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# Editor's Note

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This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative. From October 17 to 18, the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation was held in Beijing. Representatives from 151 countries and 41 international organizations attended the forum. President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the forum and delivered a keynote speech. With the theme of “High-quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Together for Common Development and Prosperity”, the forum held a number of high-level forums, thematic forums and CEO conference, and released a series of cooperation projects and a list of achievements.

Over the past 10 years, the Belt and Road Initiative has made historic achievements, benefiting more than 150 countries. It has opened up a path of cooperation, opportunity and prosperity leading to common development, and has become the most popular international public product and the largest international cooperation platform in the world today. Standing at a new starting point, China looks forward to working with all parties to inherit and carry forward the Silk Road spirit, embark on a new journey of Belt and Road development, and create a bright future for all countries to jointly move towards modernization.

# The Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

## Summary of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation



Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan pose for a group photo with distinguished guests attending the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023 (XINHUA)

- **Time: October 17-18, 2023**

- **Place: Beijing, China**

- **Attendance:**

Representatives from 151 countries and 41 international organizations

- **Theme:**

High-quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Together for Common Development and Prosperity

- **Major Activities:**

**October 17, 2023**

CEO Conference

Welcoming Banquet

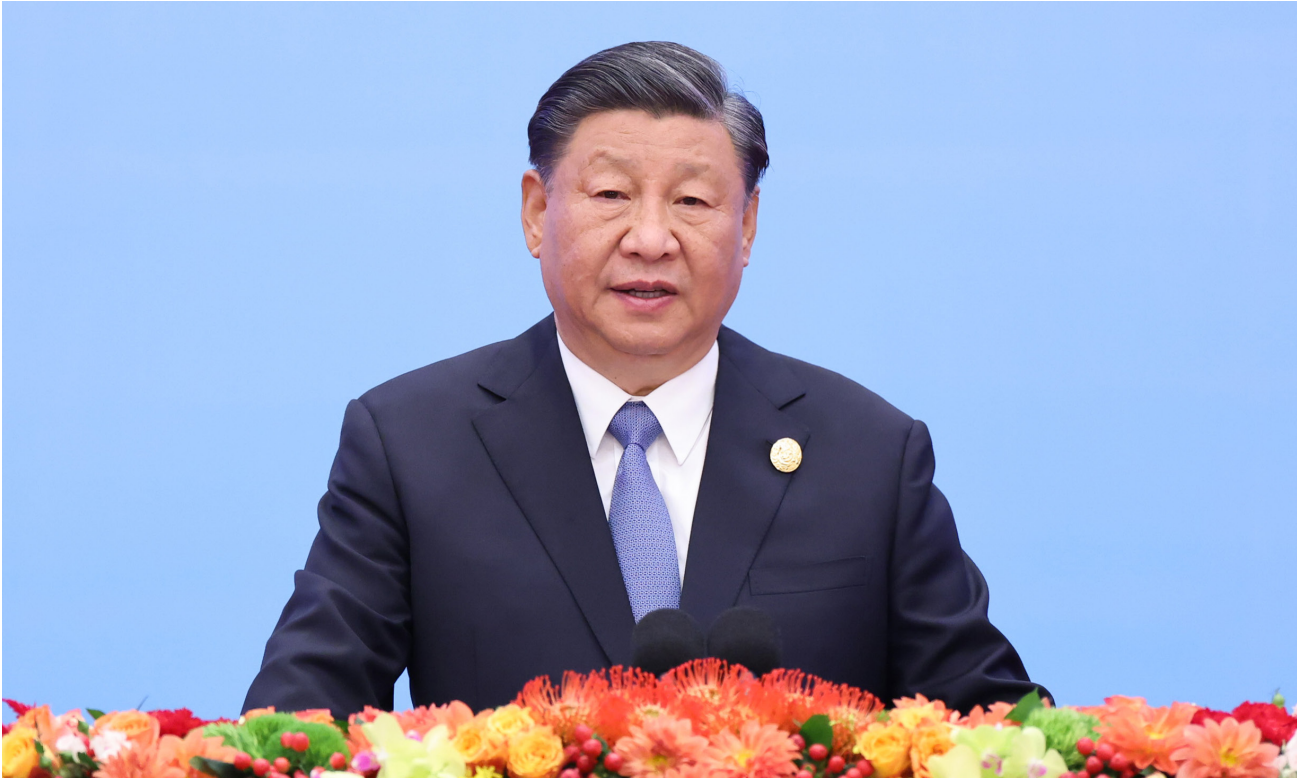
**October 18, 2023**

Opening Ceremony

**High-level Forums and Thematic Forums, including**

- High-level Forum on Digital Economy
- High-level Forum on Connectivity
- High-level Forum on Green Development
- Thematic Forum on Trade Connectivity
- Thematic Forum on Maritime Cooperation
- Thematic Forum on Clean Silk Road
- Thematic Forum on People-to-people Connectivity
- Thematic Forum on Think Tank Exchange
- Thematic Forum on Subnational Cooperation

## Building an Open, Inclusive and Interconnected World for Common Development



Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the opening ceremony of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and delivers a keynote speech at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

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 con-

nectivity, 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 interna-

tional 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 co-

operation. 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.

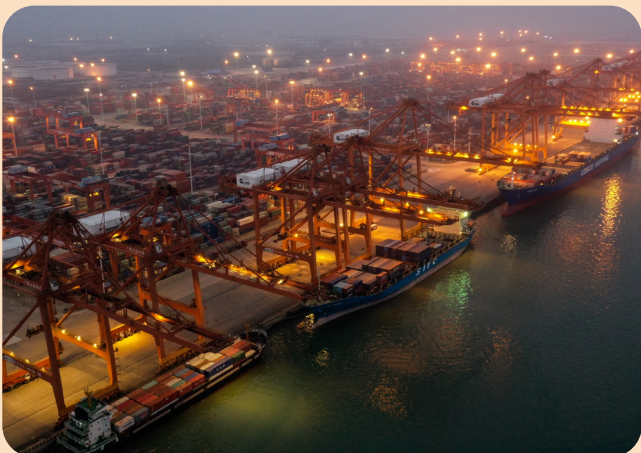
—Xi Jinping's speech at the Silk Road Forum and Poland-China Regional Trade & Business Forum on June 20, 2016



## 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**

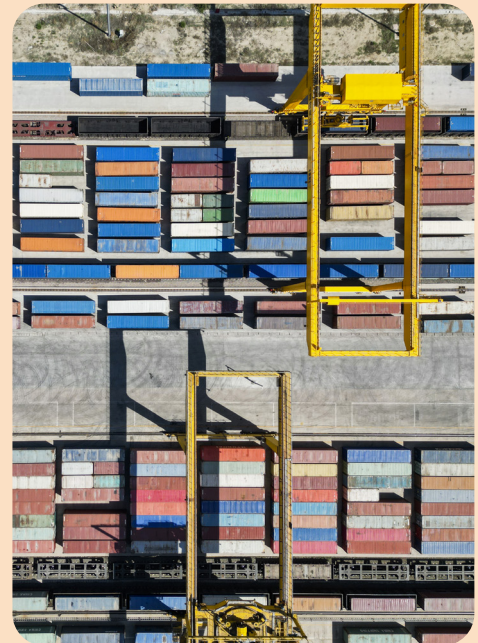
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**—Xi Jinping’s remark in a written message to the High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation on June 18, 2020**

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**



## Book of Xi's Discourses on BRI Published in More Languages



Guests from China and abroad attend the launch ceremony of the multiple language editions of The Belt and Road Initiative by Xi Jinping in Beijing, capital of China, October 16, 2023. A book of Chinese President Xi Jinping's discourses on the Belt and Road Initiative has been published in Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Japanese (XINHUA)

A book of President Xi Jinping's discourses on the Belt and Road Initiative BRI has been published in Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Japanese.

The book incorporates Xi's 42 articles between September 2013 and July 2018 on jointly advancing BRI cooperation and records in detail how the BRI has been proposed, enriched, and developed. It also elaborates on the BRI's principles, connotations, and objectives, providing authoritative interpretations for readers at home and abroad to increase understanding of the initiative. **CI**

## Bilateral Meetings



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, Oct. 17, 2023. Tokayev is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. (XINHUA)

### Xi Meets Kazakh President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 17 met with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi said he is very happy to meet his old friend again. A sound, stable and vibrant China-Kazakhstan relationship is conducive to the development and revitalization of both countries as well as to regional peace and stability, Xi said.

China supports Kazakhstan in safeguarding its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, Xi said.

No matter how the international situation changes, China and Kazakhstan should pass on the concept of good-neighborliness and friendship from generation to generation, and promote further development of China-Kazakhstan permanent comprehensive strategic partnership, Xi said.

Xi called on the two sides to strengthen cooperation, promote the Belt and Road cooperation to achieve more results, and deliver more benefits to the people of the two countries.

China is willing to continuously facilitate trade and investment with Kazakhstan, expand imports of high-quality and green agricultural products from Kazakhstan, and broaden green energy cooperation with the country, Xi said.

He noted that China is ready to improve connectivity with Kazakhstan and increase the transport capacity, scale and efficiency of China-Europe freight trains.

The two countries should promote exchanges in digital technology including cross-border e-commerce, artificial in-

telligence, big data and blockchain, Xi said.

He also called for stronger people-to-people and cultural exchanges and closer cooperation at the local level, noting that a mutual visa exemption agreement between the two countries will take effect and that the Kazakhstan tourism year will be launched in China next year.

China firmly opposes external forces interfering in the internal affairs of Central Asian countries, and supports Kazakhstan in performing its duties as the rotating presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Xi said.

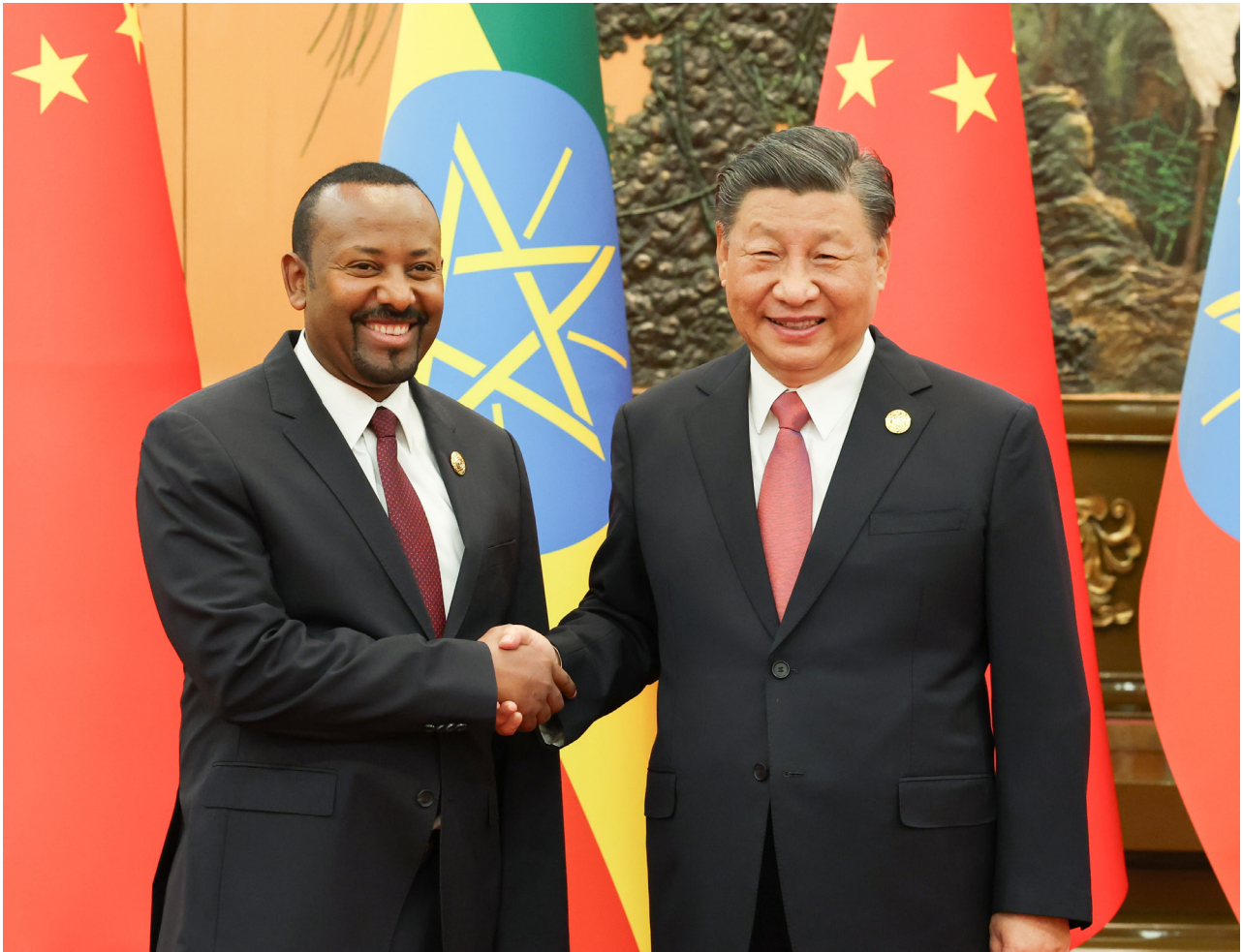
For his part, Tokayev said from day one, Kazakhstan has firmly supported and actively participated in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Over the past decade, China has become a leading country in the world, and the Belt and Road cooperation has yielded remarkable achievements, Tokayev said.

Noting that China is Kazakhstan's forever trustworthy friend and partner, Tokayev said Kazakhstan speaks highly of China's just position and positive role in international affairs, including its efforts to promote the settlement of the Ukraine crisis, and is willing to strengthen multilateral communication and coordination with China.

The two heads of state witnessed the signing of multiple bilateral documents on cooperation in areas including connectivity and economic development.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the events.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, Oct. 17, 2023. Abiy Ahmed is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay an official visit to the country.

## Xi Meets Ethiopian PM

China and Ethiopia announced elevating their ties to an “all-weather strategic partnership” as President Xi Jinping met with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in Beijing on Tuesday.

Abiy Ahmed is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay an official visit to China.

Xi said the two sides should take the establishment of the all-weather strategic partnership, announced in a joint statement issued by the two countries, as an opportunity to advance common development and win-win cooperation, promote South-South solidarity and cooperation, and safeguard international equity and justice.

Calling Ethiopia a key participant of the Belt and Road cooperation, Xi said the cooperation between the two countries over the past decade has been at the forefront of China-Africa cooperation in terms of cooperation fields and results.

Xi stressed that China supports Ethiopia in safeguarding its own sovereignty, security and development interests. The two sides should continue to strengthen solidarity and coop-

eration and firmly support each other on issues concerning each other’s core interests and major concerns.

China is willing to support and participate in Ethiopia’s post-war reconstruction and economic revitalization, and implement the Global Development Initiative to help Ethiopia achieve development, said Xi.

He also said China will work with Ethiopia in pursuit of peace and development and jointly build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Ahmed said that investment from China and bilateral cooperation, especially the Belt and Road cooperation, have effectively boosted Ethiopia’s economic and social development. Ethiopia will continue to advance the Belt and Road cooperation and welcomes more Chinese enterprises to invest in Ethiopia, he said.

Ethiopia highly appreciates and actively supports the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative proposed by President Xi, and is willing to work closely with China to promote the implementation of the initiatives, he said.



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with Chilean President Gabriel Boric at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Gabriel Boric is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay a state visit to China (XINHUA)

## Xi Holds Talks with Chilean President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 17 held talks with Chilean President Gabriel Boric, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay a state visit to China.

Xi said Chile is a pioneer in the Belt and Road cooperation between China and Latin America. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations more than half a century ago, China-Chile ties have maintained stable and sound development.

The bilateral cooperation in various fields has promoted the development and revitalization of the two countries and delivered tangible benefits to the two peoples, he said.

The two countries should take the signing of the Belt and Road cooperation plan as an opportunity to strengthen the alignment of their development strategies, he said.

Xi said China and Chile should deepen traditional cooperation in economy, trade and infrastructure, and foster new drivers of growth for cooperation on clean energy, digital economy, and scientific and technological innovation, to make Chile a leading country in high-quality Belt and Road cooperation between China and Latin America.

China welcomes more high-quality agricultural products and specialties from Chile to enter the Chinese market, he said.

Xi said that both China and Chile belong to the Global South. China is willing to strengthen communication and coordination with Chile to uphold solidarity and cooperation among developing countries, and safeguard true multilateralism and free trade.

China appreciates Chile's positive contributions to the

development of China-Latin America relations and the China-CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) Forum, and hopes Chile will continue to play its unique role in promoting China's cooperation with Latin America, he said.

Boric said the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by President Xi draws wisdom from Chinese traditional culture that has a history of more than 5,000 years, and is based on the principles of equality and mutual respect. It has become an important platform for mutually beneficial cooperation and an important opportunity for countries around the world to achieve common development. Chile highly values and will continue to actively participate in the cooperation.

Chile supports China's efforts to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement, Boric said, adding that Chile hopes to become the hub of cooperation between China and Latin American countries and play an active role in promoting the development of the Latin America-China relations.

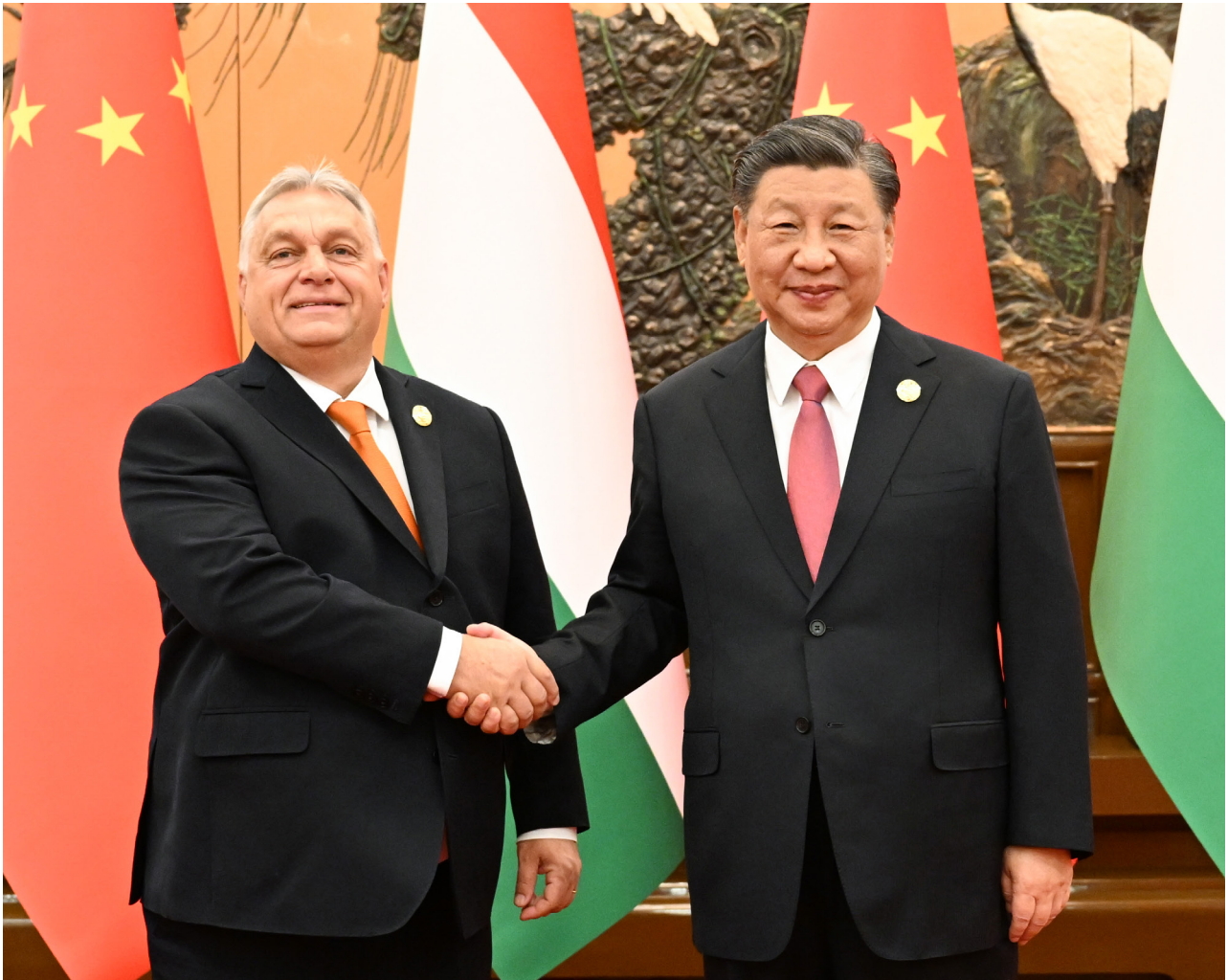
After the talks, the two heads of state witnessed the signing of a number of bilateral cooperation documents in fields such as Belt and Road cooperation, digital economy, scientific and technological innovation, customs inspection and quarantine.

A joint statement between the two countries was issued after the talks.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi also attended the events.

Prior to the talks, Xi held a welcoming ceremony for Boric in the Great Hall of the People.





Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Viktor Orban is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Hungarian PM

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on October 17 in Beijing.

China-Hungary relations have maintained high-level development in recent years, Xi said, adding that Hungary has long been committed to friendly policies toward China and actively supported the Belt and Road cooperation.

"I highly appreciate Prime Minister Orban's attendance at the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation for three consecutive times," Xi said.

Xi said China is willing to continue to be good friends and partners with Hungary who trust each other and pursue win-win cooperation, and take the China-Hungary comprehensive strategic partnership to new levels.

Xi stressed China's commitment to promoting a deep synergy of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with Hungary's "Opening to the East" policy, and sharing development opportunities and achievements.

The two sides should work for the on-time completion

and operation of the Budapest-Belgrade Railway, he said, adding that China is willing to increase imports of high-quality agricultural products from Hungary.

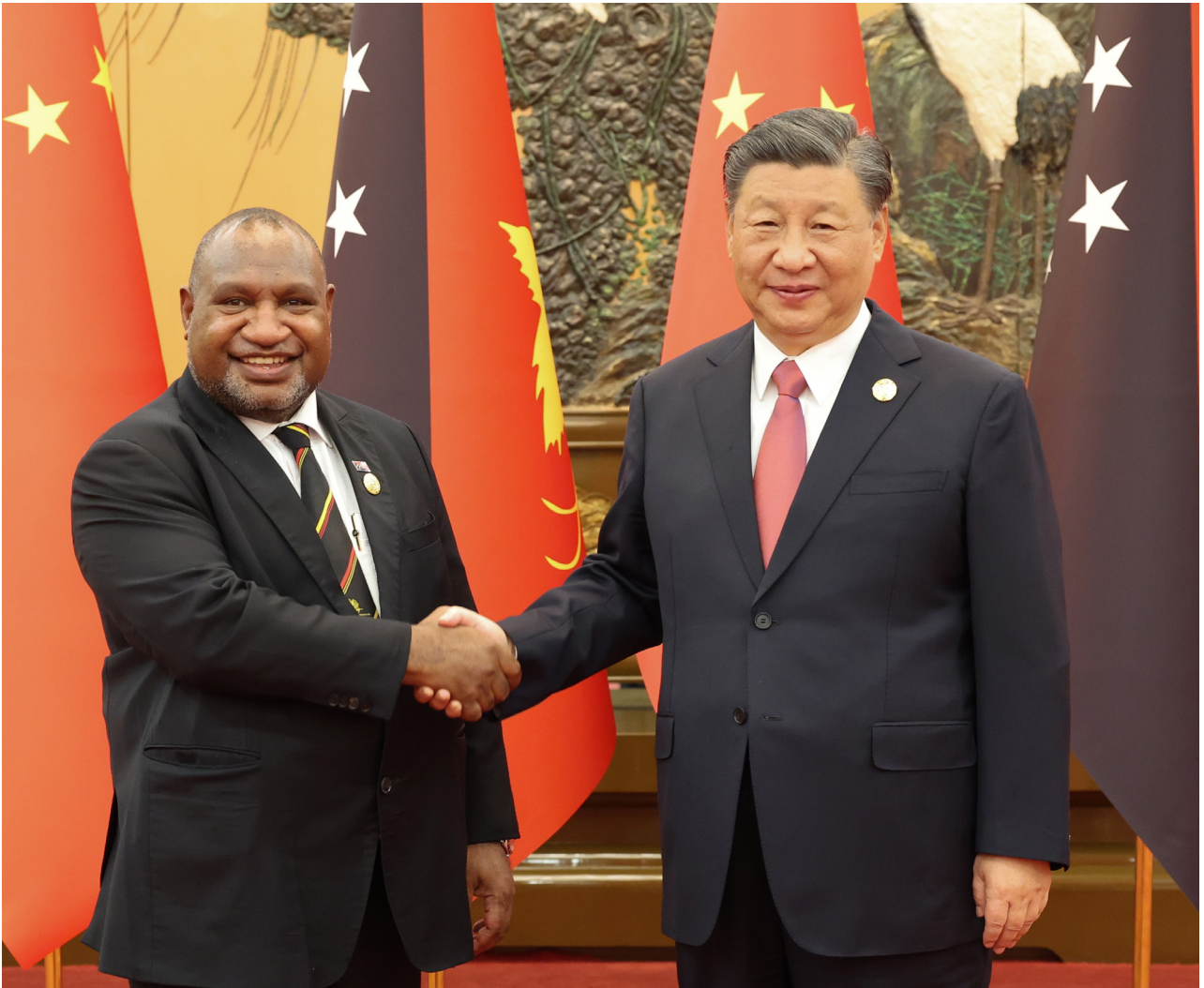
Xi also noted that China stands ready to work with Hungary to continue to lead cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European countries in the right direction and promote steady and sustained progress in China-Europe relations.

Hungary will firmly support and continue to actively participate in the BRI, Orban said.

Orban said Hungary stays committed to deepening its friendly and cooperative relations with China and will continue to be a trustworthy friend and partner of China in the European Union.

Hungary opposes decoupling, severing supply chains, and the so-called "de-risking," said the prime minister.

Orban noted that Hungary will continue to actively promote cooperation between Central and Eastern European countries with China, and promote the sound and steady growth of Europe-China relations.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Marape is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay an official visit to China. (XINHUA)

### Xi Meets Papua New Guinean PM

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape on October 17 in Beijing.

Marape is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay an official visit to China.

Since the two countries established diplomatic ties 47 years ago, the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Papua New Guinea has become more mature and stable, Xi said.

China applauds Papua New Guinea for adhering to the one-China principle and giving firm support to China on issues concerning China's core interests and major concerns, Xi said, adding that China will also firmly support Papua New Guinea in safeguarding sovereignty, security and development interests.

Xi said Papua New Guinea has played a leading and exem-

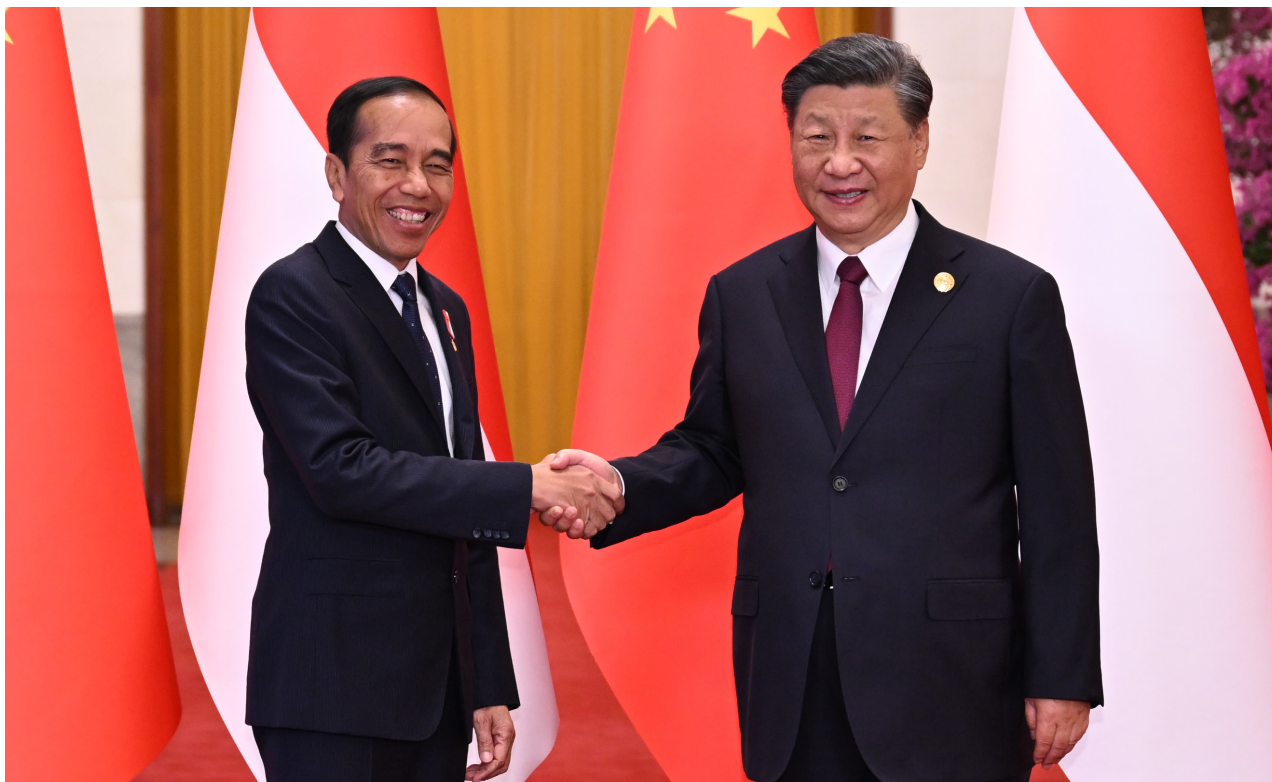
plary role in the Belt and Road cooperation between China and Pacific island countries, and China is willing to continue high-quality Belt and Road cooperation with Papua New Guinea.

China is willing to share development opportunities brought by Chinese modernization and help Papua New Guinea pursue industrialization and modernization, said Xi.

Xi noted that China's assistance to Pacific island countries is candid, sincere and selfless. It does not attach political conditions or seek exclusive rights in conducting such assistance.

China does not make empty promises and fully respects the willingness and the practical needs of Pacific island countries, he added.

China will continue to deepen its cooperation with Pacific island countries to boost their long-term economic and social development, Xi said.



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a welcoming ceremony for Indonesian President Joko Widodo prior to their talks in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Joko Widodo is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay a state visit to China (XINHUA)

## Xi Holds Talks with Indonesian President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 17 held talks with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and pay a state visit to China.

Noting that Indonesia is the place where he first proposed the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, Xi said that over the past 10 years, China and Indonesia have been following the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration, making joint efforts in promoting development and delivering huge benefits to the people of the two countries.

He also hailed the cooperation between the two countries as an important example for international cooperation in building the Belt and Road.

China is willing to continue to enhance mutual support on the path of realizing modernization and national rejuvenation with Indonesia and promote the long-term and steady growth of bilateral relations, so as to provide stronger force for each other's development and inject enduring impetus for world and regional peace and prosperity, Xi said.

Xi said China is willing to continue to make good use of the existing mechanism with Indonesia and deepen all-round strategic cooperation, enhance mutual support on issues involving each other's core interests and major concerns and progress together on the path toward modernization in keeping with the two countries' respective realities.

Noting that the Jakarta-Bandung High-speed Railway is a "golden brand" for the Belt and Road cooperation between the two countries, Xi said China is willing to work with Indonesia to sum up successful experience, make sound efforts in its high-quality operation and foster an economic belt along the railway.

He called on the two sides to deepen the integration of industrial and supply chains and jointly promote the building of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Corridor and "Two Countries, Twin Parks." He also said China supports relevant localities and enterprises to take part in major development projects in Indonesia.

Xi said China is willing to increase imports of quality agricultural and aquatic products from Indonesia and enhance cooperation in emerging industries such as digital economy, photovoltaic and new-energy vehicles, adding that the country will also actively carry out exchanges and cooperation with Indonesia in sectors

such as food and agriculture technologies, poverty alleviation and poverty reduction, health and medicine, education, culture, tourism and youth exchanges.

The two sides should work closely to uphold ASEAN centrality, promote open regionalism and safeguard international fairness and justice, Xi said.

Joko Widodo said he fully agrees on President Xi's ideas and opinions on developing the relations between the two countries, noting that Indonesia takes China as an important strategic partner in the country's economic development and construction.

He said Indonesia is looking forward to further promoting communication and cooperation with China, enhancing mutual trust and developing even closer relations, to benefit the two peoples and contribute to regional peace and prosperity.

Widodo said Indonesia is willing to promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, welcome more Chinese enterprises to take part in the development of Indonesia's new capital and the North Kalimantan Industrial Park, and accelerate the construction of major projects such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Corridor and "Two Countries, Twin Parks."

He expressed hope to further promote agricultural product exports to China and enhance cooperation in sectors including electric vehicles, finance, and energy security.

Indonesia appreciates the series of important initiatives proposed by Xi and is willing to form synergy between ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and the Belt and Road Initiative, Widodo said.

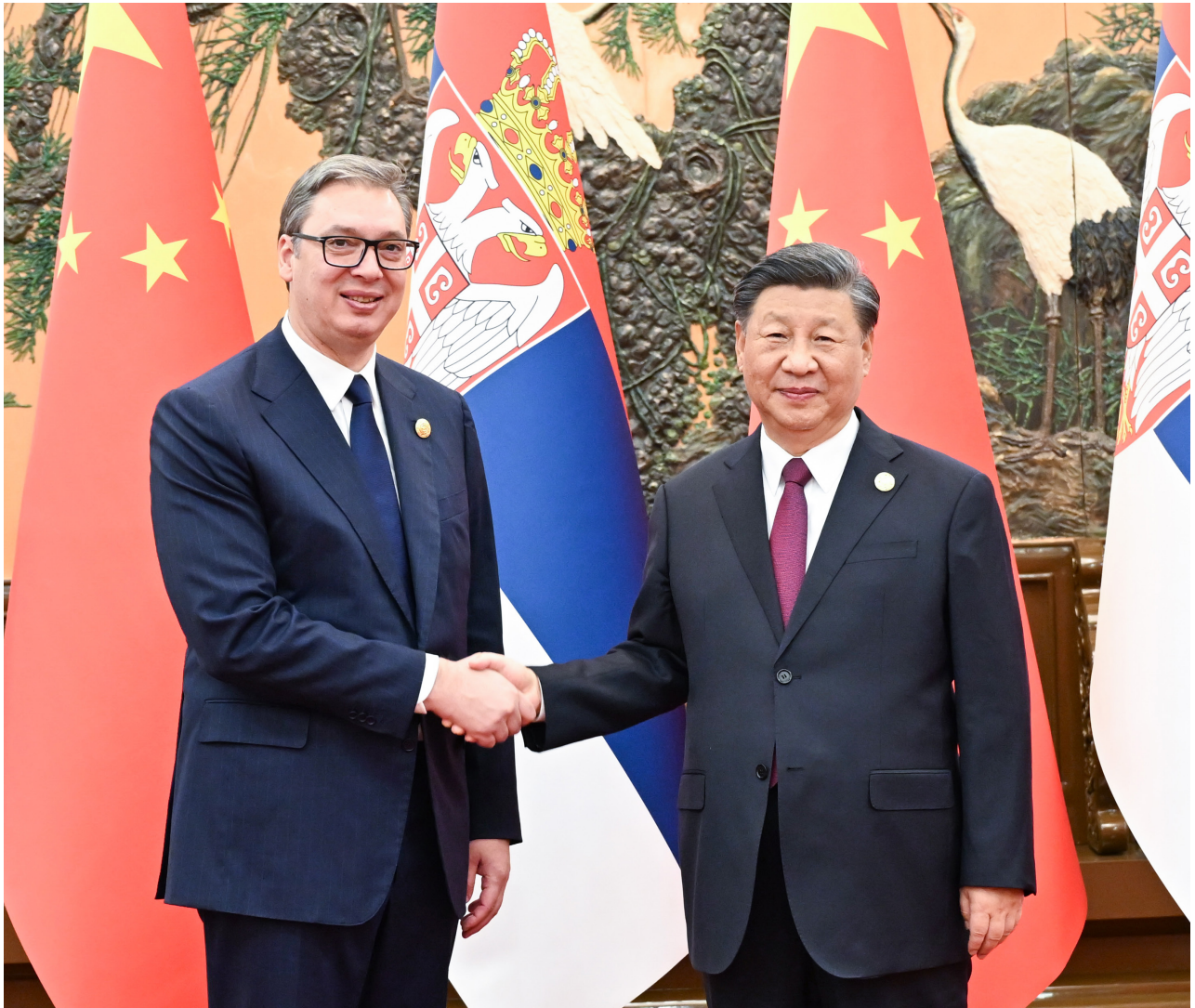
After the talks, the two heads of state jointly inaugurated the official operation of the Jakarta-Bandung High-speed Railway.

They also witnessed the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation documents in fields such as a coordination mechanism for Belt and Road cooperation, the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, rural development and poverty reduction, sustainable development and inspection and quarantine.

The two sides will also issue a joint statement on deepening all-round strategic cooperation.

Prior to the talks, Xi held a welcoming ceremony for Widodo in the Great Hall of the People.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi also attended the events.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Aleksandar Vucic is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Serbian President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 17 met with Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Calling Serbia “an ironclad friend” of China, Xi said the bilateral relations have withstood changes in the international landscape over recent years and are an exemplar of friendly relations between China and European countries.

Bilateral cooperation in areas such as infrastructure and production capacity has yielded fruitful results, and the depth, breadth, quality and efficiency of practical cooperation have been continuously improving, Xi said.

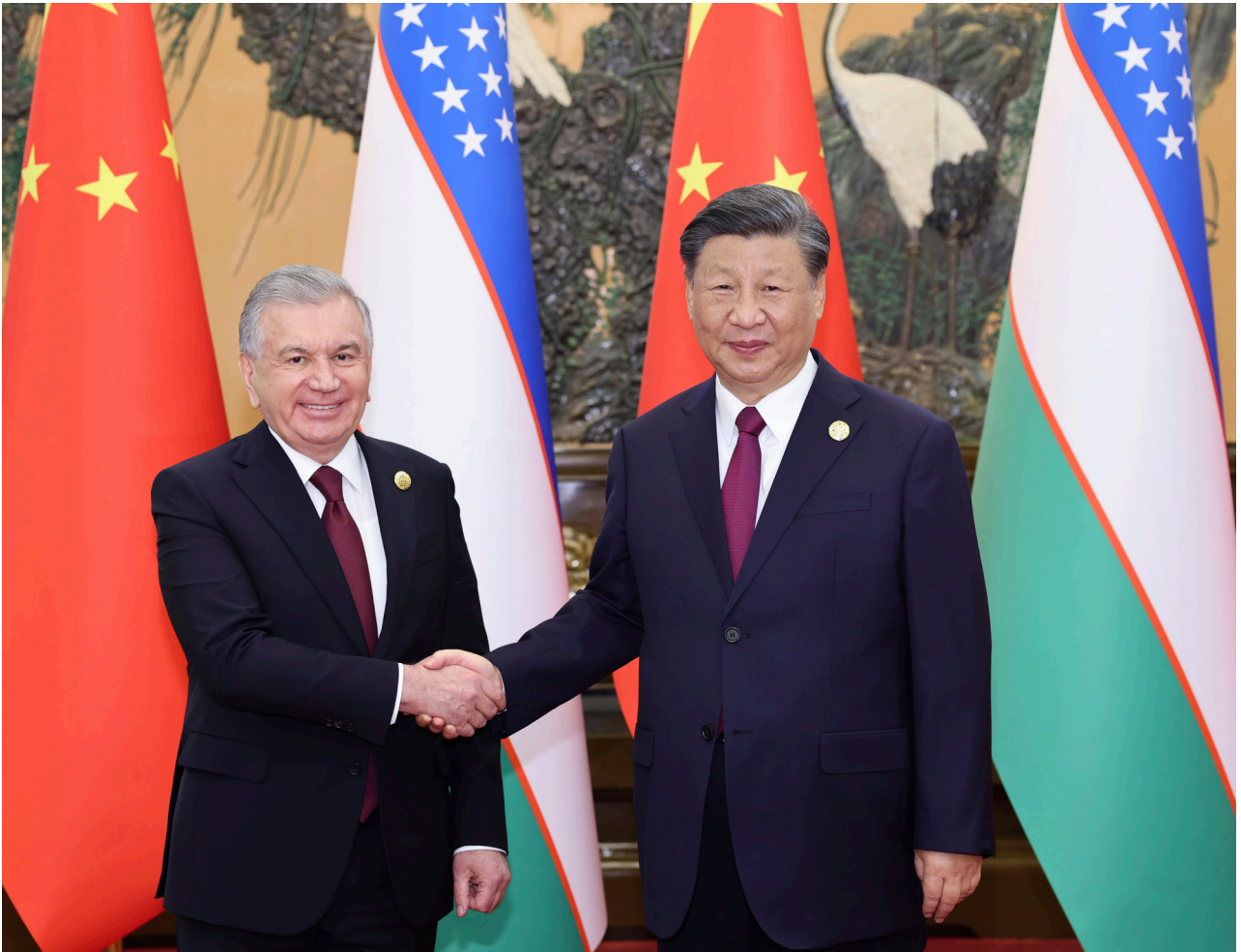
Facing profound changes in the world unseen in a century, the two sides should view the bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, and firmly support each other’s core interests and major concerns, as well as each other’s development paths, Xi noted.

Xi said China firmly supports Serbia in safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity and stands ready to continue to strengthen strategic synergy with Serbia in order to translate the traditional friendship between the two countries into more fruits of practical cooperation.

Xi called on the two sides to steadily advance cooperation in key areas such as infrastructure and actively explore new areas of cooperation including digital economy and technological innovation.

Serbia stands with China on all China-related issues and firmly follows the one-China policy, said Vucic, adding that Serbia is proud of its ironclad friendship with China.

Vucic said Serbia fully supports the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and will continue to actively participate in the joint building of the Belt and Road and deepen friendly cooperation with China in various fields.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. Mirziyoyev is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Uzbek President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 17 met with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Recalling their meeting in the Chinese city of Xi'an in May, Xi noted that the consensus on bilateral ties reached by the two countries is being fully carried out.

Xi said that the two countries have similar development goals, and China stands ready to work with Uzbekistan to support each other's national modernization drive and build the China-Uzbekistan community with a shared future.

The two sides must continue to support each other, Xi said, adding that China backs Uzbekistan in safeguarding its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and firmly opposes any interference in its internal affairs under any excuse.

The two sides should effectively implement the medium- and long-term plan for economic and trade cooperation, advance cooperation in key fields, and create conditions conducive to an early start of the construction of the China-

Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway, Xi said.

China supports expanding cooperation in areas including new energy and innovation, Xi said, noting that the country is willing to import more quality products from Uzbekistan.

More Uzbek youths are welcome to study in China and China is willing to provide more scholarship quotas for Uzbek students, Xi said.

He also stressed the need for the two sides to accelerate the establishment of cultural centers in each other's countries as well as the Luban Workshop.

Mirziyoyev hailed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by President Xi Jinping as a great project that is open and inclusive, saying that Uzbekistan always firmly supports and actively participates in the initiative.

Uzbekistan hopes to draw on China's poverty alleviation experience, deepen cooperation and exchanges in various fields under the BRI framework and advance the building of a green Silk Road, Mirziyoyev said.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023. Putin is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) (XINHUA)

## Xi, Putin Hold Talks in Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF).

Xi said Putin has attended the BRF three times in a row, demonstrating Russia's support for the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Lauding Russia as an important partner as China pursues international Belt and Road cooperation, Xi said the operation of major infrastructure projects such as the China-Russia east-route natural gas pipeline has brought tangible benefits to the people of both countries.

China is willing to work with Russia and other member countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) to promote the alignment of the BRI with the EAEU, so as to foster higher-level and deeper regional cooperation, Xi said.

China hopes that the China-Mongolia-Russia natural gas pipeline project will make substantive progress as soon as possible, he added.

It is not an expediency, but a long-term policy to develop the China-Russia relations featuring permanent good-neighborly friendship, comprehensive strategic coordination and mutually beneficial cooperation, Xi said.

China supports the Russian people in pursuing the path of national rejuvenation independently and safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, he said, calling on the two sides to promote high-quality development of China-Russia practical cooperation and actively explore cooperation in strategic emerging industries.

The historic BRICS membership expansion shows the confidence of developing countries in promoting multipolarity in the world and greater democracy in international relations, Xi said.

Xi expressed support for Russia in hosting a successful BRICS summit in Kazan next year.

China is willing to continue to strengthen communication and coordination with Russia within the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the G20 and other multilateral frameworks, so as to play a greater role in maintaining food security, energy security and the stability of the global industrial and supply chains, and to safeguard the common interests of China and Russia as well as regional and developing countries, Xi said.

Putin said the BRI has achieved great success and has become an important international public good widely recognized by the world, expressing his confidence in greater achievements of this great cause.

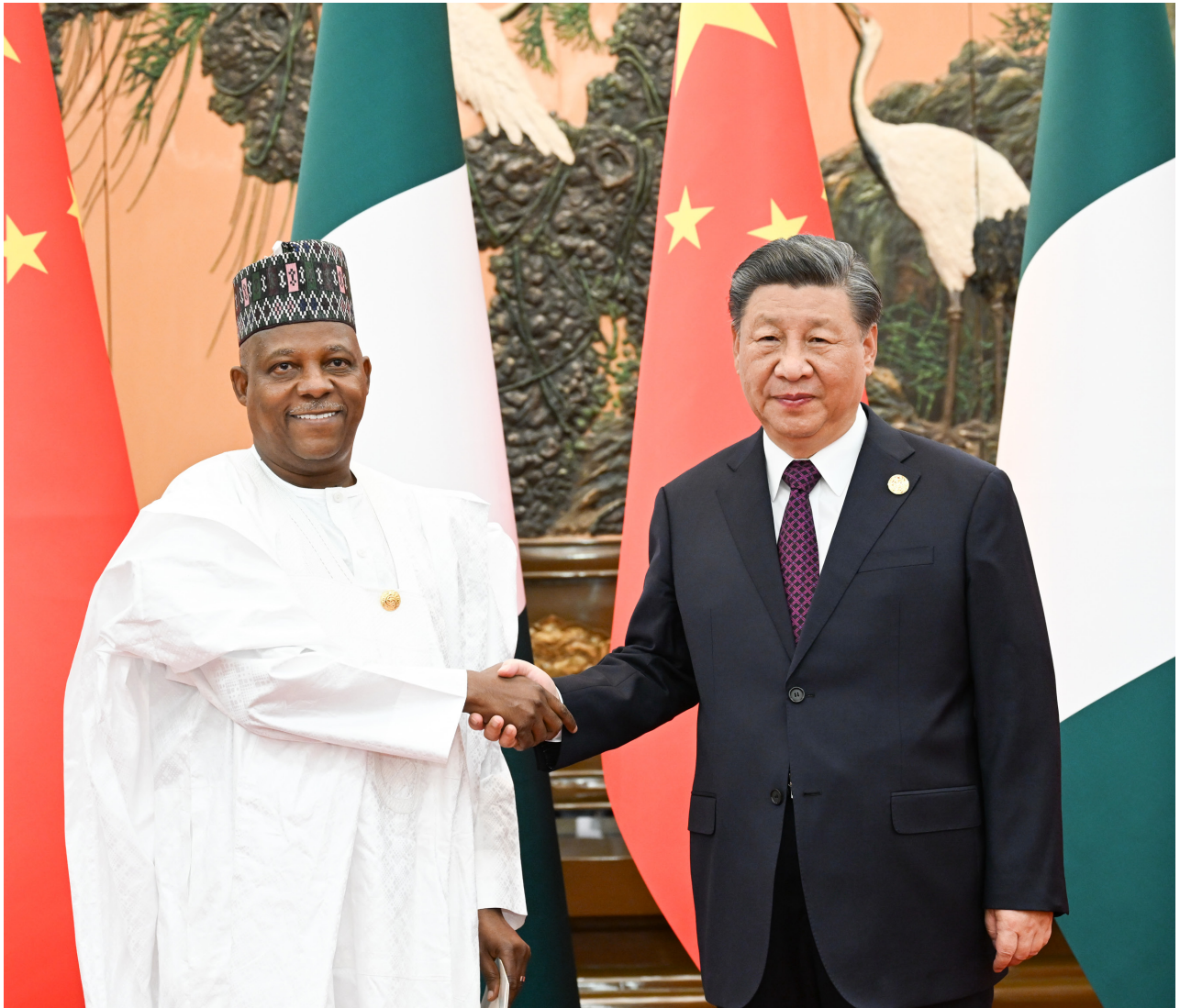
The evolution of the international situation fully confirms President Xi's strategic judgment of profound changes unseen in a century, said Putin.

He said Russia is willing to strengthen communication and collaboration with China within multilateral mechanisms such as BRICS, uphold the international system based on international law, and promote the establishment of a more just and reasonable global governance system.

Russia is willing to take the opportunity of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries next year to further promote the development of the Russia-China comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination, he added.

Xi and Putin also had in-depth exchanges of views on the Palestine-Israel situation and others.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the event.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Nigerian Vice President Kashim Shettima at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023. Shettima is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Nigerian Vice President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 18 met with Nigerian Vice President Kashim Shettima, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi noted that over the past decade, the Belt and Road cooperation between China and Africa has demonstrated robust vitality and seen a number of landmark projects completed.

Xi highlighted a group of cooperation projects in Nigeria such as railway, port, power station and telecommunication network projects, as well as the free trade zone construction.

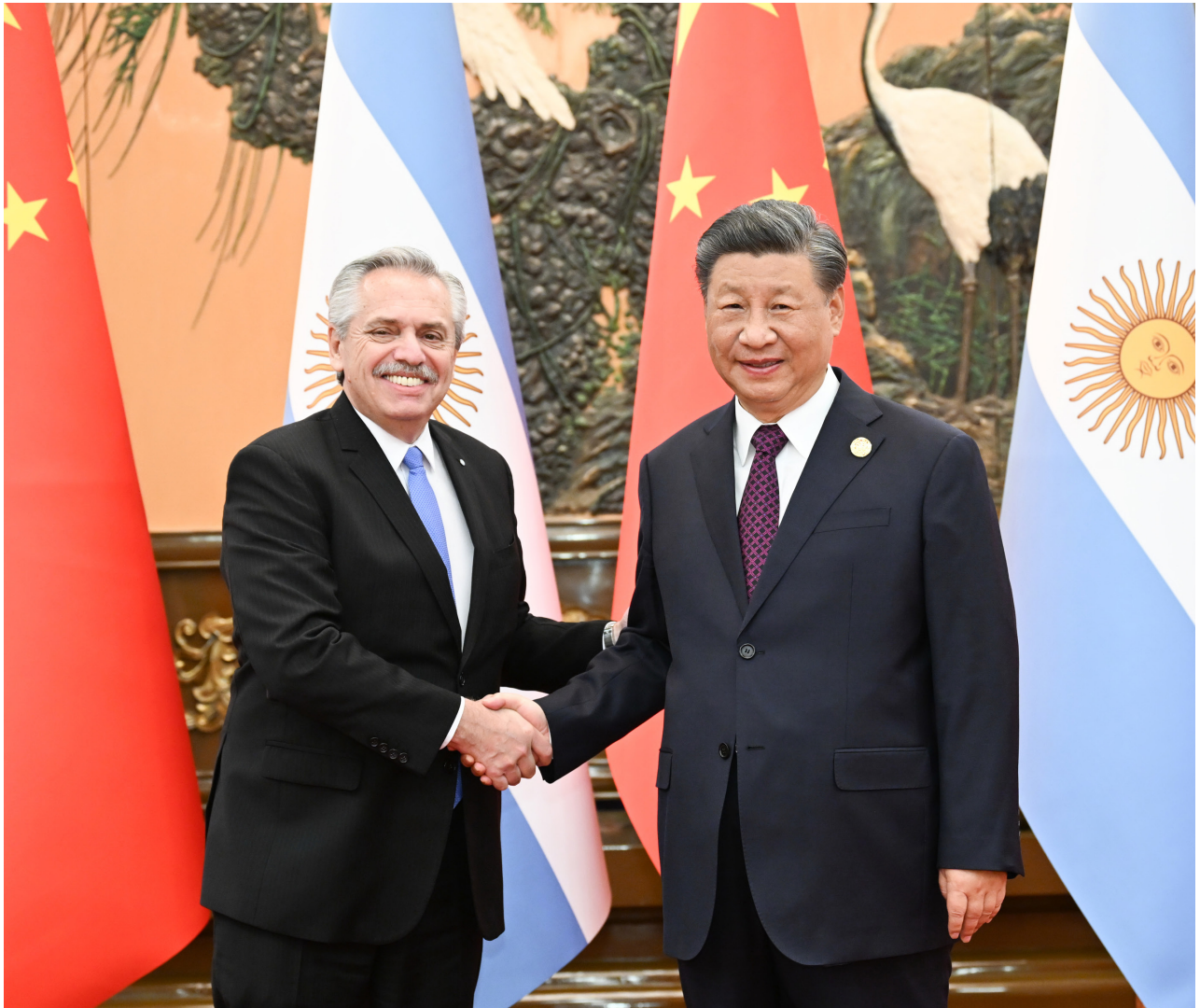
China is willing to continue working with Nigeria to push for more tangible achievements in the Belt and Road cooperation, to help Nigeria and Africa at large achieve industrialization and agricultural modernization, Xi said.

As the world is undergoing transformation and turbulence, China and Nigeria need solidarity and cooperation more than ever, Xi noted.

China is willing to strengthen personnel exchanges at all levels with Nigeria and promote practical cooperation of high quality, said Xi, adding that China supports Nigeria in playing a greater role in international and regional affairs.

Shettima said that China has consistently shown respect and equality toward Nigeria and other African countries, and has made every effort to support the people of Africa in seeking independence and development. Nigeria is willing to continue deepening the Belt and Road cooperation with China and elevate bilateral ties to a new level.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Argentine President Alberto Fernandez at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023. Fernandez is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Argentine President in Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 18 met with Argentine President Alberto Fernandez, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Both as major developing countries, China and Argentina shoulder the historical mission of safeguarding international fairness and justice, Xi said, expressing China's willingness to work with Argentina to seek greater strategic synergy, make their bilateral relations steady and sustained, and set an example for the unity and cooperation among the Global South.

China supports Argentina's efforts in maintaining economic and financial stability, and stands ready to deepen pragmatic cooperation with Argentina in agriculture, infrastructure and other fields.

Xi congratulated Argentina on being invited to join the BRICS cooperation mechanism. He called on the two countries to strengthen strategic coordination within the

frameworks of the UN, the G20 and the BRICS cooperation mechanism, and promote the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative and Global Civilization Initiative for the building of a community with a shared future for humanity.

China has always supported the regional integration process of Latin America and the Caribbean, he noted.

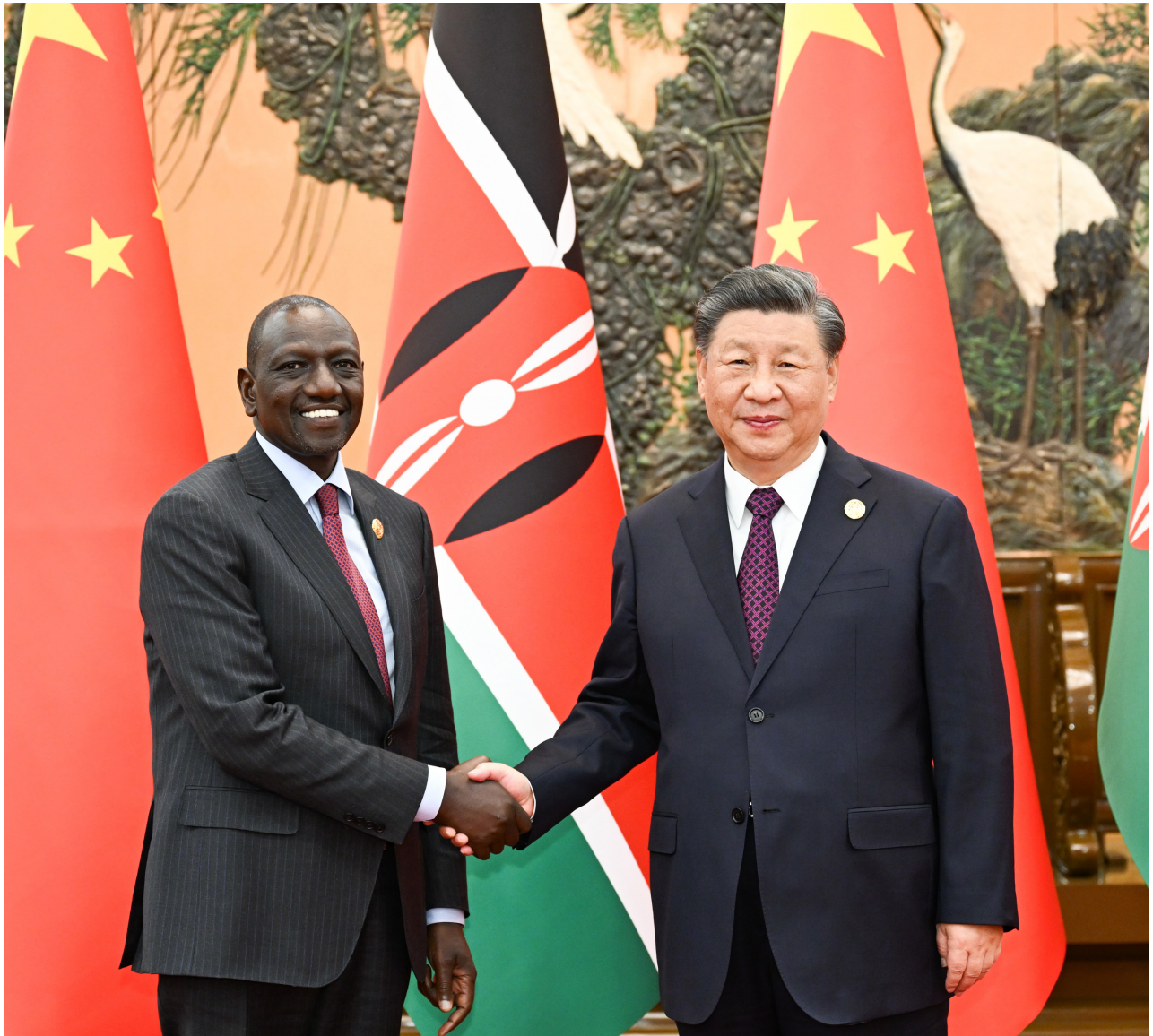
Fernandez hailed China as a "true friend" of Argentina.

He said the Belt and Road cooperation has created important opportunities for developing countries and played an irreplaceable role in promoting world peace, fairness and sustainable development.

Argentina will work with China to support multilateralism and strengthen communication and coordination within the frameworks of the G20 and BRICS cooperation mechanism, Fernandez said.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.





Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Kenyan President William Ruto at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023. William Ruto is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Kenyan President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 18 met with Kenyan President William Ruto, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi said over the past years, China and Kenya have jointly carried out large-scale projects such as the Mombasa-Nairobi railway and an oil terminal at the port of Mombasa. Jointly building the Belt and Road has boosted people's sense of gain in the two countries.

He told Ruto that China will facilitate the export of Kenyan high-quality specialties to China, and expand the cooperation in fields including digital economy and new energy to help Kenya achieve green development.

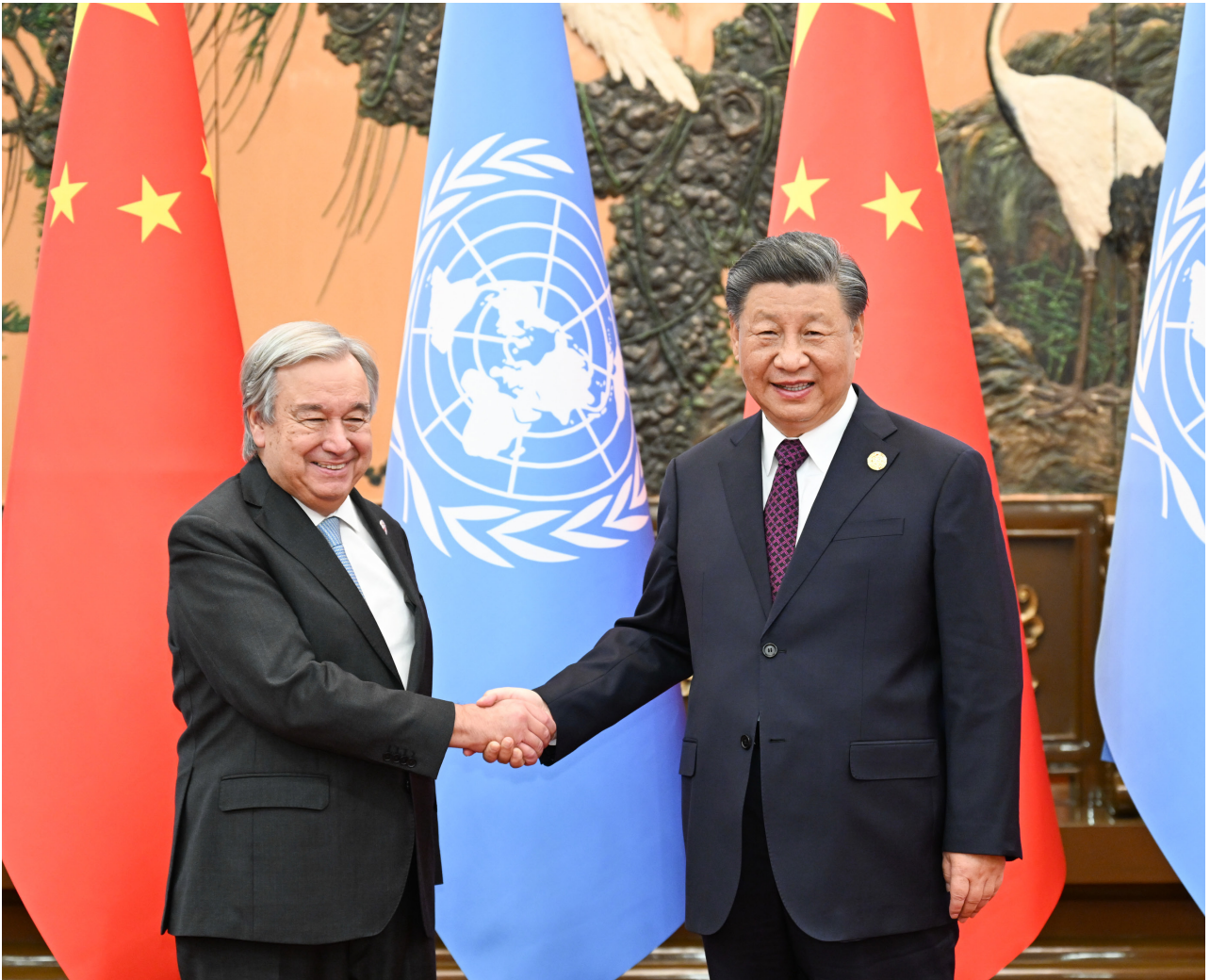
Xi noted that the two countries should strengthen mul-

tilateral communication and coordination, and practice true multilateralism.

Ruto said that Kenya has benefited a lot from its cooperation with China since the Belt and Road Initiative was put forward. The Mombasa-Nairobi Railway and other important projects have greatly enhanced Kenya's economic development capacity and improved people's well-being.

He expressed the belief that the eight major steps proposed by President Xi to support high-quality Belt and Road cooperation will further help Kenya and Africa achieve industrialization, agricultural modernization and economic integration.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023. Antonio Guterres is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Guterres, Pledging to Work with UN for World Peace, Development

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 18 met with United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Noting that the world today is confronted with many global threats and challenges, Xi said the international community must unite and place greater emphasis on development issues.

Xi said the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative were proposed to promote common development of all countries, advance the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and ensure that no country is left behind.

Praising the many tangible achievements of the BRI in the past decade and the UN's role as an important partner in Belt and Road cooperation, Xi said China is willing to work with the UN to promote high-quality Belt and Road coopera-

tion to contribute to world peace and development.

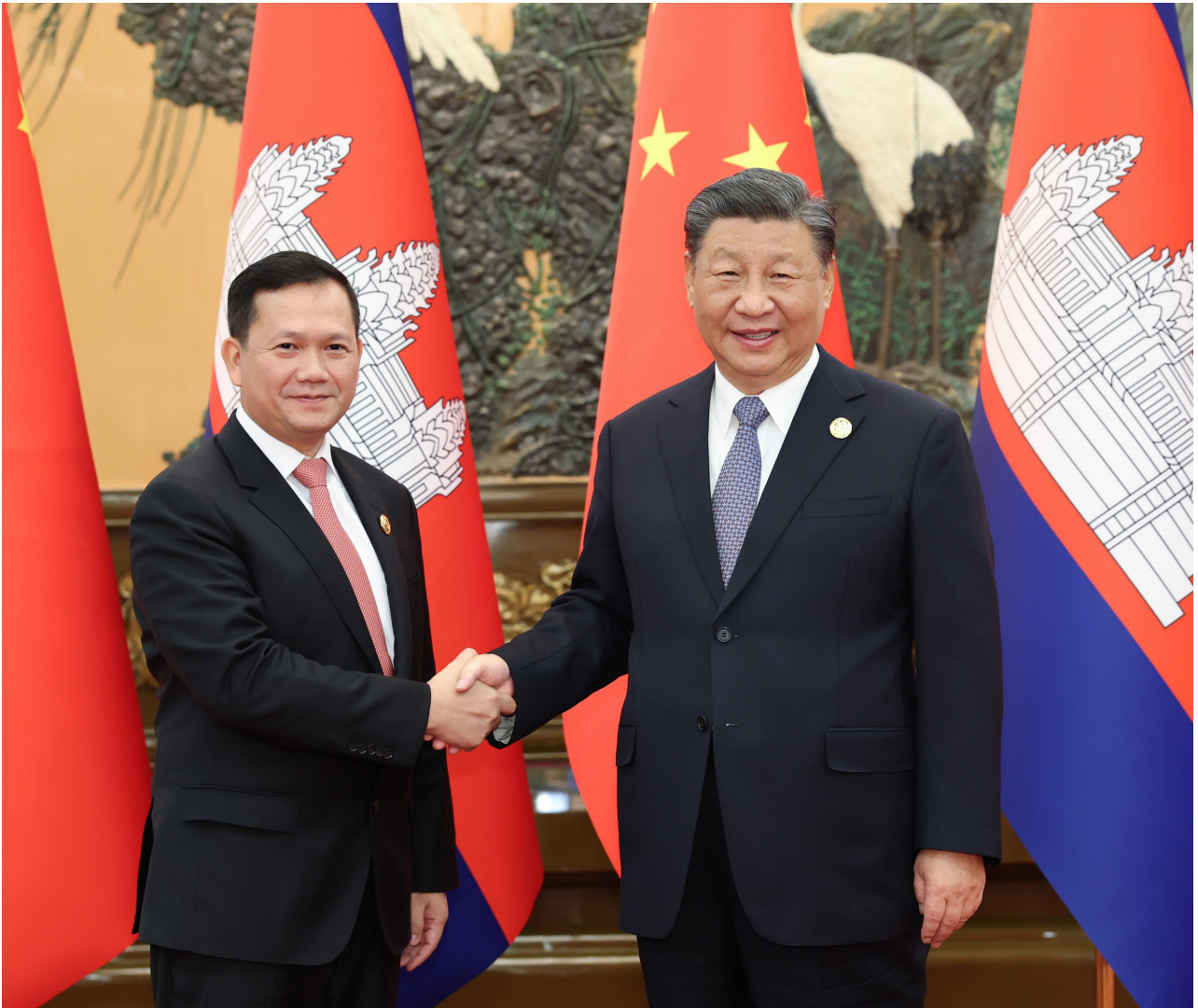
China is willing to enhance cooperation with UN agencies to promote multilateralism and the multi-polarization of the world, and work to make global governance more just and equitable, Xi said.

Guterres said that the BRI provides a very important and effective way to help developing countries achieve sustainable development.

The UN chief noted that the eight major steps announced by President Xi to support high-quality Belt and Road cooperation are fully in line with the UN purposes and objectives and are conducive to helping developing countries accelerate their development.

The UN highly appreciates China's firm commitment to multilateralism and supports the three global initiatives put forward by President Xi, said Guterres.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the event.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Cambodian PM

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet, who is in Beijing to attend the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

China and Cambodia have set a good example of relations between countries of different sizes based on equality and mutual benefit since they established diplomatic ties 65 years ago, Xi said, noting that the two countries' iron-clad friendship is unbreakable.

The two sides should maintain high-level strategic communication and well implement the action plan for building a China-Cambodia community with a shared future in the new era, he said.

Belt and Road cooperation has brought tangible development opportunities to Cambodia, the president said.

China stands ready to advance the synergy of the Belt

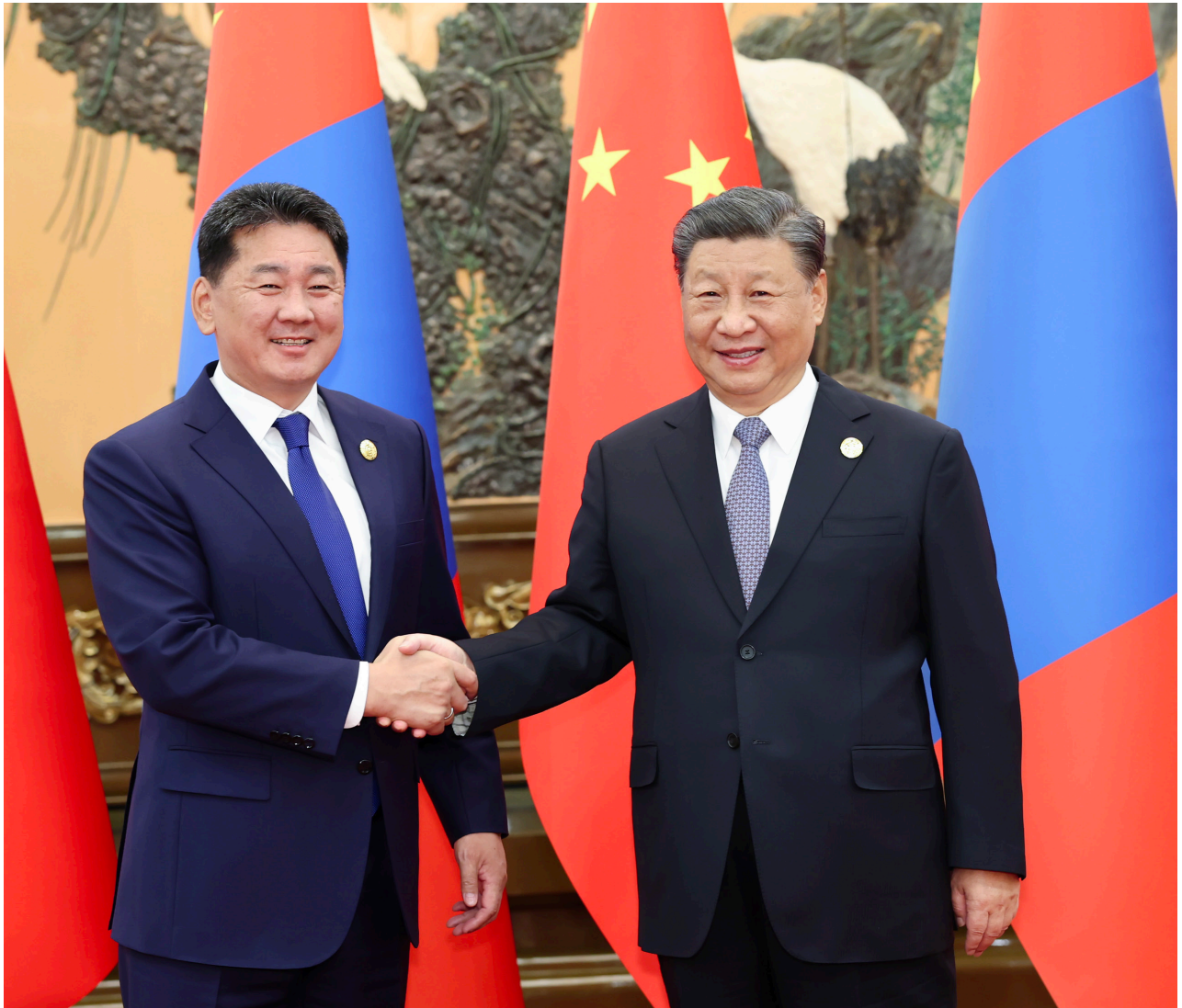
and Road Initiative with Cambodia's Pentagon Strategy, ensure that the "Industrial Development Corridor" and the "Fish and Rice Corridor" are well constructed, and push for the implementation of more projects that benefit the public, he said.

China welcomes the entry of more Cambodian farm produce into its market and encourages more Chinese tourists to travel in Cambodia, Xi said.

Hun Manet expressed appreciation for China's long-time and valuable support for Cambodia, noting that Cambodia firmly pursues a friendly policy toward China and supports China's core interests.

The series of important initiatives put forward by President Xi have provided important opportunities and platforms for promoting world peace and development, and Cambodia is an active supporter of them, Hun Manet said.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Mongolian President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF).

Noting that Mongolia is a natural partner in the Belt and Road cooperation, Xi hopes Mongolia will play a greater role in high-quality Belt and Road cooperation by leveraging its geographical location of connecting Europe and Asia.

China will, as always, help Mongolia revitalize its economy, promote the construction of related border ports in an orderly manner, and open up new channels for connectivity between the two countries, Xi said.

He also noted that China is willing to expand trilateral cooperation among China, Mongolia and Russia, and make steady progress in the construction of the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor.

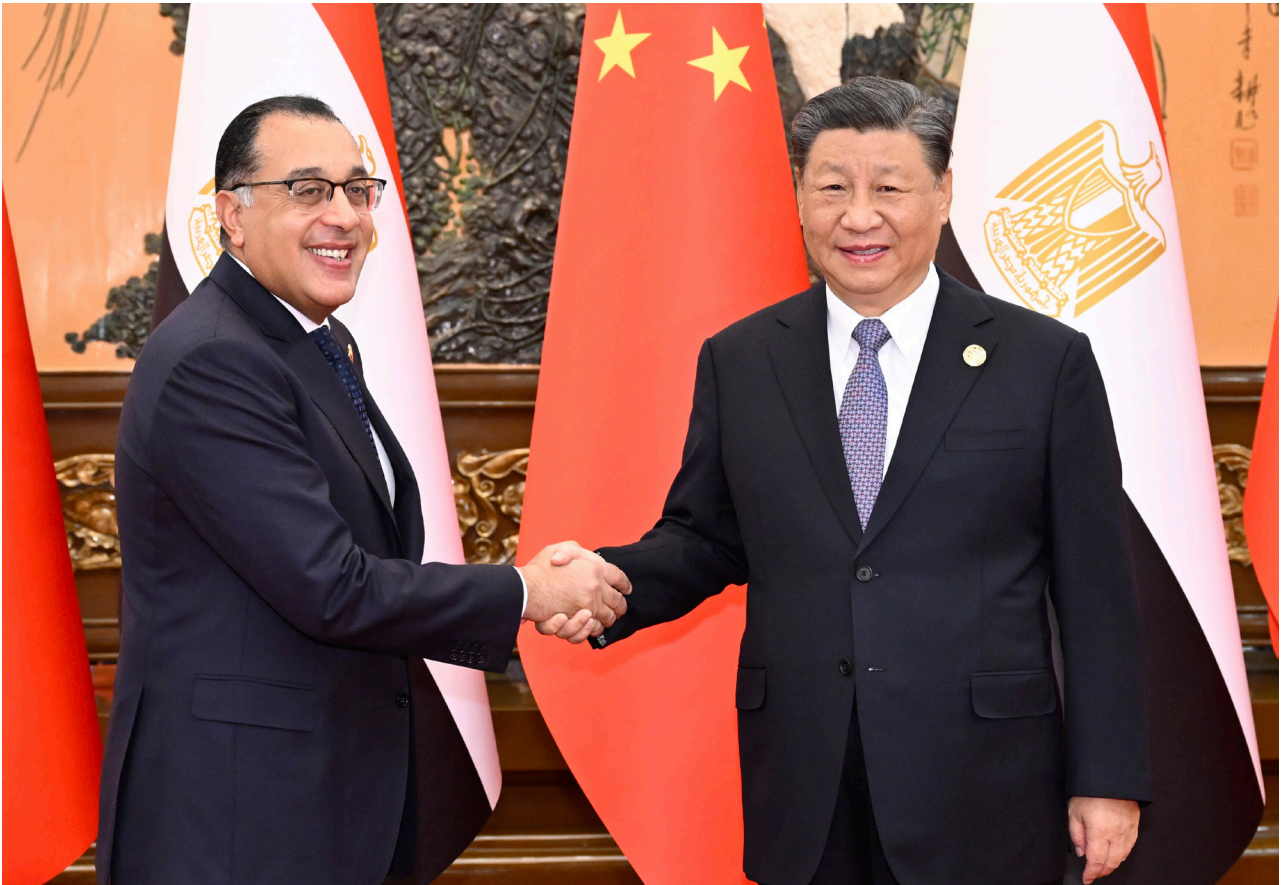
Khurelsukh said the outcomes of the third BRF will inject fresh and strong impetus into world economic growth.

Mongolia is ready to promote cooperation with China in fields such as economy and trade, connectivity, mineral resources and energy, desertification prevention and control, and green development, as well as step up people-to-people and cultural exchanges, he said.

Highly commending China's important role in world peace and stability, Khurelsukh noted that Mongolia attaches importance to strengthening trilateral cooperation among Mongolia, China and Russia, and it is willing to promote interaction and collaboration with China in multilateral affairs.

The two heads of state witnessed the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation documents in fields including green and low-carbon sector and digital economy.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the events.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Prime Minister of Egypt Mostafa Madbouly, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Madbouly, Vowing to Jointly Work for More Stability, Certainty to Region, World

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Prime Minister of Egypt Mostafa Madbouly, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF).

Over the past decade, China and Egypt have conducted fruitful cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, Xi said, calling on the two sides to jointly follow through on the outcomes of the third BRF.

China is willing to strengthen cooperation with Egypt in such fields as infrastructure, agricultural technology and renewable energy, expand people-to-people exchanges and cooperation, and continuously promote the development of China-Egypt comprehensive strategic partnership, he added.

Xi congratulated Egypt on being invited to join the BRICS cooperation mechanism.

China stands ready to work with Egypt to uphold genuine multilateralism and jointly safeguard international fairness and justice and the common interests of developing countries to inject more certainty and stability into the region and the world, Xi said.

Madbouly said Egypt regards China as a role model for emerging economies and developing countries.

The Belt and Road cooperation has greatly improved the level of transportation and logistics in Egypt and boosted the country's economic development, said Madbouly, noting that Egypt will continue to actively participate in the Belt and Road cooperation.

On the current situation between Palestine and Israel, Xi stressed that the top priority is to cease fire and stop war at an early date.

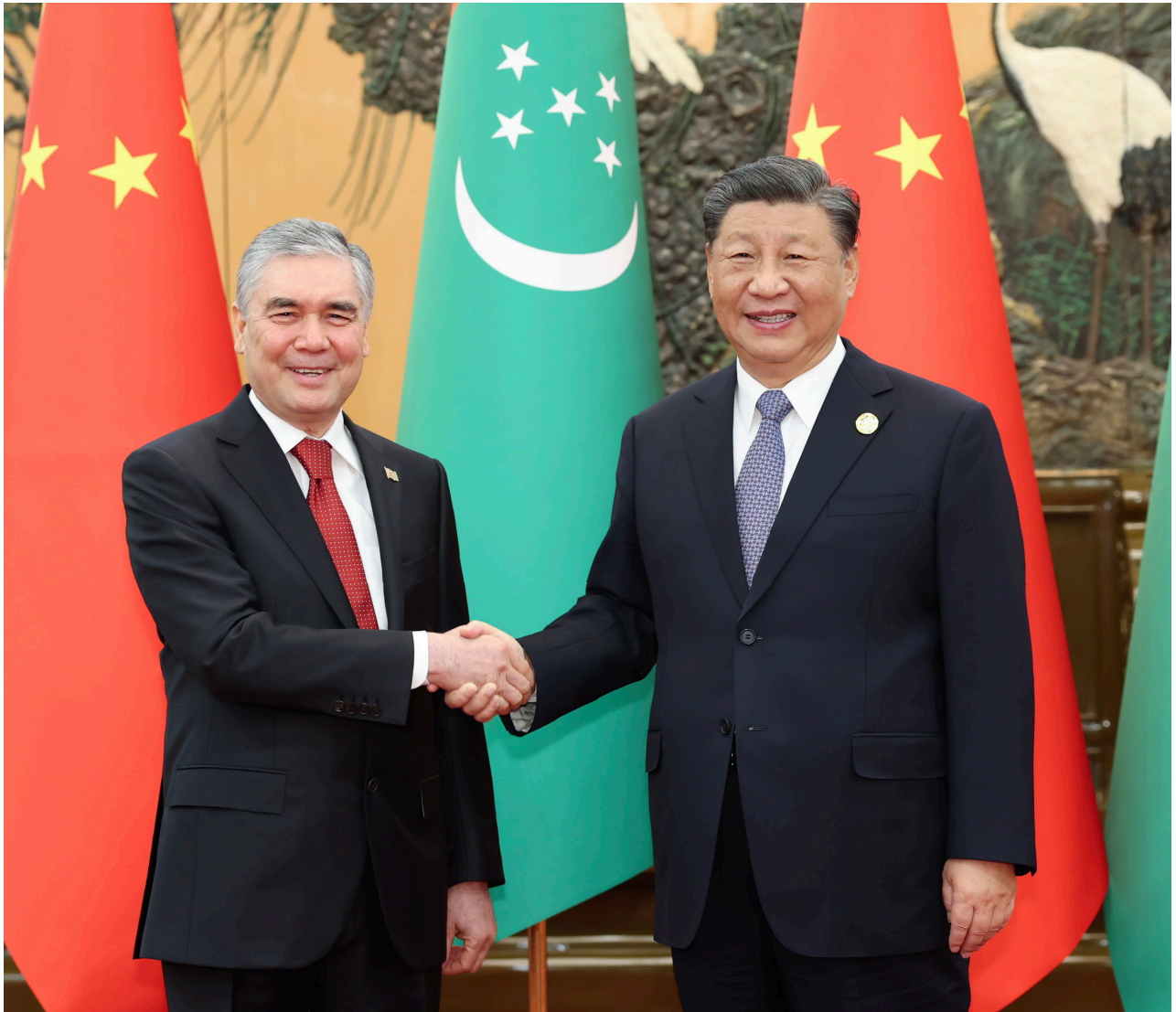
It is crucial to prevent the conflict from expanding or even losing control and causing a serious humanitarian crisis, Xi said.

The fundamental way out of the recurring Palestine-Israel conflict lies in implementing the "two-state solution" and establishing an independent State of Palestine, so as to realize the peaceful coexistence of Palestine and Israel, Xi said.

Xi noted that China appreciates the important role played by Egypt in de-escalating the situation and supports Egypt's efforts to open humanitarian corridors.

China is willing to enhance coordination with Egypt and Arab countries to facilitate a comprehensive, just, and lasting solution to the Palestinian issue at the earliest possible opportunity, Xi said.

Madbouly said that Egypt and Arab countries commended China for its consistent and fair stance on the Palestinian issue and look forward to China's more significant role in resolving the current crisis.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the People's Council of Turkmenistan, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Calls for Enhancing China-Turkmenistan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 called for enhancing China-Turkmenistan comprehensive strategic partnership, saying it serves the fundamental interests of the two countries and the shared aspiration of the two peoples.

China will continue to work with Turkmenistan to push for sustained steady growth of bilateral relations, Xi said when meeting with Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the People's Council of Turkmenistan, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF).

Xi said that China is willing to strengthen the alignment between the Belt and Road Initiative and Turkmenistan's development strategy to revive the Great Silk Road.

He pointed out that the two sides should expand the

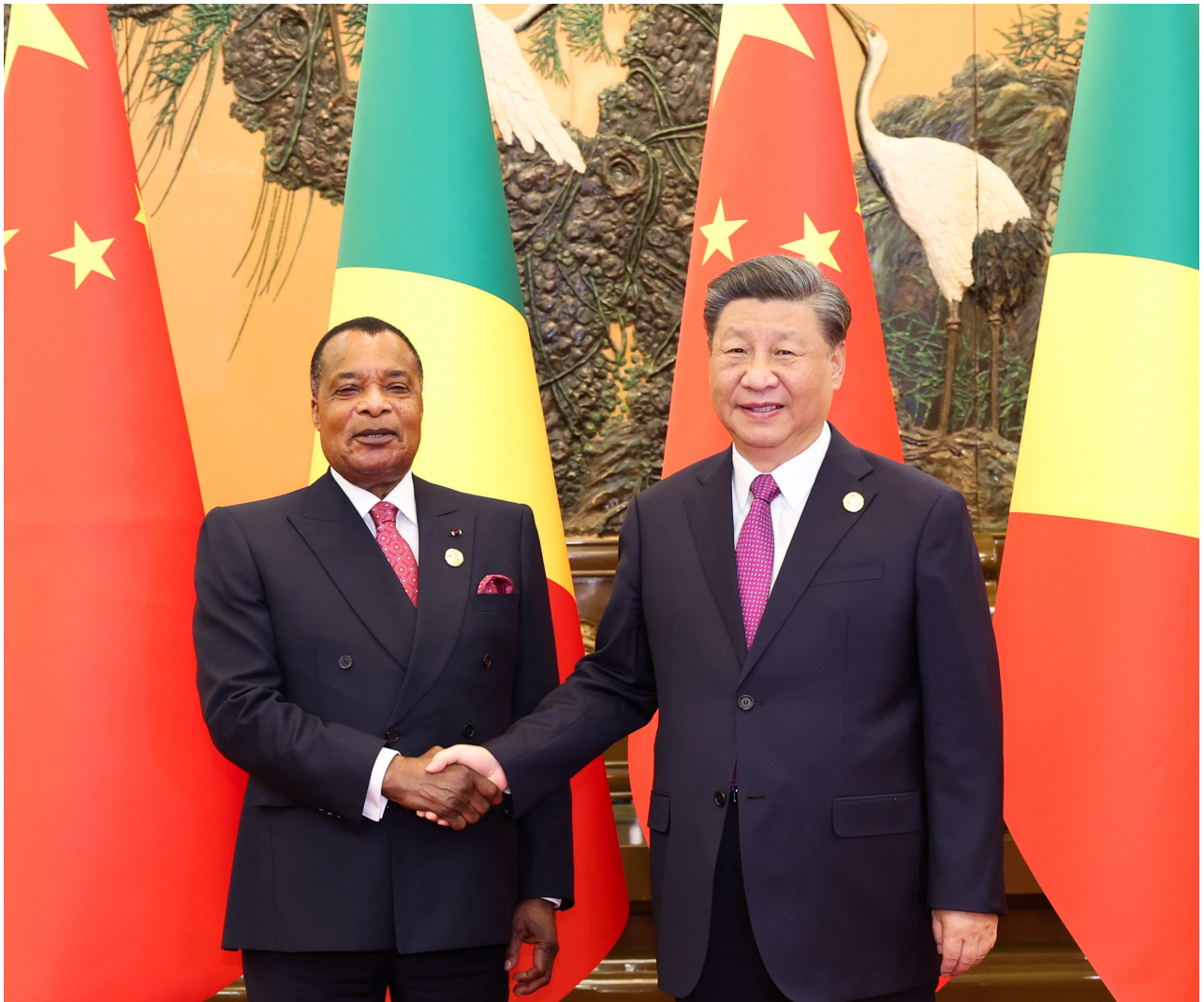
scale of bilateral trade, enhance cooperation in medical and health care, sports and tourism, and build the Luban Workshop in Turkmenistan at an early date.

Berdimuhamedov said President Xi's keynote speech at the opening of the third BRF charted the course for future cooperation between the two countries.

The two sides should continue to deepen economic and energy cooperation as well as people-to-people and cultural exchanges, and strengthen multilateral communication and coordination within frameworks such as the China-Central Asia mechanism, said Berdimuhamedov.

The two leaders witnessed the signing of bilateral cooperation documents covering sectors such as economic and technological cooperation.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the events.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with President of the Republic of the Congo Denis Sassou Nguesso, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets President of Republic of the Congo

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with President of the Republic of the Congo Denis Sassou Nguesso, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Describing the Republic of the Congo as an active participant and important partner in the Belt and Road cooperation, Xi said that friendly cooperation between the two countries has yielded tangible results.

Xi said that China is willing to explore and foster new areas of cooperation such as the digital economy and green development with the Republic of the Congo, and promote their comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation to new heights.

Xi said that China supports the Republic of the Congo in maintaining national independence, opposing foreign interference, and playing a greater role in international and

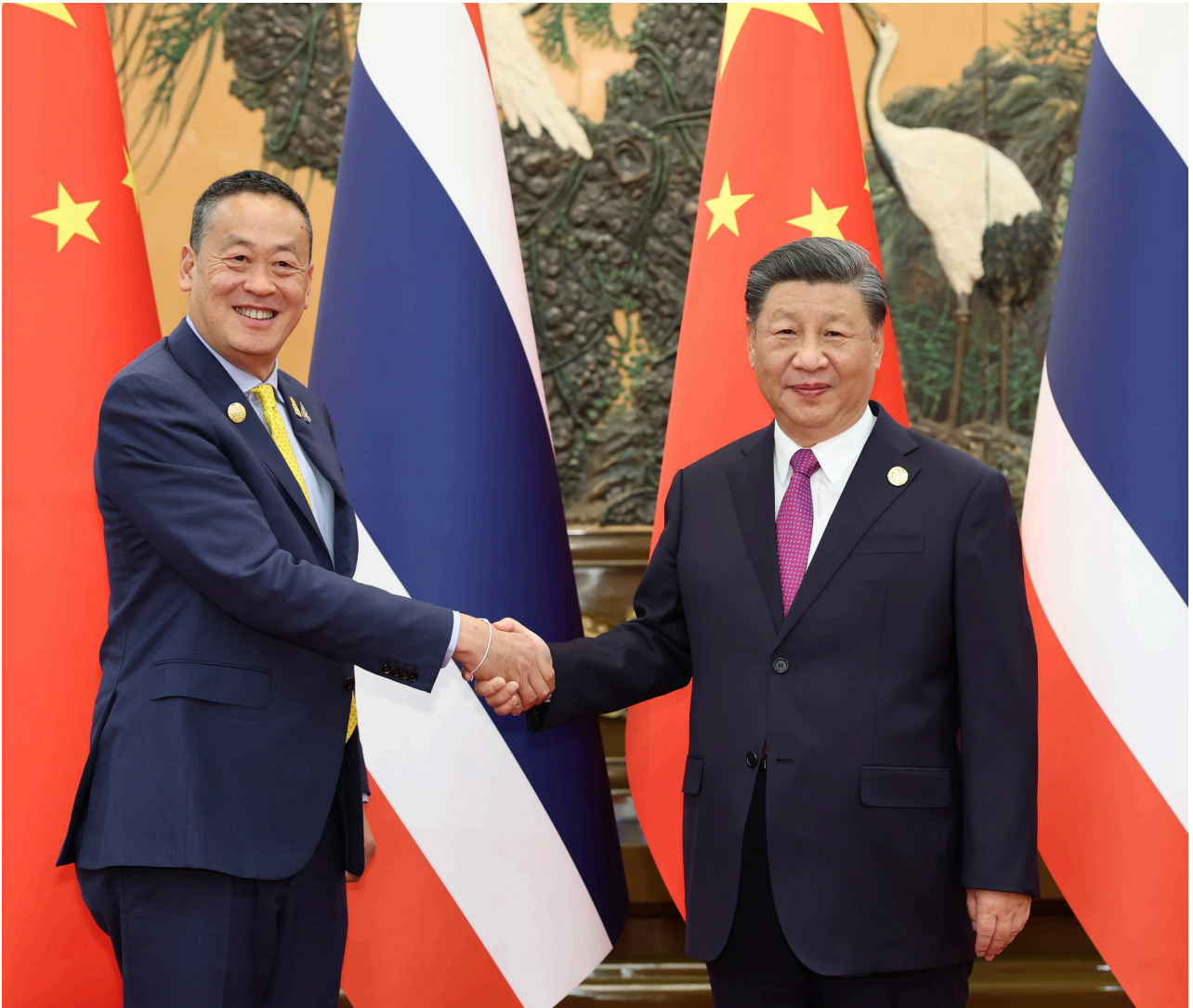
regional affairs.

Sassou Nguesso said that the Belt and Road Initiative is a great project that offers the world a new model of inclusive development.

He said that China is a major contributor to global economic growth. The Republic of the Congo looks forward to strengthening practical cooperation with China in areas such as infrastructure and green energy, and maintaining close communication and coordination within frameworks including the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

The Republic of the Congo actively supports the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative proposed by Xi, Sassou Nguesso noted, saying that they are conducive to upholding multilateralism and international fairness and justice.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and an official visit, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

### **Xi Meets Thai PM, Pledging to Add New Dimensions to Family-like Bilateral Relations**

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and an official visit.

Srettha made China the first country outside the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for an official visit, which fully reflects the great importance that the new government of Thailand attaches to bilateral relations, Xi said.

China stands ready to work with Thailand to continuously add new dimensions to their family-like relations, and transform advantages of the traditional friendship into a driving force for win-win cooperation, Xi said.

He said that the two sides should speed up construction of the China-Thailand railway, expand cooperation in fields

including digital economy, green development and new energy, and step up efforts to crack down on cross-border crimes such as telecom fraud and online gambling to create a safe environment for the development of the two countries.

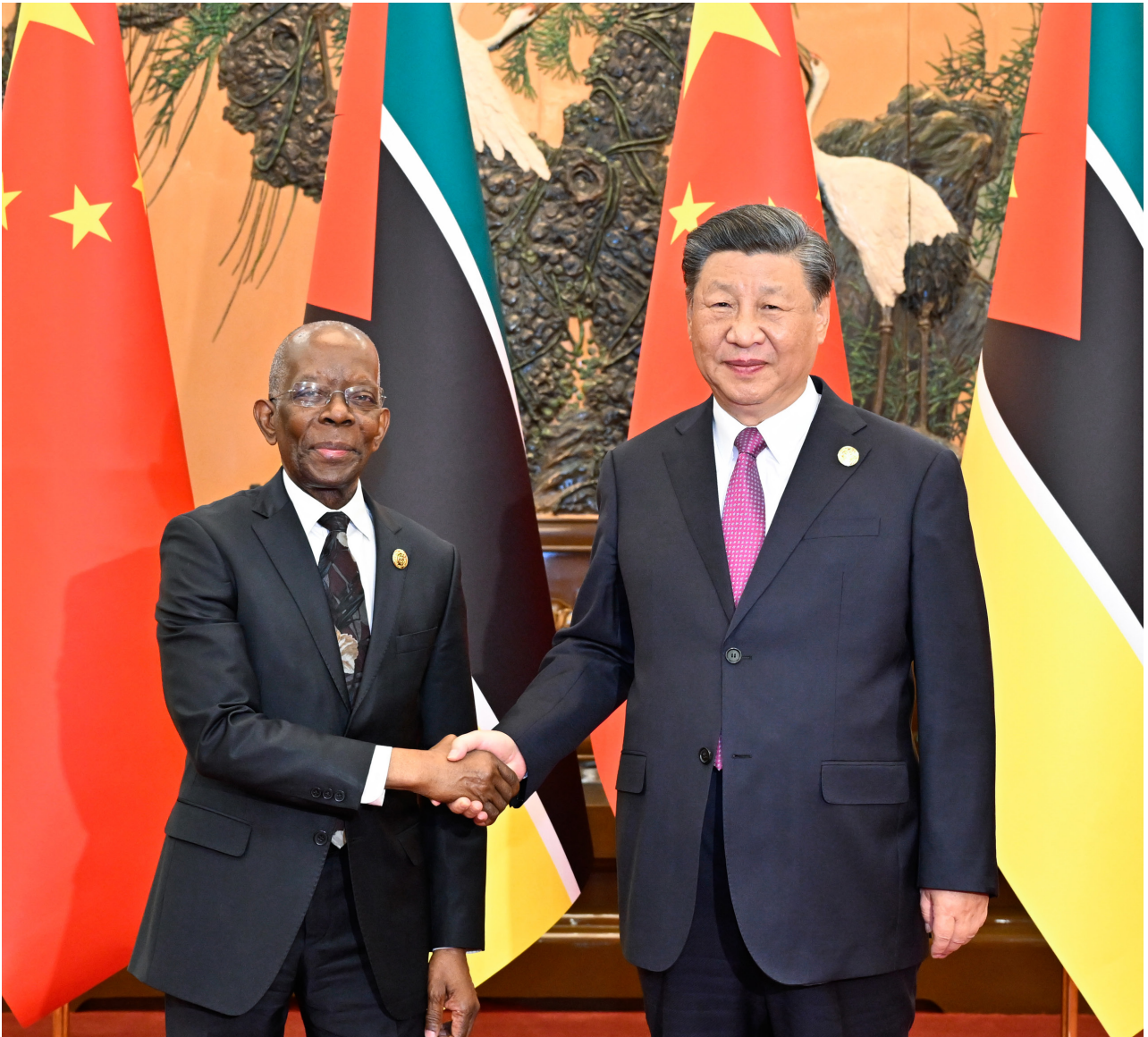
Xi said China is willing to share opportunities in China's vast market and high-level opening-up to inject positive energy into Asia's development.

Srettha noted that Thailand will work with China to build a more stable, prosperous and sustainable Thailand-China community with a shared future.

He said Thailand will do its utmost to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens in Thailand, and welcomes more Chinese enterprises to invest and more Chinese citizens to visit Thailand.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.





Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Mozambican Prime Minister Adriano Maleiane, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Mozambican PM

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Mozambican Prime Minister Adriano Maleiane, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi said the China-Mozambique cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has yielded fruitful results. China is willing to promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation with Mozambique and other African countries to help them speed up modernization.

China supports Mozambique in maintaining its sovereignty, security and development interests and taking a development path suited to its own national conditions, Xi said.

He said the two sides should deepen cooperation in the fields of energy and agriculture, among others.

Maleiane said important initiatives including the BRI and the Global Development Initiative can help other countries eliminate poverty, develop economy and improve people's livelihoods.

Noting that China is a true friend of Mozambique, the prime minister said that Mozambique hopes to learn from China's modernization experience to better realize its own development, deepen practical cooperation with China in various fields, and promote the building of a community with a shared future for humanity.

Senior Chinese leaders including Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Prime Minister of Pakistan Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Pakistan's Prime Minister

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with Prime Minister of Pakistan Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi said that China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and ironclad friends, noting that successive Pakistani governments have actively supported and participated in the Belt and Road cooperation.

Over the past 10 years, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has achieved fruitful results, effectively promoting Pakistan's economic and social development, and becoming an important signature project of the Belt and Road cooperation, Xi said.

He added that China will continue to support Pakistan in safeguarding national sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.

Xi pointed out that the two countries should build an upgraded version of the CPEC that promotes growth, people's well-being, innovation, green development, and openness. They should also strengthen cooperation in fields including industrial parks, agriculture, mining, and new energy, and facilitate the early implementation of major connectivity projects for tangible results.

Xi expressed the hope that the Pakistani side will take ef-

fective measures to ensure the safety of Chinese personnel and institutions in Pakistan.

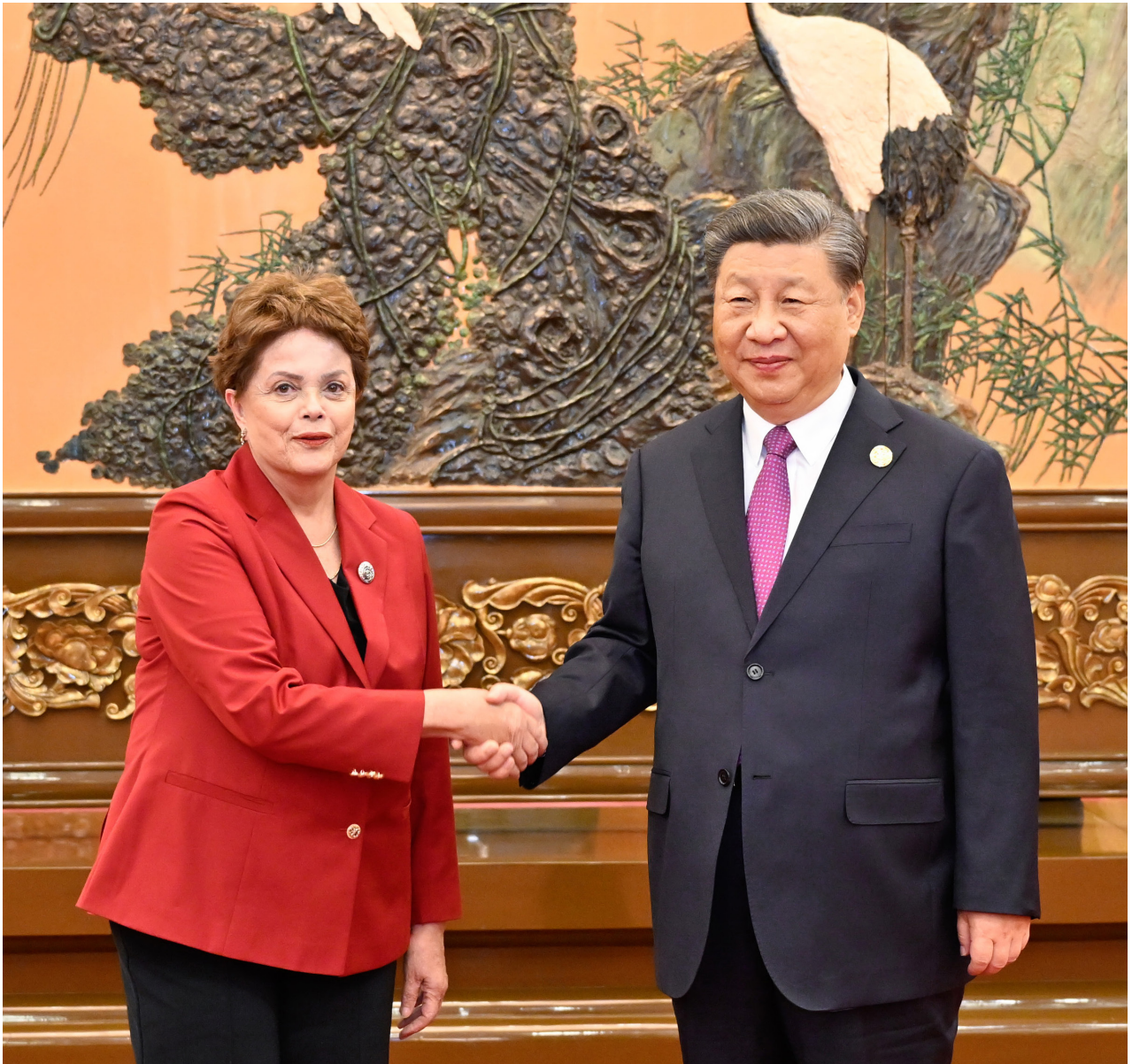
China is willing to strengthen cooperation with Pakistan within the framework of the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote regional unity and cooperation and safeguard legitimate rights and interests of developing countries.

Kakar said that the eight major steps newly announced by President Xi to support high-quality Belt and Road cooperation will not only strengthen global connectivity but also promote a more just and reasonable global governance system, providing important opportunities for Pakistan and other countries to achieve better development.

He said that Pakistan will always be a reliable and trustworthy friend of China and will never allow any force to undermine the Pakistan-China friendship. Pakistan will also be committed to deepening the all-weather strategic cooperative partnership with China, he added.

Pakistan is willing to closely cooperate with China to promote high-quality development of the CPEC. The Pakistani government will spare no effort to ensure the safety and interests of Chinese personnel and institutions in Pakistan, Kakar said.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with President of the New Development Bank (NDB) Dilma Rousseff at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Xi Meets President of New Development Bank

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 19 met with President of the New Development Bank (NDB) Dilma Rousseff, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Xi called on the NDB to help make the international financial system more just and equitable to effectively increase the representation and voice of emerging markets and developing countries.

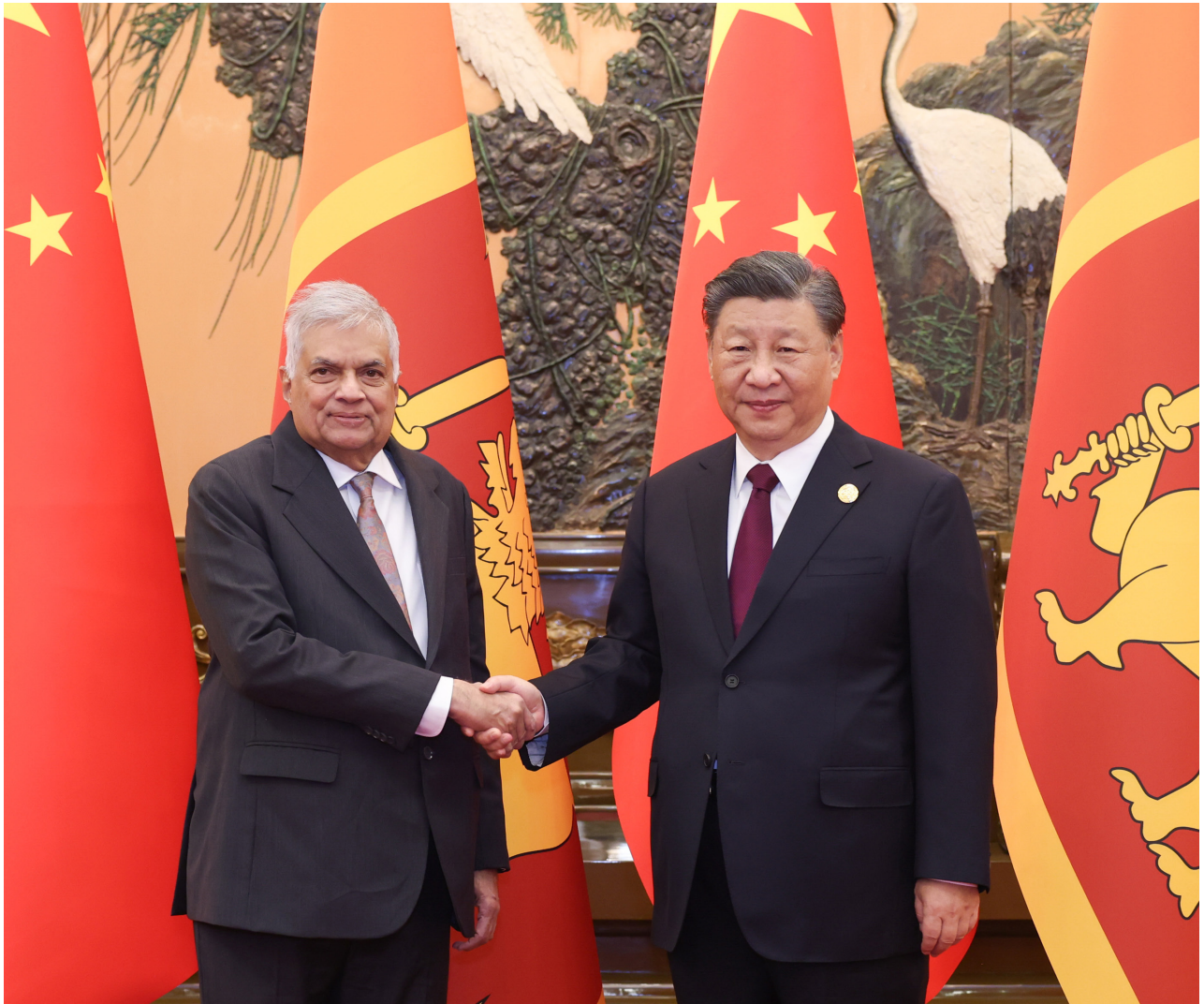
Xi welcomed the NDB's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative, as well as its role in promoting the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development and helping with the modernization of more developing countries.

China will continue to support the NDB's work and Rousseff in performing her duties in China, Xi said.

Rousseff thanked the Chinese government for its support for the NDB and expressed the belief that the BRI and the forum will play an important role in global sustainable development and green development.

The NDB is willing to actively participate in Belt and Road cooperation and make due contributions to promoting world multi-polarity and the reform of the international financial system, she said.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 20, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Xi Meets Sri Lankan President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 20 met with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Noting that Sri Lanka was one of the first countries to join the Belt and Road Initiative, Xi said China stands ready to work with Sri Lanka to jointly promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and push for new progress in developing China-Sri Lanka strategic cooperative partnership featuring sincere mutual assistance and lasting friendship.

China is willing to import more quality and specialty products from Sri Lanka, and encourages Chinese enterprises to invest and do business in the country, so as to help Sri Lanka transform and upgrade its economy and achieve sustainable development, Xi said.

China will continue to provide assistance to Sri Lanka without any political strings attached and help the country cope with difficulties concerning its society and people's

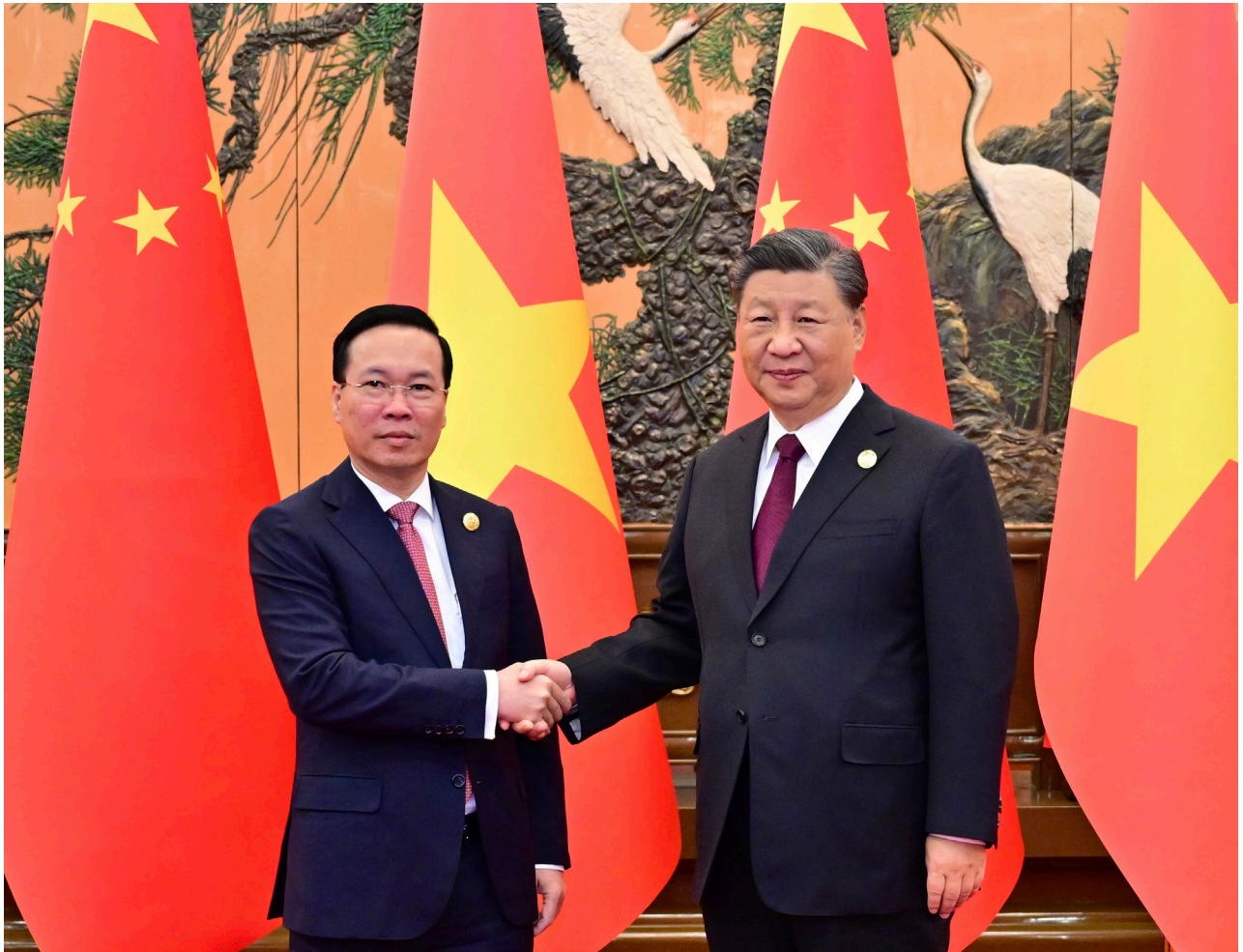
livelihood, he said, adding that China is glad to see Sri Lanka becoming a commercial center in the Indian Ocean.

The two sides should strengthen collaboration on international and regional affairs, oppose politicization of the human rights issue and bloc confrontation, and safeguard the common interests of the two countries and developing countries, Xi said.

Wickremesinghe said Sri Lanka has attached great importance to and actively participated in the Belt and Road cooperation from the very beginning and has faith in its potential and prospects.

Noting the openness of the Indian Ocean, Wickremesinghe said Sri Lanka is willing to enhance communication with China in regional affairs and promote solidarity and cooperation among developing countries.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the meeting.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Vietnamese President Vo Van Thuong, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 20, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Vietnamese President

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 20 met with Vietnamese President Vo Van Thuong, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

Noting that China and Vietnam have developed a deep friendship of “camaraderie and brotherhood,” Xi said the two countries are both advancing their own socialist modernization cause, both regard the bilateral relationship as a priority in their respective foreign policy, and both see each other’s development as opportunities for their own development.

Facing a rapidly changing international landscape, the two countries should work together in following the path of socialism and building a community of a shared future with strategic significance, Xi said.

He called on China and Vietnam to pursue a path to prosperity and strength in line with their own national conditions, and strengthen cooperation in advancing the synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative and the “Two Corridors and One Economic Circle” plan.

The countries should also strengthen cooperation in emerging fields such as e-commerce, and should continue to make the bond between the people of China and Vietnam,

particularly younger generations, even closer, Xi said.

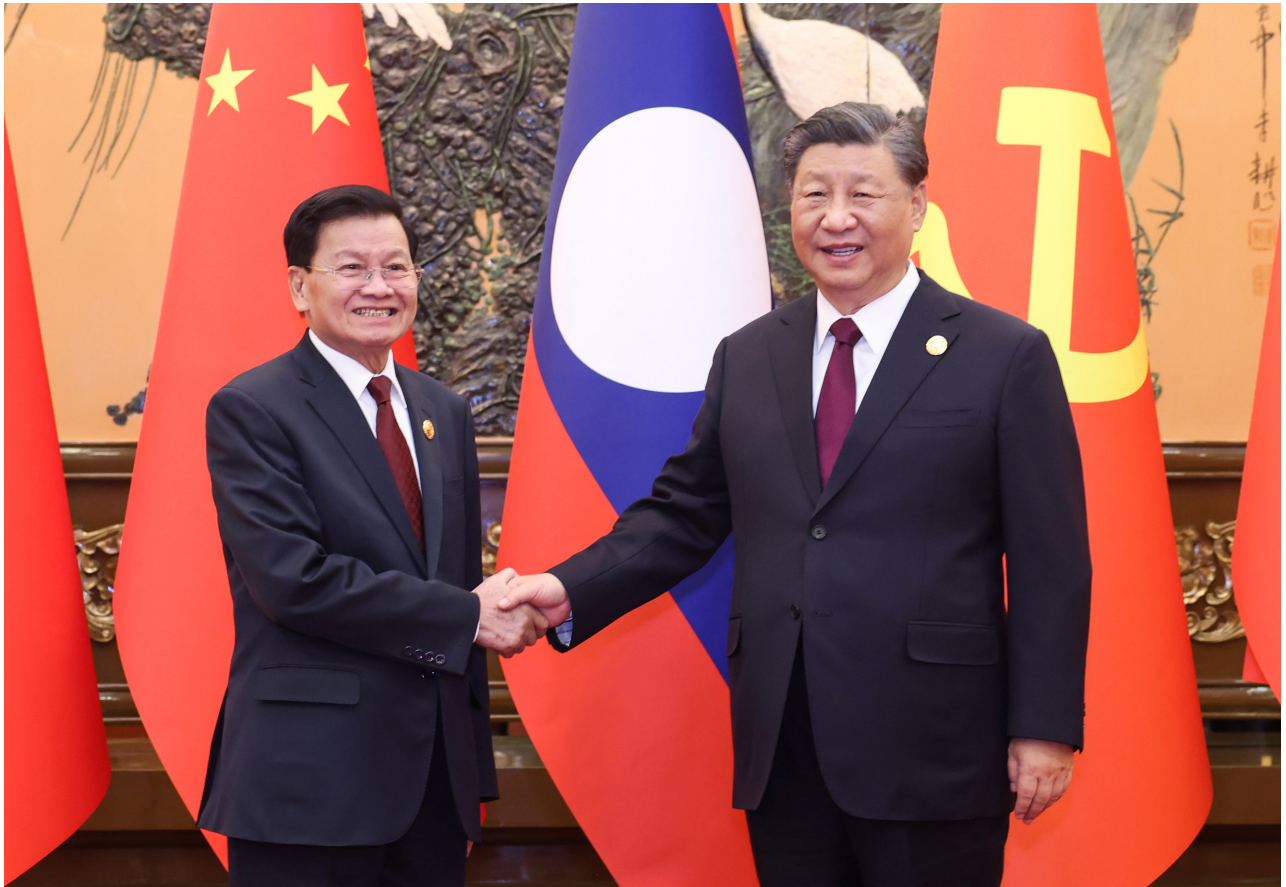
Thuong said over the past decade, the Belt and Road has become a key high-quality international cooperation platform featuring openness and inclusiveness, and has boosted relevant countries’ development and promoted the friendship between their peoples.

President Xi’s speech at the opening ceremony of the forum expounded on strategic plans and concrete measures, which will greatly influence future international cooperation and global development, the Vietnamese president said.

Thuong said Vietnam always regards China’s development as an opportunity and supports socialist China in further developing and realizing the goal of building itself into a great modern socialist country on schedule. Vietnam believes that China will make greater contributions to promoting world peace and development, he added.

The Vietnamese side is willing to intensify high-level strategic communication with China and continuously enrich the contents of the Vietnam-China comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership under new circumstances, Thuong said.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the meeting.



Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president, meets with Thongloun Sisoulith, General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and Lao President, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, Oct. 20, 2023. Thongloun is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and a working visit to China (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets Lao President

Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chinese president, met with Thongloun Sisoulith, General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) Central Committee and Lao president, in Beijing on Friday.

The two leaders inked a 2024-2028 action plan between the CPC and the LPRP on building a China-Laos community with a shared future after their meeting.

During the meeting, Xi said the two sides should leverage the new five-year action plan to enrich the relations between the two parties and the two countries, and inject new impetus into regional and world peace, stability, development and prosperity.

He called on the CPC and the LPRP to continuously deepen political mutual trust, enhance governance capability, and strengthen communication and cooperation.

The two sides should tap deeper into the potential of the China-Laos Railway, steadily advance the construction of the China-Laos Economic Corridor, and create a template for Belt and Road cooperation in the region, Xi said.

China stands ready to encourage more Chinese enterprises to invest in Laos, import more quality farm produce from Laos, and expand cooperation in energy and mining, he noted.

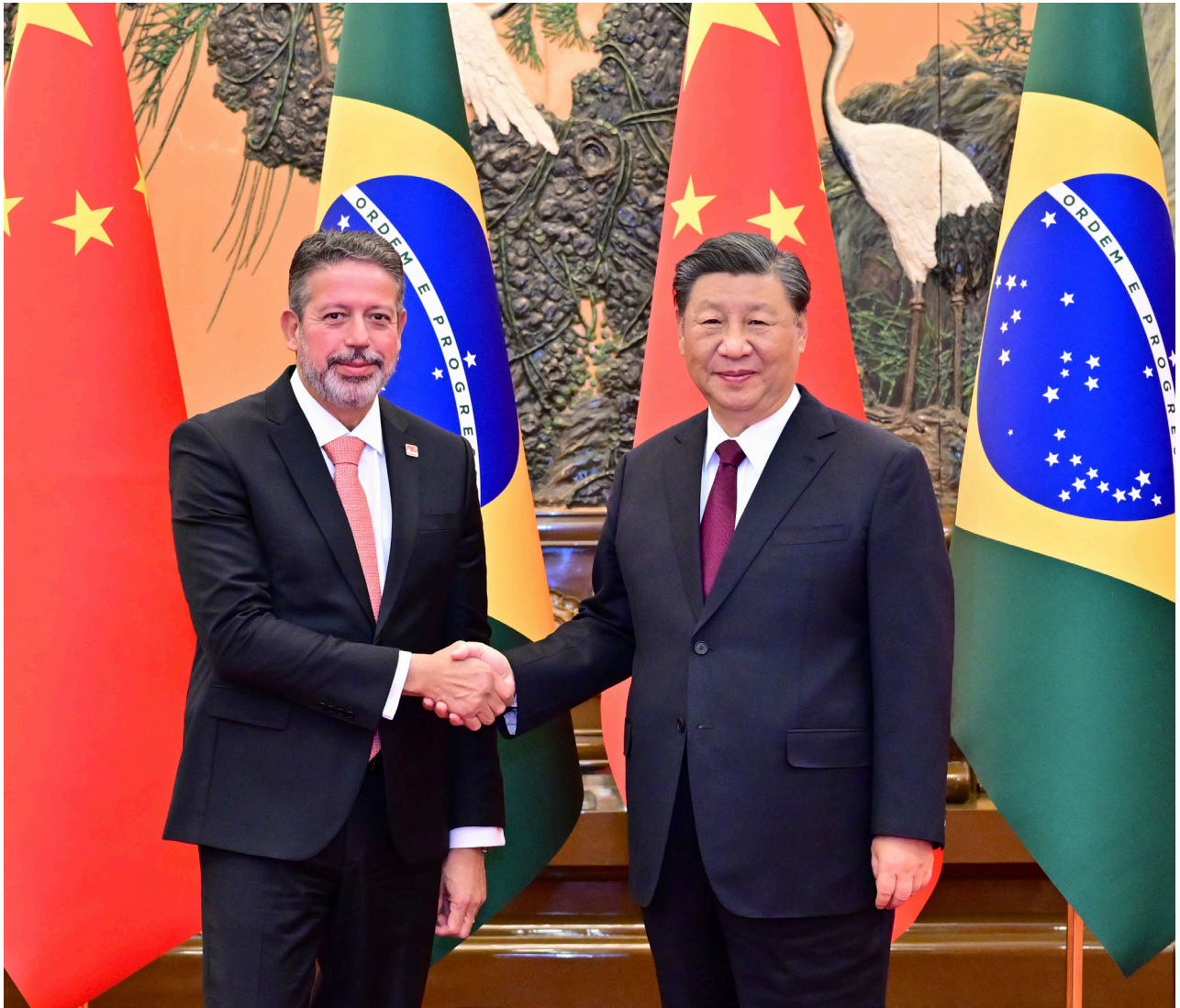
He also said China supports Laos, which will assume the rotating presidency of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) next year, in playing a greater role in regional and international affairs.

Thongloun, who is in Beijing for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and a working visit to China, expressed appreciation for China's long-time and valuable assistance for the economic and social development of Laos. He noted that the new five-year action plan will further consolidate the friendly cooperation between the two parties and the two countries.

Laos is ready to strengthen high-level interaction with China, advance practical cooperation on the Laos-China Economic Corridor and other projects, and enhance coordination and cooperation on ASEAN-China relations and regional issues to push for new development of bilateral relations, Thongloun said.

After the meeting, the two leaders also witnessed the signing of bilateral cooperation documents in such areas as Belt and Road cooperation, digital economy, media, culture, tourism, public health, and customs inspection and quarantine.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi were present at the event.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with President of Brazil's Chamber of Deputies Arthur Lira at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, October 20, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Xi Meets President of Brazil's Chamber of Deputies

Chinese President Xi Jinping on October 20 met with President of Brazil's Chamber of Deputies Arthur Lira in Beijing.

Xi said that China and Brazil are the two largest developing countries in the eastern and western hemispheres, respectively, and are emerging major countries with global influence. Faced with a tumultuous world, the two countries should firmly support each other.

The Belt and Road Initiative is highly compatible with Brazil's reindustrialization and New Growth Acceleration Program, Xi said, adding the two sides should synergize them to facilitate their respective modernization process.

Xi said China supports Brazil in hosting the G20 summit next year as well as the United Nations climate change con-

ference in 2025, and is willing to strengthen coordination and cooperation with Brazil.

Xi expressed the hope that Lira and his fellow members of the chamber will actively promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Brazil, and contribute to the better development of bilateral ties.

Lira said that cooperation with China has effectively promoted Brazil's economic and social development and increased Brazil's employment and production capacity. China's success is of great significance to the world, and China has always been an important partner for Brazil's development.

As the rotating chair of the G20 next year, Brazil is willing to closely communicate and coordinate with China, and looks forward to President Xi's visit then, said Lira.

Senior Chinese officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi attended the meeting.

## High-level Forums and Thematic Forums

Three high-level forums were held under the topics of Connectivity in an Open World Economy, Green Silk Road for Harmony with Nature, and Digital Economy as a New Source of Growth, respectively. Six thematic forums with focuses on Trade Connectivity, Maritime Cooperation, Clean Silk Road, Think Tank Exchanges, People-to-People Bonds, and Subnational Cooperation were respectively convened. A CEO Conference was held on the eve of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.



Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and a member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, attends and delivers a speech at the High-level Forum on Digital Economy of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Digital Economy as a New Source of Growth

Bridging the digital gap will facilitate an inclusive digital economy. In this regard, it is necessary to foster an open, fair, just and non-discriminatory environment for digital development, and build a digital silk road featuring joint contribution and sharing of digital resources, vibrant digital economy, well-targeted and efficient digital governance, better digital security, and mutually beneficial digital cooperation.

The Belt and Road cooperation partners support to build and improve information infrastructure, namely regional communications, internet, satellite navigation, etc. They support in-depth integration of digital technologies into real economy, facilitating exchange of digital transformation practices in areas of manufacturing, agriculture, retail, education, medical services, health care, tourism and professional services, and stepping up the application of blockchain and AI technology in an innovative manner in sectors of finance, shipping, commerce and culture, to achieve digital transformation which is more inclusive, enabling, sustainable, resilient and innovation-driven. They support strengthened exchanges and cooperation on international cyberspace governance and law-based cyberspace governance.

China launched the Global AI Governance Initiative during the BRF III, calling for strengthening information exchanges and technological cooperation on the governance of AI, preventing risks, and developing AI governance frameworks, norms and standards based on broad consensus, so as to make AI technologies more secure, reliable, controllable, and equitable. China and relevant partners jointly launched the Beijing Initiative on the Belt and Road International Digital Economy Cooperation.



Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, attends and delivers a speech at the High-level Forum on Connectivity of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Connectivity in an Open World Economy

Infrastructure is the bedrock of connectivity, and enhanced connectivity is conducive for countries to be integrated into global supply chains, industrial chains and value chains. In this regard, it is necessary for countries to build and maintain high-quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, while ensuring viability, affordability, inclusiveness, accessibility and broad benefit over entire life-cycle of the infrastructure. Multilateral development banks and financial institutions from all countries are welcome to provide more financial support for infrastructure projects through financial instruments including public-private partnership (PPP) and blended finance.

Strengthened cooperation in areas of transport, energy resources, water conservancy and information communication facilities is conducive to building comprehensive and multi-modal connectivity networks, developing interoperable and multi-modal transport, and continuously enhancing international transport facilitation and the resilience of international transportation corridors. The participants encourage conducting international cooperation on rules, regulations and standards of infrastructure, and fostering universally accepted rules, standards and best practices in this regard to enhance "soft connectivity". China and relevant partners jointly launched the Beijing Initiative for Deepening Cooperation on Connectivity.





Chinese Vice President Han Zheng addresses the High-Level Forum on Green Development of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Green Silk Road for Harmony with Nature

The participants recall the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, as well as the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and support building a green silk road together to realize harmony between humanity and nature.

Climate actions should follow the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities to tackle climate change. The Belt and Road cooperation partners support strengthening cooperation in areas of biodiversity conservation and pollution control, circular economy, green infrastructure, green transport, prevention and control of desertification and sandstorm, and encourage the development of effective green finance instruments. The BRI International Green Development Coalition and its cooperation partners launched the Green Investment and Finance Partnership, aiming to provide adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for green development in developing countries. China and relevant partners jointly launched the Beijing Initiative for Belt and Road Green Development.



The Thematic Forum on Trade Connectivity of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Trade Connectivity

The participants support the rules-based, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, just and transparent multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core, and oppose unilateral and protectionist measures. They support necessary WTO reform for multilateral trade rules to keep abreast with our times.

The Belt and Road cooperation partners agree to further enhance trade and investment liberalization and

facilitation, and support cooperation on customs clearance facilitation and law enforcement, especially mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs), single window for international trade, international trade documents digitalization, shipping trade digitalization, innovation of trans-border e-commerce supervision, and cooperation on inspection and quarantine of agricultural and food products. They support improving business environment, protecting rights and interests of investors, improving multilateral and bilateral economic and trade cooperation mechanisms, safeguarding the stability of industrial chains and supply chains, increasing inflows and outflows of investment, and strengthening cooperation on key industries. They support the WTO to conclude the Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement, and encourage tripartite or plurilateral market cooperation. They acknowledge the impact of taxation on cross-border investment, and agree to expand the tax treaty networks, and strengthen international tax cooperation, especially through the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism. China will support to establish international cooperation zones for trade in services in places where conditions allow, and advance high-quality development of free trade pilot zones and Hainan Free Trade Port. China and relevant partners jointly launched the Initiative on International Trade and Economic Cooperation Framework for Digital Economy and Green Development.



The Thematic Forum on Maritime Cooperation of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Maritime Cooperation

Ocean, as “the Blue Engine”, is playing an increasingly important role in the world economic development. The participants support to promote the development, transformation and upgrade of marine industries, and develop a sustainable, resilient and inclusive blue economy based on clean production, green technologies and circular economy. They encourage innovations in blue economy finance platforms, products, standards and ser-

vice systems, utilization of financial instruments, namely blue bonds, insurance and funds, and improvement of investment and financing environment for blue industries.

The Belt and Road cooperation partners support the sustainable use of marine resources, and strengthening cooperation in areas of marine biodiversity protection, marine ecosystem conservation and restoration, as well as ocean-based climate actions. They agree to deepen marine science and technology cooperation, share knowledge and outcomes of marine sustainable development, and facilitate the harmonization of marine technological standards and marine technology transfer. They support efforts to provide maritime public services, promote the development of critical seabed infrastructure, establish a maritime disaster prevention and mitigation cooperation mechanism, and jointly develop a maritime disaster early warning system for key waters on the sea. China and relevant partners jointly launched the Belt and Road Blue Cooperation Initiative.



The Thematic Forum on Clean Silk Road of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing, capital of China, October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Clean Silk Road

Integrity guarantees high-quality development of Belt and Road cooperation, and there shall be zero tolerance for corruption. The participants call for comprehensive and efficient international cooperation on fugitive repatriation, asset recovery, anti-bribery, and anti-money laundering in accordance with national laws and regulations as well as the obligations under international conventions such as the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and relevant bilateral treaties, aiming to deny safe havens for corrupt criminals and their assets.

China and cooperation partners jointly issued the Achievements and progress made in promoting integrity in Belt and Road cooperation, and proposed cooperation principles in this regard, namely jointly establishing integrity partnerships, collectively promoting fair and transparent business environment, and sharing outcomes of integrity development. They will cultivate a culture of integrity, raise the awareness of enterprises for self-discipline, rule of law and accountability, and establish the Corporate Integrity and Compliance Evaluation System for the Belt and Road Initiative. They agree to strengthen academic exchanges and cooperation against corruption, step up training for personnel involved in Belt and Road integrity cooperation, and encourage signing extradition treaties, treaties on judicial assistance in criminal matters, and anti-corruption cooperation agreements. The thematic Forum on Clean Silk Road issued a chair's summary.

Prospects of Belt and Road Integrity Building as well as the High-Level Principles on Belt and Road Integrity Building, acknowledged the significant progress made in promoting integrity in Belt and Road cooperation, and proposed cooperation principles in this regard, namely jointly establishing integrity partnerships, collectively promoting fair and transparent business environment, and sharing outcomes of integrity development. They will cultivate a culture of integrity, raise the awareness of enterprises for self-discipline, rule of law and accountability, and establish the Corporate Integrity and Compliance Evaluation System for the Belt and Road Initiative. They agree to strengthen academic exchanges and cooperation against corruption, step up training for personnel involved in Belt and Road integrity cooperation, and encourage signing extradition treaties, treaties on judicial assistance in criminal matters, and anti-corruption cooperation agreements. The thematic Forum on Clean Silk Road issued a chair's summary.



The Thematic Forum on People-to-people Connectivity of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing, capital of China, Oct. 18, 2023 (XINHUA)



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### People-to-People Bonds

Strong people-to-people bonds serve as an important foundation of Belt and Road cooperation. In this regard, it is necessary to embrace the vision of equality, mutual learning, dialogue and inclusiveness among different civilizations, and enable cultural exchanges to transcend estrangement, mutual learning to transcend clashes, and coexistence to transcend feelings of superiority, thus to continuously promote mutual understanding, respect and appreciation among different peoples, cultures and civilizations, and jointly build global network for inter-civilization dialogue and cooperation.

The Belt and Road cooperation partners encourage political parties, parliaments, civil societies, media, think tanks and business communities to play bigger roles in fostering people-to-people bonds, and expect further exchanges and cooperation in areas of art, culture, education, science and technology, tourism, health and sports.

China launched the Joint Statement of Proposals on Strengthening Silk Road People-to-People Connectivity, and will implement the Belt and Road Future Leaders Program, set up a Belt and Road Fund for People-to-People Connectivity, and carry out Action on "Silk Road People-to-People Connectivity".



Young people from countries along the Belt and Road, who met each other because of the C-Blue Training Program, express their appreciation of the Chinese culture on the Thematic Forum on People-to-people Connectivity (COURTESY OF IDCPC)



Re-enactment of the scenario of the Chinese medical team performing cataract surgery with 90-year-old patient (ZHANG NINGNING)



A Cambodia girl who regained hearing after treatment and her mother express their gratitude for Chinese doctor (ZHANG NINGNING)



Alifa Chin, who was born on China's naval hospital ship Peace Ark in 2010, tells her story with China on the Thematic Forum on People-to-people Connectivity (ZHANG NINGNING)



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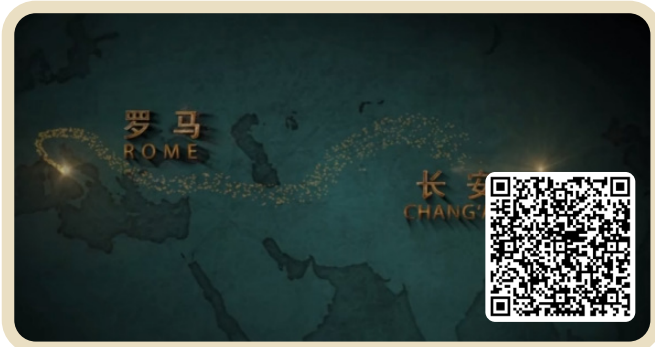
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Poster of A Sunlight Journey of the Heart, a documentary about people on the Belt and Road, produced by the Press Office of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (China.org.cn)



The Thematic Forum on Think Tank Exchange of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing on October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Think Tank Exchanges

The academia recognize the white paper "The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future" issued by China, the report "The Belt and Road Development Studies" released during the BRF III by the New China Research, a think tank of Xinhua News Agency, as well as other studies on the BRI published by the World Bank, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and the BRF Advisory Council. As indicated in these studies, the BRI is conducive to lowering global trade costs, alleviating global poverty, and thereby contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development. Think tanks from different countries, while having provided important intellectual support for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation so far, are encouraged to strengthen cooperation to promote the sharing of information, resources and research outcomes, and deliver more objective and impartial research results and practical policy recommendations.

The participants support think tanks, experts and scholars to conduct joint research by leveraging their respective professional advantages, and explore practical pathways and future directions of the BRI. They encourage think tanks to carry out the BRI-related thematic activities, enhance academic exchanges, expand collaboration networks and share up-to-date research outcomes through forums, symposiums and visiting scholar programs, and continuously enrich the substance and depth of BRI-related studies. They support think tanks, media, and civil societies to strengthen communication with the general public on the BRI, effectively address misinformation and misperceptions about the BRI, and enhance people's understanding and awareness in this regard. The Initiative of Promoting International Think Tank Cooperation for BRI was put forward at the Thematic Forum on Think Tank Exchanges.



The Thematic Forum on Subnational Cooperation of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is held in Beijing on October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)

### Subnational Cooperation

Non-governmental friendship is rooted in the local and derived from the people. Subnational governments, particularly governments of friendship cities, are important booster of people-to-people bonds among the Belt and Road partner countries. The participants encourage relevant parties to uphold a people-centered approach for development, strengthen exchanges among relevant subnational governments and friendship cities, deepen practical cooperation and work together to translate friendly relations into fruitful outcomes that benefit the people.

The Belt and Road cooperation partners support to advance the building of subnational cooperation platforms, and will work to foster more friendly partnerships among subnational governments in places with strong economic complementarity and industrial linkages, to better leverage respective advantages on industrial structures and resource endowment, promote mutually beneficial cooperation in priority areas of poverty reduction, urban governance, digital economy, green and innovative development, capacity building, and facilitate common development. They agree to continuously deepen subnational people-to-people exchanges, expand and consolidate the base of friendly relations in the regard of benefits and public support. The Thematic Forum on Subnational Cooperation issued a chair's statement.



Representatives attend the signing ceremony at the Belt and Road CEO Conference in Beijing, capital of China, October 17, 2023. More than 1,000 people including government officials, representatives of international organizations and renowned entrepreneurs attended the conference (XINHUA)

### CEO Conference

The Belt and Road cooperation is based on market rules with enterprises as the main players and supported by inter-governmental cooperation. The Beijing Declaration of the Belt and Road CEO Conference was released during the BRF III as an outcome, in which business communities reaffirmed that openness and cooperation should be upheld, and pledged to enhance practical cooperation in areas of connectivity, green development and digital economy, fulfill corporate social responsibilities, thus to contribute to high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

## Outcomes of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

During this BRF, 458 outcomes have been reached, far exceeding the number of the last Forum. They include important cooperation initiatives and institutional arrangements such as the Beijing Initiative for Deepening Cooperation on Connectivity, the Beijing Initiative for Belt and Road Green Development, the Beijing Initiative on the Belt and Road International Digital Economy Cooperation, the Green Investment and Finance Partnership, and High-Level Principles on Belt and Road Integrity Building. They also include specific targets including providing 100,000 training opportunities on green development for partner countries by 2030, and increasing the number of joint laboratories to 100. Commercial agreements worth 97.2 billion U.S. dollars have been concluded at the CEO Conference, which will help generate jobs and growth in relevant countries. The Forum also decided to establish a BRF secretariat to facilitate institution-building and project implementation.

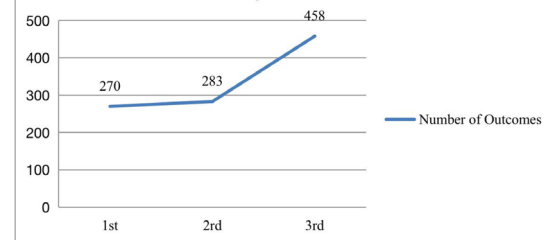
On October 18, 2023, as BRF came to a conclusion, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held a press conference for Chinese and foreign media at the press center of the Forum, introducing the important outcomes of the Forum and answering questions.

Wang Yi pointed out that the BRF has achieved great success. The participating parties agree that it is another important milestone in the process of Belt and Road cooperation. It is a conference of unity that has further consolidated the consensus on Belt and Road cooperation, a conference of win-win outcome that has further enriched Belt and Road cooperation, and a conference of development that has broadened the bright prospects of Belt and Road cooperation. Wang Yi highlighted the important consensus and outcomes reached by the participating parties.

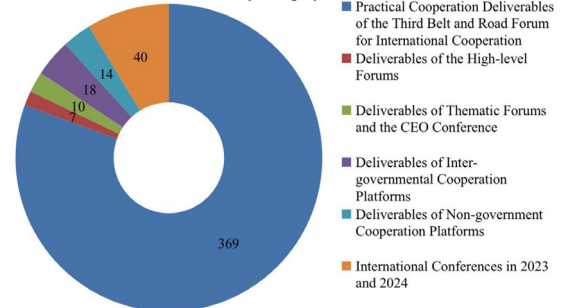
First, the clearest message from this Forum is unity, cooperation, openness and win-win outcome. Second, the most important consensus of this Forum is to usher in a new stage of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation. Third, the most ambitious vision of this Forum is to realize global modernization through joint efforts. Fourth, the defining feature of this Forum is that it is action-oriented, efficient and pragmatic.

Wang Yi stressed, as a Chinese saying goes, "When everybody brings firewood, the flame will be higher." The success of the BRF proves once again that China has followed the right direction in advancing Belt and Road cooperation, that BRI partners have shown firm commitment to participation, and that high-quality Belt and Road cooperation enjoys bright prospects. The BRF also proves that peaceful development and win-win cooperation represents the prevailing trend and people's common aspiration. Cold War-style confrontation and decoupling efforts go against the tide of history and will lead nowhere. Wang Yi concluded, "Standing at a new historical starting point, we look forward to working with all parties to carry forward the Silk Road spirit, embark on a new journey of Belt and Road cooperation, and usher in a better future of joint progress toward global modernization."

Outcomes of the first, second, and third Belt and Road Forum by Number



Outcomes of the third Belt and Road Forum by Category



1. a series of international cooperation initiatives and international conferences jointly launched or agreed by relevant parties, which were compiled by the Chair as a list of multilateral cooperation deliverables;



Scan the QR code to view List of Multilateral Cooperation Deliverables of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

2. a number of pragmatic cooperation projects and bilateral cooperation agreements among relevant national governments, financial institutions, subnational governments and enterprises, which were compiled by the Chair as a list of practical cooperation deliverables.



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## BRI 10 Years On: Abundant Achievements

# Path to Peace

## Belt and Road Brings Tangible Benefits

The hard connectivity in infrastructure, soft connectivity in rules and standards, and heartfelt connectivity among the people of the partner countries are essential to jointly build the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Today, a batch of seemingly small but vital projects with sound economic and social impact are becoming priorities of cooperation, benefiting partner countries and their people. Such

projects have demonstrated that jointly building the initiative is not empty talk, but translates into practical benefits like water, electricity, roads, bridges, schools and hospitals, increased income, improved living standards, and a promising future. These projects have brought people in the BRI countries closer and delivered a tangible sense of gain.



A train drives on the China-Laos Railway's Luang Prabang cross-Mekong River super major bridge in Laos, on May 28, 2023. (XINHUA)



A drought relief project undertaken by Power Construction Corporation of China in Cunene Province of Angola on September 7, 2023 (XINHUA)

## Access to Water Improves Lives

Pedro Cabri, a villager from Cunene Province in Angola, gets up early and herds his 15 cattle and 40 sheep to a drinking water point 200 meters away from his home.

Located in southern Angola, Cunene has an arid climate and low annual rainfall, which were previously the cause of drought. Local villagers had to get water from a natural well 10 kilometers away. The water source was mainly rain, so its quality was poor, often full of parasites. In April 2022, the first stage of a drought relief project built by the Power Construction Corporation of China (PowerChina) in Cunene Province was completed, meeting the needs of locals and becoming a channel of goodwill for the drought-plagued province.

The drought relief project includes nine reservoirs of 50,000 cubic meters each, 30 drinking water points for livestock, and a 48.71-kilometer-long canal, meeting the water demands of 250,000 people and 400,000 cows and sheep in the region. "With water, our lives have become better. It's more convenient to get water for cattle and sheep. I plan to raise 20 more cattle next year," said Cabri.

As the water pumps start up, clean water continuously flows from the canal to farmlands. While providing clean drinking water to local villagers, the project also provides water for irrigation of about 5,000 acres of farmlands, lending vitality to local agricultural development.

## Leisure Park in Arid Land

If you stroll along the walking path in Baish Park in the Jazan Economic City of Saudi Arabia, the vast Red Sea will be on one side and lush date palms and green lands on the other side. No one can imagine this area was a desert just a few years ago.

Jazan Economic City is one of the key economic cities listed in Saudi Arabia's





Kelvin Josephat Kituruka (front), a native of Mwanza who joined the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation as a quality engineer, helps local villagers with access to drinking water in Misungwi of Mwanza Region, Tanzania, on June 13, 2023 (XINHUA)

Vision 2030 plan. With a total length of 1.7 kilometers and a width of 130 meters, Baish Park is in the northwest of the city and spreads along the coast of the Red Sea. It has beaches, walking paths, sports fields, and amusement facilities. Now, the park has become a destination of leisure and entertainment for nearby residents and the largest and best-equipped leisure park in southwestern Saudi Arabia.

Baish Park was constructed by China Harbor Engineering Co. Ltd (CHEC). "The Chinese team has overcome multiple difficulties and honored its commitment to build a high-quality project, receiving high recognition from the proprietor and local government," said Yang Zhiyuan, general manager of CHEC Middle East Regional Management Center and head of Jazan projects. As a comprehensive coastal urban development project, Baish Park involves a range of areas like landscape engineering, building structure, and power system. "Take the irrigation system as an example. Considering the severe water shortage in the region, the construction team followed the principle of fully using the water resources and adopted a two-step irrigation technology

to design an automatic irrigation system for the park, saving a large amount of water. After the completion of the project, the coconut trees, clean water, and white sand in the park have attracted more and more people for leisure," said Yang.

As part of Jazan Economic City, Baish Park is a vivid example of a better future under China-Saudi Arabia cooperation. Saudi employee Tahir Hamad joined CHEC in 2013. Over the past decade, he has participated in projects like commercial ports in Jazan and witnessed the expansion of Jazan Economic City and the improvement of its facilities. "During construction, builders from Saudi Arabia and China worked together and completed one project after another. Today, China-Saudi Arabia industrial clusters are making steady progress, contributing to improving the local economy and livelihoods. As a Jazan native, I'm happy to see the achievements made by our bilateral cooperation," said Hamad.

## Chinese Businesses Addressing Urgent Challenges

The production line is running at full capacity in a medical glove making factory on the western outskirts of Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. The gloves are made through automatic processing before heading to the market.

Sherzod, head of the production workshop, spoke highly of the Chinese business efficiency, "With Chinese help, the factory completed assembling work in just half a year. The production line's scale and technology are at the top level in Uzbekistan."

Businesses from China and Uzbekistan have cooperated across production chains, from raw material processing to production technology and from quality control to delivery, to ensure the best results in each process. Sherzod applied for a post in the glove factory on its completion. "The working environment is excellent, and the production line is advanced. I can learn many skills. More importantly, the factory is close to my home, and I can better care for my family. I want to thank the Chinese business for its support and help," said Sherzod. **CI**

# Path to Prosperity

## BRI Cooperation Injects Strong Impetus Into Global Economic Growth



Passengers prepare to board a train during a trial run along the newly-constructed mega Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) rail line via the China-built Bangladesh's largest Padma Bridge on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on September 7, 2023 (XINHUA)



This photo taken on May 23, 2023 shows containers to be transported near the Nairobi Station of the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway in Nairobi, Kenya. (XINHUA)

Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has been a key force in driving global growth over the past decade when the world economy faces mounting challenges, including a sluggish recovery and rising protectionism.

Remarkable achievements have been made in boosting trade and investment, improving global industrial and supply chains, and promoting more balanced development since the BRI was proposed in 2013, according to experts.

Infrastructure investment and the facilitation of trade and investment are two major drivers of faster global economic growth, and the BRI has made enormous contributions to both aspects, said He Weiwen, an expert with the China Association of International Trade.

From 2013 to 2022, the cumulative value of imports and exports between China and BRI partner countries amounted to 19.1 trillion U.S. dollars, with an average annual growth rate of 6.4 percent, according to a white paper released by China's State Council Information Office last week.

Cumulative two-way investment between China and partner countries came in at 380 billion U.S. dollars during the period, including some 240 billion U.S. dollars from China, the white paper said.

Over 3,000 BRI cooperation projects have been launched in the past decade, involving close to 1 trillion U.S. dollars of investment. Many of these projects, such as railways, bridges, and pipelines, have helped build an infrastructure network that connects subregions in Asia as well as the continents of Asia, Europe, and Africa.

By improving infrastructure connectivity, BRI cooperation can reduce international trade costs and enable underdeveloped countries, especially those inland ones, to participate in global trade and seek economic development, said Liu Nanxing, an expert on international cooperation at the National Development



Aerial photo taken on March 24, 2022 shows bridges built by the China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) in Hulhumale, Maldives.(CSCEC)

and Reform Commission.

By the end of June 2023, China had signed agreements on industrial capacity cooperation with more than 40 countries. More than 70 overseas industrial parks have been built by Chinese enterprises together with governments and enterprises in partner countries, according to

the white paper.

“Projects for industrial capacity cooperation have helped BRI partner countries upgrade their industries for stronger competitiveness,” Liu said.

Citing research results from the World Bank, Wang Lei, a scholar with the School of Government at Beijing

Normal University, said the proposed BRI transportation network and the resulting increases in foreign direct investment can increase BRI countries’ GDP growth by 0.09 percentage points, including a rise of 0.23 percentage points in Sub-Saharan Africa.

“This is truly remarkable. These are real tangible contributions made to global sustainable development,” Wang said.

By June 2023, China had signed more than 200 BRI cooperation agreements with more than 150 countries and 30 international organizations across five continents. The World Bank has estimated that by 2030, BRI-related investments could lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million out of moderate poverty. **C**



This aerial photo taken on May 20, 2023 shows a ceremony for the temporary diversion of the Cuanza River at the site of the Chinese-built Caculo-Cabaca Hydropower Station in Cuanza Norte province, Angola. (XINHUA)

## Belt and Road: A Fruitful Decade of Joint Prosperity

### REVIEW

By June 2023, China had signed more than

200



BRI cooperation agreements with more than

150

international organizations across

30

countries and

5

continents

First forum in 2017

Heads of state and government from

29

More than  
1,600  
representatives and

Second forum in 2019

Heads of state and government from

38

countries,

More than  
6,000  
representatives and

279

deliverables



283

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### CONNECTIVITY

The China-Europe Railway Express now reaches more than

200

cities in

25

European countries, comprising

86

routes passing through the main regions of the Eurasian hinterland



As of late June:

Cumulative volume of the China-Europe Railway Express

Exceeded  
74,000  
trips



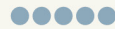
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Transported nearly  
7 mln  
twenty-foot  
equivalent units



● = 1 mln

and over  
50,000  
types of  
goods



● = 10,000

A total value of  
\$300 bln



The Silk Road Maritime network had reached

117

ports in

43

countries



China has signed bilateral air transport agreements with

104 BRI partner countries

And opened direct flights with

57 partner countries to facilitate cross-border transport



### TRADE AND COOPERATION

From 2013 to 2022:

The cumulative value of imports and exports between China and BRI partner countries reached

\$19.1 tln

With an average annual growth rate

6.4%



Total value of imports and exports of Chinese private enterprises to partner countries

\$1.5 tln



53.7% Percentage of trade between China and these countries during the same period

Cumulative two-way investment between China and partner countries

\$380 bln



Includes  
\$240 bln  
from China



Value of newly signed construction contracts with partner countries

\$2 tln



Actual turnover of Chinese contractors

\$1.3 tln



### FINANCIAL INTEGRATION

As of late June:

13

Chinese-funded banks had established

145

first-tier offices and branches

50

China had signed bilateral currency swap agreements with

20

partner countries and established renminbi clearing arrangements in

17

partner countries

(Source: State Council Information Office of China; designed by Pamela Tobey)

# Path of Opening Up

## BRI's Global Impact Beyond Flagship Projects

The Peljesac Bridge, linking the Croatian mainland and the Peljesac Peninsula, the Jakarta-Bandung High-speed Railway, and Italy's pioneering semi-automatic terminal, Vado Gateway terminal, are globally renowned as key projects of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

These projects, impressive as they may be, have earned their reputation not merely as structures, but for revitalizing local and regional economic growth in their respective areas.

The following are some facts, figures and coming-of-age stories of some flagship projects that underscore the broader impact of the China-proposed BRI, going beyond the provision of public goods.

### Connectivity, Prosperity

As the famous Chinese saying goes: "Building the road is the first step towards prosperity." In a similar vein, infrastructure is a strong underpinning for a country's

economic and social development, and the BRI projects have proven to precisely accommodate the development demand of participating countries.



**WHAT BRI DELIVERS BEYOND FLAGSHIP PROJECTS?**  
— CONNECTIVITY

**China-Laos Railway**

The 1st transnational railway built under the BRI, it had recorded **20.79 mln passenger trips** and carried **25.22 mln tonnes of cargo** by Aug. 31, 2023.



**WHAT BRI DELIVERS BEYOND FLAGSHIP PROJECTS?**  
— PROSPERITY

**Port of Piraeus**

The largest port in Greece, with investment from China, it has seen its annual cargo throughput rise to above **5 mln TEUs**, making it the **4th largest TEU port** in Europe.

Laos, a landlocked country in Southeast Asia, is one example of how modern infrastructure has boosted inter-connectivity.

1. The economic development of Laos had long been restricted with only a 3.5 km-long railroad to Thailand. In December 2021, the 1,035-km China-Laos Railway, the first transnational railway built under the BRI, was launched, linking the Lao capital Vientiane, with the southwestern Chinese province of Yunnan.

Since its launch, the rail has become a game-changer for Laos, and an integral part of the country's economic and social landscape. Freight volume has significantly increased, and both domestic and international tourists now consider riding



**WHAT BRI DELIVERS BEYOND FLAGSHIP PROJECTS?**  
— INVESTMENT

**China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone**

The cooperation zone has attracted **145 companies** to settle in and an investment of over **1.7 bln U.S. dollars** over the past 15 years.

the Lane Xang electric multiple-unit trains on the China-Laos Railway a must-do experience.

Today, Laos has become a land-linked hub in the Indo-China Peninsula. Data shows that the railway had recorded a total of 20.79 million passenger trips and transported 25.22 million tonnes of cargo as of Aug. 31, 2023.

Not only is the land connectivity steadily improving, but BRI cooperation is also expanding in the maritime and aviation sectors of participating countries, contributing to local prosperity.

2. The Port of Piraeus, the largest port in Greece, was once on the brink of bankruptcy. Through Chinese investment in capital and advanced technologies and equipment under the BRI, it has seen its annual cargo throughput increase to above 5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), making it the fourth largest TEU port in Europe.

In terms of air connectivity, China has

## WHAT BRI DELIVERS BEYOND FLAGSHIP PROJECTS? — EMPLOYMENT

### Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone

Co-invested by China and Cambodia, it has accommodated some **175 companies** from China, the United States, Europe and other regions, creating nearly **30,000 jobs**.



signed bilateral air transport agreements with 104 BRI participating countries and opened direct flights with 57 partner countries to facilitate cross-border transport, according to official statistics.

## Investment, Employment

In addition to transportation infrastructure, co-invested industrial parks and economic cooperation zones stand out as signature BRI projects, playing a clear role in promoting investment, trade and creating job opportunities for the locals.

3. The China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone, for instance, is one demonstration project that aligns the BRI with the development of the Suez Canal Corridor.

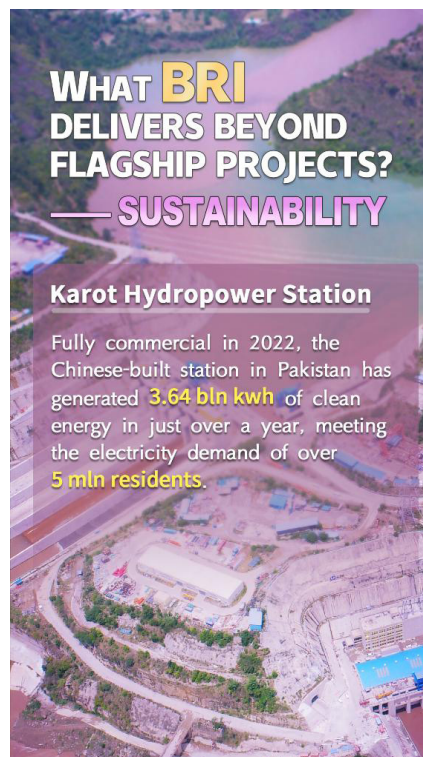
Constructed in 2008, the cooperation zone supported Chinese enterprise Jushi to establish a subsidiary company in Egypt, which has enabled the Egyptian fiberglass industry to grow from scratch and made Egypt a major fiberglass producer in the world.

Over the past 15 years, the cooperation zone has attracted 145 companies to

settle down, resulting in an investment of more than \$1.7 billion.

4. The Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone (SSEZ) in Cambodia, a joint venture between Chinese and Cambodian investors under the BRI, also shares a similar story.

Among the first batch of the overseas economic and trade cooperation



## WHAT BRI DELIVERS BEYOND FLAGSHIP PROJECTS? — SUSTAINABILITY

### Karot Hydropower Station

Fully commercial in 2022, the Chinese-built station in Pakistan has generated **3.64 bln kwh** of clean energy in just over a year, meeting the electricity demand of over **5 mln residents**.

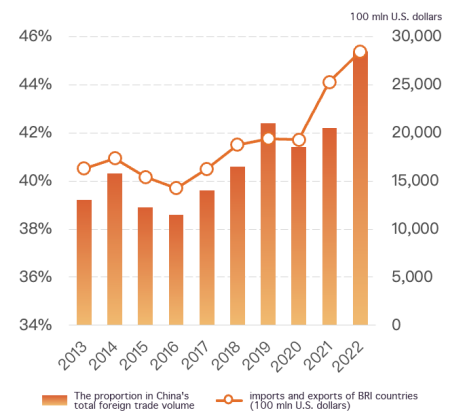
zones, the 11-square-km SSEZ has so far accommodated some 175 companies from China, the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia and other regions, generating nearly 30,000 jobs, according to the zone's operator.

The World Bank has estimated that by 2030, BRI-related investments could lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million people out of moderate poverty.

## Energy, Sustainability

Energy is high on the agenda among the 20-plus multilateral dialogue and cooperation mechanisms that BRI par-

Total Volume of Trade Between China and BRI Countries and Proportions of the BRI Trade in China's Total Foreign Trade Volume in 2013–2022



ticipating countries have launched, and green development is at the heart of BRI energy cooperation.

Since announcing that it would peak CO2 emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, China has made substantial efforts to pursue greener development, which include vowing to stop building new coal-fired power stations overseas.

5. Walking the talk, the country has invested in and built a number of clean energy projects, aiming to contribute to the green and low-carbon development of the world. The Karot hydropower station, the first hydropower project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor which kicked off commercial operations in June 2022, is one of them.

In just over a year, the hydropower station has generated 3.64 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, meeting the demands of more than 5 million residents.

Statistics indicate that China has carried out green energy project cooperation with more than 100 countries and regions, and the country's investment in BRI participating countries in terms of green and low-carbon energy has exceeded that for traditional energy.

According to China's top energy regulator, the country will continue to promote high-quality energy cooperation under the BRI, and build closer, greener and more inclusive energy partnerships in the future. **CI**

# Path of Innovation

## China's Water-Saving Agriculture Technology Benefits BRI Countries



Photo taken on September 2, 2022 shows a field with water-saving and reduced-draining technologies in a paddy rice technology demonstration park in Fujin City of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. (XINHUA)

**M**uhammad Ali Raza, a Pakistani doctor, has recently been working on an experiment on the utilization of plastic mulch and drip irrigation in cereal-legume intercropping systems at a water-saving agricultural research station located in the city of Zhangye in northwest China's Gansu Province.

"The crop straws are processed into mulch and used in soybean-corn compound planting fields," Raza explained, adding that the technology can not only avoid resource waste and effectively save water but also improve soil fertility and reduce evaporation at the soil surface.

Raza, 33, came to the Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) to pursue his postdoctoral studies after the GAAS signed a memorandum with a university in Pakistan in 2022 to carry out cooperation in modern agricultural technology transformation and personnel training projects.

In recent years, GAAS has signed cooperation agreements with institutions in Pakistan, Tajikistan, Malaysia and other countries participating the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to

conduct extensive cooperation in agricultural science and technology.

Lettuce grown in water and chili on the substrate are thriving in an intelligent greenhouse at the GAAS, thanks to the efforts of Ma Zhongming, the head of the organization.

Ma has dedicated himself to the research and promotion of soilless cultivation technologies, resulting in these impressive outcomes.

"Soilless cultivation is suitable for arid regions and holds great potential for agricultural cooperation with some Belt and Road countries," said Ma, who is also Raza's professor.

"I'm excited about the research. My study area is related to dry farming and facility agriculture in China, and I am looking forward to introducing relevant technologies in Pakistan in the future," Raza said.

Xiong Youcai, a professor at Lanzhou University's College of Ecology, has led a team dedicated to dryland agriculture research and technology promotion since 2011 in East Africa.

The all-film double-furrow sowing, an agricultural technology originating from China's

arid Loess Plateau, has now been applied to agricultural production in Kenya and other countries based on local conditions to help relieve the impact of severe drought on food production.

In 2022, Xiong's team, with the support of the National Natural Science Foundation of China, launched an international cooperation project involving the efficient utilization and adaptive management of rainwater resources in dryland agriculture in the East African Plateau.

The project was designed to further expand the adaptability and benefits of dryland agricultural technology.

"Take Kenya as an example. If the technology of all-film double-furrow sowing is effectively promoted in the country, one-third of Kenya's land can feed the whole population of Kenya," Xiong said.

"BRI agricultural cooperation has seen continuous progress, and it will be further advanced in the area of agricultural technology, personnel exchanges and agricultural policy," Ma said. **C**

## CPEC Wind Power Projects Transform Pakistan's Energy Landscape



Aerial photo taken on June 22, 2022, shows a view of the Karot Hydropower Project in Punjab province, eastern Pakistan. (XINHUA)

On the vast desert of Jhimpir, Sindh, hundreds of wind turbines are running day and night, providing stable and green power to the national grid.

Peerzada Zain ul Abideen, O&M manager of PowerChina HDEC Engineering Company Limited Pakistan, is inspecting the colossuses in sweltering heat.

He proudly told China Economic Net (CEN) reporter that the 12 projects in Jhimpir of his company have generated 1888.29 GWh of electricity so far.

"Locals also find learning and working opportunities here. Most of the engineers, managers, and workers are from nearby areas", he said, adding, "I myself have also been offered a job that my family and friends are proud of and a good salary".

As renewable energy including wind is getting higher on the Pakistani government's agenda, Chinese power companies have become a significant part of Pakistan's endeavor to realize its wind potential and transform its energy structure.

Hundreds of miles away in Gharo, Sindh,

Muhammad Saleem Munshi, Chief Financial Officer of Hydrochina Dawood Power (Pvt) Limited and recipient of the 2022 award for outstanding Pakistani staff in CPEC projects, is pleased to see that due to the 49.5 MW Dawood Wind Power Project, a closed school in a nearby village with about 600 families living in it can reopen and provide education to children.

"We were surprised to find that the deserted school was used as a poultry storage house. To convince villagers that we could reconstruct and renovate the school, that our project can change their lives, we hired over 30 villagers as security guards for our project".

He told CEN reporter that the wind speed in the area is up to 7 meters per second. If properly developed, it can meet 5%-10% of the nation's power demand.

"The demand is there, and more fund is being attracted to the wind power sector", he said.

With the increasing renewable energy mix mandate by the government and improvements in wind energy technology, this

emerging sector is pooling not only investment, but also talents.

Muhammad Waqas, Director Finance of the UEP 100MW wind farm in Jhimpir and also recipient the 2022 award for outstanding Pakistani staff in CPEC projects, says the most worthwhile thing he ever did was to choose wind power as his career while he also holds certificates in computer programming, teaching, and accountant.

"I can learn state-of-the-art technologies of one of the most promising sectors. Chinese brothers are transferring the advanced mechanism to Pakistan", he said, adding, "Before the pandemic, I went to China every year to learn about power-related technologies and business know-how".

He told reporter that relying on wind power alone, Pakistan can produce twice the amount of electricity needed in the country. With the passage of time, the project development, construction and operations cost are reducing, which will ultimately reduce power tariff, which is connected with high economic activities. ■



# Path Connecting Civilizations

## From Silk Road to BRI, a Road Connecting Diverse Civilizations



Guests view an exhibition of Dunhuang culture during the sixth Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Cultural Expo in Dunhuang, northwest China's Gansu Province, on September 6, 2023. (XINHUA)



A view of the historical sites in Khiva, Uzbekistan, on September 21, 2023 (XINHUA)

An interesting pattern depicting three racing rabbits, with each two sharing one ear, is vividly presented in caves of the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in northwest China.

What's more interesting, the unique picture is also seen on chinaware of Egypt, on the clocks of some churches in Germany, and on tile paintings in the United Kingdom—all thanks to the ancient Silk Road that connected China with places afar.

"The pattern was first found in Dunhuang in the 6th century. It flowed to Central and West Asia through the Silk Road between the 9th and 11th century, and entered Egypt and European countries from the 13th to 16th century," said Zhao Yanlin, a researcher at the Dunhuang Academy.

The city of Dunhuang in northwest China's Gansu Province was a pivotal hub on

the ancient Silk Road. Through the road, camel caravans and commercial fleets boosted the exchange of goods, which also stimulated diverse civilization exchanges between the East and the West.

Passing on the tradition of the Silk Road, today's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is also committed to promoting mutual understanding, respect, and admiration among different civilizations.

"The BRI is a very comprehensive platform for global cooperation in human history, and it is a great civilization project," said Stephan Ossenkopp from Schiller Institute, a German think tank.

China proposes building the BRI into a road connecting different civilizations, replacing estrangement with exchanges, replacing clashes with mutual learning, and replacing a sense of superiority with coexistence, thus

boosting mutual understanding, mutual respect, and mutual trust among different countries.

Over the past decade since the BRI was put forward, diverse cultural exchanges among BRI countries have been flourishing.

By the end of June, China had signed cooperation with 144 BRI countries in the sector of culture and tourism, while alliances of Silk Road-featured theaters, art festivals, museums, galleries, and libraries had been established.

At the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation that concluded in Beijing last week, foreign guests were impressed by the glamour of traditional Chinese culture.

"Chinese culture is open and inclusive, and the BRI has pushed forward the mutual learning among civilizations as well as cultural integration and innovation," said Gulzhan Ramankulova, a journalist from Kazakhstan who covered the forum.

At the forum, China pledged more detailed measures to promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges, as it announced eight major steps that it will take to support the joint pursuit of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

The measures include hosting a special forum to enhance civilization dialogue with BRI partner countries, launching the International Tourism Alliance of Silk Road Cities, and continuing with the Chinese government scholarship Silk Road Program.

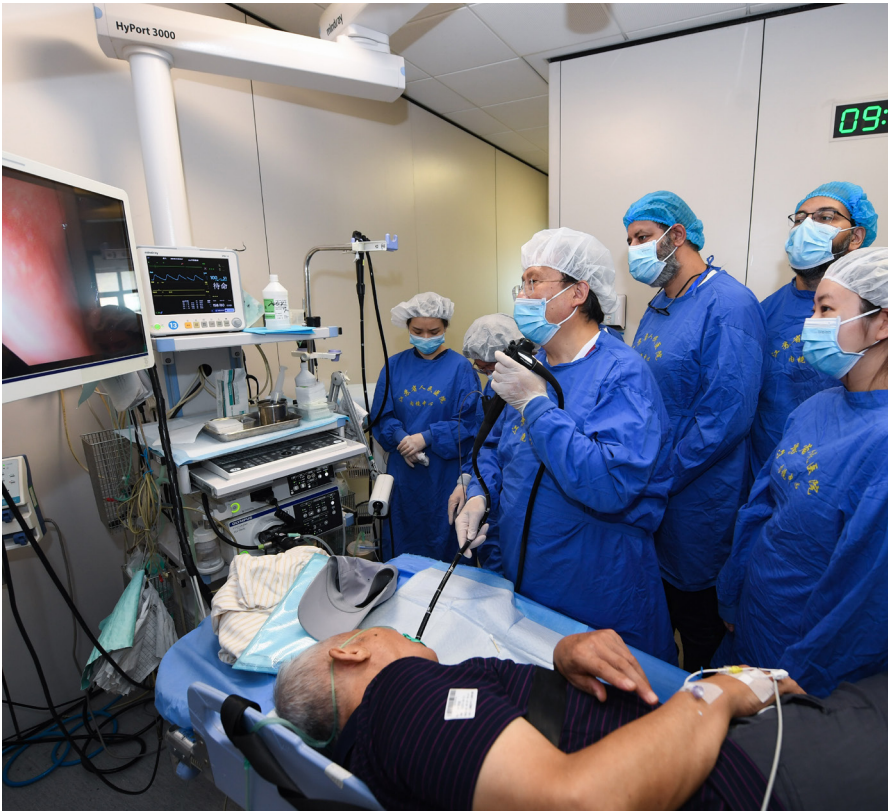
China also released an initiative to promote people-to-people bonds among BRI countries and announced the setting up of a public fund.

While visioning for joint pursuit of BRI, China also put forward building a community of a shared future for humanity and introduced the Global Civilization Initiative, one of a series of far-sighted conceptions, for the benefit of the world's civilization development.

"No civilization is superior to others, whether it is from the East or West," said Luis Rafael Gonzalez Hernandez, director of Center for Analysis and International Studies of the University of the Caribbean.

"An important implication of the joint pursuit of Belt and Road cooperation is to realize that all civilizations can live and thrive in diversity," he said. ■

## Path to Health



Foreign medical workers of a medical seminar watch as Fan Zhining, expert of digestive endoscopy, performs an operation at digestive endoscopy center of Jiangsu Province Hospital in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on August 1, 2023. (XINHUA)

By the end of June 2023, China had signed an MoU with the WHO on health cooperation in BRI partner countries, inked health cooperation agreements with more than 160 countries and international organizations, and initiated or participated in nine international and regional health cooperation mechanisms, including China-Africa Health Cooperation, China-Arab States Health Cooperation, and China-ASEAN Health Cooperation.

After the outbreak of COVID-19, China provided assistance to more than 120 BRI partner countries to combat the pandemic, and sent 38 expert medical teams to 34 countries. It started the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on COVID-19 Vaccines Cooperation together with 31 countries, delivered more than 2 billion doses of vaccines to partner countries, and conducted joint vaccine production with more than 20 countries, improving vaccine affordability and accessibility in developing countries.

In addition, China has signed documents on traditional medicine cooperation with 14 BRI partner countries; eight partner countries have taken measures to support the development of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) within the framework of their respective legal systems; 30 overseas TCM centers have been built; and 100-plus TCM drugs have been registered and marketed in partner countries. **CI**



An airport staff member unloads Chinese medical supplies in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on May 1, 2020. (XINHUA)

# Path to Digitalization

## Digital technology promotes BRI economic, trade cooperation



Guests are seen at the digital economy exhibition area of the sixth China-Arab States Expo in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on September 22, 2023 (XINHUA)



This aerial photo taken on July 24, 2023 shows the custom clearance center for the cross-border e-commerce of the Alataw Pass comprehensive bonded area in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. In recent years, various measures have been taken to create a better business environment for cross-border e-commerce enterprises in Alataw Pass. (XINHUA)

In the workshop of a furniture company in the city of Handan, north China's Hebei Province, rolls of cold-rolled sheets with a thickness of only 0.6 mm were being processed into products like intelligent bookcases through multiple processes such as cutting, stamping, electric welding and spraying.

"These complex processes are completed under the control of digital equipment, such as automatic bending machines, which greatly improves the production efficiency and quality of furniture, and enhances the market competitiveness of our products," said Zhang Baixiang, general manager of the Steelite furniture company.

"After digital production, the value of

cold-rolled sheets has at least doubled," said Zhang, adding that the company annually produces more than 1 million sets of various types of steel furniture, which have been sold to over 50 countries and regions participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

While enabling product upgrades, digital technology also effectively solves management problems faced by enterprises after they expand into overseas markets.

In the command room of Chenguang Biotech Group Co., Ltd. in Handan, real-time data on the computer screen records the production and marketing information of the company's headquarters and more than 20 subsidiaries distributed in BRI

countries.

"Previously, if the products of a subsidiary were unmarketable, the headquarters could not find out the reasons in time, which would cause difficulties for the next marketing decision," said Lu Qingguo, chairman and general manager of the company.

Digital technology has changed this situation. Now with the help of big data technology, the company has access to any data of a subsidiary even as far away as India, such as the amount of raw material inputs, or content of pigments in its products.

"Digital technology has promoted the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries, given birth to cross-border e-commerce, international finance, digital marketing and other business forms, and fostered new economic growth points," said Zhong Zeyu, vice president and secretary general of the China Association of Trade in Services.

In addition, China's digital foreign trade service level is also improving. By building new digital trade platforms and optimizing foreign trade service processes, the country's digital technology is adding new momentum to the economic development of BRI countries and regions.

Based in the city of Langfang, Hebei, Jjajia supply chain management company has independently developed a comprehensive foreign trade service platform. By innovating a new model of internet digital foreign trade, it provides small and medium-sized foreign trade enterprises with full process services, such as commodity inspection and customs clearance, and foreign exchange settlement.

"From January to August, our company's export volume hit 180 million U.S. dollars. Exports to BRI countries and regions accounted for more than 20 percent of this volume," said Zhang Wen, general manager of the company.

Zhang added that the company has established overseas warehouses in several BRI countries and regions, with a total floor area of 90,000 square meters. **C**

# Path to Green Development



A batch of BYD pure electric buses are driving from the Port of San Antonio in Chile to the capital Santiago on June 6, 2020 (XINHUA)



Workers assemble photovoltaic modules on the roof of a Chinese factory in the suburb of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, on January 3, 2020 (XINHUA)



**C**hina has signed an MoU with the United Nations Environment Programme on building a green Belt and Road for 2017-2022.

It has reached environmental cooperation agreements with more than 30 countries and international organizations, launched the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on Green Development together with 31 countries, formed the Belt and Road Initiative International Green Development Coalition with more than 150 partners from 40-plus countries, and established the Belt and Road Energy Partnership with 32 countries.

China is actively promoting the Belt and Road South-South Cooperation Initiative on Climate Change.

It has signed 47 South-South MoUs on climate change with 39 partner countries, built low-carbon demonstration zones with Laos, Cambodia, and Seychelles, carried out more than 70 climate change mitigation and adaptation projects with 30-plus developing countries, and trained more than 3,000 environment management personnel and experts from more than 120 countries. **CI**

Wind turbines are seen at central Asia's largest wind farm built by a Chinese firm near the city of Zhanatas in the Zhambyl Region, Kazakhstan, on May 24, 2021. (XINHUA)

## Voices From the International Community

### Voices from world Political Party Leaders and International Observers

The keynote speech of Chinese President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation conveys the sincere willingness of the country to advance modernization, build an open, inclusive and interconnected world for common development, and jointly build a community with a shared future for humanity with other countries and regions.

#### Thongsavanh Phomvihane

##### Minister of the International Department of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party



Lao wholeheartedly supports and fully participates in the Belt and Road cooperation. The completion and smooth operation of the Laos-China Railway have an important demonstration significance under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and have strongly promoted the economic and social development of Laos. The Lao side is willing to work with the Chinese side to make the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation a complete success, and take this visit as an opportunity to strengthen strategic communication between the two Parties, further promote the building of the Laos-China community with a shared future, deepen practical cooperation in various fields, and bring more benefits of the Laos-China community with a shared future and the Belt and Road cooperation to the two peoples.

#### Álvaro Delgado

##### Leader of the White Party and Presidential Secretary of Uruguay

I hope to strengthen connectivity with China under the framework of the BRI, enhance exchanges and cooperation in various fields, promote high-quality development of the Belt and Road cooperation, and achieve mutual benefit and win-win results. The White Party of Uruguay is willing to deepen exchanges and mutual learning with the CPC, promote the construction of respective parties and national development, and better benefit the two countries and the two peoples.



#### Ali el-Hefny

##### Egypt's former deputy foreign minister and former ambassador to China



The strategic partnership between Egypt and China is currently in best conditions as the China-proposed BRI has provided vigorous momentum to the development of Egypt.

Egypt is keen on finding meeting points and consensus with the BRI while striving for Egypt Vision 2030, a national development plan till 2030, and has endeavored to explore cooperation opportunities and implementation projects from this initiative.

China has been one of the biggest contributors to the development of Egypt over the past decade, and has a lot of experience in green development and eco-friendly industrial transformation which are priorities for Egypt now.

#### Michael Spence

##### The 2001 Nobel laureate in economics

##### Philip H. Knight Professor and dean, emeritus, at the Stanford Graduate School of Business

The BRI has dramatically accelerated the development of infrastructure — a crucial element of the development process — in a wide range of economies, including many in Central Asia and Africa. I think it (the BRI) is significant, especially for the lower-income, lower-middle-income countries that struggle to afford investment in infrastructure at rates that will support high growth.



**Bogdan J. G Ralczyk**

**Director of the European Center of the University of Warsaw  
Former ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Thailand**



The experience of the past decade shows that the Belt and Road Initiative should be focused not only on big infrastructure projects, but also take into consideration constantly growing climate and ecological demands. At the same time, a win-win strategy, as initially proposed, should mean more engagement of the recipient side. It should rather be a local project with — stronger or weaker — Chinese support...

The essence of the Belt and Road Initiative is connectivity, which — as we can see — recently is increasingly focused on chips, artificial intelligence, rare earths and outer space, and not only massive infrastructure projects, as it was a decade ago. As for the Chinese leadership, it is prioritizing a global vision of a community with a shared future for humankind narrative.

**Ehizuelen Michael Mitchell Omoruyi**

**Executive Director of the Center for Nigerian Studies at the Institute of African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University**

In the past, China supported African nations in attaining political independence, but over the past decade, China — through the BRI — has redefined its willingness to support African nations in gaining economic dependence. The numerous development dividends provided by the BRI have been connected to diverse economic opportunities linked to industrial cooperation, skills development, and technology transfer that could promote African countries' economic diversification, which the African nations consider to be important for their development.

Furthermore, the BRI acts as a platform to strengthen African nations' self-development capacity, enrich and improve African people's livelihoods, promote their economic growth and social headway, and create opportunities for the African nations to break free from dependency and escape the trap of poverty.

**Gladden John Pappin**

**President of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs**



We view China not as a threat but as an opportunity. The model put forward, that is the BRI, has been an excellent one, oriented toward the building of infrastructure as well as people-to-people connectivity. So I think there is a lot for global leaders to consider. The BRI is something that everyone should take advantage of and European leaders should be more proud to be part of it. It's very important for people in the West to understand this because we really can't decouple the Western and Eastern economies.

**Hasan Al-Dajah**

**Professor in Al-Hussein Bin Talal University in Jordan,  
Consultant of Belt and Road Academy of Beijing Language and Cultural University**

I am involved in the BRI (research) through my (role as) consultant at the institute. I believe it's a very important initiative for the sustainable development of the world. Most countries in the world are now involved in this initiative. This initiative will change the face of the world and will change the world's politics. It will help developing countries to improve their living standards and infrastructure.





**Felix Sutter**  
**President of the Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce**

It's a great initiative. When it was launched 10 years ago, it was something which was really new to the globe. It was a revival of centuries- and millennia-old trade corridors and trade paths. Now, (the world's) modernization asked for a re-launch of these channels. The realization of the Belt and Road, in my view, and of its objectives, will take decades to realize that (re-launch). China has had an important role in the global economy and the BRI is certainly something which (has) helped (the country in that role).

**Chhem Kieth Rethy**  
**Senior Minister, Chairman of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of Cambodia**

If you compare the BRI to a baby, the first ten years was like crawling and start to standing up and running. I think that now we are entering a stage where we can try to achieve maturity. This kind of meeting and the positive result of the first 10 years will consolidate a platform for the further development of the BRI for the next 10 years and beyond.



**Hasan Yukselen**  
**Director of the Security and Strategic Studies Foreign Policy Institute in Türkiye**

Expanding connectivity reduces nations' dependencies as it fosters diversification. But what is more important is that the BRI stands out as an open project to all nations, without any restrictions, without any further division lines. From this perspective, inclusiveness rather than drawing new lines of exclusion is the strength, what makes the initiative significant. It is founded upon building common and cooperative prosperity. I think the term "together" is very important. Rather than adopting a stance such as "I have built, you should comply," this approach involves nations that are willing to participate. It grants a change and welcomes their experience and contribution to shape the conditions that take into account their interest and concerns as well.



**Vaqar Ahmed**  
**Pakistani economist joint executive director at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, an Islamabad-based think tank**

We have seen that China itself has come out of years and decades of poverty, and it has transitioned into a country that is fast developing. So for them to tailor a program for the developing countries is much easier than for the Global North. This is what China has been trying to do under the BRI. The BRI is a very decent model for cooperation, particularly for the developing countries, because many programs are led or participated in by developing countries, and by some of the poorest countries of the world.

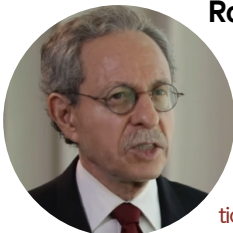
Most of the BRI's technical assistance projects, in the case of infrastructure, are backed by a financial model, which is easier for developing countries to participate in, as most of them are in investment mode.



**Robert Lawrence Kuhn**  
**Public intellectual and international corporate strategist, Winner of the China Reform Friendship Medal (2018), Chairman of the Kuhn Foundation**

The BRI has increasingly become a pillar of China's foreign policy. It leverages China's unequalled experience and competitive advantages in constructing infrastructure: rail, roads, ports, airports, power plants, and telecommunication. Nothing is more important for developing countries than infrastructure, and the foundation of all developmental economics is infrastructure...

Looking to the future, along with controlling and preventing risks, BRI projects will focus more on science and technology, and on industrial transformation, leveraging China's industrial and supply chain advantages. With its 41 major industrial categories, 207 intermediate categories, and 666 small categories, China is the only country in the world with all industrial categories in the United Nations Industrial Classification. Moreover, China's technologies are now world-class in new energy vehicles, high-speed rail, offshore engineering equipment, wind and photovoltaic power, and power transmission and transformation. These provide opportunities to achieve high-level industrial cooperation with BRI countries.



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