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Press Release

on

Roundtable

on

'One Belt One Road Initiative of China'

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The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organized a Roundtable on 'One Belt One Road Initiative of China' on 25 May 2015 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The Roundtable was co-chaired by Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, DG, ICWA and Ambassador Kishan S. Rana, Institute of Chinese Studies, (ICS) Delhi. Prof. Patricia Uberoi, Chairperson, ICS made initial presentation.

Eminent scholars and academics from Delhi evaluated 'One Belt One Road (OBOR)' as a foreign policy initiative of China and discussed India's options from various perspectives. Amb. C. Dasgupta, Prof. Mahendra Lama, Prof. Madhu Bhalla, Maj. Gen. (retd.) Dipankar Banerjee, Prof. Prabir De, Shri Ravi Bhoothalingam, research faculty of ICWA and other scholars were present in the Roundtable.

The participants expressed their views on China's OBOR project. They also discussed issues related to the BCIM Regional Forum/ BCIM Economic Corridor and the development of India's North East region.

This was a follow-up Discussion to the meeting held at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi on 'China's Silk Road Proposal, the BCIM Economic Corridor and Related Issues', on 16 April 2015.

The Roundtable was appreciated as a step towards understanding the important Chinese initiative. It was agreed that the OBOR initiative needs critical examination.
