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The Belt and Road Initiative shows marvelous achievements

Since its inception six years ago, the Belt and Road Initiative has exerted extensive and profound international impact, becoming a popular international public product. At present, the general planning has already been put in place and the next mission is to work on priorities and details for solid results.

From general planning to concrete implementation, BRI has been constantly deepened with a series of major projects being put in place. Let’s take a look at the outstanding achievements.

**Important figures**

There were 279 results during the first Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

The implementation rate exceeded 96%.

**Policy exchange has been constantly deepened**

The circle of friends has continued to be expanded

124 countries and 29 international organizations have signed Belt and Road cooperation agreements with China. (By March 2019)

**Political mutual trust has been constantly enhanced**

56.34% of the Belt and Road countries maintained strategic partnerships or higher level of cooperation with our country.

We join hands with all sides to formulate plans

Globally

BRI and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been effectively connected, to create policy synergy for common development in the world.

Regionally

The BRI has been effectively matched with regional development plans and cooperation initiatives such as Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, Africa’s Agenda 2063, Eurasian Economic Union and Asia Connectivity Strategy of the EU.

**Infrastructure connectivity has been constantly enhanced.**

Maritime connectivity index kept ranking No.1 in the world.

Our ports have established shipping lane connections with over 200 countries and over 600 major ports.

We have been involved in the establishment and operation of 42 ports in 34 countries.

Marine transport service has covered all the maritime countries along the Belt and Road.

**Iron Camels connecting Asia and Europe**

China Railway Express has sent 14,000 trains to 60 cities in 15 European countries.
Aerial bridge connecting China and the World

We have signed bilateral inter-governmental air transport agreements with 62 Belt and Road countries.
We have opened direct flights with 45 Belt and Road countries. There were about 5,100 flights every week.

Trade connections have been constantly improved

Remarkable progress has been made in trade and investment cooperation.

The trade volume with the Belt and Road countries reached a total of over six trillion dollars, and FDI topped 80 billion dollars.

China International Import Expo accelerated the Belt and Road economic and trade cooperation

At the first China International Import Expo, there were over 170 countries, regions and international organizations involved, 3,600 enterprises exhibiting their products and over 400,000 procurers from home and abroad. The yearly volume of intended transactions stood at 57.83 billion dollars.

Financing connections have been constantly expanded

The RMB is becoming international in a steady manner.

The RMB trans-border payment system has covered 165 banks in 40 Belt and Road countries.

The financial cooperation network is taking shape

Over 50 the Belt and Road countries have become available to UnionPay services.
A total of 25 million cards have been issued.
5.4 million commercial tenants and 680,000 ATMs have been covered.

The diversified financing system has been constantly improved

Among the 93 AIIB members, over 60% were the Belt and road countries.
The Silk Road Fund has signed 19 projects and the projects it supported totaled a volume of over 80 billion dollars.

People-to-people connections have been constantly facilitated

Touring in Belt and Road countries has been on the rise.
The two-way tourism with the Belt and Road countries reached 60 million visits.

Visa-free or arrival visa has been put in place in 29 the Belt and Road countries.

Friendship at local level.

There were 1,023 pairs of friendly cities with 61 the Belt and Road countries, which accounted for 40.18% of the total friendly cities with other countries. (By April 2018)

Cultural exchanges have helped boost people-to-people connections.

We have set up 17 national cultural centers, 173 Confucius Institute and 184 Confucius Classrooms. Those confucius institute and classrooms accounted for approximately one quarter of the global total.

(Source: MOST)