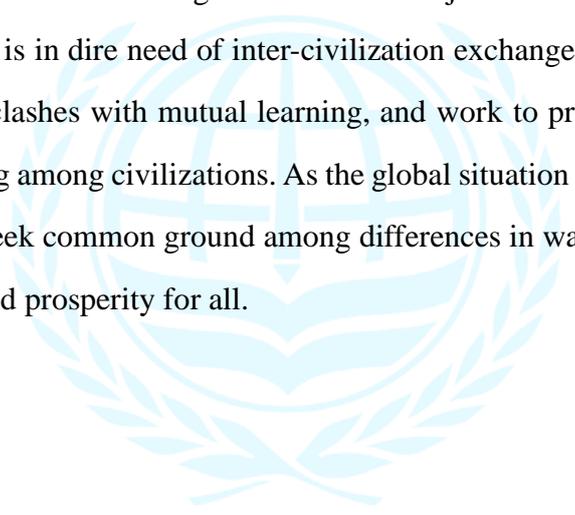

The 21st century has witnessed China bouncing back from historical trauma. After more than 100 years of uphill battle, China finally identified a forward-looking path and ushered in the spring in the late 1970s when it embarked on reform and opening up. In the 40 years that followed, the Chinese economy has developed by leaps and bounds, making China one of the largest economy worldwide. Meanwhile, as national comprehensive strength grows, China is performing an increasingly important role on the world stage. As a result, the deep-seated sense of culture in Chinese people has been aroused. After a long period in the wilderness, the Chinese civilization is going to embrace its phenomenal rejuvenation.

Going forward, the Chinese civilization need to become the very foundation that supports Chinese people getting ahead. In the path of rejuvenation of the Chinese civilization, we must find ways to build spiritual homestead for free life and make civilization light up people's lives. As is known to us all, human and civilization can help each other forward. While the pursuits and creations of human can develop civilization, rich civilization also provides nourishment for human. Therefore, to ensure a promising future for our society, we must advance civilization as well as enhancing people's moral strength. What define Chinese people and shape the Chinese nation are not geographical or physiological factors, but culture and civilization. Without unique civilization, both Chinese people and nation will lose their shared spiritual core. In the age of globalization, while cultures and concepts flood overwhelmingly, the Chinese civilization remains the only thing that underpins Chinese people.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, both Chinese government and people from all walks of life have been attaching ever-increasing importance to traditional culture. However, cultural inheritance does not mean following the beaten track blindly, but exploring new driving force for further development. To this end, we need to breathe new life into traditional culture, especially against the backdrop of a persistently changing world.

Amid a progressively globalized world, the Chinese civilization should provide unique proposals and wisdom to improve global governance and find solutions to commonly faced problems. Never before in history has the world become so interconnected, which means no country or civilization can stand aloof. At the same time, today's world also features large-scale cultural conflicts and interactions. All civilizations are against each other on the one hand, and connected on the other.

The Chinese civilization is striving to achieve its rejuvenation in the very era of globalization, which is in dire need of inter-civilization exchanges. In this connection, we need to replace clashes with mutual learning, and work to promote dialogues and mutual understanding among civilizations. As the global situation becomes tougher, we must endeavour to seek common ground among differences in ways that build a world of enduring peace and prosperity for all.



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