

4th Europe China Forum / Shaping a shared future

Premier Li Keqiang's special message



On the occasion of the 4th Europe-China Forum, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and in my own name, hearty congratulations on its opening and warm greetings to all its participants.

As two major forces in global political and economic landscape, China and EU have stood firm in safeguarding stability and security in Asia and Europe, and played a pivotal role in dealing with international financial crisis and other global challenges. China-EU partnership for peace, growth, reform and civilization not only serves the interests of the two peoples, but also contributes to world peace and prosperity.

Next year marks the 40th anniversary of China-EU diplomatic ties. As an old Chinese saying goes, "At the age of forty, one will no longer suffer from perplexities". Weathering ups and downs in the past four decades, an already mature China-EU relationship has now enjoyed steady growth. We stand ready to work with the EU to implement in real earnest the China-EU 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation, accelerate the investment agreement talks and launch joint feasibility studies for the free trade agreement at an early date. We look forward to intensifying our cooperation in infrastructure, new urbanization, trade on high-tech products and other prioritized areas. China and EU will not only be good partners of mutual respect and trust in pursuit of win-win cooperation, but also champions for open innovation and inclusive development.

China attaches strategic importance to the EU and always supports the integration of Europe. I believe that a united, prosperous and strong EU under the new leadership of the EU institutions will play an even bigger role in international affairs. I look forward to meeting with my counterparts during the 17th China-EU Summit next year, and adding fresh impetus to the healthy development of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. I wish Europe-China forum greater progress in serving as a bridge of dialogue and cooperation for our two peoples and this year's event a complete success!