

Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation

【Basic Information】

Moderators:

Addresses and Keynote Speeches Sections:

Song Junji	Vice Governor and Secretary-General of Shandong Provincial People's Government
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Dialogue Salon Section:

Pan Jiaofeng	President of the Institutes of Science and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
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Signing Ceremony Section:

Chen Fei	Director General of the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province
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Addresses:

Zhou Naixiang	Governor of Shandong Province
Li Fei	Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China
Aleksandr Chervyakov	Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus
Zhang Ming	Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
Jin Liquan	President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Keynote Speeches:

Zhang Jing'an	Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences (IEAS)
Wing Thyee Woo	Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis

Dialogue Salon:

Alexander Yaroshenko	Head of Great Stone China-Belarus Industrial Park Administration
Zhang Xinzhu	Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Qingdao Municipal Committee, Director General of the Administrative Committee of China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area (SCODA)
Zhuang Rongliang	Vice Mayor of Xiamen and Director of the Office of the Leadership Group for the Construction of BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center
Xu Ningning	Chairman of the RCEP Industry Cooperation Committee, Executive President of the China-ASEAN Business Council
Yu Zhitao	President of Hisense Group Holdings Co. Ltd.
Brice-Audren Riché	CEO of Lesaffre Group

【Brief Introduction】

On the afternoon of November 5, 2023, the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation of the Sixth Hongqiao International Economic Forum (HQF) was hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China and Shandong Provincial People's Government at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai). Zhou Naixiang, Governor of Shandong Province; Li Fei, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China; Aleksandr Chervyakov, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus; Zhang Ming, Secretary-General of SCO; and Jin Liqun, President and chairman of the Board of Directors of AIIB, attended the parallel session and delivered speeches. Discussions on “Regional Cooperation in the Changing World: Exploration and Practice of Building a Regional Economic Cooperation Platform” and other related topics were carried out among guests from the political, academic, and business sectors.



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【Addresses】



Zhou Naixiang, Governor of Shandong Province,
addressed the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Zhou Naixiang, Governor of Shandong Province, pointed out that Shandong Province is earnestly implementing President Xi Jinping's important instructions, aiming to "take the lead and open up new prospects". Through steady and solid efforts, the province is deeply implementing the major national strategies for ecological protection and high-quality development in the Yellow River basin. Shandong is cohesively advancing the construction of a leading area for green, low-carbon and high-quality development, and actively building open development platforms such as the China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area (SCODA) and the starting areas for the transformation of old and new driving force in Jinan. It is accelerating the construction of a strong modern socialist province in the new era, and the economic development is showing a favorable trend of stable and robust growth. On the new journey of promoting high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, Shandong is willing to work hand in hand with all parties to deepen practical cooperation, share the fruits of development, and contribute more to building an open world economy.



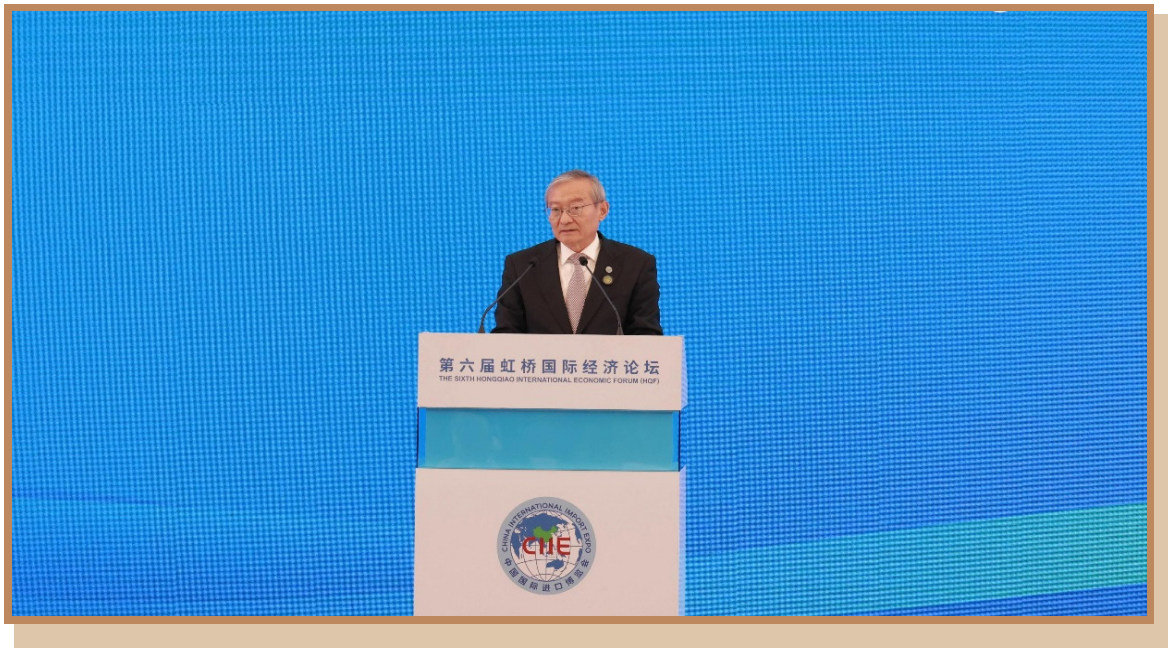
Li Fei, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China,
addressed the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Li Fei, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China, noted out that against the backdrop of the continuous surge of “anti-globalization” sentiments and increasing trade protectionism, China has consistently advocated and promoted an open world economy. It has charted a blueprint for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and opened up new paths for countries to jointly achieve modernization. The measures include: 1) deepening cooperation within multilateral regional mechanisms, and supporting an open, free, fair, inclusive, and rule-based multilateral trading system; 2) improving the institutions for regional cooperation, optimizing the regional economic cooperation environment, and continuously enhancing the level of liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment; 3) promoting regional industrial integration and development, giving full play to the role of industrial agglomeration and radiation, and helping BRI countries to integrate into the global industrial chain, supply chain and value chain.



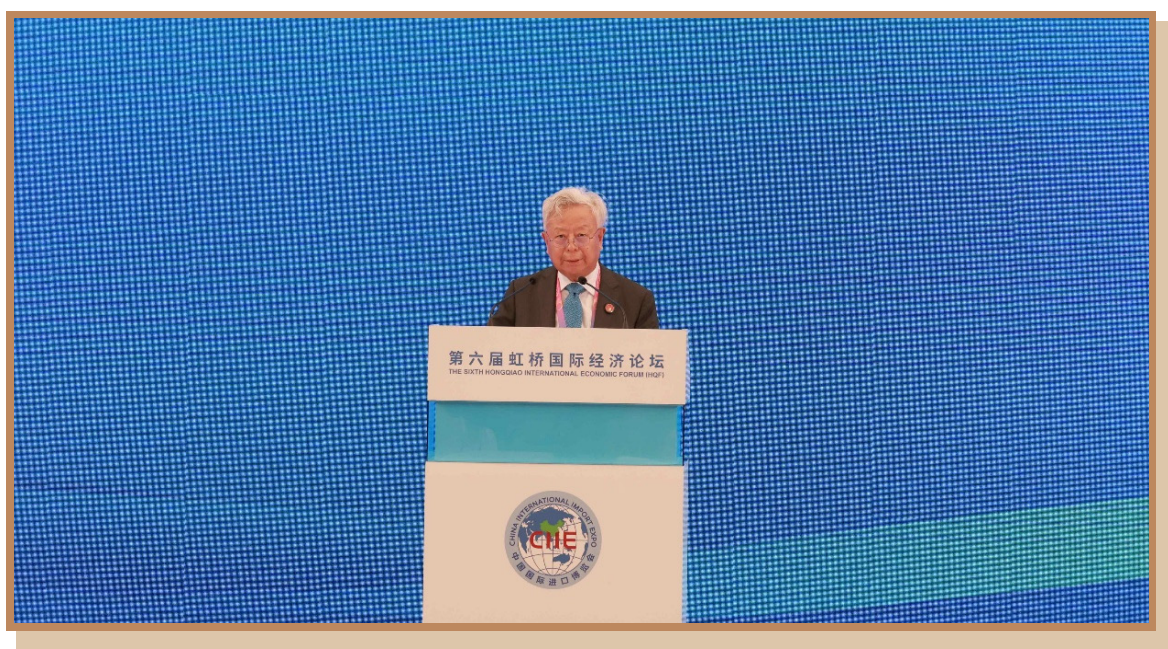
Aleksandr Chervyakov, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus,
addressed the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Aleksandr Chervyakov, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus, stated that Belarus fully supports the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the initiatives for global development, global security, and global civilization. Economic and trade cooperation between Belarus and China is on a growing trajectory and is committed to reaching new heights. The two sides jointly established the Great Stone China-Belarus Industrial Park, which has become one of the largest infrastructure projects in the Belt and Road cooperation. Belarus is willing to engage in cooperation with an open mindset. The BRI member countries will uphold the spiritual strength, values, and standards based on mutual cooperation, friendship, and mutual respect, build a bright future and renew friendship together.



Zhang Ming, Secretary-General of SCO,
addressed the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Zhang Ming, Secretary-General of SCO, pointed out that facing the current global geopolitical turbulence and escalating economic risks worldwide, an increasing number of countries recognize that only through unity and cooperation can challenges be addressed and sustainable development issues be resolved. SCO member states actively promote the alignment of the BRI with the Eurasian Economic Union, making SCO a crucial guarantee of peace and stability across the entire Eurasian continent and a significant driver for economic and social sustainable development. The “Shanghai Spirit” has been fully embodied. The SCO will continue to deepen cooperation with other regions and international organizations with an open attitude to advance global and regional initiatives, such as the BRI.



Jin Liqun, President and Chair of the Board of Directors of AIIB,
addressed the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Jin Liqun, President and Chair of the Board of Directors of AIIB, emphasized the immeasurable importance of regional cooperation in today's world. The BRI is a vital undertaking that promotes regional connectivity and cooperation. Infrastructure connectivity links people to various regions and international markets, bringing unprecedented economic development. This connectivity can reduce obstacles to economic development, promote exchanges, create more opportunities, and link national development strategies with international cooperation, offering solutions for connectivity. AIIB is willing to engage in more international connectivity projects with member countries, and promote mutual economic benefits and sustainable development among its members.

【Keynote Speeches】



Zhang Jing'an, Academician of IEAS,
attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Zhang Jing'an, Academician of IEAS, noted that there are many uncertainties in the world today, but the trend of globalization is unstoppable. No matter what difficulties occur in the world, Chinese science and technology will unswervingly promote globalization to hold high the banner of Belt and Road cooperation, and jointly make our global village more civilized and scientific.



Wing Thye Woo, Professor of Economics, the University of California, Davis,
attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area:
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Wing Thye Woo, Professor of Economics of the University of California, Davis, proposed that the Chinese government explore the joint formulation of industrial policies conducive to the global economy, advance the implementation of the policies on the basis of mutual trust, help decouple industrial policies from trade disputes, and assist developing countries in addressing climate change and protect biodiversity.



Song Junji, Vice Governor and Secretary-General of Shandong Provincial People's Government, attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and moderated addresses and keynote speeches

[Dialogue Salon]



Alexander Yaroshenko, Head of Great Stone China-Belarus Industrial Park Administration, attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and participated in Dialogue Salon section

Alexander Yaroshenko, Head of Great Stone China-Belarus Industrial Park Administration, pointed out that 117 high-tech enterprises from 15 countries have settled in the Great Stone Industrial Park so far. Enterprises in the park are exempted from property and land taxes, as well as from corporate income tax for 10 years from the date of profit generation, and after 10 years, only half the corporate income tax is charged. The park provides one-stop services for enterprises, which allow them to go through very transparent and fast procedures without leaving their homes, including company registration, fast visas, entry permits, and so on. The park's sound infrastructure, including natural gas, electricity and water supply, can fully meet their office needs.



Zhang Xinzhu, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Qingdao Municipal Committee, Director General of the Administrative Committee of China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area (SCODA), attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and participated in Dialogue Salon section

Zhang Xinzhu, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Qingdao Municipal Committee, Director General of the Administrative Committee of China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area (SCODA), said that SCODA is a demonstration area that President Xi Jinping has personally promoted. The demonstration area focuses on building a new platform for international cooperation around the Belt and Road. Firstly, it is a builder of platforms, including international logistics port, SCO integrated service platform, and international energy trading center, resolving the pain points and bottlenecks in economic and trade exchanges among SCO member countries. Secondly, it acts as a connector of resources by enabling smooth channels for enterprises to “enter” and “exit” to gather and integrate all resources. Thirdly, through a platform-oriented systematic approach, it links resources, identifies pain points and bottlenecks in the industrial and supply chains, and provides comprehensive solutions.



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Zhuang Rongliang, Vice Mayor of Xiamen and Director of the Office of the Leadership Group for the Construction of BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center, observed that in November 2020, President Xi Jinping announced the construction of the BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center in Xiamen. Over the past three years, Xiamen has been closely focusing on what the country needs, what Xiamen can do and what the BRICS countries want, and prioritizing the three major tasks of the Innovation Center given by the state — policy coordination, talent cultivation, and project implementation. The city actively builds the main aggregation platform, industry empowerment platform, BRICS innovation experience exchange platform, and innovation network collaboration platform, and is fully committed to making the Innovation Center a symbolic and demonstrative platform for practical cooperation among BRICS countries.



Xu Ningning, Chairman of the RCEP Industry Cooperation Committee and Executive President of the China-ASEAN Business Council, attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and participated in Dialogue Salon section

Xu Ningning, Chairman of the RCEP Industry Cooperation Committee and Executive President of the China-ASEAN Business Council, suggested that the construction of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area should emphasize five combinations: 1) combine high relevance with strong economic and trade complementarity, making it easier for countries with stronger complementarity in pillar industries to cooperate and promote; 2) combine government cooperation mechanisms with industry and business cooperation mechanisms; 3) combine national industry and commerce associations with local governments; 4) combine free trade agreements with industrial cooperation; 5) combine the construction of regional international cooperation platforms with independent opening-up. Establishing mechanisms and platforms to better enable demonstration areas to assume an increasingly active role in regional economic integration.



Yu Zhitao, President of Hisense Group Holdings Co. Ltd., attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and participated in Dialogue Salon section

Yu Zhitao, President of Hisense Group Holdings Co. Ltd., pointed out that Hisense has sales and branches in 126 countries among BRI countries, with production bases and industrial parks in 10 countries and R&D organizations in 3 countries. This is a good example of strengthening the competitiveness of Chinese enterprises under the platform of the BRI. After the 2018 Shanghai Cooperation Summit in Qingdao, Hisense Group seized the opportunity, signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Jiaozhou Municipal People's Government, shifted from the export of products to the output of Chinese experience and solutions, and successively implemented smart transportation, smart cities, and smart medical projects, allowing the company to better go global.



Brice-Audren Riché, CEO of Lesaffre Group, attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and participated in Dialogue Salon section

Brice-Audren Riché, CEO of Lesaffre Group, said that Lesaffre boasts a history of over 170 years, and its products are sold in 185 countries. Forty years ago, Lesaffre entered China and received strong support from the local government during the establishment of a joint venture company in Guangxi Province. Currently, half of Lesaffre's production capacity in China is supplied to the domestic market, and the other half is exported to other countries. The BRI is a great concept and initiative that supports local cooperation while achieving regional win-win cooperation. Lesaffre hopes to strengthen its business through cooperation, contribute to sustainable development in China, and provide products for consumers in China and other countries.



Pan Jiaofeng, President of the Institutes of Science and Development of CAS, attended the Parallel Session on Regional International Organization Demonstration Area: New Platform and New Practice of Belt and Road International Cooperation in Shanghai and moderated Dialogue Salon section



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