

## 《外交部发言人：普京访华将加强两国关系》

中国相信普京访华将给两国双边关系带来新的推动力，外交部发言人周二说。普京将于6月8日至10日之间访问中国，并参加在青岛举行的上合峰会。

China believes Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming state visit will inject new impetus into bilateral relations, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Putin is scheduled to pay a state visit to China from June 8-10 and attend the Qingdao Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Spokesperson Hua Chunying said it will be Putin's first visit to China during the new presidential term and also the first meeting between the heads of state of the two countries this year.

"It will be of great significance to planning the development of China-Russia relations and promoting bilateral cooperation in various fields," said Hua.



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying speaks during the regular press conference, Tuesday.  
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During the visit, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Putin will hold small- and large-scale talks, meet the press together, attend signing ceremonies and welcome banquets, and exchange views on bilateral relations, cooperation in key areas, and other international and regional issues of common concern, said Hua.

The two sides are expected to issue important political documents and sign a series of cooperation agreements in various fields, according to Hua.

The two leaders will also attend cultural activities.

"We believe that with joint efforts from both sides, the visit will be successful and fruitful and inject strong new impetus into the development of the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination," she said.



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov shake hands during a meeting, June 3, 2018. /China's MOFA Photo

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming state visit to China is of great significance to the planning of the next phase of relations between the two nations while meeting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the Formal Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Johannesburg, South Africa on June 3.

Lavrov also said that Russia attaches great importance to Putin's upcoming state visit to China.