

《习近平呼吁加强与土库曼斯坦的合作》



Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Friday that China and Turkmenistan will work together to promote their pragmatic cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative.

He made the remarks while meeting with his Turkmenian counterpart Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow on the sidelines of the 17th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Astana.

China and Turkmenistan are good friends and partners, Xi said, adding that the two nations boast ever increasing mutual trust, pragmatic cooperation and close coordination in international issues.

China highly values its friendship with Turkmenistan and is ready to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation with it, so as to consolidate the bilateral strategic partnership, Xi said.

He added that China appreciates Turkmenistan's support for and participation in the Belt and Road Initiative, and is willing to work with the Turkmenian side under the initiative in order to bring more tangible benefits to the people of the two countries.

For his part, Berdimuhamedow said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties between Turkmenistan and China, 25 years ago, the two countries have extended support for each other on issues concerning their core interests and in international affairs, and engaged in fruitful economic and trade exchanges.

Turkmenistan wishes to work with China to enhance cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative in such fields as natural gas, clean energy, production capacity and transportation infrastructure, he added.

President Xi visited Turkmenistan in 2013, when the two countries established strategic partnership. President Berdimuhamedow also paid visits to China in 2014 and 2015, respectively, and met with President Xi during the SCO's Tashkent summit last June in Uzbekistan.

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