

To Build a Better World, Leave No One Behind

Integrating China's Wisdom into Global Governance

The world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, resulting in the need of ongoing adjustments to the global governance system. China's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and contribution towards building a better world, have gained widespread support from across the world.

Professor Lawrence Loh, director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability at National University of Singapore, believes that the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping, can be a basis for global interaction and cooperation to overcome global challenges.

Xi's speech at the UN Office in Geneva in 2017 continues to be "a relevant and monumental" expression of a hope for world progress, since he first present-

ed the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind to the world during a visit to Russia in 2013, said Loh.

Both the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon have praised Xi's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Guterres called on the international community to, "Build a shared future for all life," and added that everyone needs to be engaged to save the planet's indispensable and fragile natural wealth, including young people and vulnerable populations, who rely the most on nature for their livelihoods. Ban Ki-moon said Xi's emphasis on the vision is an inspiration for all UN member states.

According to Robert Lawrence Kuhn, an international corporate strategist and public intellectual, it is a sig-

nificant vision for improving global governance, which represents China's contribution to global governance and Chinese wisdom to promoting world peace and prosperity.

Martin Albrow, a fellow of the British Academy of Social Sciences, praises China for leading by its own example, as it advances its vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind. "China gives a very good example. It supports the international institutions while it attempts to make peace with other countries and provide a place where people can discuss peace and the future," Albrow told Xinhua News Agency.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda said that maintaining peaceful and stable relations between Japan and China will positively influence Asia, Europe, the Middle East and other parts

of the world. He believes, "Japan and China should join hands to become the backbone of building a community with a shared future for mankind."

China has been working hard to consolidate relations with Arab countries and jointly build a China-Arab community with a shared future, said Abbas Zaki, a member of the Palestinian Fatah Central Committee and commissioner for relations with Arab countries and China.

"Unlike Western countries who seek hegemony, China has never intended to plunder the wealth and resources of the Arab world," said Zaki, noting that China's cooperation with Arab countries has always been based on mutual benefit and aims at achieving win-win results, and Arab countries hope to strengthen cooperation with China to seek solutions to regional issues.

Making Strides in Building a Community with a Shared Future

By Ershad Shikdar

I have long been observing that under the dynamic and humanistic leadership of President Xi Jinping, China is tirelessly working for the welfare of humanity. The country is taking the lead in building a community with a shared future for mankind.

The dream of President Xi about establishing a win-win and prosperous and peaceful world, where no side will be a loser and every side is guaranteed to be a gainer. To carry the dream ahead, the president came up with the major global concept of a community with a shared future for mankind. The concept has been included in the preamble of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China when the Constitution was amended in 2018. It was also incorporated by the United Nations into the resolution of the UN Commission for Social Development in 2017.

The world has witnessed how, thanks to pragmatic efforts by China, the concept has gained ground all over the world. Many nations have already joined hands with China to build an open, inclusive, clean and beautiful world.

To implement the concept widely hailed by the international community, President Xi has eventually put forward a win-win cooperation approach named Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Over the past decade, the BRI has galvanized nearly one trillion USD of investment, established more than 3,000

cooperation projects, created 420,000 local jobs, and helped lift almost 40 million people out of poverty in its member countries across the globe.

In line with the concept of a shared future, China has proposed the Global Security Initiative, advocating a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security.

China has also rolled out such cooperation platforms as the China International Import Expo and put forward the Global Development Initiative.

Independent observers said that to build a shared future for mankind, President Xi has come up with the initiatives at a time when the entire world is paying high prices for the clash of civilizations. Experts think that since the current world is fraught with many thorny issues including geopolitical tensions and conflicts, the constructive China-led initiatives have turned out to be perfect alternatives, making the world look forward to peaceful development.

I believe that the China-proposed concept has also contributed to bringing people closer to promoting economic globalization that is open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all. It has especially helped some countries work together to eliminate poverty and backwardness.

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A Community Where People Live in Harmony

By Hassan Butt

As a big follower and proponent of the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind, I have been following President Xi Jinping since 2013, who has been speaking about a world as a community where people live in harmony and not just interconnected but interdependent.

China is fulfilling its promises as it has taken the BRI forward. The BRI has helped poverty alleviation and develop the social and economic connectivity through various initiatives. Today, we can see the development of infrastructure and energy in many countries including Pakistan has helped poverty alleviation.

When it comes to the effects that the concept brings to other countries or the world, we are not talking about

changes but harmony. China speaks about non-interference and connectivity.

What China wants to do is connecting people. It's not just about linking roads and bridges but policy connectivity on trade and investments so that economic prosperity can come. The vision of a community with a shared future is about prosperity and mutual growth. Through BRI and other initiatives, countries could benefit from each other's endowments when they are linked, when policies are connected, when seamless trade happens, and when trucks, trains and lorries move conveniently from one country to another.

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Contributing to a Safe, Peaceful World

The news of Saudi Arabia and Iran agreeing to resume diplomatic relations in a China-brokered deal made headlines around the world.

"China has succeeded again in its diplomatic mediation between two arch rivals in the Middle East. Unlike the United States and its bullying diplomacy, China has been gradually emerging as a superpower with a predominantly reconciliatory and peace-centric diplomacy," said the *Manila Times*.

The case not only showed that China is emerging as a trustworthy mediator, but also that it champions the successful practice of implementing the Global

Security Initiative (GSI) in the region.

The GSI is an indispensable part of building a community with a shared future.

China has also been following a path of peaceful development and playing a big role in world peacekeeping. So far, it has sent more than 50,000 peacekeepers to aid 25 UN peacekeeping missions, and become the second-largest contributor to the UN peacekeeping budget and the top contributor of peacekeepers among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, according to the Ministry of National Defense of China.



The final plenary of United Nations Biodiversity Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, December 19, 2022.

Committing to Global Development

Development is the right of all, not an exclusive privilege of the few. China has been taking concrete actions and conducting pragmatic cooperation with countries to achieve the common goal of human welfare.

One typical case is demonstrated by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has allowed many developing countries to make cooperation deals with China that benefit those countries, as opposed to the kind of trade agreements imperialism delivers - exploitative and leaving those countries in impoverished chaos, said Elizabeth Rowley, leader of the Communist Party of Canada.

The latest data shows that in the first two months of 2023, the trade volume between China and ASEAN countries rose by 9.6 percent year-on-year, according to Xu Ningning, executive president of the China-ASEAN Business Council.

Xu revealed that the non-financial direct investment in countries along BRI from Chinese enterprises reached 17.06 billion RMB (about 2.49 billion USD) in January, up 42.7 percent year-on-year.

The history of human civilization is one of fighting diseases and enduring disasters.

The key lesson the world has learned from fighting AIDS, Ebola, avian influenza, H1N1 and other pandemics is that humankind has a community with a shared future.

In March 2020, the concept of building a global community of health for all was first proposed in a message to French President Emmanuel Macron.

Strengthening Biodiversity

In September 2020, a position paper *Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth: China in Action* was released, elaborating the country's experience, progress, position and propositions on biodiversity conservation.

Economic development must not come at the price of the ecology, because clean waters and green mountains are just as valuable as gold and silver.

Over the past years, China has committed to strengthening biodiversity protection and building a shared future for all life on earth, taking actions in improving the legal and policy frameworks, as well as funding support.

The country has released and revised a host of laws and regulations pertinent to biodiversity conservation, including those on environmental protection, wild animal protection, seeds, livestock, fishery, forestry, grasslands, the marine environment, protection of nature reserves and wild plants.

In 2018, ecological civilization was enshrined in the Chinese constitution and embedded in the master blueprint

of national development.

China has achieved inspiring and remarkable outcomes in fighting climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, while persistently promoting global sustainable development and building a community for all life on earth, according to Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, executive secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

British zoologist Alice Hughes, who has worked in China for about eight years, said the country's efforts in biodiversity is "unparalleled". She told *Nature* magazine in 2021 that western media coverage of environmental issues in China often focused on the nation's urban air pollution and its role as one of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitter. "But China has a vision for protecting nature, and it has made progress," he said.

As the position paper said, China will join hands with the international community to build a shared future for all life on Earth, and chart the course for global ecological civilization.

The government of Zambia presented the "Medal of Foreign Cooperation" to members of the 25th Chinese Military Medical Expert Team to Zambia on March 5, in appreciation for providing quality medical services to the locals and sending senior medical experts to Zambia over the years.

Keeping the faith of building a global community of health for all, Chinese medical aid teams are now working at 115 sites in 56 countries.

Protecting People's Life, Health

With this vision, China has proven itself a friend in need by sharing treatment knowledge, providing medical supplies, and promoting cooperation in vaccines to other countries and regions.

The year 2023 marks the 60th anniversary since China sent its first medical

team abroad.

Over the past six decades, a total of 30,000 Chinese medical staff have treated 290 million local patients in 76 countries and regions across five continents, winning extensive recognition worldwide.