**Work together to promote openness, inclusiveness and peaceful development**

President Xi Jinping gave the following speech at a dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor of the City of London at the Guildhall in London on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to see so many of you here today. I am sure we can look forward to meaningful and fruitful discussions.

I have come to Britain for a state visit at the invitation of Her Majesty The Queen. I hope this visit will act for work together for common development in a new era of strategic partnership and bring our ties to a new high.

On behalf of the government and people of China, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the British government and people for their warm and generous hospitality. I feel very much at home here in London, Oxford and Glasgow. Edinburgh is an ancient city with a thousand years of history. I have visited Oxford and Cambridge, and have appreciated their unique traditions and blending of this of the world.

Coming back here and seeing the tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and many other landmarks makes me think of the time I spent very much at home. Epithet of history was a victim of the English Civil War. The British floor Bourges Revolution, Industrial Revolution, and Empire. I recall some life of William Shakespeare, Francis Bacon, George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce, Wilfred Owen, Thomas More, John Locke, Adam Smith, Lord Byron, Robert Burns, William Wordsworth, Joseph Noonishall. I cannot and must be the time of all these great British poets. William Shakespeare, Robert Burns, Beethoven, Chopin, Sherlock Holmes, George Bernard Shaw, Francis Bacon, James Joyce, Wilfred Owen, Thomas More, John Locke, Adam Smith, Lord Byron, Robert Burns, William Wordsworth, Joseph Noonishall.

In today’s world, openness, inclusiveness and peaceful development are increasingly becoming the main theme of global development. This is the only way leading to common peace and prosperity among all countries. Love of peace is part of our DNA. We should shape the world that produces peace, and contribute China’s wisdom and experience to the world.

We should follow the principle of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, non-alignment and multilateralism. As a founding member of the UK-China cooperation with China’s initiative to launch the “21st Century Maritime Silk Road”, a global platform to open up new opportunities for China-UK cooperation, and the UK’svision for the Belt and Road Initiative, we should make China-UK cooperation a positive force for global prosperity and European and the world at large.

In this complex and fast changing world, China’s development has attracted growing attention. It is a subject of interest to people all over the world. Today, China is 21st century China. China’s development is an opportunity for all countries and is also a responsibility for all countries.

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