

When Dialogue Matter

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1. What is your view about the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations which is held by China? (Including its significance)

Personally, I think that the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations is an important drive for progress of human civilization. The dialogue is the representation of harmony which can be achieved by building a bridge of mutual learning and friendship, that can drive the progress of human society.

A civilization is characterized by a relatively high level of cultural and technological development, the refinement of thoughts manners or taste, progress cannot exist without culture, there lies the importance of this event.

2. Can you talk about your understanding about Asian civilization? (For example, what can represent Asian civilization?)

When I hear about Asian civilization, the first name that comes to my mind is Buddha, then Confucius, Lao Tze and the Tao Te Ching. For me, the Asian civilization (most precisely the Chinese one) represents the magic of the Kung Fu, the beautiful poems describing the natural scenarios along de Yangtze River. The four beauties, the exquisite calligraphy, the rivers and mountains and the villagers around them, their customs, and traditions. The ancient architecture, roads, stores of the hutongs. The love for the family and the traditions.

3. What contribution did Asian civilization make to world civilization?

I think that every civilization transmits a message, and for me the contribution of the Asian Civilization to the world is related to peace.

4. In the future, how should the Latin American civilization strengthen dialogue with the Asian civilization, to promote the development of world civilization?

According to Plato's stories, the Latin American civilizations, which are described as the oldest on Earth, have remained opened to the Asian civilization. One clear example of this, at least in my country, is the diffusion of the Kung Fu, the "Drama TV series" and the dissemination of Confucius Institutes. From my perspective (at least in my country), is important to create bonds not only related to trade and economics, which are necessary, but most importantly is that the bonds

can create a better future for the humankind and our planet, through the cooperation, communication and mutual respect and understanding.

5. What can China do to build a good image in Latin America?

I consider that one strategy to build a good image in Latin America, China could design cooperation projects and open more communication channels to solve basic and fundamental need of Latin America.

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