

Principal of the Pakistan Embassy College,
Members of the diplomatic corps,
Faculty and students,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalam o alaikum, good morning and Da jia Hao,

A very warm welcome to everyone this morning. Thank you very much for joining this international cultural day. We deeply appreciate your participation and support.

I would also like to commend the students, parents, and staff of the College for their tireless efforts in organizing this International Culture Day. Your dedication and hard work in making this event possible, showcasing the richness of diverse cultures, is truly commendable.

This day represents a signature event of PECB; it reflects our institution's solid commitment to mutual learning, respect, and cooperation. As we witness the vibrant performances and activities today, it is evident that nearly every student has contributed, underscoring the inclusive spirit that defines this college.

It's heartening to witness the coming and working together of cultures from 67 nationalities under one roof, a testament to the collective pursuit of values of humanity, harmony and unity in diversity.

The legacy of PECB, established in 1969 as the first International School in Beijing, China, resonates with the cherished vision of Premier Zhou En Lai and President Ayub Khan. This visionary collaboration has nurtured an environment where diverse nationalities converge in pursuit of knowledge, understanding and collaboration.

The impressive academic achievements of the College speak to the dedication of our students and teachers. Year after year, PECB has been recognized for its excellence, with outstanding Cambridge Learners Awards and other achievements in various subjects. These accomplishments reflect our commitment to pursuit of academic excellence and holistic development.

Beyond academics, PECB has remained an ardent proponent of Pakistan-China friendship. Our students actively engage in fostering exchanges and cultural events, participating in platforms like the Shanghai

Cooperation Organization and Belt & Road Initiative events, further solidifying the bonds between our nations.

Today's International Culture Day serves as a conduit for celebrating diversity, allowing our students to showcase their unique cultures and traditions while imbibing the heritage of their peers. It's more than just performances; it's a collective effort that nurtures teamwork, artistic expression, and a passion for extracurricular activities.

The opportunity to savor cuisines from over 40 countries, including China and Pakistan, embodies the spirit of unity in diversity.

As Pakistan and China commemorate the Year of Tourism Exchanges, this event serves as a window into the warmth and richness of Pakistan's culture, offering our Chinese and international friends a glimpse into our traditions and way of life.

I invite our diplomatic and expat communities to share their insights and ideas for organizing such future events including new theses.

Finally, I express my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this International Culture Day a resounding success. May the spirit of harmony and understanding continue to flourish within the halls of PECB and beyond.

Thank you. Xie Xie. Gracias. Shukriya.