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#### **Cooperation as a key ingredient for development in science, technology, education, economy and culture between China and Latin America**

*La cooperación como ingrediente clave para el desarrollo de la ciencia, tecnología, educación, economía y cultura entre China y América Latina*

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China has a long history of relations with Latin America, and under the “Belt and Road” initiative, China and Latin America have become more closely connected and have achieved more results in economic and trade, science and technology, and cultural exchanges. The interest in Latin American studies is growing not only because of Latin America's rich natural resources, passionate culture, and superior geographical environment, but also because Latin America's development needs have an important

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intersection with China's development path.

For example, China can provide technical, personnel, and financial support for Latin American infrastructure construction. In the economic and trade field, China has become the second largest trading partner of many Latin American countries and an important source of investment, and bilateral trade has shown growth and diversification of products, reflecting the complementary advantages of China and Latin America to achieve a win-win situation.

Cultural exchange and dialogue between China and Latin America need to focus on the young generation, and the number of cultural exchange activities between Chinese and Latin American students must increase (Cabero, 2021). Teams can be formed to strengthen the friendship between the young generations and promote mutual understanding.

In the field of science and technology, Latin American companies can establish partnerships with more Chinese universities to carry out research projects and bring Chinese scientific and technological advantages to Latin America to help develop science and technology, education, economy, and culture in Latin America (Guachi, 2019; Cabero, 2019).

China and Latin America ties can be closer in science and technology, culture, and economy, in this era of opportunities and challenges. China can work hand in hand with Latin American countries to build a "five-in-one" China-Latin America community of destiny, and there will be more exchanges between Chinese and Latin American people.

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