



Xi Jinping at APEC CEO SUMMIT on Nov 17. HUANG JINGWEN / XINHUA

Quotes from the speech of President Xi Jinping at the APEC CEO Summit on Nov 17 in Port Moresby.

Mankind has once again reached a crossroads. Which direction should we choose? Cooperation or confrontation? Openness or closing one's door? Win-win progress or a zero-sum game?

Attempts to erect barriers and cut the close economic ties among countries work against the laws of economics and the trend of history and run counter to the shared desire of people around the world.

Each era faces problems of its day. Problems themselves are not to be afraid of; what truly matters is for us to take a right approach to resolve the problems.

We live on the same planet. It is home to more than 200 countries and regions, 2,500-plus ethnic groups and over 7 billion people ... We should reject arrogance and prejudice, be respectful of and inclusive toward others, and embrace the diversity of our world.

When it comes to choosing a development path for a country, no one is in a better position to make the decision than the people of that country. Just as one does not expect a single prescription to cure all diseases, one should not expect a particular model of development to fit all countries.

The IPR (intellectual property rights) regime is designed to protect and encourage innovation, not to create or widen the scientific and technological divide.

Rules should be formulated by the international community, not in a might-is-right way. Once the rules are made, they should not be followed or bent as one sees fit, and they should not be applied with double standards for selfish agendas.

Disagreements should be resolved through consultation. Attempts to form exclusive blocs or impose one's will on others should be rejected. History has shown that confrontation, whether in the form of a cold war, a hot war or a trade war, will produce no winners.

Striving for common progress

By AN BAIJIE and XINHUA

As the 26th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting concludes in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's (PNG) capital, leaders of the member economies and other delegates have their voices heard and reflected.

China urges the world to harness opportunities of our times to jointly pursue prosperity in the Asia-Pacific, embrace inclusive and open economies for sustainable global growth and co-build a shared community of Asia Pacific with deepened partnership.

"The road toward a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) will not be smooth," Chinese President Xi Jinping told the meeting.

"Yet, we need to remain committed to this goal and move toward it. We need to adopt an open, inclusive and transparent approach to the various kinds of free trade arrangements to ensure coordinated and positive interactions among them."

Xi also called upon nations to pursue innovation-driven growth and foster new growth drivers, improve the connectivity network to promote inclusive and interconnected development and forge a closer partnership and jointly meet common challenges.

Moreover, he said, "we need to respect diversity and each other's choices of development path, promote integration and mutual learning on the basis of openness and inclusiveness, and engage in both healthy competition and mutually

beneficial cooperation"

People in the PNG capital are still talking about Xi's speech delivered at the APEC CEO Summit a day earlier.

Joahna Esquivias, APEC Voices of the Future delegate from the Philippines, who was on board Pacific Explorer cruise ship where Xi had delivered his speech, said that "President Xi's speech was truly inspiring and focused on a future of prosperity shared by all."

Esquivias agrees that there are no winners in trade wars and looks forward to the implementation of Xi's various proposals in the coming years. David Morris, trade commissioner with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, said that "openness and cooperation are the only way to ensure inclusive and sustainable development."

The achievements of APEC and the World Trade Organisation have proven the benefits of free trade and open economies, and countries should "all recommit to further opening up," he said.

John Kongoi, managing director of a telecom company in PNG, said he was impressed by Xi's remarks on openness. "It (openness) is important, because business, finance, trade will improve, not only in PNG, but also elsewhere."

Donald Campbell, international co-chair of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, echoed Xi's remarks about the world being at a crossroads.

"We are either going to be closed or we are going to be open, so from my point of view he (Xi) said all of the right things."

Safeguarding peace with strategic partnership

By XINHUA

Chinese President Xi Jinping met separately with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, with Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in and with Chilean counterpart Sebastian Pinera in Port Moresby on Nov 17.

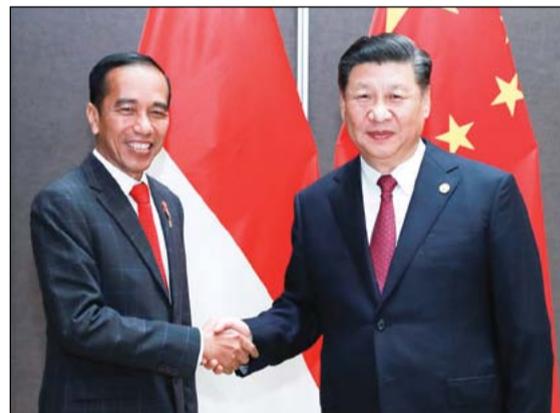
The leaders, in Papua New Guinea's capital city to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, discussed the deepening of bilateral relations for regional peace and prosperity.

Both China and Indonesia are major developing countries and emerging economies and they share a similar position in many fields, said Xi, adding that the Chinese side is willing to maintain high-level communication with Indonesia and guide the development of bilateral ties from a strategic height and long-term perspective.

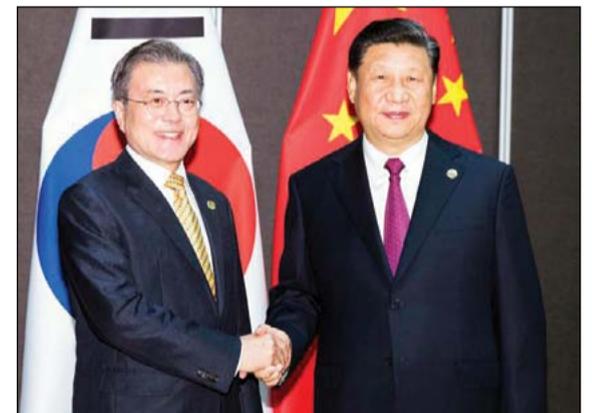
Noting that the two countries have signed a memorandum of understanding, last month, on the Belt and Road Initiative and Indonesia's Vision of Global Maritime Fulcrum, Xi called on the two sides to actively push forward relevant cooperation.

China attaches importance to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Corridor initiative proposed by President Widodo, and is willing to launch substantive cooperation with the Indonesian side in this regard at an early date, said the Chinese leader.

China is willing to work with Indonesia to promote the optimization and upgrading of relations between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), push for more progress in East Asia cooperation, and strengthen bilateral communication and coordination



President Xi Jinping (right) meets with Indonesian President Joko Widodo on the sidelines of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea, on Nov 17. PANG XINGLEI / XINHUA



President Xi Jinping (right) meets with Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in on the sidelines of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea, on Nov 17. HUANG JINGWEN / XINHUA

within multilateral frameworks including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and the G20, Xi said.

Widodo, for his part, said he was pleased to have reached a series of important cooperation agreements and consensus with China, hoping to strengthen bilateral cooperation in a wide range of fields.

Indonesia supports the development of ASEAN-China relations, and is ready to strengthen communication and coordination with China in international and regional affairs, said the Indonesian president.

Xi and his ROK counterpart Moon called for deepening the strategic cooperative partnership and strengthening communication on the Korean Peninsula issue.

Xi urged the two countries, China and the ROK, to continuously deepen their strategic cooperative partnership and jointly make positive contributions to lasting peace and prosperity in the region.

The ROK side is willing to make

joint efforts with the Chinese side to deepen cooperation, thus benefiting the two peoples, Moon said.

On the Korean Peninsula issue, Xi said the situation on the peninsula has shown positive changes over the past year.

With the leadership of President Moon, the ROK has been committed to promoting the easing of tension on the peninsula, and carrying out reconciliation and interaction activities between the south and north, Xi said.

Currently, the Korean Peninsula situation is at a crucial stage, he said, noting that China and the ROK should enhance communication, and coordinate with each other to advance the process of denuclearization and push for the establishment of a peace mechanism on the peninsula.

The key is that all parties concerned should meet each other halfway, show flexibility, continue their talks and make the talks yield results, Xi added.

Meeting with his Chilean counter-

part Sebastian Pinera, Xi said China-Chile comprehensive strategic partnership, under the guidance of the two heads of state, would open up a new chapter, achieve new development and make more contributions to overall China-Latin America cooperation.

Xi stressed the role of bilateral cooperation mechanisms, adding that the two sides should take the opportunity of upgrading of the free trade agreement (FTA) to expand the scale of trade, optimize trade structure, deepen investment cooperation, and press ahead major interconnectivity projects.

Xi proposed holding a series of celebrations as the year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-Chile diplomatic relations.

China supports Chile hosting the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting next year, and will work jointly with Chile to push forward the construction of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific, said Xi.