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## **BOAO FORUM FOR ASIA PARIS MEETING 2017**

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- Usual BFA Annual Conference includes the Themes :

- \* Financial Cooperation
- \* Energy, Resources and Sustainable Development
- \* CEO Dialogue
- \* Youth Communication
- \* Regional Cooperation...

- BOAO Forum For Asia Paris Meeting 2017 was held during Two Days in PARIS, September 14 & 15.

\* Thursday, September 14 :

CEO Dialogue 'Belt and Road' Initiative : The Role of the Market & Businesses, followed by a Welcome Dinner at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

\* Friday, September 15 - Opening Plenary with :

- ) Moderator : ZHOU Wenzhong, Secretary-General, BOAO Forum for Asia
- ) Welcome Remarks : Jean-Pierre RAFFARIN, French Senator of Vienne, Former Prime Minister of France, Member of Board, BOAO Forum for Asia
- ) Keynote Speeches by ZENG Peiyan, Former Vice-Premier, the People's Republic of China, Vice-Chairman, BOAO Forum for Asia ; Gérard LARCHER, President of the Senate of France.

\* Friday, September 15 - Session One with :

-) Infrastructure Connectivity : Infrastructure is the Key to Connectivity between Asia & Europe. Coordination at the Strategy and Policy Level is the First Step. How has the 'Belt and Road' Initiative coordinated with European Strategies as a Whole and Development Plans of Member States individually ? Has good Progress been made ? What needs to be done further along the Line ?

\* Friday, September 15 - Session Two with :

-) Promoting Trade & Investment : Investment has been a Drag on the World Economy for quite a While, in particular Europe. Will the 'Belt and Road' Initiative help spur a New Wave of Investment Flow between Asia and Europe ? Under the Initiative, are there Good

Measures to reduce Investment Barriers and increase Investor Protection ?

EU has signed or is negotiating Bilateral FTA's with a number of Asian Economics. How will the Belt and Road Initiative help bring Europe-Asia Trade to a New Level ?

\* Friday, September 15 - Session Three with :

-) Inclusive and Innovative Ways of Funding : Funding is a Key Challenge to the 'Belt and Road' Initiative. Are there Good Solutions, through Asia and Europe working together, to provide Long-term, Stable and Sustainable Funding for the Initiative?

Asia has lagged behind Europe in Traditional Finance, but may lead in P2P Lending and Crow-funding through the Rising Power of Fintech, such as Cloud Computing, Big Data, Blockchain... How can such Initiative and Inclusive 'New Finance' help fund the Belt and Road Initiative and Asia-Europe Connectivity ?

\* Friday, September 15 - Session Closing Remarks :

Jean-Pierre RAFFARIN, French Senator of Vienne, Former Prime Minister of France, Member of Board, BOAO Forum for Asia.

To Conclude the Event, we can say : by establishing a Working Network interweaving the World's of Politics, Business and Academia, BFA as for years provides Services facilitating the Ever-expanding Economic Cooperation amongst its Members as well as between Members and Non-members....

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