

Belt and Road Publishing Cooperative Forum

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Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to participate today in the Belt and Road Publishing Cooperative Forum. I would like to extend my heartiest felicitations to the Renmin University of China for organising this important event covering an important dimension of our multifaceted cooperation.

I am confident that the fruitful exchange of views today would furnish us with new ideas and insight to expand cooperation among the Belt and Road countries for mutual learning and experience sharing.

Distinguished Guests,

Belt and Road Initiative has laid bare new vistas of cooperation among the partner countries to jointly shape destinies of our countries and the entire region. It has not only accelerated economic integration and geographical connectivity but also provided an enabling environment for deepening our ties in people-to-people exchanges, cultural cooperation and mutual learning.

As one of the earliest supporters of BRI and heir to the splendid literary traditions of Asia, Pakistan is proud to join China and all BRI countries for sharing its experiences and learning from their wisdom and insight.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As envisaged by the BRI spirit, Pakistan and China have taken practical steps to translate our cultural and literary cooperation into tangible benefits.

In order to inject a new momentum into our cultural ties and for celebrating 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China, Pakistan participated as the Country of Honour in 28th Beijing International Book Fair.

Our two countries also held in May first Pakistan-China Literary Forum and concluded an agreement between China Writers Association and Pakistan Academy of Letters.

To benefit from the wisdom inherent in our classical literature, Pakistan and China concluded an *MoU on Mutual Translation and Publication of Classic Works* this year. This MoU would deepen ties between publication houses of our two countries and galvanise ongoing efforts for translation of our classical works into national and local languages.

Distinguished Guests,

History is driven by our continuous efforts to shape a harmonious and peaceful society which could foster creativity, innovation and critical thinking. I am confident that guided by the vision of our leadership, the BRI countries would materialise the dream of Community of Shared Future rooted in culture of learning, spirit of dialogue and appreciation of diversity.

I Thank You All!