

Ninth BRICS Summit Opens

Xi Jinping Chairs the Summit and Delivers Important Speech Stressing Stronger BRICS Partnership for a Brighter Future

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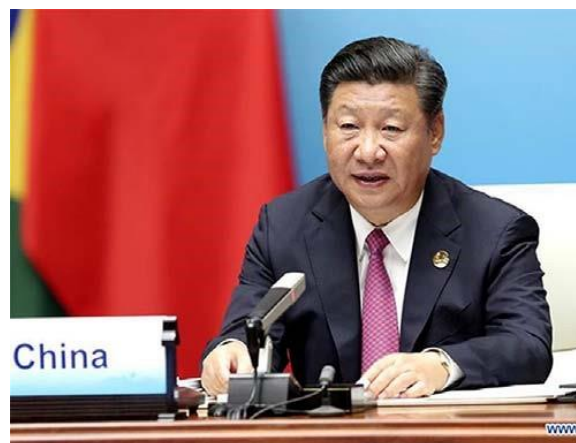
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On September 4, 2017, the ninth BRICS Summit was held at Xiamen International Conference Center. President Xi Jinping chaired the summit. President Jacob Zuma of South Africa, President Michel Temer of Brazil, President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India were present. Centering on the theme of Stronger BRICS Partnership for a Brighter Future, leaders of the five countries exchanged in-depth views on the current international situation, global economic governance, BRICS cooperation, international and regional hotspot issues and other topics, reviewed the ten-year history of BRICS cooperation, and reiterated the BRICS spirit of openness, inclusiveness, and win-win cooperation, reaching a series of consensus, which maps out blueprints and charts the course for the future development of BRICS cooperation.

At around 9:50 a.m., leaders of BRICS countries successively arrived at the meeting place. Xi Jinping warmly greeted them, respectively shook hands and posed for group photos with them.

At the plenary session, Xi Jinping delivered an important speech themed with Stronger BRICS Partnership for a Brighter Future, in which he spoke positively of the glorious decade that BRICS cooperation has walked through, stressing to usher in the second “golden decade” of BRICS cooperation, so as to make BRICS cooperation benefit people of the five countries as well as people of all countries at large.

Xi Jinping pointed out that the rapid development of BRICS cooperation lays in mutual respect and mutual assistance in jointly following the development path suited to our respective national conditions. We have pushed forward economic, political and people-to-people and cultural cooperation in the spirit of openness, inclusiveness, and win-win cooperation. We have worked in unison with other emerging market economies and developing countries to uphold international justice and equity and foster a sound external environment.



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Xi Jinping stressed that as the world undergoes profound and complex changes, BRICS cooperation has become more important. We must redouble our efforts to comprehensively deepen BRICS partnership and usher in the second “golden decade” of BRICS cooperation.



First, we need to seek practical results in our economic cooperation. We need to expand converging interests in such areas as trade and investment, currency and finance, connectivity, sustainable development, innovation and industrial cooperation. Together, we must seize the historic opportunities of the new industrial revolution, actively explore new areas and models of practical cooperation, and enhance our links to ensure sustained and steady progress of the BRICS cooperation mechanism.

Second, we need to strengthen the integration of our development strategies. We should make use of our respective comparative strengths in resources, market and labor force. Acting in the spirit of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, we need to identify those areas where our development policies and priorities converge, and continue to work toward the goal of connectivity in trade and investment, currency and finance, and infrastructure. By implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we have the opportunity to achieve balanced economic, social and environmental progress, and bring about interconnected and inclusive development.

Third, we need to make the international order more just and equitable. We should remain committed to multilateralism and the basic norms governing international relations, and work for a new type of international relations. We need to make economic globalization open, inclusive,

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balanced and beneficial to all, build an open world economy, support the multilateral trading regime and oppose protectionism. We need to advance the reform of global economic governance, increase the representation and voice of emerging market and developing countries, and inject new impetus into the efforts to address the development gap between the North and South and boost global growth.

Fourth, we need to promote people-to-people and cultural exchanges. Making the spirit of partnership take root in people's hearts will keep BRICS cooperation forever vibrant. This year, people-to-people and cultural exchanges among the five countries have been in full swing, marked by the diverse activities. It is hoped that these activities could take place regularly and be institutionalized. We need to expand our outreach to get the public more involved and encourage more lively exchanges of diverse cultures.

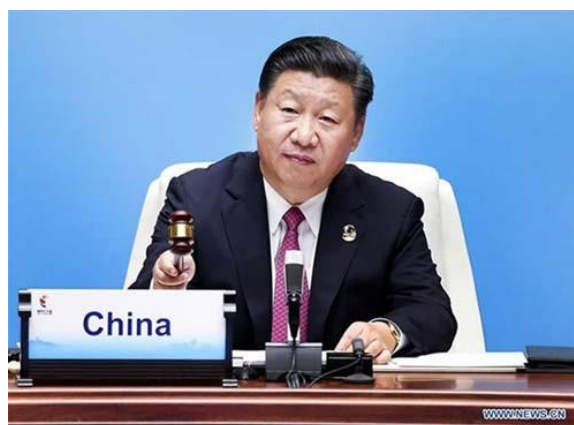
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BRICS strategic partnership, advance mechanism construction, enhance connection with other emerging market economies and developing countries, and seek common development. Next year, South Africa will take over the rotating presidency of the BRICS, and the country will spare no efforts in making good preparations for the next summit, in a bid to improve the cohesiveness and influence of BRICS cooperation.

Michel Temer expressed that the five countries should increase strategic investment in BRICS cooperation, consolidate the all-round partnerships, and inject greater impetus into the development of the five countries. BRICS countries should strengthen international development cooperation, improve global economic governance, and create a sound external environment.

Vladimir Putin expressed that BRICS countries should broaden and deepen practical cooperation in various fields, and push forward BRICS partnership for constant development. The five countries should build an open world economy, oppose protectionism, and promote inclusive and sustainable growth. BRICS countries should stress coordination, and play a constructive role in international and regional hotspot issues, in a bid to jointly safeguard world peace and stability.



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Narendra Modi expressed that BRICS countries should deeply tap potential for economic cooperation, achieve more outcomes from practical cooperation, safeguard multilateral trading system, and push forward people-to-people and cultural exchanges, so as to make BRICS cooperation take root in people’s heart.

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At a small-scale meeting held previously, leaders of the five countries debriefed the report on the discussion results of the meeting of BRICS high representatives for security issues. Xi Jinping stressed that for vast emerging market economies and developing countries, no matter for the consideration of the overall situation of world economy or the future of respective development, we should adhere to opening up while pursuing no protectionism, adhere to multilateral trading system while pursuing no benefits at others’ expense, and adhere to mutual benefit and win-win results while pursuing no zero-sum game. National security and development are of mutual interdependence. We

should continuously coordinate the stance on political security, expand consensus, and enhance cooperation. As countries with important influence, BRICS countries should play a constructive role in coping with international and regional hotspot issues. First, abide by international law and the basic norms governing international relations. Second, firmly uphold multilateralism, firmly safeguard the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and give play to UN's main-channel role in safeguarding peace, building peace, as well as preventing and curbing conflicts. Ushering in the new decade, we should fairly cherish the achievements from BRICS cooperation, respect each other, seek common points while reserving differences, and strive to build a closer, more comprehensive and solid strategic partnership.

