

▶ China shows utmost sincerity in addressing global challenges via co-op: expert

## Xi extends congratulations to 2024 Imperial Springs Intl Forum

By Wang Wenwen in Madrid

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday sent a congratulatory letter to the 2024 Imperial Springs International Forum held in Madrid, Spain.

Xi pointed out that since its establishment 10 years ago, the forum has adhered to advocating multilateralism, conducted in-depth discussions on global governance issues, actively shared China's propositions, and played a positive role in enhancing exchanges and understanding between China and countries worldwide, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Xi emphasized that in a world marked by intertwined changes and turmoil, peace and development remain the shared aspirations of all peoples.

China stands ready to work with other countries in the spirit of "promoting global solidarity," upholding fairness and justice to safeguard global peace and stability, adhering

to win-win cooperation to promote sustainable global development, and committing to inclusiveness and mutual learning to advance human civilization to new heights, Xi said.

The 2024 Imperial Springs International Forum was held in Madrid, Spain on Wednesday and Thursday under the theme "Collective Action for One Future."

In his opening remarks, Yang Wanming, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, said that facing the future, all parties should take practical actions to strengthen unity and cooperation, work together to respond to global challenges, defend and practice true multilateralism, stand on the right side of history, promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, and contribute to promoting world peace, stability and prosperity.

Xue Lan, dean of the Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University

who was present at the forum, noted that Xi's letter shows that the Chinese government has utmost sincerity in cooperating with the international community to cope with challenges.

"China has accumulated enough experience to fully understand the problems faced by today's world. The key is consensus and the will to solve the problems. It is easier for countries to make a statement on international occasions, but actions matter the most – that's why the theme of this year's forum is significant," Xue told the Global Times on the sidelines of the forum.

More than 200 participants from the political, academic, and business circles in over 50 countries from Asia, Europe, Africa, America and Oceania, including over 50 former heads of state, heads of government, and leaders of international organizations, and over 90 internationally renowned experts, scholars, and business leaders attended the forum.

## Yoon's comment 'deeply upsetting'; reference of China in address may be to divert attention: expert

By Liu Xin

China will not comment on the ROK's domestic affairs, but China absolutely opposes the ROK side associating its domestic affairs with Chinese elements, amplifying unfounded "Chinese spy" accusations and throwing mud at normal economic and trade cooperation. None of these are conducive to a healthy and steady China-ROK relationship, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Thursday.

Mao made the remarks in response to a question about South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol's remarks in a televised address on Thursday, in which he said "the major opposition party is now threatening national security and public safety" and mentioned cases involving Chinese nationals in South Korea. He also claimed that "Chinese solar power facilities will destroy forests nationwide," according to an unofficial translation of President Yoon's address released by Business Korea.

Yoon said that they "tried to amend the espionage provisions of the Criminal Act, but the major opposition party stubbornly blocked... Which country's party and parliament are they?" according to Business Korea.

"We are surprised by those comments and find them deeply upsetting," Mao said, urging the ROK to handle justly cases concerning Chinese nationals, keep the Chinese side informed of the handling of the cases, and ensure the safety and lawful rights of Chinese nationals concerned.

Yoon brought up China while criticizing the opposition, but his remarks on China are logically unfounded. For example, accusing Chinese-made solar panels of damaging forests across South Korea seems absurd. It is unclear why he was so aggressively critical of China, Dong Xiangrong, senior research fellow at the National Institute of International Strategy at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told the Global Times on Thursday.

Facing mounting pressure of impeachment, Yoon's speech, his repeated references to China and the alleged threats to South Korea's national security may be a strategy to rally right-wing support by all means and create justifications for declaring martial law. This seems to be a tactic aimed at diverting public attention from the impeachment, Zheng Jiyong, director of the Center for Korean Studies at Fudan University in Shanghai, told the Global Times.

South Korean lawmakers are scheduled to vote at 5 pm local time this Saturday on the main opposition Democratic Party of Korea's motion to impeach Yoon. Yoon escaped impeachment last Saturday due to a lack of quorum.

### ▶ Dragon light

A dragon light, part of hundreds of glowing animals and fantastical shapes embodying Chinese elements, illuminates Cologne Zoo on December 11, 2024, in Cologne, Germany. With the arrival of the "China Light Festival," the zoo is celebrating its 165th anniversary.

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## Egyptian FM's China visit to deepen ties, contribute to addressing regional, global issues: expert

By Deng Xiaoci

At the invitation of Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Expatriates Badr Abdelatty is scheduled to visit China and co-chair the China-Egypt foreign ministers' strategic dialogue from December 12 to 13, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesper-

son Mao Ning announced on Wednesday.

The Egyptian foreign minister's China visit will not only deepen traditional friendship between the two countries but also holds significant bilateral and multilateral importance, as exchanges between the two sides on regional situation and hotspot issues contribute to regional peace and stability, according to Liu Zhongmin, a professor from the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai

International Studies University.

According to the Egyptian government website, during the visit, the fourth round of strategic dialogue between Egypt and China will take place. Abdelatty will meet with senior Chinese officials and exchange viewpoints towards regional and international developments. He will also meet with heads of Chinese companies operating in Egypt and members of the Egyptian commu-

nity in China.

Egypt, as a traditional power in the Arab world, occupies a prominent position in regional affairs and was the first Arab country and African state to establish diplomatic relations with China, illustrating a special significance of bilateral ties, Liu said. Also as the host of the Arab League headquarters and a longstanding center of the Arab world, Egypt's strategic dialogue with China not only deepens the longstanding

friendship between China and Egypt but also strengthens their collaboration in addressing regional and global challenges, Liu told the Global Times on Thursday.

Amid pressing regional issues, exchanges between China and Egypt contribute significantly to regional peace and stability, Liu explained.

