

**Panel:** China and India (Lilac & Tulip Room)

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### **Toward a Shared Civilization in Asia: Perspective from Culture Diplomacy in China and India**

We are living world which is globalized in terms of economy, multi-polarized in terms of international politics and plural in terms of culture. IT revolution with internet technology as an most striking example has highlighted the unique role of culture and cultural diplomacy in contemporary international affairs. With the coming of Asian century and reconstruction of international order, as well as the decline of Western civilization and of rejuvenation of Eastern civilization, a theory of so-called "Clash of Civilizations" is heating up. However, China and India, both as great civilizations, should try to seek consensus while acknowledge the differences in order to seize the opportunity of time. Their efforts on cultural diplomacy shall promote the development of "Homogenous" culture in Asia and a "Shared Civilization in Asia". This will be beneficial for a "Asian Century" as well as for a harmonious Asia and the mankind.

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