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Belt and Road Initiative website launches (21st March)

The official website of the Belt and Road Initiative (www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn) was launched Tuesday, offering information on investment policies and enterprises involved in the initiative, among other topics.

The website, called the "Belt and Road Portal," also has an English version and is operated by the State Information Center.

The website aims to offer information in other languages such as Russian, French, Arabic and Spanish within this year, according to a statement on the website.

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2017-03/21/content_28630472.htm



UN Security Council approves China's resolution (17th March,17)

UNSC adopted a resolution to extend the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) by one year, the text called on countries to "strengthen the process of regional economic cooperation, including measures to facilitate regional connectivity, trade and transit, including through regional development initiatives such as the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road (the Belt and Road Initiative)".

<http://unscr.com/en/resolutions/2344>



- Mentioned other "**regional development projects**", such as the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (Tapi) gas pipeline project, the Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000), Chabahar port project, agreed between Afghanistan, India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Chinese diplomats have portrayed the reference to the Belt and Road and a "community of shared destiny", both of which are Xi Jinping's pet initiatives, **as a victory** of sorts, hailing it as a first for China's diplomacy

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/193248-UN-Security-Council-approves-Chinas-resolution>



China Says Will Push Silk Road Passing Through PoK Despite India's Objection (21st March)

China has said it will give a global push to its ambitious Silk Road initiative after a UN Security Council resolution called for its implementation by member-states, notwithstanding India's sovereignty concerns in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. China's official assertion came as its official state media in Beijing asked India to adopt a "more pragmatic" approach towards the initiative, claiming global support for President Xi Jinping's pet project whose stated aim is to link China with Euro-Asia through a maze of connecting rail, road and port projects.

Source: <http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/china-says-will-push-silk-road-passing-through-pok-despite-indias-objection-1671802>



20 foreign leaders to attend Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing (23 March,17)

More than 20 foreign leaders have confirmed they will attend the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) which is to be held in Beijing in May, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

A total of more than 1200 delegates from various countries and regions will also be present.

Source: <http://www.nihao-salam.com/news-detail.php?id=OTc1MQ==>



BELT and ROAD SUMMIT (September 2017)

Banking and Financial Services

Bankers, financiers, fund managers, assets management professionals, private equity managers, etc.

Logistics and Maritime Services

Owners and operators of railways, terminals, ports, airlines, shipping companies; freight forwarders, third-party logistics services providers, etc.

Professional Services

Lawyers, accountants, business management consultants, experts in arbitration and dispute settlement, etc.

Infrastructure Development

Developers, engineers, surveyors, architects, landscape architects, town planners, contractors, etc.



Cross-border Investment

Heads of sovereign wealth funds, institutional investors, CEOs, entrepreneurs, corporates' decision makers, CFOs and finance directors of conglomerates, etc.

International Trade and Manufacturing

Supply chain management professionals, owners and operators of industrial zones, industrialists, traders, etc.

Governments and Institutions

Senior officials in charge of economic development and regional co-operation; representatives from finance and commerce ministries, trade and investment promotion agencies; heads of think tanks, academic scholars and researchers, etc.

<http://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/index.html>



PINSENT MASONS – ADVISING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN

Pinsent Masons, an international law firm with a presence in Hong Kong for more than 30 years, represented a mining company and a power company involved in the Thar II project in Pakistan, one of the first projects to be financed under China's Belt and Road Initiative and the first of the planned US\$ 46 billion of investments under China-Pakistan economic cooperation agreements.

Source: <http://beltandroad.hktdc.com/en/case-references/pinsent-masons-advising-infrastructure-projects-pakistan>



<http://aircargoworld.com/kerry-posts-strong-profits-pushes-one-belt-one-road-investments/>



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