

Outline of the Address by H.E. Ambassador Zha Peixin at
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I. China, India and Europe share much in common.

All are in land and huge in population; all blessed with time-honored histories and great civilizations. All are successful stories, with rare opportunities and severe challenges in face with globalization.

II. China, India and Europe economies are highly complementary.

Europe, a continent with the largest number of developed countries; China and India, two large developing countries. Their economies are highly complementary and share many common interests though they are in different level of development. The EU has advanced science and technology, adequate capital supply and management experience. China and India have abundant human resources, huge domestic market and steadily improving investment environment.

China, India and Europe have naturally become partners for cooperation. Introduce the progress of the Sino-EU and the Sino-Indian friendly relations and cooperation, sufficed with facts and figures.

III. China, India and Europe should strengthen cooperation.

Though peace and stability remain the theme of our times, uncertain and de-stabilizing factors are on the rise, like security threats, international terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, regional conflicts, climate change, epidemic diseases, and etc. All problems are trans-national in nature. No country can cope alone. In face with the common threats and challenges, China, India and Europe should strengthen their cooperation.

It is natural that they have difference and disputes. But their common interest outweighs difference. They are partners for cooperation instead of rivals. Difference should not and will not stand in the way of cooperation. The enhancement of mutual cooperation conforms to the aspiration of their peoples and also the trend of history.

Summary: Closer cooperation among China, India and Europe is conducive to maintaining world peace and promoting common prosperity. China will work to expand its cooperation with India and Europe both bilaterally and multilaterally. It will be a win-win outcome for all.