His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam, rotating Chair of ASEAN

Bandar Seri Begawan

Your Majesty,

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the dialogue relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government, warm congratulations to Your Majesty, and through you, to the governments of all ASEAN Member States.

Over the past 30 years, China and the ASEAN Member States have stood by each other’s side, forged ahead in solidarity, and jointly led the development and cooperation process in the region. Our two sides have enjoyed deepening political trust, fruitful economic and trade cooperation, and closer people-to-people exchanges. This has contributed significantly to the stability, progress and prosperity of our countries and this region, and set a benchmark and fine example for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. Since last year, China and ASEAN have worked closely together in fighting COVID-19 and promoting regional economic recovery, demonstrating the spirit of a community with a shared future featuring mutual support through thick and thin.

China-ASEAN relations have entered a new stage of all-round development and are now at a critical juncture of making new progress based on past achievements. China all along regards ASEAN as a priority in its neighborhood diplomacy and a key region in Belt and Road cooperation. China is ready to work with ASEAN to further enhance strategic communication, synergize development plans, and deepen practical cooperation with a view to bringing forth another three decades
of even more robust and splendid growth of the relationship. Let us make joint efforts to take our strategic partnership to a higher level and build an even closer community with a shared future to better meet any future regional and global challenges and deliver real benefits to the over two billion people of our 11 countries.

Li Keqiang

Premier of the State Council
The People’s Republic of China

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