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The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All
—Commitments and Responsibilities for a Better World

Information
BEIJING FORUM 2010

Beijing Forum

Sponsors

Beijing Forum is held each year under the auspices of the Beijing Municipal Government, it is endorsed by the State Council of the People's Republic of China, and it is co-sponsored by Peking University, the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education and the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies. This annual conference was initiated in 2004, and its advent in November of 2010 will mark its seventh successful meeting.

Objectives

Beijing Forum is organized yearly by Peking University in order to promote the study of humanities and social sciences in the Asia-Pacific region, with a view to facilitating international academic exchanges and trans-cultural discussions that can lead to the social development and the increased prosperity of the world's citizens and civilizations.

Focuses

Beijing Forum is an international academic forum that endeavors to assemble the world's leading thinkers in order to promote academic and cultural exchanges that can bring about world peace and social progress. Held annually in the culturally rich city of Beijing, the Forum has served as a crucible for valuable ideas and insights that have produced important academic developments in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world. On this occasion, Beijing Forum aims to maintain its reputation as one of the leading academic forums in the world.

About Beijing Forum 2010

Time: November 5th - 7th, 2010 (Friday to Sunday)
(Registration on Thursday, November 4th, followed by the three-day conference)

Place: Beijing

Scale: Approximately 300 world-renowned scholars

Theme: The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All
— Commitments and Responsibilities for a Better World

Panel Sessions and Sub-themes:

- Panel Session I Faith and Responsibilities: Spiritual Reflections on Global Issues
- Panel Session II Addressing Global Environmental Challenges: Policies and Actions
- Panel Session III Global Governance and the Role of China
- Panel Session IV Building the Harmonious World City
- Panel Session V Health for All: Conscience and Commitment of Medicine
- Panel Session VI Global Imbalances and Their Solutions
- Panel Session VII Education Reform and Research in the Era of Transition: Responsibility and Future

*(Please refer to **Appendix I** for detailed explanations of the theme and the sub-themes of Beijing Forum 2010.)*

Agenda of Beijing Forum 2010

Day 1	November 4th, 2010	Thursday
	13:00-23:00	Registration
	18:30-20:00	Welcoming Reception
Day 2	November 5th, 2010	Friday
	09:00-12:00	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speeches
	14:00-17:30	Panel Sessions
	18:00-20:00	Banquet
Day 3	November 6th, 2010	Saturday
	09:00-17:30	Panel Sessions
	19:00-21:00	Performance: The Night of Beijing Forum
Day 4	November 7th, 2010	Sunday
	09:00-11:00	Panel Sessions
	11:30-12:30	Closing Ceremony

Related Information

Papers and Presentations

- 1) The participants of the forum are requested to submit the abstract of their papers (in digital version; about 500 words) before **July 31st, 2010**, and the full text of the paper (also in digital version) before **September 15th, 2010**. The abstract should be in English. The paper itself can be either in English or in Chinese.
- 2) The Organizing Committee of Beijing Forum will determine the role of each participant and the time of each presentation based upon the papers submitted.
- 3) Following the Conference, the Organizing Committee of Beijing Forum annually publishes *Selected Papers of Beijing Forum*. If your paper is chosen for our volume, we will assume we have your permission to publish it unless you inform the Beijing Forum Secretariat otherwise in the attachment to your Confirmation Form, or by other conventional means.
- 4) Format for your paper:
 - Prepared in MS-Word
 - *Formatted for A4 size paper*
 - All text double-spaced; all notes as endnotes (1.5 spaced)
 - 12-point font for the body of the paper and 14-point for the title
 - Times New Roman font or similar
 - The front cover page is expected to include the presenter's name, institution and contact information, in addition to the paper's title.
 - *White and black, rather than colored pictures and diagrams are preferred, with no shading or shadowed background. Quality should be guaranteed for printing.*

Working Languages: Chinese and English

Accommodation and Transportation Subsidy

1) For overseas participants

Beijing Forum will provide each participant with accommodation during the conference period (November 4th-7th) and a standardized international transportation subsidy (exact sum to be specified in the invitation letter).

According to the financial regulations of Beijing Forum, participants will receive their travel subsidy upon registration.

2) For domestic participants (including participants from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)

- Beijing Forum will provide each ***non-Beijing participant*** with accommodation during the conference period (November 4th-7th) and a complete reimbursement of their actual round travel expenses via train or air (economy class only).

According to the financial regulations of Beijing Forum, participants will receive their travel subsidy upon registration.

- Beijing Forum will not arrange accommodation for ***Beijing participants***, but will provide a standardized transportation subsidy so as to facilitate their participation.

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Appendix I

Brief Introduction to the Theme of Beijing Forum 2010

The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All — Commitments and Responsibilities for a Better World

The earth, cradle for all livings and the home we share, has bred and continues to breed numerous species of creatures and diversified human civilizations. It not only provides the material necessities for our survival and evolution, but is also the spiritual harbor to which we can resort when we seek solace and peace.

Since the beginning of historical time, human beings have traditionally celebrated the great advancement of human civilizations from the protracted darkness of primitive life, through the dawning millennia of developing agrarian societies, to the growing light of industrial progress in recent centuries; during this process, the world has witnessed the birth and growth of a myriad of human civilizations. However, even as we take pride in our establishment of high civilizations upon the earth, we cannot turn a blind eye to the enormous natural devastation that human civilizations have left in their wake, and the way it has dramatically upset the equilibrium and harmony of

the natural order of things. Moreover, since today's society has been driven to pursue personal economic advantage and unprecedented material gain, the result has been a growing social deterioration and a deepening ideological and spiritual crisis.

Our actions today will undeniably shape the outlook of our future. Thus, it has become important and imperative that we should give serious thought and reflection to the impact our social development has exerted on our external surroundings and on our internal spiritual world; and that we should properly deal with the issues that are of strategic importance to human survival and development.

Thus, to ensure a better world for the future, we should undertake our responsibilities toward social harmony, and commit ourselves to preserving our natural habitat, and to building a civilization with a high cultural and ideological level.

Brief Introduction to the Sub-themes of the Panel Sessions

Panel Session I

Faith and Responsibilities: Spiritual Reflections on Global Issues

Whilst it is promoting the development of human civilizations, the trend of globalization is also creating more and more serious problems, such as the global environmental crisis, the international financial crisis, political and military clashes, religious and national conflicts, terrorism, inequality, and so on. Under these circumstances, we should not only analyze these problems and seek answers from the perspectives of science, technology, economics, and politics, but also reflect more profoundly from the perspectives of faith, morality, and core values. Otherwise, we will neither be able to understand one another's existential doctrines, nor create a basic common sense, let alone be able to take common responsibilities or common actions for our common home.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

1) Reflections on Current Issues: Morality and Responsibilities in an Age of Globalization

Scholars will reflect profoundly on many serious and pressing issues in the global age and will discuss the values and responsibilities called for in the age of globalization. This will include such topics as: new environmental ethics; new economic ethics; the ideas of harmony between civilizations; social equality; etc.

2) Inspiration from the Classics: Modern Interpretations of the Classics, East and West

Facing the serious problems of an age of globalization, scholars will take advantage of the rich resources provided by both philosophy and religion, East and West, including the classics of Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, in order to understand the spiritual inspirations and modern values in these traditions.

3) and, Dialogues Between Different Faiths: Toward a Harmonious Co-existence of Different Values

Carrying the idea of “seeking common ground while reserving differences”, scholars will communicate and share the faiths, moralities, and values established in different great traditions, inherit and renew the common legacy of human spirituality, and explicate the necessary conscience and responsibilities in an age of globalization.

Panel Session II

Addressing Global Environmental Challenges: Policies and Actions

As human civilization evolves and marches into a new era, the explosion of the population, the advancement of technology and the increase in resource consumption have been driving the deterioration of the global environment. The earth is getting warmer, the ozone layer is becoming thinner and biodiversity is in danger. Looking back upon 2009, and upon all the global environmental issues, we find that nothing has received greater global attention than climate change. Since 1992, when *The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* was adopted as the first global base for tackling the problem, the global community has been working hard on making globally-concerted efforts to address the climate change problem and thus to avoid the potentially catastrophic consequences associated with climate change. In 2009, great hopes were pinned on the Copenhagen climate conference; however a legally-binding agreement on addressing climate change has not yet been reached. This can be attributed to the differences between the parties—differences in their developmental stages, in political wills, in technological capacities, in their vulnerability to climate change, in their historical and projected contributions to global greenhouse gas emissions and to the disparities in the respective share of responsibilities among these parties.

In the foreseeable future of international climate negotiations, the contentious points stemming from these differences and disparities will still be the responsibility for historical emissions, the share of emission reduction burdens, technology transfers and financial aid, as well as the choice of policy instruments. The global community proposes and forms policies, and plans and takes actions according to these contentious points. Laws, regulations and policies in favor of the development of the renewable energy industry and facilitating energy saving and emission reduction are being pushed forward. Command-and-control approaches, market-based mechanisms and voluntary actions are being implemented. Despite these efforts, there is still a long way to go in coping with global environmental challenges.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

- 1) Global Environmental Change and Regional Environmental Problems
- 2) The Practice of Complying with International Environmental Treaties and its Implication for Climate Change Mitigation
- 3) and, Global Environmental Policies and National Strategies

Panel Session III

Global Governance and the Role of China

With the acceleration of the globalization process, global issues have become increasingly prominent. Problems such as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism, instability of the world economy, uneven development, transnational crimes, illegal immigration, and climate change are having an increasingly direct impact on the security, development, and way of life of human kind. More and more people come to realize that the efforts of one country, or even of a group of countries, are in no way sufficient to effectively deal with these challenges. Only through joint efforts and effective cooperation on the part of the international community as a whole, can human beings ever hope to address these global challenges. Accordingly, nation states should have a mentality that keeps pace with the times; they should reevaluate the relationship between national interests and international interests; and they need to build new international mechanisms for cooperation on that basis, so as to effectively address the various challenges of globalization.

In the meantime, due to the rapid development of the Chinese economy, the growth in its comprehensive national capabilities, and the rise in its international influence, China is facing ever-increasing expectations from the international community regarding its role in addressing such global challenges. As a large developing country, the role that China may take in addressing these global challenges, and how it can increasingly play such a role, will affect the prospective efforts to address global challenges on the part of the international community.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

- 1) The Logic of Global Governance
- 2) Global Governance and International Security
- 3) Global Governance and Economic Development
- 4) Global Governance and Climate Change
- 5) and, Global Governance and the Role of China

Panel Session IV

Building the Harmonious World City

In 2008, for the first time in history, the world's urban population exceeded the number of rural residents. This not only means the transfer of human habitation space, but also implies broader changes in human social behavior, modes of growth, consumption patterns, and so on. Today, with the deepening of globalization, cities are no longer isolated islands, distant and separated from each other. Thanks to modern transportation and communication technology, the cities of the world have been woven into a closely connected network. Cities are the heart of our homeland, among which the world cities play a key role. The metropolitan areas centered on these world cities have become the most active areas of the world economy, thus the "global city-regions" have come into being. As the key node in urban areas, world cities are increasingly dominating the nation's development and influencing the global economy.

The leading experts, scholars and practitioners in the field of urban and regional development from all over the world will be invited to engage in the theme “Building the Harmonious World City”. The aim is not only to discuss the world cities’ harmonious development and the process of human urbanization from the perspective of the adjustment of labor division and international relations; nor solely to explore the adjustment of the mutual relationship between man and the environment; but also to pay close attention to the transformation of future development modes and approaches in culture promotion and future innovation. This panel session is also committed to the discussion on public policy, institution building, regional development and the exploration of new paths, new methods, and new models of world cities in the post-crisis era, in order to jointly create a blueprint for our future cities.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

- 1) World City System in the Post-Crisis Era
- 2) Innovation, Originality and World City
- 3) Social Harmony and World City
- 4) and, Sustainability of World City

Panel Session V

Health for All: Conscience and Commitment of Medicine

With the trend of globalization, the public's health needs are rapidly increasing. Health has been recognized worldwide as the core value of human rights.

Medicine is both an ancient art, and a wide series of disciplines that are undergoing dramatic development. It is also a huge and comprehensive public service system that concerns each individual in society. Mankind shares common values of life and death, health and disease, but each culture also has its own particular values and traditions. These unique values and traditions are precious assets in the context of globalization and they create a demand for cross-cultural dialogues.

In the new century, Medicine is being confronted with the explosion of modern technologies, with changing market forces, with problems in health care delivery and with globalization. In these circumstances, it is of vital importance to clarify core medical

values, to reaffirm the fundamental principles of medical professionalism, and to cultivate both medical competence and humanistic spirit in tomorrow's health care professionals.

We hope to engage first-class medical humanities scholars from around the world in the discussion of the nature and values of medicine from their individual vantage points. We intend to draw upon worldwide valued theories and practices, and thereby seek to provide new intellectual resources for the reforms of health systems and health care delivery that are going on in many parts of the world.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

- 1) Health and Disease: The Impact of Globalization
- 2) Rights and Justice: The Reform of Health Care Systems
- 3) Conscience and Commitments: Rebuilding Medical Professionalism
- 4) and, Medicine and Humanities: Cross-Cultural Dialogues

Panel Session VI

Global Imbalances and Their Solutions

Entering 2010, the world economy shows signs of recovery. However, the recovery is unstable and imbalanced; some countries have even slipped into deeper crises. Under these circumstances, global imbalances are again under the global spotlight. For instance, trade frictions between major economic powers are increasing, and imbalances within the European Union have become a hot issue—while Germany enjoys a large current account surplus, leading to criticism from deficit countries, Greece is stranded in a government budget crisis. In addition, gaps among developing countries are also enlarging. While China, Brazil, and India show strong signs of growth, other countries are still trying to escape the shadow of the crisis. All these imbalances seem to have roots in the new wave of globalization.

Since globalization and its auxiliary division of labor are necessary for an integrated world, and global imbalances are likely to be an unavoidable consequence of this process, global governance is crucial to remedy the global imbalances, and as such, a new global architecture should be established. The purpose of this panel session is to explore the possibility for a new model of global governance in order to dissipate the negative impacts of global imbalances.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

- 1) The Causes and Consequences of Global Imbalances
- 2) The Role of Large Countries in Global Imbalances
- 3) and, a New Model of Global Governance

Panel Session VII

Educational Reform and Research in the Era of Transition: Responsibility and Future

As an activity for the continuation of civilization, human development and creation of knowledge, education plays a fundamental role in guiding the direction of our future. Today, education shoulders crucial responsibility for protecting our natural habitat and improving our inner spiritual world, this is true both in dealing with the threat of ecological disaster to the earth, and in dealing with the crisis of spirit brought about by modernization. Moreover, education is believed to exert a much greater influence on the personal development and the wellbeing of each individual than ever before.

In times of crisis and uncertainty, education is inevitably one of the most important issues, and therefore, educational reform and educational research have become the main concerns of each government. The past decade has witnessed the implementation of a wide range of educational reforms worldwide, based on the guidance of convincing evidence and on the scientific analysis of specialized pieces of educational research. This panel session seeks to provide education policy makers and researchers with an exchange and discussion platform to further explore this topic.

The specific topics of this panel session are as follows:

1) Educational Reform and Planning: Aims and Measures

Against the backdrop of history and reality in each country, the educational policy-makers and educational researchers in the forum will analyze and discuss the aims, measures and relevant issues of educational reform and planning in their own countries.

2) Educational Research and Educational Policy: Independence and Interdependence

The participants will discuss the proper relationship between educational research and educational policy-making, including the relative independence and necessary interdependence of each other.

3) and, Higher Education and a Learning Society: Quality and Relevance

Around the theme of higher education expansion and a learning society, participants will discuss such educational issues as scale and quality, autonomy and social responsibility, justice and efficiency, as well as the public role of high education in a learning society.



Appendix II

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