

**Initiative of Promoting International Think Tank
Cooperation for Belt and Road Initiative**

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The Thematic Forum on Think Tank Exchange of the 3rd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) was held in Beijing on October 18, 2023.

The theme of the thematic forum is “Common Opportunities, Shared Future”. Representatives from over 40 countries and regions and international organizations focused their discussions on the following topics: Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Promoting the Building of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind, Promoting High-quality Belt and Road Cooperation, Exchanges and Mutual Learning among Civilizations, and Youth Development.

The participants jointly reviewed the remarkable achievements of the BRI since the last BRF, highly appreciated the important role played by think tanks from various countries during this process, and fully acknowledged the concrete outcomes of the cooperation and exchanges among think tanks worldwide under the framework of the BRI.

The participants believed that high-quality Belt and Road

Cooperation has far-reaching significance. It is of great value in promoting global development, ensuring global security and advancing exchanges and mutual learning of civilizations around the world. It also plays an irreplaceable role in practicing true multilateralism and accelerating the reform of the international governance system.

As the expert representatives of global BRI research, participants believed that all parties should take this forum as an opportunity to deepen consensus and work together to promote high-quality Belt and Road Cooperation with high-quality international think tank cooperation. In order to achieve the above goals, the following initiatives were put forward to strengthen international think tank cooperation under the framework of the BRI:

Enhancing collaborative research. Collaborative research is an important basis for think tank cooperation. We encourage think tanks of all countries to give full play to their respective professional strengths, jointly explore practical pathways and future directions of the BRI, jointly identify key research areas, carry out joint research projects, and further explore key agendas of the BRI, so as to pool more global wisdom for the BRI.

Fostering academic exchanges. Academic exchanges are an important way to broaden research horizons and enhance mutual understanding. We encourage think tanks of all countries to actively carry out activities under the theme of the BRI, and attract scholars from different countries and regions to conduct in-depth exchanges through forums, seminars and so on, so as to deepen mutual understanding and recognition in the academic community, and continue to expand the Belt and Road research cooperation network.

Sharing latest achievements. Academic research witnesses rapid progress and consistent innovation. We encourage think tanks around the world to share latest research outcomes, embrace external ideas, and promote the spread of academic achievements. By sharing latest research achievements, the BRI-related studies will be enriched and enhanced, offering more references for promoting the cooperation.

Promoting mutual learning among civilizations. Think tanks, as important platforms of people-to-people exchanges, are playing a significant role in guiding public opinions and building social consensus. We encourage think tanks around the world to carry out more BRI-related events for people-to-people

exchanges, serving as bridges of communication and mutual learning to enhance mutual understanding among countries and peoples, and promoting dialogues, and harmonious coexistence among civilizations.

The participants expected that, by implementing the aforementioned initiatives, all parties will contribute new wisdom and strengths to the BRI-related studies, and usher in a new era for jointly promoting the high-quality Belt and Road Cooperation and building a community with shared future for mankind.