
CHINA, CENTRAL ASIA SIGN TREATY, OUTLINE NEW PATHS FOR COOPERATION

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The second Central Asia-China summit concluded on June 17 with the signing of the Treaty on Eternal Good-Neighborliness, Friendship, and Cooperation, marking a significant step in strengthening mutual trust and strategic cooperation between the five Central Asian states and China.

The summit established new benchmarks for advancing relations among the six countries and outlined new approaches to expanding comprehensive cooperation. These include deepening trade, strengthening centuries-old ties, adopting a biennial theme initiative, increasing the number of sister cities, and deepening international collaboration.

Since the first China-Central Asia summit held in Xian in 2023, the trade between China and Central Asian countries has surged by 35%, reaching a historic high of nearly \$100 billion last year. The number of joint ventures and projects has also surpassed 10,000, underscoring deepening economic ties across the region.

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