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**China's Diplomatic Ideas and International Strategic Layout Since the 18th National Congress of the CPC**

On August 10, 2017, the editorial department of *Contemporary International Relations* of China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations held a symposium on China's diplomatic ideas and international strategic layout since the 18th National Congress of the CPC. Speeches of some of the participants have been published.

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