1ST BELT ROAD INITIATIVE SUMMIT

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

One Belt One Road Programme, University of Oxford
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Session 1. Opening remarks

1. Professor Denis Galligan, Director of Oxford One Belt One Road Programme

2. Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh, CEO & Director of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute; Chairman of the World Chinese Economic Summit

3. Special Guest Speaker, attendance to be confirmed
Session 2. Case Studies of One Belt One Road Initiative

OBOR has been acting as a springboard to international business, and is a win-win strategy for both China and the Belt-Road countries. With $900bn of planned investments ranging from ports in Pakistan and Sri Lanka to high-speed railways in East Africa to gas pipelines crossing central Asia, China’s OBOR initiative is arguably the largest overseas investment drive ever launched by a single country. The joint China-France Hinkley Point nuclear project in Britain has been listed by Chinese officials as an OBOR project.

Case studies of the OBOR initiative can give insight into the influence this project poses on the OBOR countries, and may bring academia and industries of the future potential opportunities.

Speaker 1. Dr Yan Lijin, the Chairman of the Law and Globalization Research, Co-Chairman of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Council

Speaker 2. Dr Si Xiao, Tencent Chief Research Officer

Speaker 3. Professor Donna Kurtz & Count Francesco da Mosto on culture heritage

Speaker 4. Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint, Chairman of Asia House London; former Minister of Trade and Investment
The OBOR initiative is one of the most ambitious and challenging programmes of international coordination ever attempted. To serve the purpose of promoting trade and other collaborations among OBOR countries, the initiative has to be operated under an advanced legal framework, with legal spirit and legal culture. Such legal frameworks include general constitutional provisions for the creation of suitable institutions and laws governing and regulating a wide variety of activities relating to finance, investment, trade and business, and others concerned with the exchange and protection of cultural heritage.

This session is designed to address discussions of legal issues listed above, to not only identify major legal issues involved in the project, but also propose potential solutions to them.

Speaker 1. Professor Denis Galligan

Speaker 2. Dr Ying Yu

Speaker 3. Mr Adrian Hughes QC
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Session 4. Panel: UK response to the Belt and Road
The past year witnessed the UK becoming the first among major western countries to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, which opened the prelude of China-UK cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative. The past year also witnessed Chinese President Xi Jinping paying a “Super State Visit” to the UK, which unveiled the “Golden Era” in China-UK relations. China’s Belt and Road initiative is not just an aspiration; it is becoming a reality for British and Chinese governments as well as business partners. Speaking to 1,500 delegates in Beijing at the opening of the inaugural Belt and Road Forum (BRF), attended by 29 world leaders, UK Chancellor Philip Hammond said Britain was a natural partner for China’s new $1 trillion Silk Road programme as he seeks new opportunities for post-Brexit trade.

Speaker 1. Mr Neil Sampson, Director of the China-Britain Business Council
Speaker 2. Professor Tim Hitchens, Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Summit, UK Foreign Affairs Officer
Speaker 3. Professor Jin Keyu, Tenured Associate Professor of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science