

Cao Wenze Attended the Seventh China-Singapore Forum on Leadership



On April 13–16, 2019, the Seventh China-Singapore Forum on Leadership under the theme “Addressing People’s Aspirations for Better Lives” was held at China Executive Leadership Academy, Yan’an (CELAY). The Forum was addressed by Chen Xi, Member of the Politburo of the CPC and Head of the CPC Organization Department, and Teo Chee Hean, Vice Prime Minister of Singapore. Cao Wenze, Executive Vice President of China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong (CELAP) attended the Forum.

Cao Wenze briefed the Forum about CELAP's cooperation with Singapore on leadership training, noting that over the ten years since the inception of CELAP, a total of 382 CELAP participants have taken part in training and exchange programmes in Singapore, and 123 Singaporean senior government officials have joined training programmes at CELAP. He also introduced to the forum participants the innovative practices pioneered by the Shanghai Municipal Government in improving government services, especially the establishment of an online platform providing access to all kinds of public services, which have been developed by CELAP as part of the on-site training programmes for domestic and international participants. During the Forum, Cao Wenze had an in-depth talk with Stanley Loh Ka Leung, Singapore's Ambassador to China.



The First China-Singapore Forum on Leadership was held at CELAP in 2009, and now has developed into an important platform for the exchange between China and Singapore on leadership training.

Forum on Development of New-type Think Tanks with Chinese Characteristics 2019 Held at CELAP

On March 11, 2019, CELAP and Guangming Daily co-hosted the Forum on Development of New-type Think Tanks with Chinese Characteristics 2019 under the theme “Development of New-type Think Tanks and China's Diplomacy”. CELAP Executive Vice President Cao Wenze and Guangming Daily Deputy Editor-in-chief Lu Xiangao addressed the opening ceremony. The Forum was attended by nearly one hundred participants from CELAP’s “The Fourth Programme on Development of China’s New-type Think Tanks” and the media.



Cao Wenze speaking at the Forum

Cao Wenze noted that new-type think tanks with Chinese Characteristics should always serve the country well by providing practical and innovative political strategies. He stressed that as a state-level leadership training academy, CELAP has the responsibility to build itself into a leading think tank featuring the integration of leadership training, research and consulting.

Zhou Wenzhong, former Vice Foreign Minister of China, Yu Hongjun, former Deputy Head of the International Department of CPC Central Committee, and Zhou Mingwei, former Head of China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration respectively delivered speeches on topics including the positive roles of think tanks in improving China-US relationship, think tanks’ mission in the New Era, and training of diplomatic talents with an international vision.

THE SECOND BELT AND ROAD FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



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Xinhua Headlines: Finer Blueprint, stronger Rallying-call, greater Inspiration

BEIJING, April 27 (Xinhua) -- The second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) has witnessed the joint efforts of participants to refine the blueprint for the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Addressing the opening ceremony of the forum, Chinese President Xi Jinping made a keynote speech, calling for greater connectivity, openness and inclusiveness as well as high-quality development of the BRI. The appeals have triggered heated discussions among world leaders and international experts on working together to deliver a brighter future for Belt and Road cooperation.

Xi underlines high-quality development of Belt and Road

Xi made the remarks at the leaders' roundtable meeting of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing.

Under the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, participants of the Belt and Road Initiative have provided new impetus for global economic growth and opened new space for global development since the first BRF in 2017, according to Xi.

He highlighted joint work of all parties to identify cooperation priorities and focus on enhancing all-round connectivity. He also stressed joint efforts to strengthen cooperation mechanisms and forge partnership on connectivity, calling for encouraging the full participation of more countries and businesses in expanding common interests.

Leaders from 40 countries and international organizations attended the roundtable meeting, had an extensive and in-depth exchange of views, and reached important consensus on a wide range of topics, including promoting connectivity, strengthening policy alignment, forging closer partnerships, promoting green and sustainable development, and implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A joint communique was adopted at the closing session of the roundtable, and a list of deliverables of the forum was also published after the meeting. [click here for the full text of the joint communique:](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/27/c_138016073.htm)

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Economic Watch: Belt and Road forum builds consensus on green, sustainable development

Green development was part of the consensus reached by countries attending the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing. At the forum, a series of cooperative documents on the joint pursuit of green development was signed, highlighting the focus on sustainability of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

At the thematic forum, a proposal on green cooling was raised, which tries to enhance policy and standard coordination as well as technology exchanges among Belt and Road countries in the air conditioning industry. "The demand for cooling has been growing for people in countries and regions along the Belt and Road, posing potential environmental challenges that need to be addressed through collaboration," said Zou Ji, president of the Energy Foundation China, which helped initiate the proposal.

China has called for advancing the BRI through open, green and clean approaches and achieving the development featuring high standards, livelihood improvement and sustainability. "The Belt and Road Initiative pursues the vision of green development and a way of life and work that is green, low-carbon, circular and sustainable," read a report published on the progress, contributions and prospects of the BRI.

The commitment to green development in the BRI has attracted more global companies and associations to participate in the BRI.

Mohamed Helal, vice president of Gizatec, an Egyptian company that focuses on eco-friendly fertilizer technology, said the BRI has provided a platform for companies with different advantages to work together to address environmental challenges. "It is important that countries can form strategic alliances through the Belt and Road Initiative to work on developing eco-friendly and low carbon emission technologies that are committed to climate change issues. These technologies are always found to be economical and more effective," said Helal.

Davide Cucino, chairman of the China-Italy Chamber of Commerce, said that he is glad to see the forum put a lot of emphasis on high-quality development of the BRI. "High quality implies sustainability. We are not only talking about environmental and economic aspects but also social sustainability. These are the values we need to share when we do business," Cucino said.

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