

# **Vote of Thanks**

**by**

**Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia**

Director General, ICWA

**at**

**Special Address**

**by**

**H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping**

President of the People's Republic of China

**at**

**Taj Palace, New Delhi**

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Your Excellency, Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China,

Sri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India and President of the Governing Council of ICWA,

Distinguished Members of the Chinese Delegation,

Excellencies, Esteemed Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,



*Ambassador Rajiv K Bhatia, Director General, ICWA proposing vote of thanks.*

I now rise to propose a Vote of Thanks on behalf of the host institution and all those present here.

Excellency, we express our gratitude to you for finding time in your extremely busy schedule to deliver this keynote address. Your statement demonstrates the high importance Your Excellency attaches to good communication between leaders and people. This event is a key highlight of the on-going celebrations of 2014 as the 'Year of India-China Friendly Exchanges.'

We are thankful to Sri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India, for presiding over this function. His recent visit to the People's Republic of China played a significant role in widening mutual understanding and deepening our age-old relationship.

Our warm thanks go to all the institutions and individuals who helped us to organize this event. In particular, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for His Excellency Mr. Le Yucheng Ambassador of the People's Republic of China and his team for their seamless collaboration with us. Also, I sincerely thank all members of our distinguished audience.

ICWA is pleased to serve as an important channel for Track-II dialogue between our two countries. In recent years, we have expanded our ties with China's strategic community. Your Excellency's comprehensive address today will help us to strengthen our dialogue and research activities in the future.

We warmly thank Your Excellency once again for being here and for sharing your profound thoughts with us.

Thank you all for your attention.

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