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From general planning to concrete implementation: BRI shows marvelous achievements





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The Belt and Road Initiative

shows marvelous achievements

Since its inception six years ago, the Belt and Road Initiative has exerted extensive and profound international impact, becoming a popular international public product. At present, the general planning has already been put in place and the next mission is to work on priorities and details for solid results.

From general planning to concrete implementation, BRI has been constantly deepened with a series of major projects being put in place. Let's take a look at the outstanding achievements.

Important figures

There were **279 results** during the first Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.



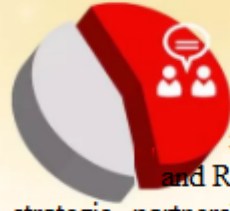
The implementation rate exceeded **96%**.

Policy exchange has been constantly deepened

The circle of friends has continued to be expanded

124 countries and 29 international organizations have signed Belt and Road cooperation agreements with China. (By March 2019)

Political mutual trust has been constantly enhanced



56.34% of the Belt and Road countries maintained strategic partnerships or higher level of cooperation with our country.

We join hands with all sides to formulate plans



Globally

BRI and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been effectively connected, to create policy synergy for common development in the world.

Regionally

The BRI has been effectively matched with regional development plans and cooperation initiatives such as Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, Africa's Agenda 2063, Eurasian Economic Union and Asia Connectivity Strategy of the EU.

Infrastructure connectivity has been constantly enhanced.



Maritime connectivity index kept ranking No.1 in the world.

Our ports have established shipping lane connections with over **200** countries and over **600** major ports.

We have been involved in the establishment and operation of **42** ports in **34** countries. Marine transport service has covered all the maritime countries along the Belt and Road.

Iron Camels connecting Asia and Europe

China Railway Express has sent **14,000** trains to **50** cities in **15** European countries.



Aerial bridge connecting China and the World

We have signed bilateral inter-governmental air transport agreements with **62** Belt and Road countries.

We have opened direct flights with **45** Belt and Road countries.

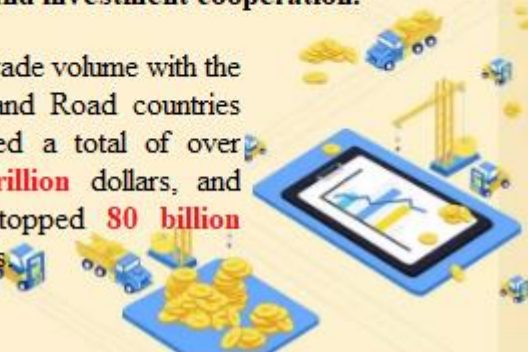
There were about **5,100** flights every week.



Trade connections have been constantly improved

Remarkable progress has been made in trade and investment cooperation.

The trade volume with the Belt and Road countries reached a total of over **six trillion** dollars, and FDI topped **80 billion** dollars.



China International Import Expo accelerated the Belt and Road economic and trade cooperation

At the first China International Import Expo, there were over **170** countries, regions and international organizations involved, **3,600** enterprises exhibiting their products and over **400,000** procurers from home and abroad. The yearly volume of intended transactions stood at **57.83 billion** dollars.

Financing connections have been constantly expanded

The RMB is becoming international in a steady manner.

The RMB trans-border payment system has covered **165** banks in **40** Belt and Road countries.



The financial cooperation network is taking shape

Over **50** the Belt and Road countries have become available to UnionPay services.

A total of **25 million** cards have been issued.

5.4 million commercial tenants and **680,000** ATMs have been covered.

The diversified financing system has been constantly improved

Among the **93** AIIB members, over **60%** were the Belt and road countries.

The Silk Road Fund has signed **19** projects and the projects it supported totaled a volume of over **80 billion** dollars.

People-to-people connections have been constantly facilitated

Touring in Belt and Road countries has been on the rise.

The two-way tourism with the Belt and Road countries reached **60 million** visits.



Visa-free or arrival visa has been put in place in **29** the Belt and Road countries.

Friendship at local level.

There were 1,023 pairs of friendly cities with 61 the Belt and Road countries,

which accounted for **40.18%** of the total friendly cities with other countries. (By April 2018)



Cultural exchanges have helped boost people-to-people connections.

We have set up **17** national cultural centers, **173** Confucius Institute and **184** Confucius Classrooms. Those confucius institute and classrooms accounted for approximately **one quarter** of the global total.



(Source: MOST)