

It is my great pleasure to introduce the Belt and Road Initiative Simulation (BRI Simulation) program to the global community. The program is developed by the Foundation for Law and International Affairs and aims to promote greater understanding of the BRI among students and young professionals and equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills and other resources in order to be able to participate in the BRI.

While globalization continues to drive policy and serve as the crux of contemporary societal development, efforts in constructing coherent systems to facilitate free trade among states and promoting interaction among people across borders have not been slowed down. The BRI is one of them, which is developed by People's Republic of China. BRI is not just about economic cooperation. It is also about mutual understanding among different states and actors. As a new framework, it creates great opportunities for different sectors to play roles in global governance at the same time. While the world has shown great interest in BRI, we, the young people, also have the desire to understand the concept and goals of BRI, as well as its working mechanisms.

We believe that a higher summit of the development of BRI will be reached by the youth. The BRI Simulation program is the first educational program in the world that is specifically designed for training students and young professionals. With effective education, many young people will have the chance to become pioneers that bring together theories, knowledge, practice, experience, and reflection of all nations to look for development opportunities in BRI and solutions to future challenges. Simulation, as a practical educational method, has not been widely applied in the curriculums in many BRI countries. This method will provide young participants with a new perspective to look at BRI and offer them opportunities to resolve the problems they might encounter in the future. More importantly, the program itself is a bridge that connects young people from different regions and culture, through which they will learn how to think globally, act locally, and work together to amplify their voice as the rising generation.

I sincerely hope this program will be a powerful messenger for BRI and make BRI more understandable and accessible for young people, especially from countries outside China. I greatly appreciate the support of so many world-class scholars and practitioners for this program. Along with the promotion of the BRI Simulation program, we will continue to do our best to empower professionals, especially young professionals at the intersection of law and international affairs to achieve self-fulfillment and contribute to globalization and calization toward a more diverse, intelligent, and peaceful world.

Stay with us- and expect more.

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