

《中国马来西亚庆祝建交40周年》

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Addressing the occasion, Li said Malaysia was the first among ASEAN countries to forge diplomatic ties with China, which unveiled a new chapter in the history of China-Malaysia and China-ASEAN relations.

He hailed the all-round stable growth of bilateral cooperation over the past 40 years, citing strengthened political trust and personnel exchanges, and trade volume over 100 billion US dollars.

China is ready to work closely with Malaysia to cement strategic trust, expand win-win cooperation and cultural exchanges as well as regional cooperation, to jointly benefit the two peoples and build a brighter future for Asia, Li said.

He also vowed joint efforts with Malaysia in search for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet MH370, and properly settle the aftermath.

On May 31 of 1974, Najib's father, then Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak, signed a Joint Communiqué with then Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai during the former's historic visit to China, launching a new era for bilateral ties. ' Najib said Malaysia expects to facilitate exchanges and cooperation with China in all areas, to jointly safeguard regional peace and stability and promote common prosperity.

Malaysia was deeply saddened by the MH370 incident, he said, expressing gratitude for China's help and vowing to keep on search and rescue operation.