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**Mr. Chey Jae-won, Vice Chairman of SK Group
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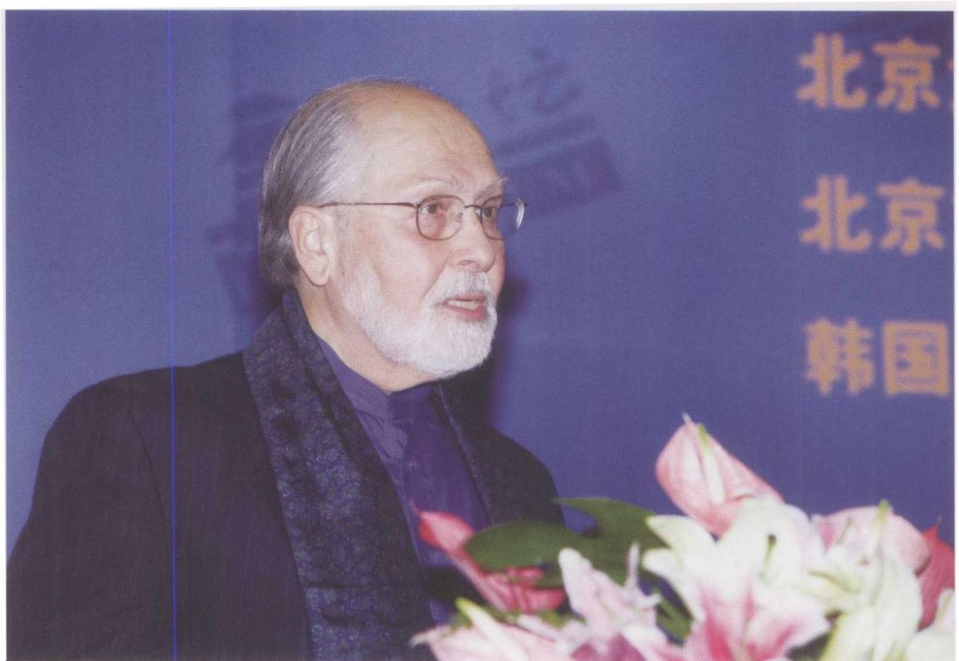
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at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Forum 2009



Nobel Prize Laureate Kenneth Joseph Arrow, Professor Emeritus of Stanford University at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Forum 2009



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Speech at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Forum 2009

Jiang Shusheng

Vice Chairman, the Standing Committee of the National
People's Congress of China

Distinguished Guests and Scholars,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we are very honored to gather together with the leading scholars of humanities and social sciences, presidents of prestigious universities and distinguished guests from all over the world at the 6th Beijing Forum. On behalf of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, I would like to extend our warmest welcome to all of you and congratulate the opening of the 6th Beijing Forum.

With its development over the past five years, the Beijing Forum has grown into a grand annual event of Chinese humanity and social sciences as well as higher education. It has attracted more than 2000 world-renowned scholars and over 150 presidents of prestigious universities from around the world. Many high-profile politicians and leaders in various fields, including former U. S. President George H. W. Bush, have addressed the Forum and conducted dialogues and in-depth exchanges via this platform of the Beijing Forum. The theme of the Beijing Forum this year is "The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All—Looking Beyond the Crisis to a Harmonious Future." It relates the reflection of crisis to harmonious development, which is of great practical significance and displays the foresight of the Forum.

Currently, a variety of problems and conflicts, ignited or intensified by the ongoing global financial crisis, are spreading and deteriorating across the world. How shall we understand this crisis, respond to its challenges and solve the problems? It calls for the common efforts from the governments of different countries. In this regard, experts including those in the humanities and social sciences should contribute their efforts and wisdom to the harmonious development of the world.

There are various and complicated causes that triggered the breakout of the current crisis; by nature it reflects that the existing mode of development is inharmonious with the coexistence of different civilizations. The development of human society is always coupled with various crises and

disasters, full of setbacks, twists and turns. However, it is also proven by history that crises can be transformed into opportunities for reflection, exploration, innovation and progress. Fortunately, many leaders around the world have now reached consensus through this crisis that it is harmony that can lead to lasting prosperity, and harmony remains the ideal of the common pursuit of human society.

Late Professor of Peking University Fei Xiaotong, who was a famous scholar, social activist and chairman of the Chinese Democratic League, once proposed the idea of “starting from self-appreciation to mutual appreciation of each other’s beauty and then to a world of great harmony.” The highest ideal of traditional Chinese philosophy is “harmony,” as illustrated by the following, “All things are nourished together without their injuring one another. The courses of the seasons, and of the sun and moon, are pursued without any collision among them. The smaller energies are like river currents; the greater energies are seen in mighty transformations. It is this which makes heaven and earth so great.” Only with the co-existence and common prosperity of different civilizations, which complement and interact with each other, can human society enrich itself and enjoy a sustainable momentum of development. At the G20 summit meeting held in London in April this year, President Hu Jintao pointed out with great foresight that “After the chilly winter is gone, we will again embrace spring, when everything will take on a new look.” These words are thought-provoking, and full of philosophical wisdom. I wish that everyone present will join your hands, and work together for a more harmonious future, for this is the only solution to realize common prosperity of human civilization.

Finally, I wish the Forum a complete success. Thank you!

Video Message to Beijing Forum 2009

Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General, the United Nations

Mr. Zhou Qifeng, President of Peking University,
Distinguished Guests, Scholars and Leaders of the Beijing Forum,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Congratulations on holding the Beijing Forum 2009.

I thank Peking University, the Korea Foundation and my good friend Ambassador Reed for making this event possible.

I also welcome your focus on the global economic and financial crisis.

This is a critical moment. The crisis is far from over.

People who had managed to keep from sliding into poverty are losing their jobs.

The near-poor are becoming the new poor. More than 100 million people are expected to fall into poverty this year.

Higher levels of crime, hunger, disease, drug abuse and social tension could follow. People around the world feel anxious—and angry.

The United Nations is developing a global system to monitor the impact—and to warn us about future danger signs.

We are also calling for assistance, a development-friendly trading regime, and investments in jobs, health, education, infrastructure and food security.

We must not overlook the often forgotten people of our world. They have experienced shock after shock, pushing their coping capacities to the limit.

I welcome the Beijing Forum's engagement on these global issues—in particular your strong commitment to global harmony and prosperity for all.

In that spirit, I look forward to our common efforts to recover from this crisis, regain momentum toward the Millennium Development Goals, and reach the path of more equitable and sustainable development for all the world's people.

Thank you for your support—and congratulations on the Beijing Forum's sixth anniversary. May you enjoy many more.

Speech at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Forum 2009

Hao Ping

Vice Minister of Education, P. R. China

Distinguished Guests, Scholars,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This meeting of the Beijing Forum for 2009 marks the sixth anniversary of this international conference, and since its inception in the summer of 2004, it has grown steadily in recognition and stature within the world's academic community. Throughout this time, the Beijing Forum has enjoyed the strong support of the Chinese government, and last year the organizers of the Forum were pleased to receive a visit from State Councilor Liu Yandong who spoke eloquently on the Chinese government's commitment to the establishment of a harmonious society in a harmonious world. Madame Liu applauded the Beijing Forum's ongoing pledge to seek the "Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All," and she expressed her strong hope for the continued success of the Forum. Over the last half-dozen years of its existence, the Beijing Forum has served as a unique global platform for international scholars to come together and discuss important world issues and common national concerns, and in so doing, it has simultaneously facilitated the globalization of Chinese higher education and the advancement of the Chinese humanities and social sciences. These are the major international and national contributions that the Beijing Forum has made to the world community, and that the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, has just alluded to in his video speech.

In the process of what has come to be known as globalization, human societies around the world have been undergoing unprecedented changes, and many of the most serious of these changes deal with shared concerns, such as the ongoing threat of terrorism, food safety, environmental pollution, climate change, and the energy crisis. The recent global financial crisis and the rapid spread of the H1N1 virus have made us increasingly aware that the destiny of all of the world's populations is in many crucial ways closely interwoven. In response to these, and to other equally serious global crises, many governments around the world are realigning their priorities and their developmental strategies and are giving precedence to education, science and culture. Many countries are focusing on major reforms in the field of