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“China: Confucius in the Shadows”

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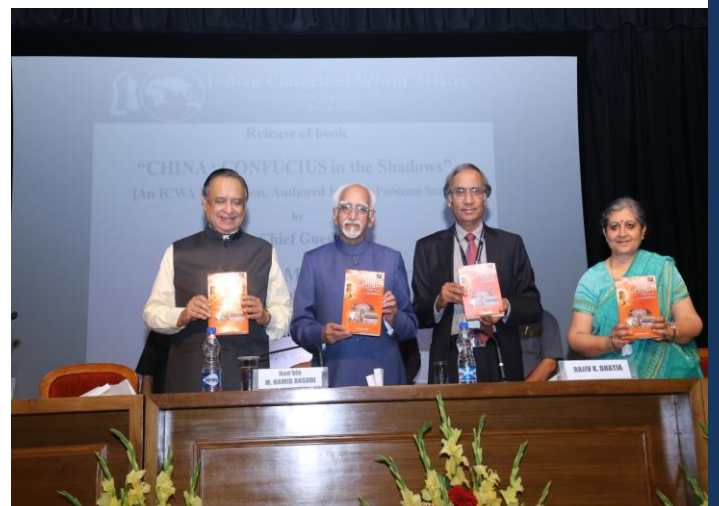
Shri M. Hamid Ansari

Hon'ble Vice President of India

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Confucius was a practical man who gave very practical suggestions for the people and society in China. The focus on stability and unity was shaped by his own experience of living through a turbulent time, Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India made these remarks while delivering his Special Remarks after releasing an ICWA publication titled “China: Confucius in the Shadows” by Smt. Poonam Surie, on 1 May 2015 at Sapru House, New Delhi.

He congratulated the author and opined that Confucius was always around in China, partly in shadow and partly in day-light. He noted that the rulers and people of China have always used Confucius with wisdom.



Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, DG, ICWA in his opening address extended a warm welcome to all and highlighted that China is a nation of immense importance to India and the world. He endorsed the author's view that "we must understand where China has come from and what has shaped it". He also briefed about several notable successes of ICWA's China study and outreach programmes.



"Values and traditions are woven into the society of ancient civilizations such as the Chinese", Smt. Poonam Surie, author of the book noted while making her remarks at the book release event. She highlighted that Confucius, a contemporary of Gautam Buddha has had a deep and lasting influence on the Chinese people. Confucian values are not only a part of the DNA of the Chinese people but Confucius has been used as an icon, as evident from the name given to the 'Confucius Institutes' established in many countries by the Chinese government.

Ambassador C. Dasgupta, discussant of the book, noted that the book captures the spirit of China. He described the book as a 'travelogue of ideas'. He highlighted that the book traces the footprint left behind by Confucius and the resonance of his teachings in the contemporary China.

The event was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri Nagendra K. Saxena, Deputy Director General of ICWA.
