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1. Background of China-Europa Forum

The China–Europa Forum is an attempt to get deep understanding between Chinese and European communities, aiming to promote the extensive and continuous communication between them so as to deal with the common challenges in transitional time of human societies. It was established by The Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress in 2005 and was held for the first time by Fok Ying Tung Foundation, which has achieved great affirmation and support from Chinese and European government and society. The Forum is regarded as a new pattern for cross-cultural dialogue between different regions, evolving from an independent academic conference that was initially designed to a biennial meeting in China and Europe alternately. Until now, the Forum has already been held twice, respectively in Nansha of Guangdong in 2005 and in Brussels of Belgium in 2007.

The Third Forum will be held on July 12- 14, 2010 in Hong Kong. As an important part of the Forum, there will be different workshops about different topics held in different cities in China, and then to take part in biennial meeting in Hong Kong.

2. Purpose of Macau workshop

Considering Macau has established a deep and long-time relationship with Europe and plays a very important role in the strategic partnership and

community communication between China and Europe, China–Europa Forum hope to have a workshop in Macau. Being invited by the Forum, the Macau workshop of ‘The Implications of Sino-European Relations on Africa’ will be held on July 9 -11, 2010 co-organized by Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of University of Macau and Institute of European Studies of Macau .

In recent years, Africa has attracted more attention from China and Europe. The Europe-African Summit has been held twice since 2000. In December 2005, the EU issued the document titled ‘The EU and Africa: Towards a Strategic Partner’ in pursuit of a fair and new strategic partnership with Africa. On the other hand, as the biggest donor to Africa among the developing countries, China has enhanced its cooperation with Africa both in breadth and in depth in the areas of political, and economic relations, trade, culture, education, healthcare ... etc. With no doubt, Africa, the world’s last virgin land, cannot be underestimated in its strategic value with regard to its energy and market for both China and Europe.

The relationship between China and the EU has been progressing with ups and downs since the establishment of the diplomatic relation in 1975. In 2004, it was located to be ‘a comprehensive strategic partnership’. However, there have been conflicts between the parties in the recent two years especially in the rise of concerns of “China Threat” among Europeans along with China’s increasing economic power and international influence. The ascent of China is often misinterpreted as a challenge to Europe’s development as well as its interest in other parts of the world. Today, the impacts of the financial tsunami are spreading around the globe, marking the advent of an era of complete reform. In this turning point of history, the countries over the world are seeking the future’s model and scope of development and so do China and Europe. From this point of view, China and Europe, thus, meet each other in Africa.

However, what is the implication of the ascent of China to Europe and Africa? To what extent does Chinese and European interest in Africa will influence each other? What kind of role will Africa play in the future development of the

Sino-European relations? Are China and Europe the competitors or partners in the issues about Africa? Is there the possibility and condition for both parties to launch a dialogue for cooperation? How can the Sino-European participation in African affairs promote the development of the latter? These questions are very important for China, Europe and Africa.

Macau workshop of 'The Implications of Sino-European Relations on Africa' is going to explore, discuss and exchange opinions around above-mentioned questions. We believe the workshop is very significant both in academic and practical aspects. Based on forum, Macau will take the advantage of the location itself and play as a communication platform between China and African countries to promote the position of Macau's role in China Foreign Relations.

3. Workshop Venue

University of Macau, L105 in Tai Fung Building

4. Conference Schedule

Friday, 9th July 2010

14:00 Arrival in Macao

18:30 Welcome Dinner

Saturday, 10th July 2010

Morning

09:30 -10:00 Introduction about the China-Europa Forum and the method and the methodology of the workshop's discussion, with two interpreters for Chinese-English interpretation

10:00 – 11:15 Refinery of thoughts: through independent discussions by three panels, each panel will summary its ideas into 5 core issues. The 15

issues then are subject to discussions and then there will be 5 most crucial issues concluded.

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Exchange of experience: 20 participants will present one of their own experiences around the 5 most crucial issues concluded previously. Then all the 20 experiences will be concluded into 3 to 5 which are considered with the highest value for reference.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Afternoon

15:00 – 16:15 Proposals and perspectives

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17: 30 Design of action proposals

17:30 – 18:00 Final remarks and conclusions

18:00 Dinner