



Distinguished leaders and guests, dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the **European Foundation of Traditional Chinese Medicine** and the **Association Cátedra China** from Spain and speaking in my own name, it's a pleasure and a great honor for me to participate in this **CPC AND WORLD POLITICAL PARTIES SUMMIT**. I would like to warmly congratulate you and extend our sincere welcome to this important event.

The year 2021, on the occasion of the centenary of the Communist Party of China (CPC), it's especially significant to value and highlight the role of political parties in the development of countries and society.

In 1978 China was the 120th power in the world and with its management, the Chinese Communist Party, in 40 years, has made it the 2nd world power, it has managed to lift 700 million people out of poverty, it has promoted a new urban middle class of about 500 million and a largely mechanized peasantry; It has managed to get 43% of young people to university, and the per capita income is multiplied by 45.

The Communist Party of China has been the ruler of almost 20% of the world population, governs the second world economic, technological, digital, space, scientific power. The re-emergence of China over the last 40 years, so fast and so forceful, is forcing, by force of facts, to be considered as one of the great powers.

We will agree that a ruling party is required to be efficient in the administration of public affairs, for the good of society. The high degree of efficiency in the management of Chinese public affairs by the CPC over the course of these hundred years, for several generations, is unquestionable. It was born into an unstructured society sunk in poverty, as a political and military opposition party to a corrupt regime, until defeating it after a 28-year civil war, while fighting against the Japanese invader and the western powers that colonized part of the country and supported to the established government. The Chinese Communist Party is the force of union, guides the people to create a happy life and a harmonious society. From my position, I can recognize the merits of the CPC and for this I want to congratulate them warmly!!!



Also, as Vice President of the **World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies** and member of the Board in other international institutions based in China, I want to publicly congratulate those colleagues, members of the CPC, who work tirelessly in the above mentioned institutions of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine.

From our **European Foundation of Traditional Chinese Medicine** (currently European Foundation of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine) and from the Association **Cátedra China**, both based in Spain, I've been continuously dedicated myself for more than 30 years to the dissemination of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine in my country, in Europe and in the different countries of Ibero-America. I'd like to take this opportunity to call for greater support for our sector, in line with the public expression in this regard, by President Xi Jinping, so that this treasure of Chinese culture can make a greater contribution to the health of the Chinese people and all of humanity.

I would like to urge regulators and policy makers in different countries more knowledge sharing, mutual learning from experiences and strategic multilateral collaborations in the field of health sciences that promote a better life for all citizens of the world.

Finally, from Spain, I reiterate my warmest congratulations to the CPC for its centenary and my best wishes for this **CPC AND WORLD POLITICAL PARTIES SUMMIT** to be a very successful one!

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