

Welcoming Dinner

**2nd China-South Asia Legal Forum
Kunming, Yunnan Province**

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*Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha
Chief Justice of Bangladesh.*

“A Brief Response at the Welcoming Dinner”

Mr. Chen Jiping, Hon’ble Executive Vice-President of China Law Society, Host of the Welcoming Dinner;

Esteemed Chief Justices, Justices;

Distinguished, Participants, Judges, Lawyers, Educationists and Delegates;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Very Good Evening.

I deem it a great honor and privilege to make a brief response at the welcoming dinner on behalf of the very distinguished participants from China and South Asian countries. At the very outset, I express and extend profound gratitude on my own behalf and on behalf of the eminent participants to China Law Society, specially Mr. Chen Jiping of its Executive Vice-President for so generously hosting this splendid dinner and his warm welcome. The dinner anticipates a very successful two days session of the 2nd China-South Asia Legal Forum.

We all are conversant that China Law Society (CLS) is a nationwide mass and academic organization, serving as a bond between Chinese legal professionals and legal practitioners. It plays an important role in developing the legal system, fostering legal research and promoting the rule of law in China. CLS, its affiliated associations and local branches have actively organized legal professionals and practitioners in China to participate in the nation’s legislation, judiciary, law enforcement and law

popularization activities, have conducted legal researches and exchanges at multiple levels on broad fields and subjects and thus have made certain contributions to promoting the rule of law in China and ensuring China's prosperity overall.

We also know that CLS's Overseas Liaison Department is the functional department responsible for foreign affairs in the Society. According to relevant foreign-related regulations and with CLS authorization, the Department manages centrally foreign-related activities and international exchanges of all entities within the CLS system.

The themes of the 2nd Legal Forum *inter alia* are Law and Policy on sustainable development; China-South Asia Legal cooperation in infrastructure constructions, investment and finance; Legal issues on China-South Asia cross-border business transactions; Legal issues on China-South Asia non-traditional security cooperation; and China-South Asia Alternative Dispute Resolution and legal service. I eagerly look forward to participating in the Forum deliberations over the next couple of days and take the opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the key note speakers who will be addressing the two day's sessions.

I strongly believe that the suggestions, recommendations, observations and remarks which will stem from the Forum deliberations will have a far reaching effect. We will not forget the sweet memories of the warm reception of the beloved gracious Chinese people. Thank you again for a magnificent and unforgettable dinner.

God bless you all.

Thanks for your kind attention.