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A little inside baseball but I think Evan's assessment is accurate. Kurt

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RMRB Article Examines PRC-US Relations; Stresses Mutual Trust, Understanding

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[International Forum] article by Zhong Sheng: [Chart a Path Toward a New Type of Relationship Between China and the United States as Major Powers]

The China-US relationship is one of the most important and complicated bilateral relationships in the present-day world.

China is the largest developing country and a fast-rising emerging power, whereas the United States is the largest developed country and the most powerful nation. China-US cooperation will present tremendous opportunities for the two countries as well as the world at large, whereas confrontation between China and the United States will do great harm to both countries and the world at large. How China and the United States can chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers based on mutual respect and win-win cooperation is a common major task for the governments of both countries.

Adopt Innovative Thinking and Advance With the Times

Clear guiding principles are needed in order to chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers.

Only by adopting innovative thinking and keeping up with the trend of the times can we break free of the shackles of "antiquated rules," maintain the direction of the China-US relationship from a strategic and long-term perspective, and confidently plan the future of the China-US relationship.

A review of the course traversed in the 40 years since the door to the normalization of the China-US relationship was opened shows that innovative thinking has been a salient feature. Seeking common ground while reserving differences under the Shanghai Communique, more than 60 highly effective dialogue and consultation mechanisms, and coordination and cooperation within the G20 and other multilateral frameworks...[ellipses as received] The China-US relationship would not have been able to develop to today's level without such innovative thinking and practices.

Innovative thinking is a driving force that helps the China-US relationship get over hurdles and venture forth; it also represents the clearheadedness that comes from the realization that one will fall behind if one does not move forward as well as the wisdom that makes one advance with the times. Innovative thinking requires having an accurate grasp of the main theme of the times featuring peaceful development and cooperation, firmly establishing the concept of win-win cooperation, and having the courage to break free of various outdated notions.

Seek Common Development Through Mutual Trust

Basic preconditions are needed in order to chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers.

Only by showing mutual trust and dealing with each other frankly and honestly can we eliminate various noises and disruptions, take a broad-minded approach toward the other side's development, and promote mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation between China and the United States.

A prominent issue concerning the China-US relationship, both at present and for some time to come, is how to enhance strategic mutual trust. Some differences and sensitive issues exist between China and the United States due to their different histories, cultures, social systems, and development levels.

But at the same time, we should also recognize the growing common interests between China and the United States, the sustained expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation, and the increasingly pronounced strategic significance and global impact of the China-US relationship.

Mutual trust requires that both the Chinese and American sides work together to expand common ground, strengthen coordination, and prudently and properly handle their differences. Mutual trust requires that both the Chinese and American sides embrace the prevailing trend of dialogue and cooperation, use dialogue to understand and know each other better, use communication to reduce misunderstandings and misgivings, use cooperation to promote development and prosperity, and consolidate the foundation of common interests.

Harmony benefits both China and the United States, whereas conflict hurts both. Greater strategic mutual trust requires staying true to one's word and trying to meet each other halfway.

Act on the Basis of Equality and Mutual Understanding and See the Big Picture

A correct way to live together is needed in order to chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers.

Only by acting on the basis of equality and mutual understanding and putting oneself in the other side's shoes can we discard our bigotry and bias and not let the conflict and disagreement of the moment evolve into confrontation.

Equality and mutual understanding are the important underpinnings of the China-US relationship. The China-US relationship is an equal relationship between two nations. This was true in the past and is true now, and it will remain unchanged in the future. An essential condition for safeguarding the healthy and stable development of the China-US relationship is to respect the choices made by the other side in terms of social systems and development paths as well as the other side's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and development interests.

Equality and mutual understanding need to be embodied in bilateral affairs as well as in international and regional affairs. Asia-Pacific affairs are a priority area for coordination and cooperation between China and the United States. China respects America's rightful interests and welcomes the United States to play a constructive role; it also hopes that the United States respects China's rightful interests and properly handles mutual interests and concerns in a joint effort to promote peace, mutual trust, and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Equality and mutual understanding reflect a healthy mentality that is indispensable to the development of the China-US relationship as well as a rational and pragmatic move.

Take Energetic Actions To Implement the Consensus

Tangible and actual results are needed in order to chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers.

Only by taking energetic actions and constantly expanding the scope for cooperation can we breathe new life into the development of the China-US relationship and further brighten the outlook for the China-US relationship.

China-US cooperation in various fields is developing at a deeper level in a wider range of areas and toward a higher standard. Both quantity and quality figure in the cooperation agreements reached by the governments of the two countries and their departments as well as by enterprises in the two countries.

Only by taking energetic actions to implement each point of consensus can the Chinese and American peoples as well as the peoples of other countries around the world truly benefit from China-US cooperation.

New thinking, new actions, and a new atmosphere are needed to develop the China-US relationship. All of this can only come from energetic actions and bold practices.

Cultivate Deep Friendship and Promote Exchanges

A deep foundation of public opinion is needed in order to chart a path toward a new type of relationship between China and the United States as major powers.

Only by cultivating deep friendship and promoting exchanges and contact between various sectors of society in the two countries can we eliminate misunderstandings, foster better understanding, and find more participants in and supporters of friendly cooperation between China and the United States.

People-to-people exchanges are an important basis for the development of state-to-state relations. A good China-US relationship is impossible without the understanding and support of the peoples of the two countries. A deeper understanding of the importance of the China-US relationship among the Chinese and American peoples, especially in the younger generation; better mutual understanding and friendship; and a more solid foundation for the China-US relationship in society and in terms of public opinion will provide an inexhaustible driving force for the development of the China-US relationship.

People-to-people exchanges play a unique role in promoting understanding among the people and in advancing the healthy development of the China-US relationship. Along with political mutual trust, economic cooperation, and trade, they form an important pillar of the China-US relationship.

The deeper the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples, the more solid the step will be toward developing the China-US relationship.

China and the United States both shoulder the arduous task of promoting the well-being of their peoples, the historic mission of safeguarding world peace, and the important duty of promoting sustainable global development. By seizing opportunities, eliminating disruptions, and working together, China and the United States will surely be able to constantly open up new vistas for the two countries' relationship and chart a path toward a new type of relationship between major powers based on mutual respect and win-win cooperation that will reassure the peoples of the two countries and give peace of mind to the peoples of countries around the world.

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