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As an important part of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy is an epoch-making milestone in the development of New China's diplomatic theories, and a guide to action for achieving national rejuvenation and advancing the Chinese major-country diplomacy as the world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century.

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In the process of building a closer global network of partnerships, the concept of innovation-based and development-focused partnership construction has come into China's diplomatic agenda. The establishment of innovative partnerships is not only in line with China's new development principles, but of great significance for building a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind.

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