The Belt and Road Initiative: Risk Management

The General Manager of Djibouti Port Mr. Saad Omar Guelleh has participated the forum organized by **China institutes of Contemporary International Relations** (CICR Forum) which took place in Beijing on 6 &7 April 2017. The title of forum was "The **Belt & Road Initiative: Risk; Challenge and Prospects.**

In 2013, President Xi Jinping launched the New Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road to deepen reform and further open up China to the rest of the world. The initiative sounded interesting and timely and many of the countries in the neighborhood of China soon extended their support to it. However, they needed to have more in-depth knowledge about the initiative, its different aspects, and its purposes. The countries needed to weigh carefully the geopolitical, economic, financial and other implications of this Chinese initiative for them. For this forum attended 46 experts for whole over the world, North America, South America, Europe, East Europe, Russia, Central, south Asia and Australia, while 3 countries from Africa participated this great conference, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Egypt.

 Mr. Saad Omar, given a speech and underline the important of Belt & Road initiative to Africa, while Djibouti is vital node for the 21st Century maritime road, and link this initiate to Africa. Also mentioned that Djibouti Government invested a lot, to improve the infrastructures such as Logistics Platform, building four ports simultaneously, new Free Trade Zone for industrials and modern electric railway that link to our hinterland Ethiopia. The General Manager of Djibouti Port expressed his willingness cooperation between Djibouti & China Governments that encourage china companies to invest Djibouti, such as a China Merchants holding Company to be our partnership for new Port, Multipurpose port. Finally, the General Manager thanks the organizer of that forum for hospitality that they gave to the Djibouti delegation during their staying in Beijing.

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