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## Editor's Note

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There is an old Chinese saying: "A near neighbor is better than a distant relative." As China's closest neighbors, surrounding countries are connected with China by mountains and rivers, cultural affinity, intertwined interests, and a shared future. They are fundamental to China's development and prosperity, important for its national security, foremost in its diplomatic work, and crucial for building a community with a shared future for humanity.

For more than a decade, China has adhered to the guidelines of developing friendship and partnership with its neighbors and of fostering an amicable, secure and prosperous neighborhood, and upheld the principle of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit, and inclusiveness. China has always aligned its own development with the aspirations of the people in neighboring countries for a better life and the prospects for regional development. It has continuously deepened mutually beneficial cooperation and connectivity with neighboring countries, creating a favorable neighboring environment for its high-quality development. Currently, China's relations with its neighboring countries are at their best in modern times.

As a good neighbor, good friend, and good partner to countries in the region, China will hold high the banner of a community with a shared future for humanity, work hand in hand with neighboring countries to create a better future, and inject more stability and bring more hope to the region and the world.



# Central Conference on Work Related to Neighboring Countries

## Xi Calls for Building Community with a Shared Future with Neighboring Countries

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for building a community with a shared future with neighboring countries and striving to open new ground for China's neighborhood work.

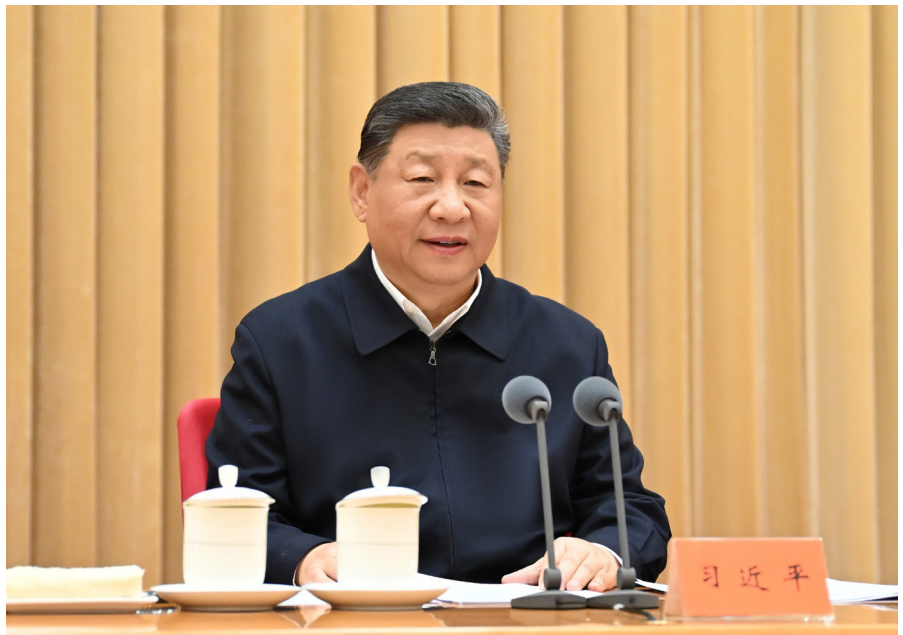
Xi, also General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at a central conference on work related to neighboring countries, which was held in Beijing from April 8 to 9.

Members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi, and Vice President Han Zheng also attended the conference.

In his speech, Xi systematically summarized the achievements and experience of China's neighborhood work in the new era, scientifically analyzed the current situation, and outlined the goals, tasks, ideas and measures for the next phase of neighborhood work.

While presiding over the meeting, Premier Li Qiang stressed the need to thoroughly implement the spirit of Xi's important speech and to earnestly carry out the various tasks in work related to neighboring countries.

The conference highlighted that China's vast territory and long borders make its neighborhood a vital foundation for national development and prosperity, a key front for safeguarding national security, a priority area in the country's overall diplomacy, and a crucial link in building a community with a



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The conference called for viewing neighboring regions through a global perspective and strengthening the sense of responsibility and mission in advancing China's neighborhood work.

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Guided by head-of-state diplomacy, China has worked with neighboring countries to deepen all-around cooperation,

strengthen exchanges in various fields, and maintain peace and stability, thereby securing historic achievements and transformation in neighborhood work, according to the meeting.

China's relations with its neighboring countries are currently at their best in modern times, and are also entering a critical phase where regional dynamics and global transformations are deeply intertwined, the conference noted, calling for taking into account both the domestic and international situations and coordinating the two major priorities of development and security.

To build a better future with its

neighbors, China will remain committed to fostering an amicable, secure and prosperous neighborhood. It will uphold the Asian values of peace, cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, use high-quality Belt and Road cooperation as the main platform, and pursue the Asian security model that features sharing weal and woe, seeking common ground while shelving differences, and prioritizing dialogue and consultation, according to the conference.

It was emphasized at the meeting that to build a community with a shared future with neighboring countries, China will work with its neighbors to consolidate strategic mutual trust, support regional countries in pursuing development paths suited to their respective conditions, and properly manage differences.

China will also deepen development integration with its neighbors, build a high-level connectivity network, strengthen cooperation in industrial and supply chains, advance security and law enforcement cooperation, and expand people-to-people exchanges, according to the conference. **CI**

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# Xi Jinping's Footprints in Neighboring Countries and State Visits to Viet Nam, Malaysia, Cambodia

## Xi Jinping's Footprints in Neighboring Countries

### 2025 <<

May 7	Russia & Celebrations Marking the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War (Russia)
Apr. 17	Cambodia
Apr. 15	Malaysia
Apr. 14	Viet Nam

### 2024 <<

Oct. 22	16th BRICS Summit
Jul. 4	Tajikistan
Jul. 2	Kazakhstan & 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO (Kazakhstan)

### 2023 <<

Dec. 12	Viet Nam
Mar. 20	Russia

### 2022 <<

Nov. 17	Thailand
Nov. 15	17th G20 summit (Indonesia)
Sep. 14	Uzbekistan
Sep. 14	Kazakhstan

### 2020 <<

Jan. 17	Myanmar
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### 2019 <<

Oct. 12	Nepal
Oct. 11	2nd informal meeting with Indian PM (India)

Jun. 27 14th G20 Summit (Japan)  
 Jun. 20 DPRK  
 Jun. 14 Tajikistan  
 Jun. 12 Kyrgyzstan  
 Jun. 5 Russia

## 2018 <<

Nov. 20 The Philippines  
 Nov. 18 Brunei  
 Sep. 11 4th Eastern Economic Forum  
 (Russia)

## 2017 <<

Nov. 10 Viet Nam  
 Nov. 13 Laos  
 Jul. 3 Russia  
 Jun. 7 Kazakhstan & 17th SCO  
 summit (Kazakhstan)

## 2016 <<

Oct. 15 8th BRICS summit (India)  
 Oct. 14 Bangladesh  
 Oct. 13 Cambodia  
 Jun. 21 Uzbekistan & 16th Meeting  
 of the Council of Heads  
 of State of SCO (Uzbekistan)

## 2015 <<

Nov. 17 23rd APEC Economic  
 Leaders' Meeting (the  
 Philippines)  
 Nov. 6 Singapore

Nov. 5 Viet Nam  
 Jul. 8 7th BRICS summit & 15th  
 meeting of the SCO Council  
 of Heads of State (Russia)  
 May 8 Russia  
 May 7 Kazakhstan  
 Apr. 21 Indonesia  
 Apr. 20 Pakistan

## 2014 <<

Sep. 17 India  
 Sep. 16 Sri Lanka  
 Sep. 14 The Maldives  
 Sep. 11 Tajikistan & 14th SCO summit  
 Aug. 21 Mongolia  
 Jul. 3 Republic of Korea  
 Feb. 6 Sochi Olympic opening  
 ceremony

## 2013 <<

Oct. 5 21st informal economic  
 leaders' meeting of the APEC  
 (Indonesia)  
 Oct. 3 Malaysia  
 Oct. 2 Indonesia  
 Sep. 13 13th SCO summit  
 (Kyrgyzstan)  
 Sep. 10 Kyrgyzstan  
 Sep. 8 Uzbekistan  
 Sep. 6 Kazakhstan  
 Sep. 4 8th G20 Summit (Russia)  
 Sep. 3 Turkmenistan  
 Mar. 22 Russia





Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president, and To Lam, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Viet Nam (CPV) Central Committee, greet the crowd after a grand welcome ceremony as they walk to the CPV Central Committee headquarters for talks in Hanoi, Vietnam, on April 14, 2025 (XINHUA)

# Writing a New Chapter in Building a Community with a Shared Future with Neighboring Countries

From April 14 to 18, at the invitation of Viet Nam, Malaysia, and Cambodia, President Xi Jinping paid state visits to the three countries. Over the course of five days and four nights, he participated in nearly 30 events, where he thoroughly elaborated on the principles of good-neighbornliness, ensuring peace and prosperity for neighbors, amity, sincerity, mutual benefit, inclusiveness, and a shared future. These engagements led to the conclusion of over 100 cooperation outcomes and opened a new chapter in building a community with

a shared future with neighboring countries. They also mapped out a fresh vision for regional cooperation and prosperity, injecting strong momentum into peace and development in both the region and the world.

The deepening and solid progress in bilateral communities with a shared future with Viet Nam, Malaysia, and Cambodia vividly demonstrate China's commitment to jointly advancing modernization with regional countries. In Viet Nam, leaders of the two Parties and countries reaffirmed the overarching objective of the "six enhancements,"

committing to elevating their comprehensive strategic partnership and accelerating the building of a strategically significant China-Viet Nam community with a shared future. In Malaysia, both sides upgraded bilateral relations and announced the formation of a high-level strategic China-Malaysia community with a shared future, marking a new milestone. In Cambodia, the two nations jointly declared the establishment of a new-era, all-weather China-Cambodia community with a shared future—the first of its kind between China and a Southeast Asian coun-





Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 17, 2025 (XINHUA)

try. These efforts reflect China's sincere wish to share opportunities and meet challenges together with its neighbors and carry major implications for advancing a community with a shared future in the neighborhood.

President Xi has repeatedly emphasized that the fruits of China's development should benefit neighboring countries and help bring about a better life for all. During the visits, China deepened mutually beneficial cooperation with the three countries, injecting new vitality into the vision of shared development. China and Viet Nam signed 45 cooperation agreements, boosting the quality of practical collaboration and accelerating alignment of development strategies. China and Malaysia signed 26 cooperation documents—achieving record outcomes—and agreed to jointly build a regional hub for new quality productive forces, setting a benchmark for high-quality growth and modernization. China and Cambodia signed 37 agreements in areas including industrial and supply chains, artificial intelligence, development aid, customs, and healthcare—enhancing Cambodia's development capacity and improving public well-being. Expanding mutually beneficial cooperation is fostering an increasingly close, interdependent, and coordinated development pattern that brings tangible benefits to people in China and the broader region.

China shares longstanding bonds of friendship with Viet Nam, Malaysia, Cambodia, and other neighboring countries. This visit further deepened good-neighborly relations and strengthened the public foundation for a regional community with a shared future. During the Viet Nam visit, President Xi announced China's plan to invite Vietnamese youth for "Red Study Tours" over the next three years to foster inter-generational friendship through shared revolutionary heritage. China and Malaysia agreed to launch a "Confucian-Islamic Civilization Dialogue" to enhance mutual understanding and advance the Global Civilization Initiative. China and Cambodia will take the newly established all-weather partnership as a foundation to deepen mutual understanding and people-to-people bonds. Closer cultural and people-to-people exchanges are tightening the emotional ties among nations, giving further impetus to the enduring voyage of friendship between China and its neighbors.

The leaders of the three visited countries all expressed their firm resolve to work with China in steadily advancing the building of a community with a shared future and safeguarding the prospects for a peaceful and prosperous Asia. As one stated, "Viet Nam is firmly committed to advancing a strategically significant Viet Nam-China

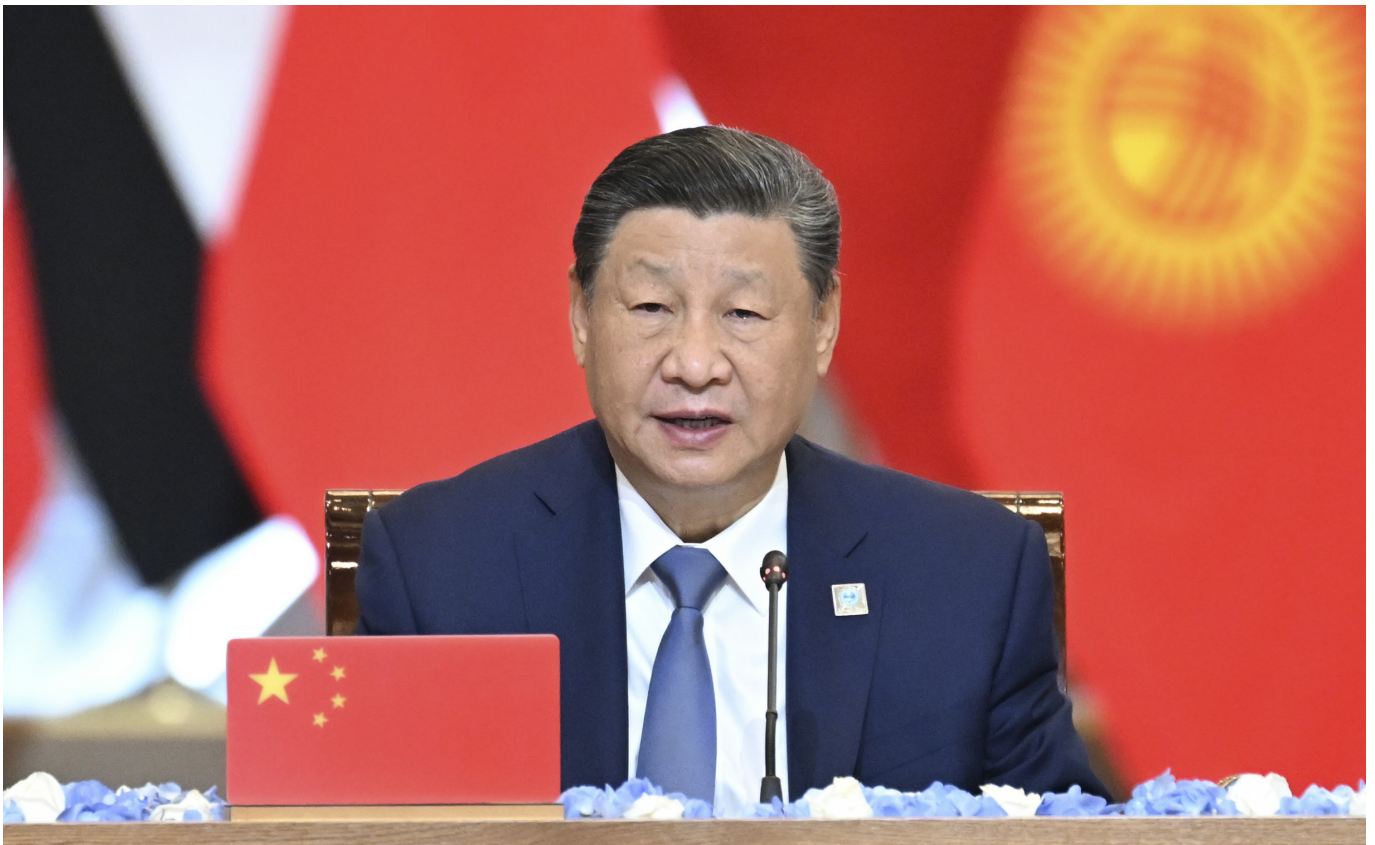
community with a shared future." Another emphasized, "Malaysia highly values its relationship with China and, regardless of how the global landscape may evolve, will work hand in hand for win-win cooperation to build a high-level strategic community with a shared future." The third added, "Cambodia and China enjoy an ironclad friendship. The decision to build a new-era all-weather community with a shared future marks a new chapter of even deeper cooperation." China and its neighbors are important members of the Global South. In a turbulent and uncertain world, they are jointly deepening strategic coordination, countering bloc confrontation and unilateralism, and contributing much-needed stability and certainty to global affairs.

Upholding righteousness before interests and expanding goodwill through virtue, China will continue to pursue amity, peace, prosperity, and mutual benefit with its neighbors. By deepening friendly cooperation, sharing the dividends of Chinese-style modernization, and promoting the building of a community with a shared future, China and its neighbors are embarking on a path of good-neighborliness, win-win cooperation, and shared progress. **C**

(Above is an editorial first published on newspaper *People's Daily*)

# Xi Jinping's Discourses on Relations with Neighboring Countries

## Pursuing the Policy of Bringing Harmony to Neighbors



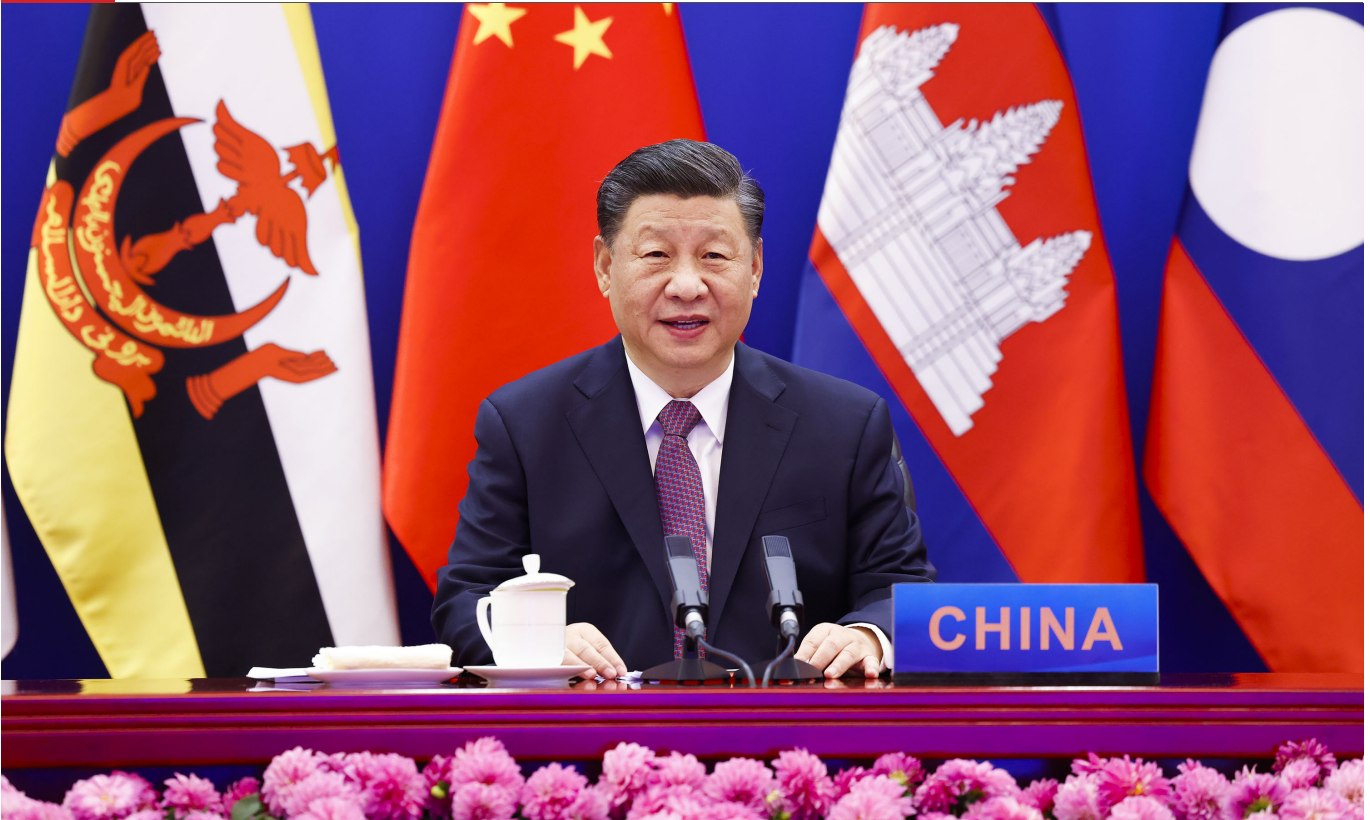
Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO at the Independence Palace in Astana, Kazakhstan, on July 4, 2024 (XINHUA)

China and Viet Nam should respond to the external uncertainties with friendly cooperation and socialist strengths, and propel the ship of China-Viet Nam

community with a shared future to sail along the right waterway.

—Excerpt from Xi's speech when he met with Vietnamese President Luong Cuong in Hanoi, Viet Nam, on April 15, 2025





Chinese President Xi Jinping chairs the ASEAN-China Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations via video link in Beijing, capital of China, on November 22, 2021 (XINHUA)

China is ready to work with the Malaysian side to build a high-level strategic China-Malaysia community with a shared future, so as to usher in a new “Golden 50 Years” for bilateral ties.

—Excerpt from Xi’s speech at a welcome ceremony hosted by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on April 16, 2025

As changes unseen in a century are accelerating around the world, further advancing the China-Cambodia community with a shared future is fully in line with the fundamental interests of the two peoples.

—Excerpt from Xi’s talks with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 17, 2025

To jointly create a better future with neighboring countries, China will hold high the banner of a community with a shared future for mankind, act on the common vision of a peaceful, safe and secure, prosperous, beautiful and amicable home, foster an amicable, secure and prosperous

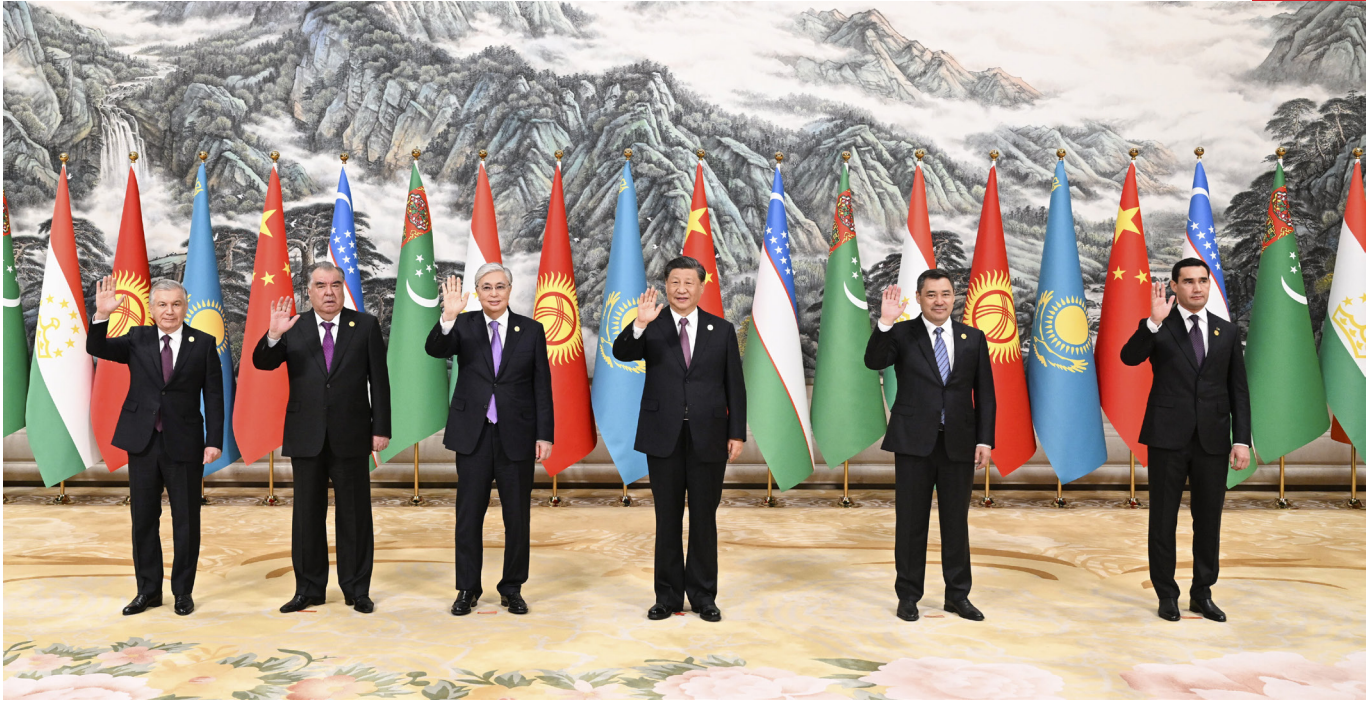
neighborhood, follow the policy and principle featuring amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness as well as a shared future for humanity, take the Asian values of peace, cooperation, openness and inclusiveness as the fundamental guidance, use high-quality Belt and Road cooperation as the main platform, and pursue the model of security for Asia that features sharing weal and woe, seeking common ground while shelving differences, and prioritizing dialogue and consultation as the strategic support.

—Excerpt from Xi’s speech at the Central Conference on Work Related to Neighboring Countries on April 8-9, 2025

We should clearly interpret the Chinese Dream from the perspective of our neighbors and their aspirations for a better life and regional prosperity, and let a sense of a community with a shared future take root.

—Excerpt from Xi’s speech at a seminar on neighborhood diplomacy work on October 24, 2014





Chinese President Xi Jinping chairs the first China-Central Asia Summit and delivers a keynote speech themed "Working Together for a China-Central Asia Community with a Shared Future Featuring Mutual Assistance, Common Development, Universal Security, and Everlasting Friendship" in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi province, on May 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

# Pursuing the Policy of Bringing Security to Neighbors

ASEAN will always be a high priority in China's neighborhood diplomacy. China will continue to support ASEAN Unity, the ASEAN Community and ASEAN centrality in the regional architecture, and it will continue to support ASEAN in playing a bigger role both in region and internationally.

—Excerpt from Xi's speech at the Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations on November 22, 2021

We should step up strategic communication and coordination, bridge differences through dialogue, and replace competition with cooperation. We should truly respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and firmly support each other's endeavor for development and rejuvenation.

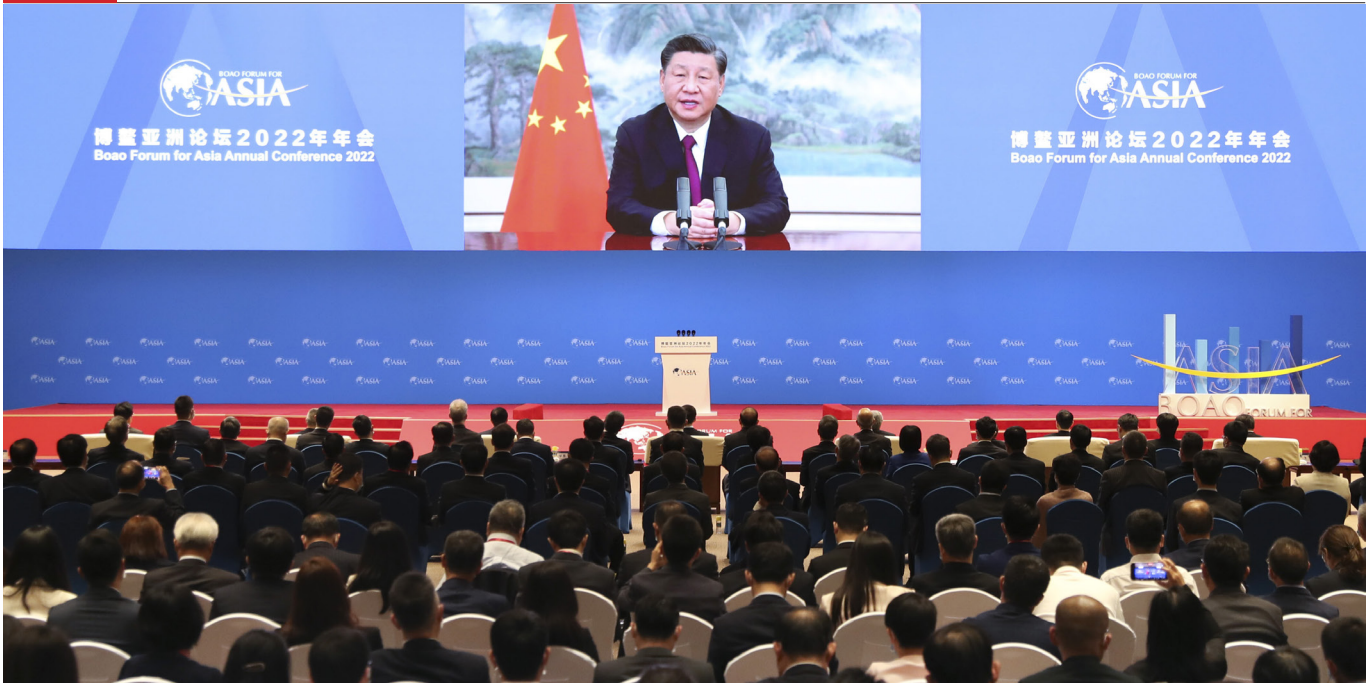
—Excerpts from Xi's speech at the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO on July 4, 2023

China stands ready to work with all sides to implement the Global Security Initiative, promote the settlement of international disputes through dialogue and consultation, and encourage political settlement of international and regional hotspots, so as to forge a solid security shield in our region.

—Excerpts from Xi's speech at the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO on July 4, 2023

It is important that we deepen strategic mutual trust, and always give each other unequivocal and strong support on issues concerning our core interests such as sovereignty, independence, national dignity and long-term development. We should work together to ensure that our community features mutual assistance, solidarity and mutual trust.

—Excerpts from Xi's keynote speech at the China-Central Asia Summit on May 19, 2023



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022 on April 21, 2022 (XINHUA)

# Pursuing the Policy of Bringing Prosperity to Neighbors

China stands ready to work with all sides to implement the Global Development Initiative, keep to the right direction of economic globalization, oppose protectionism, unilateral sanctions and the overstretching of national security, and reject the moves of setting up barriers, decoupling and severing supply chains. We should make the pie of win-win cooperation bigger, and ensure that more development gains will be shared more fairly by people across the world.

—Excerpts from Xi's speech at the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO on July 4, 2023

The China-Central Asia relationship is steeped in history, driven by broad actual needs, and built on solid popular support. Our relations are brimming with vigor and vitality in the new era.

—Excerpts from Xi's keynote speech at the China-Central Asia Summit on May 19, 2023

Win-win cooperation is a sure path to Asian devel-

opment. The entry into force of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the opening to traffic of the China-Laos railway have effectively boosted institutional and physical connectivity in our region. We should seize these opportunities to foster a more open Asia-wide market and make new strides in mutually beneficial cooperation.

—Excerpts from Xi's keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2022 on April 21, 2022

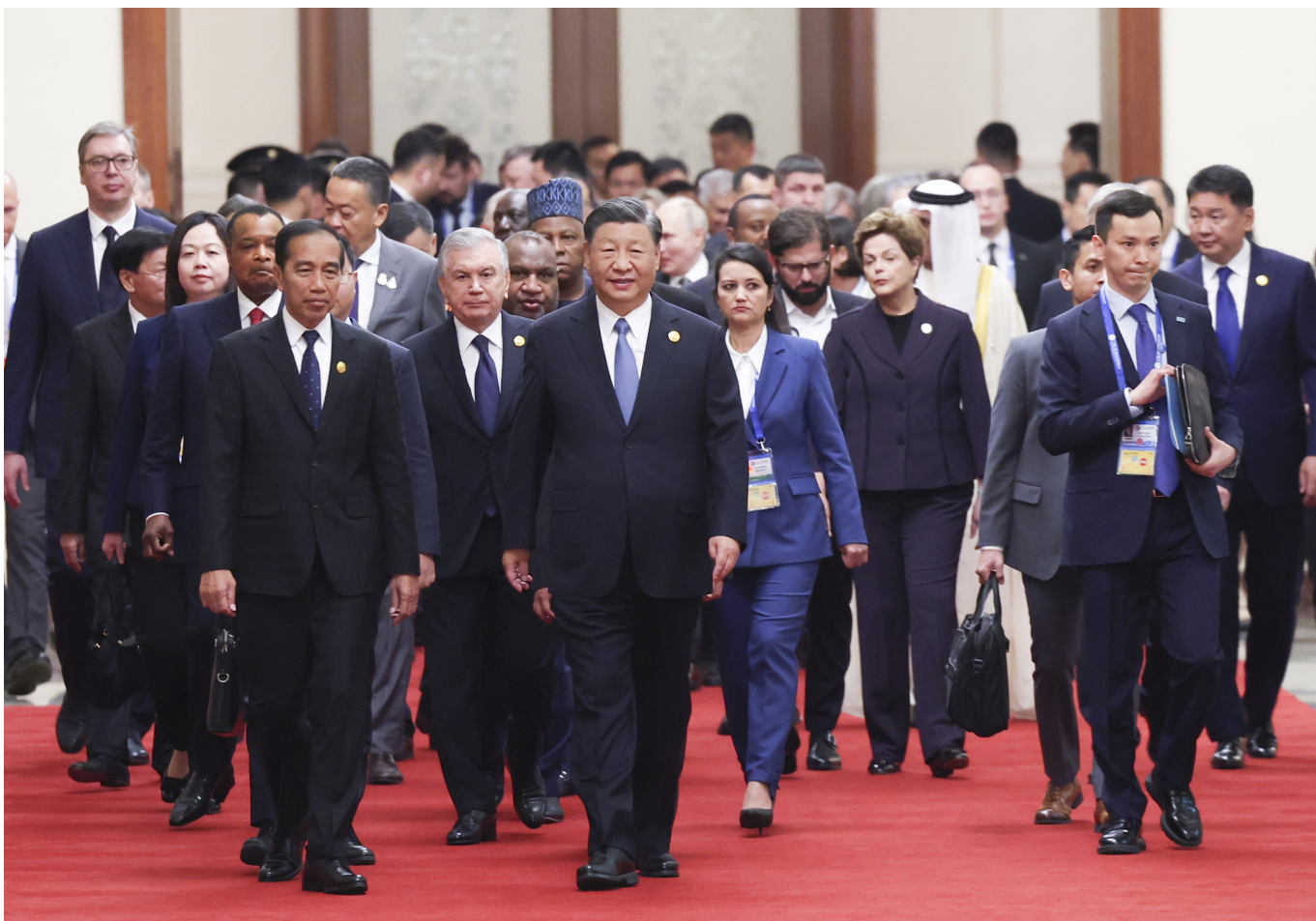
I have noted on various occasions that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a public road open to all, not a private path owned by one single party. All interested countries are welcome aboard to take part in the cooperation and share in its benefits. Belt and Road cooperation pursues development, aims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

—Excerpts from Xi's keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 on April 20, 2021



# Achievements of China's Cooperation with its Neighboring Countries in the New Era

## Strengthened Political Mutual Trust



Chinese President Xi Jinping and distinguished guests arrive to attend the opening ceremony of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)






The Asian Culture Carnival is held at the National Stadium, or the Bird's Nest, in Beijing, capital of China, on May 15, 2019 (XINHUA)

To date, China has reached common understandings on building a community with a shared future with 17 neighboring countries, signed Belt and Road cooperation agreements with 25 neighboring countries, worked to synergize the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with the cooperation plans of ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Union, and remained the largest trading partner of its 18 neighbors.

China has played an active role in promoting cooperation under

the frameworks of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, East Asian Cooperation, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia. It has initiated platforms such as the China-Central Asia Cooperation and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, while hosting the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations. Together, these efforts create a growing web of multi-layered, cross-sector cooperation-reflecting China's commitment to working with its neighbors to uphold true multilateralism. 



**In 2023, China's non-financial outbound direct investment in countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative came in at 224.09 billion yuan, up 28.4 percent year on year (equivalent to US\$31.8 billion, a year-on-year increase of 22.6 percent).**





# Deepened Win-Win Cooperation



This photo taken on November 26, 2024 shows a seminar themed "Atoms for a Better Home and Global South" in Vienna, Austria (XINHUA)

As an important platform for cooperation based on the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative (GDI) represents a major step forward in building the mechanism for GDI cooperation. As of July 2023, more than 100 countries and international organizations have voiced their support for the GDI, and over 70 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI. As an integral part of the institutional development of the GDI, the Group of Friends aims to promote greater complementarity between the GDI and the 2030 Agenda, support UN's work in the field of development, and help developing countries fight the pandemic and implement the 2030 Agenda. It will focus

its work on strengthening policy dialogue, sharing best practices and promoting practical cooperation.

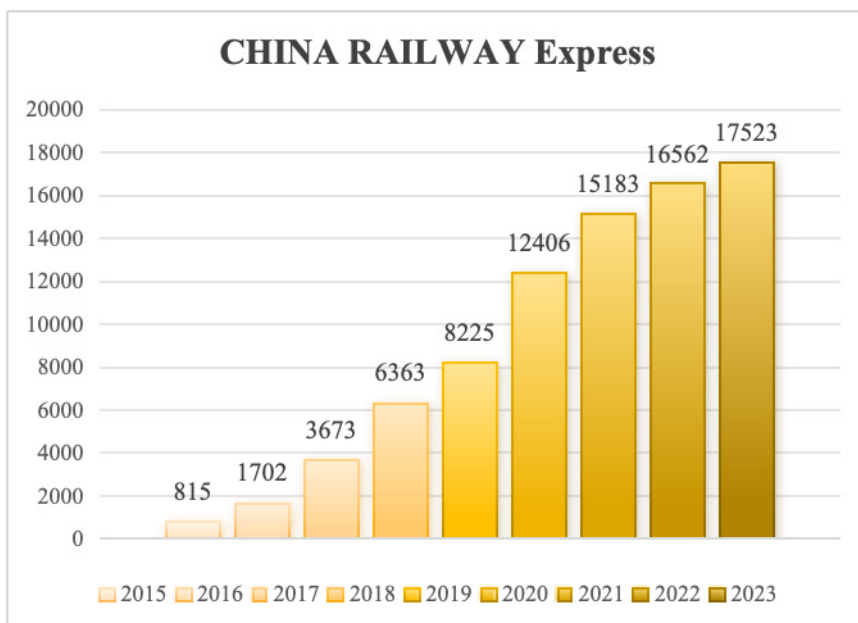
China's embrace of open regionalism has further advanced its approach to shared growth, offering development opportunities rooted in mutual respect and win-win cooperation. As a major trading partner and a key source of investment in the region, China has concluded the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) with relevant countries, and the upgraded Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area is expected to be signed within the year of 2025. Through high-quality development and high-level opening up, China continues to deliver long-term benefits to its neighbors and share the dividends of Chinese modernization. 



**In terms of foreign contracted projects by Chinese businesses, the value of newly signed contracts added up to 1.6 trillion yuan in 2023, up 10.7 percent year on year (equivalent to US\$227.16 billion, a year-on-year increase of 5.7 percent). The turnover reached 930.52 billion yuan, up 9.8 percent year on year (equivalent to US\$132.05 billion, a year-on-year increase of 4.8 percent).**



An attendee of the China-ASEAN Media and Think Tank Forum reads a report titled "RCEP and the Vision of the Maritime Silk Road: New Frontiers for China-ASEAN Cooperation" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on April 11, 2025



**China Railway Express (CR Express)** represents internationally joint railway transport services including container transport based on fixed train numbers and lines, schedules and whole-course operation hours between China and Europe and other BRI countries. Currently, three main corridors, namely west corridor, east corridor and middle corridor, between China and Europe have taken shape.



# Belt and Road Initiative Benefiting Neighboring Countries



This photo shows the first train of a new international multimodal transport route departing from Langfang City, north China's Hebei Province, on July 4, 2023 (XINHUA)

The BRI, born in China's neighborhood and benefiting its neighbors, continues to drive regional development. The China-Europe freight train network now connects over 100 cities in 11 Asian countries. Meanwhile, the China-Laos Railway and the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway have brought high-speed rail dreams to life for regional countries. Major projects such as the China-Central Asia Gas Pipeline, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, and the "Two Countries, Twin Parks" model between China and Malaysia have significantly boosted local economies and improved livelihoods.

The BRI prioritizes connectivity of infrastructure. Based on a framework comprising "six corridors, six routes, and multiple countries and ports", a multitiered and multidimensional infrastructure network is taking shape. Basic connectivity over land, maritime, air and cyberspace is in place, laying solid foundations for deeper cooperation in trade and industrial capacity, and strengthening cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

The construction of economic corridors and international routes is making substantial progress. Participating countries have pressed forward with the creation of international arterial routes, building an infrastructure network that connects subregions in Asia as well as the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa.

Major projects along the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are under way. The Peshawar-Karachi Motorway (Sukkur-Multan section),



Students drink filtered water from a drinking water facility aided by China in Nildiya Village, Sri Lanka, on October 2, 2024 (XINHUA)



Chinese President Xi Jinping, together with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, Tajik President Emomali Rahmon, Turkmen President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, signs the Xi'an Declaration of the China-Central Asia Summit in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, May 19, 2023 (XINHUA)

the Karakoram Highway Phase II (Havelian-Thakot section), and the Lahore Orange Line Metro are all open to traffic. Coal-fired power plants such as Sahiwal, Port Qasim, Thar, and Hub are operating safely and steadily; the Mehra DC transmission project is operational; and the Kalot Hydropower Station is connected to the power grid. Rashakai Special Economic Zone has reached the stage of comprehensive development.


Along the New Eurasian Land Bridge, the Belgrade-Novı Sad section of the Hungary-Serbia Railway in Serbia became operational in March 2022, and track-laying has started on the Budapest-Kelebia section in Hungary. The Peljesac Bridge in Croatia has celebrated its first anniversary of opening to traffic. The Western Europe-Western China Highway has been completed. The Smokovac-Matesevo section of the Bar-Boljare Highway in Montenegro has been completed and is open to traffic.

Along the China-Indochina Peninsula Economic Corridor, the China-Laos Railway has been completed and is providing sound service, and its role as a golden transport channel is becoming increasingly prominent. The Jakarta-Bandung High-speed Railway, the flagship project of BRI cooperation between China and Indonesia, has achieved an operational speed of 350 km per hour. The contract

for the China-Thailand Railway Phase I (Bangkok-Nakhon Ratchasima section) was signed online, and 11 sections of the construction project have started, including one that has been completed.

Along the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor, the Heihe-Blagoveshchensk Highway Bridge and the Tongjiang-Nizhneleninskoye Railway Bridge, connecting China and Russia, have opened to traffic. The China-Russia eastern natural gas pipeline is fully operational. China, Russia and Mongolia have officially launched a feasibility study on the upgrading and development of the central-route railway of the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor.

Along the China-Central Asia-West Asia Economic Corridor, the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Highway is in full operation. The China-Central Asia Gas Pipeline is fully operational. The grain and oil rail transport lines between North Kazakhstan and China are operating in conjunction with the China-Europe Railway Express.

Along the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor, the China-Myanmar Crude Oil and Gas Pipeline has been completed, and the feasibility study on the Mandalay-Kyaukphyu section has been launched. Construction projects in Bangladesh, including the Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge and the Dohazari-Cox's Bazar rail route, have made good progress. 

**In 2023, trade between China and the five Central Asian countries reached US\$89.4 billion, up 27% year on year, setting a new record.**





# In-Depth Regional Cooperation

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organization established on June 15, 2001 in Shanghai by the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan. Internally, the SCO adheres to the "Shanghai spirit", namely, mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for diversity of civilizations and pursuit of common development; and externally, it upholds non-alignment, non-targeting at other countries or regions and the principle of openness.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which entered into force on January 1, 2022, comprises 15 Asia-Pacific countries—10 member states of the Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, and New Zealand. Together, they cover about 30 percent of the world's population and 30 percent of global economic and trade volume.

China-ASEAN relations vividly exemplify China's longstanding policy of building amicable, sincere, mutually beneficial, and inclusive relations with its neighbors. The two sides have remained each other's largest trading partners for five consecutive years. In 2024, trade between China and ASEAN reached 6.99 trillion yuan (US\$968.7 billion), and the signing of the upgraded China-ASEAN Free Trade Area Version 3.0 protocol is expected within the year.

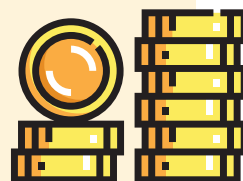
The China-Europe Railway Express connects over 100 cities across 11 Asian countries. The official launch of the China-



This photo taken on April 23, 2025 shows the opening ceremony of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Political Parties Forum in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (XINHUA)

**ASEAN remained China's top trading partner in Q1, 2025.**

**The region accounted for 16.6% of China's overall foreign trade, with import and export totaling 1.71 trillion yuan (US\$234.21 billion), up 7.1% year on year.**





Guests participate in the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2024 held in Seoul, South Korea, on June 18, 2024 (XINHUA)

Laos Railway and the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway has fulfilled the region's aspirations for rail and high-speed rail connectivity. Major projects such as the China–Central Asia natural gas pipeline, the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor, and the China–Malaysia “Two Countries, Twin Parks” initiative have significantly boosted regional economic development and brought tangible benefits to local populations.

China, Japan and South Korea on May 28, 2024 cemented trilateral cooperation and reiterated that amity and mutual trust should be the key tone of the trio's relations to benefit themselves

as well as peace and prosperity of the region and beyond. Chinese Premier Li Qiang, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had in-depth exchanges at the ninth trilateral summit meeting and the eighth trilateral business summit among the three countries in Seoul. Major tangible outcomes include the issuance of the Joint Declaration of the Ninth China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Summit, the Joint Statement on a 10-Year Vision for Trilateral IP Cooperation, and the Joint Statement on Future Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response, among others. 🇨🇳

**Trade ministers of China, Japan, and South Korea agreed to “closely cooperate for a comprehensive and high-level” talks on a South Korea-Japan-China free trade agreement deal to promote “regional and global trade”, according to a statement released after the 13th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul on March 30, 2025**



**In 2024, bilateral trade between China and Russia reached US\$244.8 billion, a year-on-year increase of 1.9%. China has remained Russia's largest trading partner for 15 consecutive years. More than 95% of bilateral trade was settled in local currencies.**



# Active Cultural Exchanges and Mutual Learning



Musician Hu Rongkun performed on the hulusi aboard the D87 China-Laos international passenger train on January 14, 2025 (XINHUA)

On October 24, 2023, President Xi Jinping delivered written remarks to the International Symposium to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of China's Principle of Amity, Sincerity, Mutual Benefit and Inclusiveness in Neighborhood Diplomacy. Xi Jinping stressed that in the new era, China will work to add new dimensions to the principle of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, and champion the Asian values featuring peace, cooperation, inclusiveness and integration, so as to provide new impetus for regional solidarity, openness and progress.

Culture serves as a form of soft power connecting China and ASEAN. In recent years, both sides have deepened cultural interaction through diverse platforms and mechanisms.

Digital platforms such as TikTok have been used to promote the theme "Maritime Silk Road, One Family" via intangible cultural heritage displays and art exhibitions. The 2024 China-ASEAN Cultural Forum was live-streamed globally, showcasing both sides' cultural achievements.

Educational cooperation has yielded substantial results. Over 200,000 students have taken part in exchange programs. There



are 42 Confucius Institutes in ASEAN countries. The China–ASEAN Education Cooperation Week hosts over 70 activities annually and has become a flagship platform for education exchange.

Youth exchanges, including the China–ASEAN Youth Elite Exchange Festival, have nurtured cross-cultural understanding and leadership. Traditional medicine cooperation between China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and ASEAN countries has advanced knowledge sharing and industry collaboration in medicinal herbs and healthcare.

The China–ASEAN Week of Intangible Cultural Heritage enables in-depth cultural exchange through exhibitions and performances. Media cooperation continues to grow. During the China–ASEAN Year of Media Exchanges, joint productions and reporter exchanges produced documentaries, TV dramas, and variety shows that strengthened mutual understanding and public support for building a closer China–ASEAN community with a shared future. 



An aerial drone photo taken on September 13, 2024 shows a view of the New Gwadar International Airport in Gwadar, Pakistan (XINHUA)





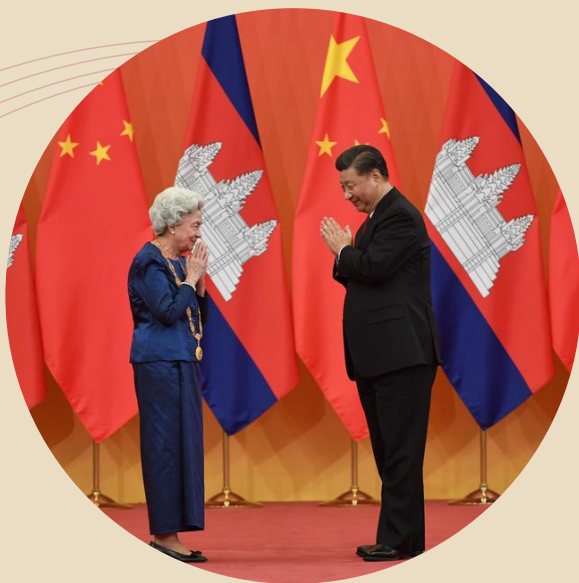
Exhibitors perform a show at the China-Mongolia Expo on September 6, 2023 (XINHUA)



A teacher from Tianjin Urban Construction Management & Vocation Technology College introduces knowledge on mapping to students at the Luban Workshop in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on April 12, 2023 (XINHUA)

# Stories of Xi Jinping

## Ironclad Friendship Between China and Cambodia



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Cambodia's Queen Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 17, 2025 (XINHUA)



President Xi Jinping awards Cambodia's Queen Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk the Friendship Medal of the People's Republic of China on November 6, 2020 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing (XINHUA)

***When drinking water, one should not forget those who dug the well***

The enduring “ironclad friendship” between China and Cambodia owes much to the profound emotional bonds between their leaders. President Xi Jinping has consistently attached high importance to the traditional friendship between China and Cambodia, inheriting and promoting the brotherly ties forged by the older generation of leaders. He has repeatedly emphasized the principle of “When drinking water, one should not forget those who dug

the well,” and has fondly recalled the historical contributions made by the late King Father Norodom Sihanouk to the establishment and development of China-Cambodia relations.

Following King Father Sihanouk's passing, President Xi made a special visit to express his sincere condolences to Queen Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk. The Queen Mother has also shown keen interest in China's developments, regularly watching Chinese news programs. The interactions between the Cambodian royal family and Chinese leaders are warm and natural, akin to familial visits,

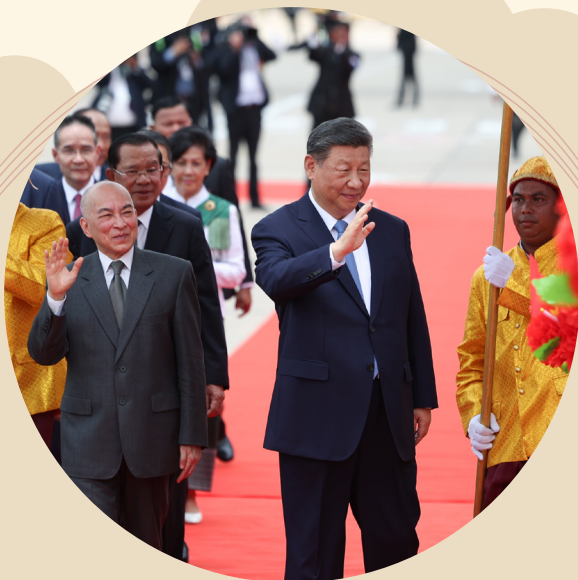
forming a unique landscape in China-Cambodia relations.

***Come and go like visiting relatives***

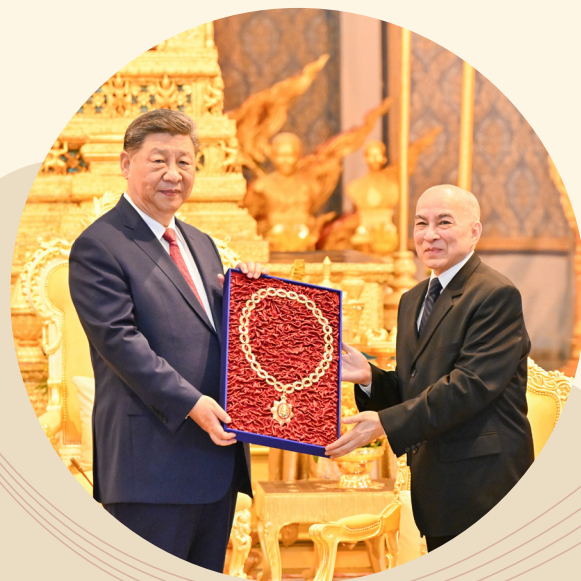
In 2014, during the visit of King Norodom Sihamoni and Queen Mother Monineath to China, President Xi treated them with familial affection, inviting them to “come and go like visiting relatives.” China has long provided health check-ups and recuperation services for members of the Cambodian royal family, demonstrating persistent care. During their meetings, President Xi, the King, and the Queen Mother engaged in heartfelt conversations,



Chinese President Xi Jinping greets the welcoming crowd during a grand welcome ceremony held by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at the airport in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 17, 2025 (XINHUA)



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 17, 2025 (XINHUA)



sharing genuine emotions and mutual trust, akin to a family.

In 2016, during President Xi's visit to Cambodia, Queen Mother Monineath warmly received him at the Royal Palace, saying with a smile, "Welcome to your home; we are like a family sitting together and chatting." This simple and sincere sentiment showcased the intimacy and trust inherent in China-Cambodia relations. In 2020, President Xi awarded the "Friendship Medal" to Queen Mother Monineath to honor her contributions to China-Cambodia friendship.

In 2025, President Xi made another state visit to Cambodia. Prior to his departure, he published a signed article, specifically mentioning King Father Sihanouk's composition *Nostalgia of China* and thoughtfully brought the Queen Mother her fa-

vorite flower cakes. This gesture was warm and natural. King Sihamoni personally welcomed President Xi at the airport—a rare move in his over two decades on the throne—fully reflecting the extraordinary closeness of their relationship.

### **Progress being made every month and tangible results achieved year after year**

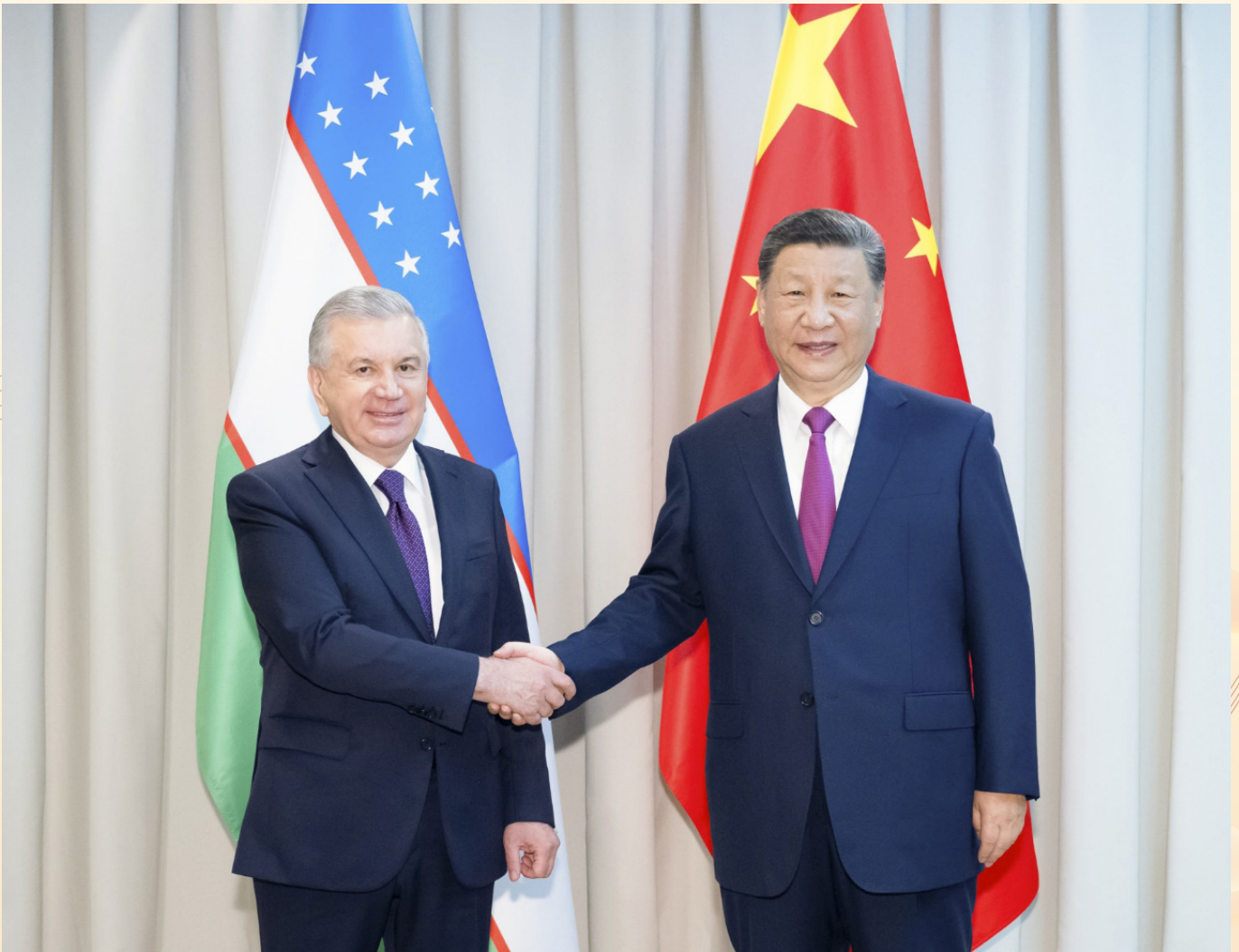
During the meeting between the two heads of state, King Sihamoni highly praised the achievements of China-Cambodia cooperation, stating that there is "progress being made every month and tangible results achieved year after year." He personally awarded President Xi a medal, offering the highest honor. The Queen Mother referred to President Xi as "our most respected and intimate guest" and invited him to sit in the chair once used by King Father

Sihanouk, symbolizing the profound historical emotional inheritance.

The younger generation of the Cambodian royal family also actively participated in the reception. Princess Jenna presented President Xi with a jasmine flower bracelet and sang the Chinese folk song "A Ditty of Yimeng Mountains." Her clear and touching voice earning enthusiastic applause from the guests, reflecting the broad recognition of China-Cambodia cultural exchanges.

With sincerity, President Xi has promoted the continuous advancement of China-Cambodia relations. As he stated, "China and Cambodia are not only friendly neighbors but also ironclad friends." This cross-generational friendship has long been deeply rooted in the hearts of the two peoples, becoming a vital force driving the construction of a China-Cambodia community with a shared future. **■**

## *Xi Jinping and the Ancient City of Khiva*



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev ahead of the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Astana, Kazakhstan, on July 3, 2024 (XINHUA)

On September 15, 2022, the newly built International Conference Center in the historic city of Samarkand welcomed distinguished guests. President Xi Jinping held talks with

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan. Among the state gifts presented by the Chinese side was a miniature model of cultural heritage sites in the ancient city of Khiva, restored through China-

Uzbekistan cooperation. This special gift reflected President Xi's personal attention and highlighted a remarkable story of head-of-state diplomacy fostering civilization exchange between the





The newly restored Hasanmurod Qushbegi Mosque in the ancient city of Khiva, Uzbekistan, on September 22, 2025 (XINHUA)



The Hasanmurod Qushbegi Mosque before restoration (COURTESY PHOTO)

two countries.

This marked President Xi's third visit to Uzbekistan since 2013, and the "Ancient City of Khiva" has remained a recurring theme throughout these visits.

In an op-ed published in Uzbek media on September 13, 2022, President Xi noted: "The preservation and restoration of historical

sites in Khiva, a project launched during my visit to Samarkand in 2013, has been successfully concluded, further augmenting the charm of this ancient city."

***I'd be willing to offer a bag of gold to take just one look at the ancient city of Khiva***

An old Central Asian saying

goes, "I'd be willing to offer a bag of gold to take just one look at the ancient city of Khiva." It underscores the former glory of this Silk Road gem. However, due to years of neglect, many of Khiva's historic buildings had suffered damage, and the "open-air museum" of the Silk Road had been covered in dust.





This photo taken on April 29, 2023 shows a view of the historical sites in Khiva, Uzbekistan (XINHUA)

## *We must protect cultural relics well*

In June 2016, amid a busy state visit, President Xi made time to meet Chinese cultural heritage and archaeology professionals working in Uzbekistan, including participants in the Khiva restoration project. They had been waiting to meet the president alongside other Chinese working in Uzbekistan, when a sud-

den notice arrived: The president would meet with them as a group separately. This unexpected honor remains a moving memory for those present.

"We must protect cultural relics well," President Xi stressed during the meeting.

"Thanks to President Xi's care and personal guidance, China-Uzbekistan cooperation has brought

the ancient city back to life," said Xu Yan, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage, in an interview with Xinhua News Agency.

Dubbed the "doctor of cultural relics," Xu witnessed the entire process of the project, which is China's first cultural heritage preservation project in Central Asia. Today, thanks to the joint efforts of experts from both countries, sites like the





*Amir Tura Madrasah and the Hasan Murad Kushbegi Mosque in Khiva have regained their historical appearance.*

*From the project's launch during Xi's 2013 visit to Samarkand, to its successful completion and acceptance at the end of 2019, the Khiva restoration progressed steadily, adhering to the principle of "restoring the old as it was." Using original materials, techniques, forms, and methods, the project preserved the authenticity and integrity of the cultural heritage to the greatest extent possible.*

*In March 2020, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan visited the Amir Tura Madrasah*

*in Khiva, following the roads restored with the help of China. He commended the Chinese team's meticulous restoration efforts, emphasizing their significant contribution to preserving the historical and cultural heritage of the ancient city.*

*At that time, Khiva's mayor, Jumaniazov, highlighted that the Chinese-led restoration projects within the historic city had invigorated local tourism development. He noted that these initiatives marked a new era of collaboration and exchange between Chinese and Uzbek cultural heritage professionals.*

*According to members of the Chinese restoration team, local*



On-site coordination with the Mayor of Khiva to discuss project implementation details and operational training at the construction site (COURTESY PHOTO)





Up: Residential buildings and surrounding road conditions before restoration

Down: Improved residential area and road environment near the North Gate after renovation (COURTESY PHOTO)

residents frequently greeted them warmly, often offering assistance in transporting materials and bringing fresh produce from their own farms to their accommodations. Notably, the restoration efforts inspired many young locals to reevaluate and deepen their appreciation for their national culture. This renewed cultural pride has encouraged an increasing number

of young people working in other places to return home.

***Civilizations become richer and more colorful with exchanges and mutual learning***

As President Xi has stressed, “Civilizations become richer and more colorful with exchanges

and mutual learning.” The cultural dialogue between China and Uzbekistan, spanning time and space, exemplifies China-proposed Global Civilizations Initiative. Culture, as a bridge beyond borders, is bringing China and Central Asian countries closer together and advancing the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative. **■**

# Voices of Political Parties from Neighboring Countries

## Maliksho Nematzoda, the First Deputy Chairman of the People's Democratic Party of Tajikistan

The fundamental goal of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is to strengthen mutual benefit, mutual trust, and good-neighboring friendship among member states, promote efficient cooperation in such fields as politics, education, energy, transportation, tourism, science and technology, and culture, as well as safeguard regional peace, security, and stability. These important matters should always be a top priority in the activities of all political parties. As an example, I would like to cite the great and unparalleled achievement of the Communist Party of China: under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, China has become a major world power, creating favorable conditions and opportunities for its people to live prosperous lives.

It is believed that the political parties of all countries will give high priority in their ideological and political work to the values of humanitarianism, friendship, and national harmony. They are expected to strive to implement common plans in accordance with their respective domestic and foreign policies, and to jointly achieve development, progress, and prosperity.

—Remarks on the 2025 SCO Political Parties Forum held in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China



## Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Leader of the People's Liberation Front in Sri Lanka, President of Sri Lanka

Here at the Museum of the Communist Party of China, the exhibition demonstrates how China, under the leadership of the Communist Party, has emerged from past hardships to achieve its present-day success. This exhibition is not only significant for the Chinese people but also for us, as it opens up a new perspective on development.

—Remarks during his 2025 state visit to China when touring the Museum of the Communist Party of China

## Ata Serdarow, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan

The cooperation between the Communist Party of China and political parties in Turkmenistan has played an important role in enhancing communication between the two countries, bringing the peoples of both nations closer together, and safeguarding their unity. Turkmenistan will, as always, continue to deepen its relations with China on the basis of friendship, equality, and mutual benefit.

—Remarks at the 2024 "China in Sight, Global Insight" Forum held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province, China





### **Bishnu Rimal, Deputy General Secretary of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist)**

Chinese modernization and Western modernization are different. He noted that one major difference is that Chinese modernization stresses whole-process people's democracy, where people participate in all processes, including decision-making. Another key difference is that Chinese modernization impacts the entire society and aims for common prosperity. In China, we can see that the measure of development is the degree of overall societal development and the happiness of all its people.

—Remarks at 2024 “Stories of CPC—Xiongan’s Achievements in Practicing Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era” Thematic Briefing



### **Theng Chan Sangvar, member of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the CPP Central Youth and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction**

In the construction of Xiongan New Area, the harmony between people and nature is evident. The roads, stations, and even commercial centers showcase the benefits of integrated development, which can inspire urbanization in other countries. Urbanization should not solely focus on construction but holistically consider construction, environment, economic development, innovation, and technological advancement.

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Media leaders of nearly 30 political parties from more than 20 countries visit Chongqing on April 22, 2025 (COURTESY PHOTO)





The “China In Sight, Global Insight” Forum 2024 is held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province, on November 19, 2024 (COURTESY PHOTO)



From February 25 to March 2, a delegation of cadres from the Nepali Congress visited Sichuan. This photo shows the delegation visiting the Sanxingdui Museum (COURTESY PHOTO)



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