

## INAUGURATION OF SIXTH CHINA INDIA FORUM

### Honb'le Chief Minister's Speech

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Firstly, I extend a very warm welcome to all delegates present here in this pleasant morning.

2. It is a great pleasure and honour for us to host the Sixth China India Forum this year and truly wish and hope this platform presents a historic opportunity where new chapters of prosperity will unfold before us.
3. I am sure the forum will serve as a golden opportunity in developing close co-operation, strengthening and deepening the relations between China-India and China-Karnataka.
4. India and China's relations has undergone evolution in recent years developing along a positive track, into a friendly partnership.
5. It has made great strides in recent years and has become truly multi-dimensional, spurred by a significant convergence of interests, mutual goodwill and high-level exchanges.
6. Now, India-China bilateral trade has reached to US\$ 70.4 billion in 2015. India's exports to China touched US\$ 8.86 billion whereas China's exports were US\$ 61.54 billion.
7. I am happy that Karnataka has signed Sister-State/Province agreement with Provincial Government of Sichuan of People's Republic of China.

8. It is just the beginning in identifying synergies in technologies which would strengthen and deepen the foundation of a Future-oriented Partnership between India and China and Karnataka and China, evolving business ties particularly in defence, energy, infrastructure, agriculture and food processing, Information Technology and environment, to name a few.
9. Friends, the entire world is looking towards India because today, time is on India's side. More specifically, **time is on the Karnataka's side.**
10. All that has changed today. Every international delegation makes Bengaluru and Karnataka as their destination in India because today's Karnataka is not quiet anymore, it is booming with activity.
11. Friends, Karnataka possesses the unbeatable combination of hi-technology and an outstanding workforce.
12. Karnataka is the land of prosperity. Karnataka is the place to be for companies. Come here and you are assured of prosperity.
13. The enormous interest and enthusiasm to invest in Karnataka, places immense responsibility on us and let me say that Karnataka is fully prepared to shoulder this responsibility.

14. Karnataka's Industrial Policy for the period 2014-19 is manufacturing centric. With the **several advantages that the State enjoys, our vision is to make this State an innovative and hi-tech manufacturing hub of India.**
15. Karnataka is ready to receive you with open arms in the future in order to keep our discussions and engagements moving forward.
16. We will do everything possible to enable seamless conduct of business, with total transparency and with the assurance that your projects will be speedily implemented.
17. On our part, our Government will continue to actively engage with China and explore all possible avenues to make them our valued partners in building of a strong and prosperous Karnataka.
18. I wish this event a grand success and invite all investors to come, Invest and Make in Karnataka

Jai Hind ! Jai Karnataka!

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