

## **Speech On the Opening Ceremony of China-Pakistan Photography Exhibition**

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Dear friends, diplomats, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to express my gratitude to Madam Wei for her support and facilitation to make this event happen. Also thank you Mr. Guo for organizing this event and providing us with the venue. Even though it's not long since the establishment of Home and Abroad News Press, under the leadership of Madam Wei, Home and Abroad News Press has grown into one of the most prominent news outlets in China. The elegant and strong leader of Home and Abroad News Press, Madam Wei, has long been a good friend of Pakistan and firmly supported China-Pakistan friendship and important events. With sponsorship from Home and Abroad News Press and other enterprises, a Pakistan national pavilion has been inaugurated in Shanghai. Today's photography exhibition is a part of the series of events celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic ties between our two nations, and the concept of 100 celebratory events has been put forward by foreign ministers of both countries when they launched the logo of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Till now, we have already had more than 70 events spanning different areas mainly in culture and trade.

These special events demonstrate the strong friendship between our iron-clad brothers and are also a testimony of our all-weather strategic cooperative partnership. Our friendship has been reflected by the relationship between governments, enterprises, institutions, academic institutions and most importantly between two peoples. Activities like this can further deepen the understanding of two peoples.

The photography exhibition showcasing artistic works by Chinese and Pakistani artists also reveals cultural diversity and natural landscapes of both nations. Pakistan is a very beautiful country and also very diverse country with a rich history, unique culture, great hospitality and delicious food. I believe that today's event can inspire more Chinese people to visit, discover and explore Pakistan. And Pakistani Embassy Beijing is also promoting tourism. We soon will launch a website "Discover Batic" in Chinese. And we also set up a tourism office in our embassy focusing on tourism issues. Hopefully, we will sign an MOU this year in tourism cooperation. As mentioned before, cultural exchanges during the exhibition serve as a priceless gift for our friendship.

Thank you again!

Long Live China-Pakistan Friendship!