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CNIE's contribution in protecting the right to health and development--- The story of Silk Road Community Building Initiative

To facilitate people-to-people exchanges along the Belt and Road, improve mutual understanding and recognition among different peoples, so as to share peace, stability and prosperity along the Belt and Road, during the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in April, 2019, China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) announced the launching of the Silk Road Community Building Initiative. The Initiative aims to encourage NGOs along the Belt and Road to establish 500 pairs of cooperation partnerships and undertake 200 livelihood cooperation projects in developing countries along the Belt and Road in the next two years.

The Silk Road Community Building Initiative further develops the Silk Road NGO Cooperation Network (SIRONET). Established in November 2017, SIRONET has already become an effective platform for NGOs along the Belt and Road to share information, coordinate actions and strengthen cooperation.

The global outbreak of covid-19 epidemic is spreading. As a part of the Silk Road Community Building Initiative, CNIE promotes domestic social organizations and enterprises and other non-governmental forces to provide assistance to countries in need within its capacity through material donations, experience sharing, and volunteer dispatch. Up to now, under the framework of common action, more than 60 social organizations, enterprises and non-governmental organizations have been coordinated to implement more than 100 international anti-epidemic cooperation projects in more than 60 countries. According to incomplete statistics, the joint action has donated 17.06 million masks, 105,300 sets of protective clothing, 200,000 test kits and other epidemic prevention materials to key countries such as Cambodia, Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Serbia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, with a total amount of 192 million RMB. CNIE promoted the Blue Sky Rescue Team to go to Cambodia to carry out 15-day killing operations and personnel training, and coordinated the cooperation network of non-governmental organizations along the Silk Road and its member organizations to hold more than 160 online experience exchange activities. The cooperation network of non-governmental organizations along the Silk Road and more than 300 Chinese and foreign member organizations released the "Jointly Respond to Global Challenges and Build a community with a shared future for mankind " In addition, we organized 166 young people from 55 countries to release the joint initiative "Joining Hands to Fight the Epidemic, Achieving Youth Without Regrets" through an online video platform, calling on young people of all countries to carry forward the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit to promote comprehensive cooperation between all countries and parties, and gather strong synergies to jointly win the global battle against epidemic.

The Silk Road Community Building Initiative adheres to the development concept of putting people first, upholds the principle of joint contribution through wide consultation for the benefit of all, and conforms to the common aspiration of people around the world for good life. The purpose of the Initiative is to facilitate exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations, improve the livelihood of the people and realize people-to-people connectivity of all countries. The Initiative focuses on two areas, namely, people-to-people exchanges and livelihood cooperation, by providing support and assistance to NGOs from various countries in carrying out seminars, mutual visits and livelihood projects.

Since its initiation, the Silk Road Community Building Initiative has received warm welcome and positive feedback from NGOs along the Belt and Road. The Initiative has been launched in Mongolia, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Romania in a consecutive way, and NGOs from China and abroad have signed 18 cooperation documents. In September 2019, China-Pakistan (Xinjiang-Baloch) Silk Road Community Building Initiative was launched in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (UAR), China, offering a new and accountable platform for people-to-people cooperation between China and Pakistan. In October 2019, Beijing held the launching ceremony of Beijing NGOs in the Silk Road Community Building Initiative, which is expected to build a bridge and pave the way for people-to-people

connectivity among NGOs of Beijing and along the Belt and Road. In December 2019, the Silk Road Community Building Initiative was again launched in the Republic of Congo and in the United Republic of Tanzania, which witnessed dozens of MOUs signed between Chinese NGOs and foreign NGOs in fields such as education, health, agriculture, fishery, volunteer services, etc.

Realizing the people's full enjoyment of human rights is the common goal of human society. CNIE insists on combining the universal principle of human rights with its own reality, always regards the right to subsistence and the right to development as the primary basic human rights, coordinates the promotion of the rights of all people, and strives to promote the comprehensive development of human beings.

In this context, we believe it's time to walk hand in hand and shoulder by shoulder to implement the Silk Road Community Building Initiative together, so that the Initiative will serve as a habitat for NGOs along the Belt and Road, a bond connecting NGOs, governments, enterprises, media and the public, and a bridge linking different civilizations, regions and countries. It is expected that through this Initiative, people along the Belt and Road can share the fruitful results, promote economic and social development, and contribute to the building of a community of shared future for mankind.
