcare services of Cambodia, the Xiyuan Hospital of Chinese Academy of TCM organised the first Chinese medical team to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They set up Chinese medicine clinics, provided free treatment, offered Chinese medicine training courses and held health lectures. During this period, 22,000 patients benefited from the clinics and free treatment. More than 300 local medical workers received professional training on Chinese medicine. Such efforts have improved medical services in

Cambodia and the well-being of local people.

This is a story about the Chinese medical team in Cambodia. Through the use of acupuncture, Chinese doctors helped a deaf and mute girl, Dieng Chantha, regain her hearing and ability to speak. Dieng Chantha lost her hearing at two due to improper medication. During the acupuncture treatment, the girl, though skeptical at first, gradually developed her trust in Chinese doctors and a feeling of closeness towards China.



Dieng Chantha and her mother bid farewell to Dr. Jiang Ke in front of the China-Cambodia Friendship Wall at the traditional Chinese medicine clinic in Cambodia

Pursuing a Shared Future—Dreams Come True when Wind Blows

The Senj Wind Power Project is invested, constructed and run by NORINCO International Cooperation Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as NORINCO International). The project kicked off in November 2018 and was officially connected to the grid for power generation in December 2021. It produces about 530 million KWH of green electricity each year, meeting the electricity demand of at least 100,000 households while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 460,000 tons per year. The project has injected a strong impetus to Croatia's energy transition and

green growth.

This is a touching story about how Mr. PRPIĆ, a Croatian wind power engineer and field technical supervisor, makes acquaintance and builds trust with the Chinese team and makes his own dream come true through the Senj Wind Power Project under the Belt and Road Initiative. The story shows the dedication of Chinese enterprises such as NORINCO International to green energy cooperation along the Belt and Road and global energy security.



Senj wind power units in the first light of dawn

Songs and Flowers Along the Belt and Road

Since the Belt and Road Initiative was proposed ten years ago, China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) has been fully implementing the concept of "extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits" in the process of "going out", and promoting "people-to-people connectivity" with "hard connectivity" by building "bridge of hearts, road of prosperity, port of development, and city of happiness".

The case tells the story of Mulin, a girl who was absorbed in building sand towers on the beach when she was young, dreaming of becoming an architect. From Brunei to Malaysia, from ignorance

to maturity, from building castles with sand to building large railways, Mulin has linked her fate closely with the Belt and Road. On the stage of the Belt and Road people-to-people connectivity envoy selection competition, she and the builders of BRI partner countries developed their friendship and shared their dreams with flowers sending fragrance and songs heard all the way. By jointly building the Belt and Road with others, she has realised her dream of becoming an architect, and has become a people-to-people connectivity envoy to promote people-to-people exchanges and the integration of civilisations among BRI partner countries.



Malaysia's East Coast Rai Link that Mulin has took part in building

Towards a Happy Life Through the Golden Bridge on Silk Road

Over the years, the Belt and Road cooperation has strengthened business and cultural ties between China and Africa. Eight years ago, a Ugandan girl named Rose joined a Chinese company in her home country and got in a cross-national romantic relationship. After marrying a Chinese husband, she moved to China and has become a world-renowned “Chinese Agricultural Maker” who shares her happy life in China and Africa with over 20 million followers on social media. Her story is a vivid epitome of people-to-people connectivity along the Belt and Road and a window to learn

more about China.

Rose's African bestie, Aliya, paid her a visit in China and experienced firsthand e-commerce live streaming here. Aliya was deeply impressed by not only the entrepreneurship and initiative of “Chinese Agricultural Makers” but also the diligence, self-motivation and kindness of the Chinese people. After returning to Africa, Aliya also became a cross-border e-commerce streamer, bringing high-quality Chinese products to Africa. The golden bridge on the Silk Road has truly delivered a better life to people in China and Africa.



Rose and her family in China

A Beautiful Silk Road—Together for a Shared Future

China Merchants Port launched a global philanthropic project called C-Blue Training Programme in September 2016. Over the past eight years, the programme has had 10 fruitful sessions, providing training for 306 people from 51 countries across 6 continents.

The story is about a group of young people from the Belt and Road partner countries gathering together because of the C-Blue Training Programme. They show enthusiasm for the Chinese culture and aspiration for world

peace and prosperity in their own ways. They learn from each other, care about each other, and walk hand in hand toward a bright future. The performance presents through different perspectives a heartwarming story of the C-Blue family and people-to-people bond that the Belt and Road Initiative aims to promote. It also shows that the Belt and Road is about exchanges among civilisations featuring mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust.



Members of the 9th session of the C-Blue Training Programme at the Mawan Smart Port (China Merchants Group)

Achievements Release

Joint Statement of Proposals on Strengthening Silk Road People-to-People Connectivity

We, over 300 representatives from 80 countries, gathered on 18 October 2023 in Beijing for the Thematic Forum on People-to-People Connectivity during the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

We are of the view that, thanks to the endeavour to strengthen people-to-people connectivity among Belt and Road partner countries in the past decade, people-to-people exchanges and cooperation on livelihood programme have thrived, with major progress achieved and bridges of friendship built among peoples of partner countries. Their mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual appreciation have thus been boosted, and the consensus on and resources for Belt and Road cooperation have been pooled from various countries and sectors.

We align ourselves with the Chinese saying that delicious soup is made by combining different ingredients. We need to respect the diversity, commonality, creativity and the inclusive nature

of civilisations, embrace the vision on civilisation featuring equality, mutual learning, dialogue and inclusiveness, and let cultural exchanges transcend estrangement, mutual learning transcend clashes, and coexistence transcend feelings of superiority.

We hope that partner countries pursue people-centred development with priorities given to economic growth, job creation, livelihood protection and poverty reduction, and channel more resources toward livelihood programme to ensure that the modernisation of a country better meet its people's aspiration for growth. Partner countries should pursue shared benefits through extensive consultation and joint efforts so as to implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and achieve global common development that is more inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all.

We are committed to carrying forward the Silk Road spirit, championing the common values of humanity, and taking concrete measures to

strengthen international people-to-people and cultural exchanges and cooperation, with an aim to enhance mutual understanding and mutual trust among different countries, nations and peoples. Continued efforts will be made to build people-to-people connectivity at a high standard and with high quality, so as to cement public support for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation among

partner countries.

Let us make concerted efforts to build the Belt and Road into a "belt of development" that benefits the world and a "road to happiness" that benefits all peoples, so as to contribute our share to the building of a human community with a shared future and the creation of a better world!



Achievements Release of the Thematic Forum on People-to-People Connectivity

The List of Achievements of the Thematic Forum on People-to-People Connectivity was released, which includes 120 achievements covering 4 major areas that state governments, political parties, local governments and civil society organisations, business communities, think tanks and media organisations will carry out in the coming years, with the aim of benefiting more people in Belt and Road partner countries.

Wang Ke, Chair of Board of Beijing Peaceland Foundation, Wang Shouzheng, Assistance President of Fuwai Yunnan Cardiovascular Hospital, Jin Dong, Deputy Head of China Coal Mine Art Troupe and Emily Chan Ying-yang, CEO of the GX Foundation of Hong Kong introduced their respective projects at the forum.



Programme Launch: Action on Silk Road People-to-People Connectivity

Delegates from home and abroad jointly launched the Action on Silk Road People-to-People Connectivity at the forum. Initiated by China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), the Action is an updated version of the Silk Road Community Building Initiative for the coming five years. Within the framework of the Action, by

pooling resources from various parties, CNIE will continue to cultivate a series of flagship projects on livelihood cooperation and people-to-people exchanges while ensuring the benefit-to-all and inclusiveness of exchanges and cooperation in various fields, so as to enhance people-to-people connectivity in the Belt and Road partner countries.



CAFIU Holds 5th Session of 12th Council

On the afternoon of November 24th, the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) held the 5th session of its 12th Council in Beijing. At the session, the work of CAFIU in 2023 was reported, followed by discussions and

deployment of its key projects for the next period. Vice-President Liu Hongcai, Vice-President Yu Dan and Council Member Zhang Shengjun delivered speeches respectively. Guo Yezhou, Deputy Minister of IDCPC, also attended this session.



Vice-President Liu Hongcai Meets Takami Kunio, Deputy Representative of GEN, Japan

On August 2nd, Vice-President Liu Hongcai met Takami Kunio, Deputy Representative of the Green Earth Network, Japan. The two sides exchanged

views on China-Japan relations and people-to-people exchanges.

Vice-President Liu Hongcai Meets Kim Han Kyu, Chairman of the 21st Century ROK-China Exchange Association

On August 22nd, Vice-President Liu Hongcai met the delegation headed by Kim Han Kyu, Chairman of the 21st Century ROK-China Exchange

Association. Both sides exchanged views on ROK-China people-to-people exchanges and the enhancement of people-to-people connectivity.

The Delegation of Foreign Sinologists Visits China

At the invitation of CAFIU, the delegation of 15 renowned sinologists from 15 countries including Iran, Spain, and Mexico visited China from September 4th to 15th.

During its stay in Beijing, Vice-President Ai Ping met with the delegation. In Dunhuang, the

delegation attended the 6th Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Cultural EXPO. In Qingdao, the delegation attended the 7th World Sinology Lecture co-organised by CAFIU and Beijing Language and Culture University. Vice-President of CAFIU Liu Hongcai attended this Lecture and delivered a speech.

Vice-President Liu Hongcai Meets Herta Däubler-Gmelin, Former Minister of Justice of Germany

On November 9th, Vice-President Liu Hongcai met Herta Däubler-Gmelin, Former Minister of Justice of Germany. Both sides exchanged views

on current international situation as well as China-Germany and China-Europe relations.

CAFIU Holds Webinar “Enhancing People-to-People Bonds for High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation”

On November 17th, CAFIU and the Association for Sri Lanka-China Social and Cultural Cooperation jointly organised the webinar themed “Enhancing People-to-People Bonds for High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation”. Vice-President Ai Ping attended this webinar and delivered a speech.

Ranawaka and Yapa, Members of Parliament of Sri Lanka, as well as representatives of NGOs from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka also delivered speeches. Nearly 100 delegates from China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka attended this seminar.

2023 World Robot Conference Opens in Beijing

The 2023 World Robot Conference was held at Beiren Etrong International Exhibition & Convention Centre of the Economic and Technological Development Zone in Beijing. Themed “Spurring Innovation for the Future”, the Conference was hosted by the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China and China Association for Science and Technology, organised by Beijing Institute of Electronics, Beijing

Municipal Bureau of Economy and Information Technology and the Administration Committee of Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area. The Conference is composed of three sections including symposium, exhibition and contest, and attracted 320 experts and delegates. In the exhibition section, around 600 pieces of products from over 140 robotic companies have been showcased, 50 of which made their debut during the Conference.



The 14th Beijing Olympic City Sports Culture Festival Opens

The 14th Beijing Olympic City Sports Culture Festival opened in Beijing on August 16th. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, delivered a speech via video. The Festival was hosted by Beijing Olympic City Development Association, and co-organised by Beijing Olympic City Development Centre and Changping District People's Government of Beijing Municipality. The Festival will last until the end of this year, encompassing a wide array of activities. These include major sports events, promotional campaigns for emerging trendy sports, educational

events that spread Olympics knowledge among youth, the 19th Beijing International Sports Film Week and a series of events dedicated to spread the Olympic culture in Beijing. The Annual Plan on the Advancement of the Building of Sports Culture and Tourism Belt along Beijing and Zhangjiakou was jointly released by Beijing Olympic City Development Association, Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism, Beijing Municipal Bureau of Sports and the People's Government of Zhangjiakou Municipality at the opening ceremony.



SCO Forum on Youth Development Kicks Off in Qingdao

Sponsored by All-China Youth Federation and co-organised by China International Youth Exchange Centre, Shandong Youth Federation, Qingdao Youth Federation, the Management Committee of China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Zone and People's Government of Jiaozhou City, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Forum for Youth Development was held in Qingdao, Shandong Province on September 11th. Nearly 100 young delegates from 11 member states and observer states of SCO participated in the forum. Participants from various youth organisations and agencies in countries such as China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus and others shared their insights on the priority

areas and new practices for empowering youth development of their respective countries. The forum was held as a key part of the 2023 SCO Youth Campus. Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the initiative of SCO Youth Campus in 2015 during the 15th meeting of the Council of the SCO Heads of State. It's the fourth time that Qingdao has played host to the SCO Youth Campus. During their stay in Qingdao, participants had the opportunity to visit prominent venues such as Qingdao SCODA Pearl International Expo Centre, Qingdao International Sailing Centre, and Youth Talent, Innovation and Entrepreneurs Empowerment Centre, exploring and exchanging ideas on the Belt and Road cooperation, cultural innovation and development as well as youth innovation and entrepreneurship.



The Beijing International Peace Culture Foundation and UNESCO Jointly Hold the 10th “Peace Garden Peace Festival”

On September 21st, 2023, the 10th “Peace Garden Peace Festival” and the 5th “Global Youth Photography Competition Ceremony” co-sponsored by UNESCO and the Beijing International Peace Culture Foundation were held at the Peace Garden Museum in Beijing.

More than 100 diplomatic envoys, government

officials, representatives of international organisations and international youth representatives from more than 10 countries participated in the festival to discuss areas such as Belt and Road cooperation, exchanges and mutual learning among civilisations, global governance, growth of teenagers and women's rights.



China Society for Human Rights Studies (CSHRS) and Sapienza University of Rome Jointly Hold 2023 China-Europe Seminar on Human Rights

On September 20th, the 2023 China-Europe Seminar on Human Rights was held jointly by China Society for Human Rights Studies (CSHRS) and Sapienza University of Rome in Rome, Italy. The seminar, themed “Modernisation and the Diversity of Human Rights Among Civilisations” was attended by more than 130 human rights experts, government officials, members of parliament

and representatives from political parties and social organisations from China, Italy, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia and other countries through both online and offline channels.



Energy-Meteorology Synergy Development Thematic Forum of 2023 Global Energy Interconnection Conference Held in Beijing

On September 27th, the Energy-Meteorology Synergy Development Thematic Forum of the 2023 Global Energy Interconnection Conference was held in Beijing. This forum, co-hosted by Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organisation, World Meteorological Organisation and National Climate Centre, aimed at bolstering the development of Energy-

Meteorology synergy, and fostering in-depth exchanges between energy and meteorology in science, technology, policy, mechanism and so on. The forum was held in a hybrid format. More than 300 guests from international organisations, government departments, industry enterprises, research institutions and higher education institutions attended this forum.



Seminar on Participation of Chinese NGOs in International Humanitarian Actions Confronting Climate Change held in Beijing

Seminar on Participation of Chinese NGOs in International Humanitarian Actions Confronting Climate Change was held in Beijing on October 11th at 798 Art District, Beijing. This Seminar was co-hosted by China Association for NGO Cooperation, the International Development and Cooperation Institute of Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, China NGO Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, Beijing Peaceland Foundation, China International Humanitarian Aid Action Network, Lao Niu Foundation, the Research Centre of Risk Management and Innovation. 60 delegates from

government departments, industrial foundations, business community, rescue teams, academic community and media organisations participated in the seminar. Under the impact of COVID-19, the influence of climate change and the aggravated regional conflict, human society has entered a new norm featuring high uncertainty and complexity. In this context, the seminar aims at exploring the principle and path for Chinese NGOs to go global and to participate in global governance by summing up the experiences of Chinese NGOs in recent years.



The 12th China International Folk Arts Festival (CIFAF) Held in Fujian Province

Jointly sponsored by China Federation of Literary and Art Circles and Fujian Provincial People's Government and co-organised by Quanzhou Municipal People's Government and Fujian Federation of Literary and Art Circles, the 12th China International Folk Arts Festival (CIFAF) was held in Fujian Province from October 11th to 17th. Over 100 artists from 13 countries gave performances and brought to the local audience an art extravaganza of international style, national features and folk characteristics. Themed "Carry Forward the Spirit of the Belt and Road, Create

a Better Future for Mankind", the 12th CIFAF named its opening gala performance "Together for a Bright Future". The implication of the Belt and Road bringing us together for a bright future opens a new and beautiful chapter in the exchanges of folk arts among countries around the world. It has been 33 years since CIFAF was inaugurated in 1990. Over 170 folk arts troupes with more than 3700 artists from 68 countries on five continents around the world have performed in China, with a cumulative direct audience of millions of people.



The 2023 World Women Scientists' Conference Kicks off in Shaoxing

The 2023 World Women Scientists Conference, organised by China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and other organisations with the theme of “Openness, Trust, Innovation, and Development”, kicked off on October 14th in Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province. Ding Zhongli, academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences who was born in Shaoxing sent a congratulatory letter. Twenty-two academicians from Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) including Wang Zhizhen, academician of CAS, Chen Wei, academician of CAE and Vice-President of CAST, Wang Hongyang, academician of CAE and President of China Women’s Association for Science and Technology

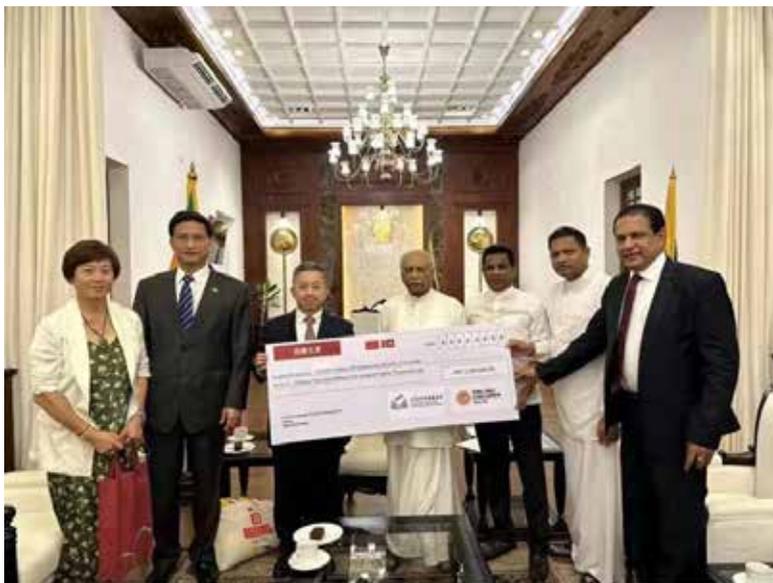
(CFAST), Chen Zuoning, academician of CAE and former Vice-President of CAE and 26 overseas academicians including Justine Cassell, Fang Xin, Diane Hildebrandt attended the Conference. With “Women’s Wisdom and Global Development” as the annual topic, this Conference focused on cutting-edge scientific fields such as life science, digital economy and artificial intelligence. With the vision of empowering high-quality development by sci-tech innovation, it aims to build an international innovation cooperation platform for female scientific and technological talents, promote scientific and cultural exchanges and international cooperation and trust, and create a more open environment for international innovation.



International Smiling Children Sri Lanka Food Packages Project Launch Ceremony Successfully Held

At 10:30 am local time on October 25th, the ceremony to launch the International Smiling Children Sri Lanka Food Packages Project initiated by the China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) was successfully held in Sri Lankan Prime Minister's Office. Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena appreciated the distribution of food packages by the CFRD to children in poverty-stricken areas in Sri Lanka. He said, Sri Lanka needs to learn from China's experience in poverty reduction to achieve sustainable development. Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong said China's experience in poverty reduction is meaningful for Sri Lanka, and the CFRD's Smiling

Children Food Package Project will play a positive role in promoting exchanges between the two peoples of China and Sri Lanka. In 2022, Sri Lanka was affected by both the pandemic and the economic crisis, resulting in widespread difficulties for the people, especially the low-income groups. Therefore, the CFRD worked together with the Sri Lanka Overseas Chinese Association and China-Lanka Friendship Development Association to purchase 1500 food packages in total (containing rice, beans and edible oil) for emergency assistance to children suffering from starvation. The local government and beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the donation of food packages.



The Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Holds the Fifth China-U.S. Sister Cities Conference

The Fifth China-U.S. Sister Cities Conference, co-hosted by the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and Jiangsu Provincial People’s Government, opened in Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province on November 3 under the theme of “Build Green Cities for the People”. Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to the conference. Zhu Yongxin, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and Executive Vice-Chairman of China Association for Promoting Democracy read out President Xi’s message at the conference.

President Xi Jinping pointed out that the foundation of China-U.S. relations lies in the people and the

source of strength lies in the friendship between the two peoples. Sister provinces/states and sister cities play an important role in deepening friendship between Chinese and American peoples and achieving mutual benefits and win-win results. Since the first pair of cities were twinned in 1979, 284 pairs of sister provinces/states and sister cities have been formed between China and the U.S. Over the past four decades and more, they have engaged in close cooperation, delivering fruitful results and bringing tangible benefits to the people of both countries.

Xi Jinping stressed that the China-U.S. Sister Cities Conference is an important mechanism for sub-national exchanges between China and the



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U.S. Since its inception, it has played a positive role in promoting the development of sister cities and deepening their cooperation. He expressed the hope that the participants of the conference will continue to serve as a bridge for sub-national exchanges between China and the U.S. to facilitate

the provinces/states and cities of the two countries to cross the vast Pacific Ocean for playing a greater role in promoting sound and steady development of China-U.S. relations and improving the well-being of the two peoples.

