## Launching Ceremony of the Micro Video Series (Part-II) – "Foreign Heads of States on the Great Wall" 12 December 2023

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## Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very good morning and Dajia Hao,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the echo of Chairman Mao Zedong's evocative words - "He who has not climbed the Great Wall is not a true man" - we're reminded of the profound allure and enduring legacy embodied by this magnificent architectural marvel.

Beyond being a mere structure of defense, the Great Wall serves as an indelible symbol of China's cultural resilience, historical endurance, and the timeless spirit of its people. Its presence transcends borders, captivating hearts and minds worldwide, leaving an indelible mark on all who tread upon its ancient stones. Many Pakistani leaders have also had the privilege to experience the Great Wall.

The architectural marvel, with its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stands tall as a beacon of China's rich history and cultural heritage. Its monumental presence reminds us of the enduring legacy of ancient civilizations, offering not just a glimpse into the past but also guiding our future.

## **Distinguished Guests**,

As we stand here today, privileged to witness the Launching Ceremony of the Micro Video Series (Part- II ) - "Foreign Heads of States on the Great Wall", I am deeply moved by the universal fascination that the Great Wall commands. This initiative is not just a celebration of historical significance; it's a testament to the magnetic pull that the Great Wall exerts, beckoning global leaders and visitors alike to experience its splendor.

The collaborative efforts of the Information Department of Foreign Affairs, Beijing Municipal Information Office, GMW.cn, China Public Diplomacy Association, and the Yanqing District Government of Beijing in crafting this enlightening series deserve our utmost commendation.

Their work bridges cultures, fosters deeper understanding, and forges lasting connections among nations, laying the foundation for a more interconnected and harmonious global community.

## Ladies and Gentlemen,

In Pakistan, the Ranikot Fort, also referred to as "Great Wall of Sindh", may differ in scope but resonates with a similar spirit of cultural heritage. Its sprawling walls, tracing 26 kilometers across the rugged Sind province, stand as a testament to our own rich historical narrative.

The mention of the Ranikot Fort underscores the deep-rooted historical and cultural connections between Pakistan and China, emphasizing the need for further collaboration and mutual exchange. I extend a heartfelt invitation to the creators of this series to explore Pakistan's cultural wonders, capturing the essence of our historical monuments and fostering a deeper bond between our nations.

Together, let us celebrate these symbols of heritage, unity, and human endeavor, transcending borders, fostering a greater understanding among diverse cultures, and envisioning a future built on mutual respect, cooperation, and shared experiences.

Thank you.