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Alok Sharma celebrates 45 years of UK-China ambassadorial relations

Minister Alok Sharma hosted an event on 29 March to mark the 45th anniversary year of ambassadorial relations between the UK and China. Over 300 guests attended the event at Lancaster House, including the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Mr Liu Xiaoming, and a wealth of British and Chinese business representatives, government officials, parliamentarians and China Chevening Scholars. The guests at Lancaster House were treated to a series of performances and displays from Weli Creative's 'Magical Lantern' exhibition, a string ensemble from the Guildhall School of Music, and a collection of Chinese and British manuscripts from the British Library. Also on display was ClothCat Animations' new children's series Luo Bai Bei, which is due to be screened in China and the UK later this year. Other exhibitors included the Victoria & Albert Museum, the British Museum and B&H Fashion. Read more [here](#).



CBBC Led the Largest Ever British Business Delegation to Henan

The largest ever British business delegation to Henan visited Henan province's International Investment and Trade Fair to strengthen commercial ties with central China and identify new trade and investment opportunities. Co-led by China-Britain Business Council, 48 renowned British businesses and organisations including BP China, Standard Chartered, GKN, John Swire & Sons, IHG and Arup, are attending alongside UK International Trade Minister, Mark Garnier. The UK has been chosen as the 'Country of Honour' at this year's fair where British expertise is being showcased in a range of sectors including infrastructure, education, retail and e-commerce, financial and professional services and food and drink. Read more [here](#).



European Chamber Bayer Supply Centre Factory Tour

On the 28th March, the European Chamber was hosted by Bayer for a tour of their newly upgraded supply center in the Beijing Economic and Technological Development Area (BETDA). This facility had recently received a new 100m Euro investment, creating the largest pharmaceutical site anywhere in Bayer Pharmaceutical's global production network. After a short bus ride to the facility, guests were greeted by Vice President & Head of Product Supply China, Dr Aleksandar Putic who introduced the plant and Bayer's mission in China. In the second part of the pre-tour seminar, Vice President of Public & Government Affairs,

Prof. He Mengsheng presented some of the key takeaways from the recent 'Lianghui' meetings outlining some of the specific points relating the pharmaceutical industry and to foreign invested enterprises. Read more [here](#).



European Chamber Provides Business Intelligence To Commission Vice President

European Chamber President Joerg Wuttke and Vice President Sara Marchetta had an informative briefing with Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, in Beijing on 20th April. Their discussion encompassed an overview of China's business climate, politics in general and China Manufacturing 2025. Ms Mogherini makes a point of meeting the European Chamber during her annual visits to China to learn directly from EU companies how the European Commission can assist them in their market access endeavors. Ms Mogherini was in Beijing to prepare for the forthcoming EU-China Summit in Brussels, which will take place from 1st – 2nd June. Read more [here](#).



EUSME Centre's Advocacy Team Presents at MIIT's Opening Ceremony of Leading Talent Management Training Programme

EU SME Centre Senior Policy Advisor Xavier SansPowell participated in the opening ceremony of the Leading Talent Management Training Programme funded by China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT). In the ceremony, Xavier introduced the Centre and discussed EU-China collaboration opportunities for SMEs. The event was attended by over 60 Chinese entrepreneurs and government officials. Mr Ye Dingda, the Deputy Director General of SME Bureau of MIIT, and Mr. Zhang Wei, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, delivered the opening remarks at the ceremony. Read more [here](#).



EU SME Centre Successfully Organises the Policy Meeting on Two Sessions and EU-China-US Relations

The EU SME Centre successfully organised the Policy Meeting on Two Sessions and EU-China-US Relations. Centre's Senior Policy Advisor Xavier SansPowell introduced the recent development in the Chinese market and key issues President Xi Jinping mentioned in Two Sessions. Xavier also discussed topics on China-Europe relations and China's supporting policies for SMEs indicated in Miao Wei's speech, the Minister of MIIT. Bruce Fu, Director of APCO Worldwide, shared updates on Two Sessions regarding the protectionism, terrorism, nationalism and today's economic slowdown. He also illustrated the current situations in the United States, East Asia and Europe. He said that China, under the current environment, must show the world a stable economy, a harmonious society, a strong nation yet a welcoming one to foreign businesses. In order to do so, the Party showed the world its determination and continuous efforts in centralising its power in this year's Two Sessions. He also discussed the work of the central authorities during the Two Sessions and their influence on legislation and leadership election. Bruce further summarised the key economic targets and the guidelines for 2017 in China's Government Work Report. Infrastructure investment will still be the key, manifested in Belt and Road initiative and the growth of Public-Private Partnership. Read more [here](#).



H. E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Attends the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Roundtable

On 4 April 2017, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming was invited to attend the UK Business Roundtable on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor held by the Department for International Trade and delivered a speech entitled Belt and Road Is an Opportunity for Win-win Cooperation. Hosted by Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Greg Hands, the Roundtable was also attended by Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK, Thomas Drew, UK High Commissioner to Pakistan, and representatives of China-Britain Business Council, HSBC, Standard Chartered, KPMG, PwC and other organizations of the British business community. In his speech, Ambassador Liu commended Britain for its interest in and support for the Belt and Road Initiative including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, gave an in-depth introduction to the profound connotation of the Belt and Road Initiative and the high significance of China's hosting the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, and highlighted the positive results and prospects for the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Read more [here](#).



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