

Shanghai Forum 2015 Consensus

While responsibility is the inherent nature of Asia's development, innovation and cooperation will enable the continent to continue to lead the world with its speed. Faced with a world with profound changes and extensive adjustments, the Asian countries should rise to the new challenges with the faith on cooperation, the practice of innovation, and the confidence for a win-win result.

1. Innovate new framework for security cooperation: A long and arduous road for Asia (Politics)

As neighbors, countries in Asia can only prosper based on peaceful coexistence. As Asian countries are making an increasingly important contribution to world peace, the security and stability of Asia itself also carries a greater significance.

Asian countries should learn from history and look forward. They should bear the spirit of the respect for diversity and the inclusion of pluralism. They should take the approach of peaceful dialogue and negotiation. With a good-neighborly friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation, they can jointly cope with and resolve disputes and conflicts in the region.

For the peace and stability of the continent, the Asian countries need loosen the bond of historic shackles and use their wisdom to create a new security cooperation framework, in a bid to enhance the ability to respond to security challenges and maintain the security of Asia with all countries and regions in the world.

2. Explore a new pattern for economic cooperation: great responsibility of Asia (Economy)

Asian countries should adhere to the idea of mutually beneficial cooperation and win-win outcomes as they strengthen and innovate new ways for economic cooperation with one another.

In the context of new normal, Asian countries must enhance the cooperation with one another and the rest of the world, in a bid to promote their economic and social innovation.

Asian countries should accelerate the market integration, fostering various forms of economic cooperation at different levels. They should make substantial progress in a series of regional economic integration programs, including the China-Japan-ROK Free Trade Area and the Asia-Pacific Free Trade Area, in order to build a new model for mutual benefit.

3. Participate in the new environmental governance initiatives: bounden duty of Asia (Environment)

While Asia adheres to the path of sustainable development, it is also incumbent on Asia to strengthen cooperation on environmental protection and global climate change governance.

Asian countries should keep building and improving the carbon market and explore the path of low-carbon transformation. They should work together to strengthen the discourse power and "carbon" pricing rights of Asian countries in international mitigation initiatives. While the Asian countries have participated more and more in the ship navigation and energy exploration in the

Arctic region, they should also work with the Arctic states to reduce the possible risk facing the Arctic ecosystems.

4. Respond to new governance challenges: team work of Asia (Governance)

Asia, as an important player in the cyberspace, should contribute its wisdom and strength to forming a "free, secure, innovative and dynamic" Cyberspace.

The main countries in Asia are experiencing an important shift from capital-driven to innovation-driven growth. In the new round of economic globalization, the Asian countries must grasp the cutting-edge technological innovation, stimulate the social innovation vitality, in a bid to find an economic new growth pole.

5. Embrace the new normal of social development: cooperation of Asia (Society)

Asian countries need to cooperate on research and share practical experiences to seek fair and efficient solutions, in an effort to meet the challenges of an aging population and food safety issues for social governance.

When responding to population aging, Asian countries should also consider long-term socio-economic development as well as the unique cultural traditions of the continent.

In response to food safety issues, the Asian countries should, in the context of scientific and technological innovation, strengthen international exchanges and cooperation. They should join hands to build a new food safety management model, consisting of government regulation, science and technology involvement, corporate self-regulation, media monitoring, and consumer participation. Focusing on the building of the "Food Safety Cloud Platform", they should improve relevant laws and regulations as well as advance the technological innovation and the industrial chain.

It is the common belief of the delegates to Shanghai Forum 2015 that, in the face of the profoundly changing world pattern and the new economic situation, Asia has the wisdom, confidence, and the responsibility to contribute a new cooperative model to the world and to seek a new path of development. The world will benefit from Asia's innovation and march towards the mutual prosperity by virtue of Asia's courage to shoulder their responsibilities

The Asian countries should fully respect the development path choices made by each other and their explorations in the economic and social development. With a spirit of innovation and a pragmatic attitude, they should join hands to seek new growth opportunities, respond to threats and challenges, and follow through on cooperation and win-win concept. In the face of new situations, challenges, and opportunities, Asia still has a long and arduous way to go.