

**Dear Mr. Lou Zhenzhong
Deputy Secretary General
China Foundation for Peace and Development**

Regards

Having participated in the Ministerial Meeting on Global Civilization Initiative held in Beijing on 10-11 July, I would like to extend my profound gratitude to the Academy of Peace and Development and to you and your team for the extraordinary organization and assistance provided to me during my stay. I am equally thankful for the generosity and hospitality accorded to me in Beijing , Hangzhou, and Dunhuang .

The conference was instrumental in showcasing the solid support from all participants to the visionary GCI initiative launched by H.E. President Xi Jinping in 2023. The need for such initiative was manifested in the collective demand for action plan and possible other mechanisms to put this vision into implementation. The conference also stressed the need to upgrade interaction between governments and peoples through cultural events, sports, tourism, education exchanges, trade, and mutual investment in our common future. The increased interaction between cultures and peoples alike through formal and informal communications would certainly serve as an antidote to the policies of unilateralism, isolationism and fringe tendencies.

In the Middle East this initiative has a significant value as we are following the deterioration in humanitarian situation in Gaza. However this cycle of violence would have been far more worse and dangerous if China would have not successfully brokered the normalization of relations between KSA and Iran back in March 2023. This successful mediation saved lives and prevented spill over into other territories.

The field visit you arranged to Tongfu were vivid example of agriculture revitalization programs through conservation of natural resources and investment in green transformation. It is also testament to the success of CPC policies aimed at the social and economic empowerment of rural communities creating opportunities , jobs and higher standards of living.

I was also thrilled to be introduced to the North South Grand Canal which is by no means less impressive than the Great Wall of China. The instrumental role of the Canal to achieve food security for the Chinese people and internal movement of

goods reflects the resolve and ingenuity of engineering skills since the Sui Dynasty.

Similarly the visit to Hangzhou was an excellent opportunity for me to get to know more of the city as an innovation hub and technology powerhouse, my visit to Alibaba, and before that to Xiaomi and self-driving tech firm in Beijing provided an excellent experience on how China have risen to innovate in cutting edge technologies of the future.

Additionally, my visit to Dunhuang which merges historical heritage and new possibilities in renewable solar energies was eye opener and inspirational. Its colorful heritage coupled with its embodiment of the value of the old Silk Road was clear evidence on how important is the BRI to transform global Trade and bring dividends to human kind. Egypt's commitment to the BRI is solid and expanding. The recent visit of Chinese Premier (9-11 July) was a positive step forward in Chinese Egyptian deepening Strategic Partnership.

I conclude by thanking the Foundation and its professional staff again wishing you all the very best of success and fulfillment. I look forward for future interactions.

Kindly accept my highest esteem and consideration

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