



# 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China



Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, delivers an important speech at the ceremony marking the centenary of the CPC.

On July 1, 2021, a historic moment that marked the centennial of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), General Secretary Xi Jinping declared to the whole world on the Tian'anmen Rostrum that through the continued efforts of the whole Party and the entire nation, we have realized the first centenary goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. This means that we have brought about a historic resolution to the problem of absolute poverty in China, and we are now marching in confident strides toward the second centenary goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects.

•China has established the world's largest social security system, under which basic medical insurance has covered more than 1.3 billion people while basic elderly care insurance has covered more than one billion people.

•The average life expectancy of the

Chinese people has increased to 77.3 years in 2019, double the figure of 1949 and closer to the level of developed countries.

•China's gross domestic product (GDP) has soared from 67.91 billion yuan in 1952 to 101.6 trillion yuan in 2020, a 189-fold increase in real terms.

•In 2020, Chinese economy accounted for more than 17 percent of the world's economy, ranking second globally. And the annual GDP per capita has surpassed 10,000 USD for two consecutive years, higher than the average figure of middle-income countries.

•China is now the only country that has developed all the industrial categories of the UN's industrial classification. It also has built modern infrastructure networks in the areas of railways, highways, ports, aviation, electricity and telecommunications. As of the end of 2020, China had 38,000 kilometers of high-speed railways in operation

and 161,000 kilometers of highways, both the most in the world; China's 5G terminal connections exceeded 200 million, ranking the first globally.

•Since 2006, China has been the largest contributor to global growth for 15 consecutive years, contributing around 30 percent to global GDP growth for years in a row. China remains as the world's largest manufacturing power for 11 consecutive years, as the manufacturing value-added reached 26.59 trillion yuan in 2020. Last year, the import and export of goods totaled 32.16 trillion yuan, the highest in the world; China's foreign exchange reserves and utilized foreign investment totaled 3.22 trillion USD and one trillion USD respectively. As of June 23, 2021, China has signed 206 documents on Belt and Road cooperation with 140 countries and 32 international organizations.

## China's Diplomacy in the New Era

• Work Together to Build a Community of Shared Future for Mankind and a better world for all

• The human race is an integral community and the planet Earth its homeland. In the face of common challenges, no person or country can remain isolated. The only way out is to work together in harmony with one accord.

• The Chinese people have always celebrated and striven to pursue the vision of peace, amity and harmony. China has never and will never invade or bully others, or seek hegemony.

• More than 2.2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered across China as of 26 Sep 2021.

• China will strive to provide a total of two

billion doses of vaccines to the world by the end of this year. In addition to donating 100 million US dollars to COVAX, China will donate 100 million doses of vaccines to other developing countries in the course of this year.

• China has pledged an additional three billion US dollars of international assistance in the next three years to support developing countries in responding to COVID-19 and promoting economic and social recovery.

• China will strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

• China will step up support for other developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy, and will not build new coal-fired power projects abroad.



The art performance "The Great Journey" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China.

## Work Together for a Brighter Future

National Day Message  
by Ambassador LI Minggang

On the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, I wish to express heartfelt thanks to the leaders and people of Kuwait that have given care and support for China and for the development of China-Kuwait relations.

Over the past 72 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Chinese nation has realized, under the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), a great transformation from standing up, growing rich to becoming strong. The year 2021 is of special importance for China, as the CPC celebrated its centenary and China realized its first centenary goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all aspects. This means that China has brought about a historic resolution to the problem of absolute poverty, and is now marching in confident strides toward the second centenary goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects. Last year, China was the only major economy registering positive growth, with its gross domestic product passing the 100 trillion yuan mark. China has also achieved a complete victory in the battle against poverty, with the 98.99 million rural residents formerly living below the current poverty line successfully lifted out of poverty. This makes China realize its poverty reduction goal from the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years

ahead of schedule, representing a significant contribution to global poverty reduction. Moreover, China's efforts at scientific and technological innovation have yielded fruitful results, including the successful conclusion of the first crewed mission at the country's space station building stage. To help overseas Chinese get vaccinated, China has launched the "Spring Sprout" vaccine program which has benefited millions of overseas Chinese including over a thousand of Chinese people in Kuwait. This is the action by China to honor its commitment to "putting people and their life first". Here, I would like to thank the Government of Kuwait for its great assistance with the vaccination.

The year 2021 also marks a milestone in the history of China-Kuwait relations. Five decades ago, Kuwait was the first among Gulf states to establish diplomatic relations with China. In the ensuing years, China-Kuwait relations have advanced in a stable and healthy manner, despite changes in the international environment. Especially since the establishment of the strategic partnership in 2018, China and Kuwait have focused on the synergy of their development strategy to boost practical cooperation on various fronts. Faced with the sudden onslaught of COVID-19, the two nations pulled together and looked out for each other, seeing remarkable resilience of bilateral relations. Chinese companies in Kuwait remained actively engaged in over 70 major projects such as the South Al Mutlaa housing infrastructure, the Sabah Al-Salem Kuwait University City and the new runway of the Kuwait



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International Airport, despite the lack of manpower and other difficulties amid the pandemic. The ultra-large crude carrier Al-Siddiq designed and built by the Chinese side was successfully delivered to the Kuwaiti side. China has remained the largest exporter and the biggest non-oil trading partner of Kuwait. The first half of 2021 saw a 32.3-percent year-on-year growth in bilateral trade volume to 9.43 billion USD, while the crude oil imported by China from Kuwait reached 14.18 million tons during the same period, up 5.71% from a year ago. In addition, people-to-people exchanges between the two countries remained rich and diverse. The direct

flight between China and Kuwait has carried on board more than 10,000 passengers since its launch last year. A variety of activities, including the "Stories behind the Photos" Column launched on the local newspaper, the Virtual Exhibition of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China and Kuwait, the virtual forum on China-Kuwait cooperation in digital economy and the art contest, were warmly received by our Kuwaiti friends, which attests to the long-lasting friendship between the two sides and the vitality of bilateral exchanges in the new era. On the day that marked the 50th anniversary of China-Kuwait diplomatic relations, the magnificent Kuwait Towers were illuminated with Chinese and Kuwaiti flags and the logo for the anniversary, impressing themselves on the minds of the two peoples.

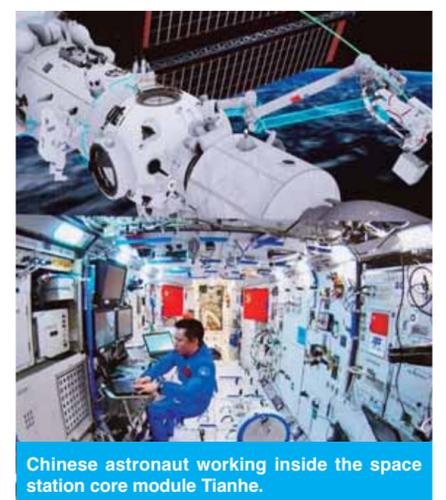
As an old Chinese saying goes, "It is the right time to set sail with the fair wind." In his congratulatory message to HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for the 50th anniversary of China-Kuwait diplomatic relations, Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out that China attaches high importance to its relations with Kuwait and stands ready to work with Kuwait to carry forward our traditional friendship and deepen Belt and Road cooperation in various fields. Looking ahead to the new era, we look forward to working with friends from all sectors in Kuwait to draw the blueprint for future development of bilateral relations. We will translate our grand vision for shared development into reality by synergizing China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Kuwait's 2035 Vision. Doing so will enable our two countries to lift the strategic partnership to a new height for a better future.



Bei Pan River Bridge in Guizhou Province, Southwest China -- The Highest Bridge in The World



Chinese athletes compete during the Men's 4x100m relay at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games



Chinese astronaut working inside the space station core module Tianhe.