

What's On

China celebrates 92nd anniversary of the founding of Chinese People's Liberation Army



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Your Excellency Brigadier General Mohamed, your excellencies ambassadors, distinguished guests, dear friends & colleagues, ladies & gentlemen:

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This evening we are gathering here to celebrate the 92nd year's anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, PLA. First of all, as the Defence Attaché of the Chinese Embassy in Kuwait, I'd

like to extend our warmest welcome to all of you, and wish you a very happy evening.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army was created in August 01, 1927, initially called the Chinese Red Army. Since its establishment, the PLA has made remarkable contributions to the founding of the People's Republic of China and has written glorious chapters in modern Chinese history. Over the past 92 years developing process, the PLA has grown from its original single service into strong and modernized armed forces composed of army, navy, air force, rocket force and strategic support force, and is now in the transition from mechanization toward informationized armed forces.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The world today is undergoing complex and profound changes and China is entering a new era of building socialism with Chinese characteristics. China's

destiny has never been so interrelated with that of the world as a whole. A prosperous and stable world would provide China with opportunities, while China's peaceful development would also offer an opportunity for the whole world. As is known to many, there's no development without peace and there's no sustainable peace without development. The Chinese armed forces will continue to strengthen its exchanges and cooperation with international partners to jointly deal with the challenges confronting world peace and stability.

Kuwait is the first Gulf Arabic country establishing diplomatic relations with China. In this month last year, His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah paid a state visit to China. During the visit, Chinese President Xi held talks with His Highness the Amir and the two leaders agreed to establish strategic partnership between the two countries. In December last year, First Deputy Prime

Minister and Defence Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah visited China. (According to statistics, bilateral trade between China and Kuwait totaled 18.7 billion dollars last year. China remains Kuwait's largest source of imports, and second largest export destination and Kuwait's largest trading partner in non-oil fields. Kuwait is China's ninth largest oil exporter, with the volume reaching 23.21 million tons of crude oil to China last year.) Military-to-military relationship is an important part of the bilateral ties between China and Kuwait. As the Chinese Defense Attaché to Kuwait, I'm quite confident that our two sides will have a lot more to do in the near future.

Finally, I wish the tree of friendship between China and Kuwait and between the two militaries evergreen. Thank you!

