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## **UCLG-ASPAC Committee on the Belt and Road Local Cooperation**



# BRLC Briefing

The proposal of setting up UCLG-ASPAC Committee on the Belt and Road Local Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as BRLC) was initiated jointly by Hangzhou Municipal Government and Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. On May 14 2017, BRLC was inaugurated in the Parallel Meeting on "People-to-People Bonds" at the first Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and the Secretariat was located permanently in Hangzhou.

In keeping with the vision of openness, cooperation, shared benefits and win-win outcomes, BRLC has formulated a series of goals and tasks, including building a global network, addressing critical issues facing local governments, sharing experience, fostering capacity building, promoting cooperative exchanges and partnerships, and organizing training workshops, seminars, forums and study visits.

Since its establishment, BRLC has successfully conducted a series of activities yielding fruitful results. In the future, based within the framework of UCLG, BRLC will continue to translate the Belt and Road Initiative into exchanges and cooperation among local governments with various practical programs and activities, and to build a cooperative platform to share experience and resources for mutual benefits and win-win results in the fields of economic development, culture and education, and urban and rural governance.





# Hangzhou Briefing

As an economically dynamic city, its GDP reached 1.35 trillion yuan in 2018, increased by 7.1%. The city has ranked first for continuous 14 years for headquartering the largest number of the private enterprises out of China's top 500, including a number of world famous industry leaders such as Alibaba, Wanxiang Group, Wahaha, Geely, and etc.

Besides, Hangzhou is a leading tourist destination blessed with breathtaking natural landscape, listed among the top "52 places to go" in the world by *New York Times*. Last year, it received 160 million tourists from home and abroad.

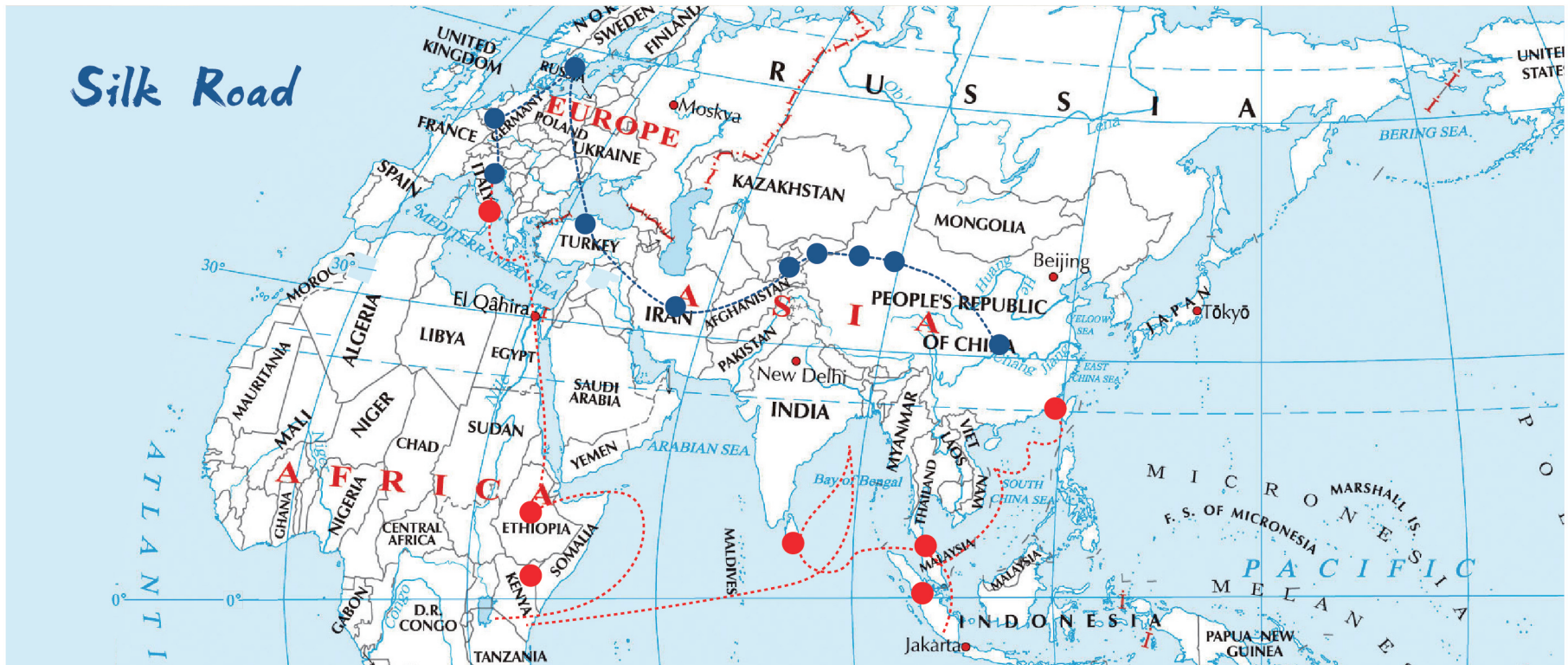
As citizens' quality of life improves continuously, Hangzhou is recognized as the happiest city and the most secure city for years.

## INTRODUCTION OF HANGZHOU

Hangzhou, with an area of 16,600 km<sup>2</sup> and a total population of 9 million, is the capital of Zhejiang Province and the hub for economy, culture, science and education, as well as one of the central cities in the Yangtze River Delta Region. It was the host city of G20 Summit in 2016 and is going to host the 2022 Asian Games.

Endowed with rich historical and cultural heritage, Hangzhou is known as one of the seven ancient capital cities in China. It is home to three World Cultural Heritage Sites—the West Lake, the Grand Canal and the Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City. Back in the 13th century, the famous Italian traveler Marco Polo applauded Hangzhou as "the most noble and magnificent paradise city in the world".





【 September 7th, 2013】

President Xi Jinping proposed to build a " Silk Road Economic Belt" in Kazakhstan.



【 April, 2017】

The initiative to establish BRLC was approved in the UCLG-ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting.



【 June, 2017】

BRLC was inaugurated with the Secretariat located permanently in Hangzhou.



【December , 2018】

The First BRLC General Assembly

## Main Activities



Group Photo of Award -Winning Representatives



Inauguration Ceremony



Study Tour



Proposal Presentation



Group Dialogue

## BMW Next Mobility Youth Camp

From June to November, 2017, the BMW Next Mobility Youth Camp was organized in collaboration with BMW China, bringing together young talents from home and abroad to envision boldly for sustainable urban mobility.

# Main Activities



Conference Snapshots

## Hangzhou International Sister City Mayors Conference

Hangzhou International Sister City Mayors Conference on City & Innovation was organized. Mayors from around the world held insightful discussions on urban development and cooperation based on the concepts of innovation, harmony, sustainability and sharing.



Conference Snapshots

2017  
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Culture and Branding Forum



Visit to Hefang Street



Tree-Planting in Friendship Forest



E-commerce Forum

## Main Activities

### First Session of BRLC

BRLC hosted the first session of the Committee, introducing the Constitution and organization structure, and reporting on the main work in 2017 and the work plan in 2018.



Venue



Mr. Song Jinwu, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, was addressing the session.



Mr. Du Shigen, Deputy Director of the Foreign & Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Hangzhou Municipal Government, was delivering a work report.



Catbalogan, Philippines signed up to join BRLC.

2017  
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Mr. De La Varga, Secretary General of World Association of Major Metropolises was addressing the session.



Participants



A corporate representative was speaking at the session.



Group Photo

# Main Activities



Opening Ceremony

2017  
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## 2017 UCLG World Council Meeting

Mr. Xu Liyi, Mayor of Hangzhou was delivering a keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony.



Group Photo of Delegates



UCLG President Parks Tau

BRLC hosted the 2017 UCLG World Council Meeting and Big Data & Smart City Forum.

Over 300 participants representing 103 cities, local government associations, and international organizations from 36 countries and regions attended this event.



# Main Activities

## 2017 UCLG World Council Meeting



Case Sharing



Volunteers at Information Desk



UCLG World SG Emilia Saiz visited BRLC Secretariat



Case Sharing

2018  
04



Work Report

### Islamabad BRLC Committee Meeting

BRLC organized a thematic promotion during the UCLG-ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting in Islamabad. Representatives from two cutting-edge innovative enterprises, Hexing Electrical Company and Jollychic Corporation, were also invited and did brief road shows to explore business opportunities via UCLG network.



Venue



Group Photo with UCLG-ASPAC SG & the Mayor of Surabaya

## Main Activities

2018  
05

### E-Commerce Training Workshop



Opening Ceremony



Study Tour



Graduation Ceremony

In collaboration with Alibaba Group, BRLC organized the first E-Commerce Training Workshop, attracting nearly 40 participants from 15 countries who were either government officials in charge of E-Commerce or representatives from E-Commerce startups. The training helped participants to understand the trend of development and to learn Hangzhou's experience and opportunities.



In-Class Learning



Group Photo

## Main Activities

### 3rd Overseas Chinese New Media Forum

At the third Overseas Chinese New Media Forum, People's Daily (Overseas Edition) and 165 overseas Chinese-language media outlets signed a strategic cooperation agreement with BRLC.

2018  
05



Surabaya BRLC Annual Meeting



Activity Report



Meeting with newly-elected UCLG-ASPAC President, Mayor of Surabaya, Ms. Tri Rismaha



Group Photo with the former UCLG-ASPAC President, Mr. WON HEE-RYONG

In mid-September 2018, the Secretariat of BRLC attended the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress in Surabaya, Indonesia and hosted the 2018 Annual Meeting as well as Hangzhou Thematic Exhibition. Several Hangzhou-based enterprises, including Alibaba Group and Hikvision, made promotional presentations during the meeting.



UCLG World Secretary General Emilia Saiz did an interview in front of Hangzhou Booth

## Main Activities



Group Photo

## Computing Conference

In late-September 2018, BRLC organized 26 foreign delegates to observe the Computing Conference. The Computing Conference is the top global science event hosted by Alibaba Group, depicting the trend of development in the most cutting-edge technologies, such as Cloud Computing, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence.

2018  
09



Interactive Fair



Field Tour



Interactive Fair



Keynote Speech by Jack Ma

Computing  
Conference



Group Photo of Founding Members



Opening Remark by UCLG-ASPAC President Ms. Tri Rismaharini



Seminar on "AI Facilitates Urban Governance"

## The First BRLC General Assembly

In December 2018, BRLC convened its first General Assembly, to reflect on the past achievements, to approve the Constitution, the leadership, and the future work plan. It also hosted Seminar on "AI Facilitates Urban Governance" to exchange ideas and experience on the "City Brain" and AI application. It gathered about 150 delegates representing more than 60 local governments, LGAs and other institutions from over 20 countries.



Field Tour



Seminar on "AI Facilitates Urban Governance"



Field Tour



BRLC Photo Gallery



## 2050 Conference Observation

In late-April, 2019, BRLC organized the 2050 Conference Observation, inviting nearly 80 youth representatives from 26 countries to visit and observe in Hangzhou. During the 2050 conference, BRLC hosted one of the reunion forums with the theme of "City, Technology, and Me". The 2050 Conference 2019 is a non-profit event, which is jointly initiated by Dr. Wang Jian, Chairman of Alibaba Group Technical Committee and Founder of Alibaba Cloud, and the global volunteers. Themed on "Tech Brings Youth Together", it involved 100 youth reunions and 100 New Gen Forums, and attracted over 20,000 youths from all over the world.



Opening Remarks by Wang Jin,  
Director of Hangzhou Foreign Affairs Office



Group Photo



Forum on "City, Technology, and me"



Participants



## BRLC 2019 Special Session

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the BRLC 2019 Special Session was successfully held during the 2019 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting to report on recent work of BRLC. More than 60 representatives of BRLC members, UCLG ASPAC city members and representatives of observation cities at home and abroad attended the meeting.



BRLC Special Session guests



BRLC Special Session



BRLC Special Session



BRLC Special Session



Participants of BRLC Special Session

2019  
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## Main Activities

2019  
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### Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

On June 14th, the Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship was co-organized by BRLC, Hangzhou Talents Office and Hangzhou Youth League Committee. The Hangzhou International Entrepreneurs Club was established. The first batch of over 50 entrepreneurial talents from 27 countries in Hangzhou joined the Club.



Networking



Group Photo



Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

## Main Activities

### BRLC Council Meeting

On September 4th, the BRLC Council Meeting was held in Hangzhou. The Council Meeting reviewed and approved the supplementation of leadership and members. Leeds, Krosten and Zhytomyr were admitted as new BRLC members.

2019  
09



BRLC Council Meeting



BRLC Council Meeting



BRLC Council Meeting



Issuing of certificates for new BRLC members

# Main Activities



Opening Ceremony

## BRLC E-Commerce Training

On October 29-31, BRLC hosted the second BRLC E-Commerce Training with UCLG ASPAC Secretariat in collaboration with Alibaba Business School, attracting 40 participants from 8 countries.



In-class Course



In-class Course



Study Tour



Study Tour



Group Photo

## Other Activities

Since the establishment, BRLC Secretariat has actively participated in UCLG statutory meetings including 2017 VII Metropolis World Congress, UCLG-ASPAC statutory meetings, 2018 UCLG Retreat and etc., and furthered its working relations with various UCLG regional secretariats.



## List of Founding Members of UCLG-ASPAC Committee on the Belt and Road Local Cooperation (BRLC)

### 1. Asia

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, China

Hangzhou, China

Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

Baguio, the Philippines

Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Thailand

Beijing, China

Buk-gu District, Daegu, Republic of Korea

Catbalogan, the Philippines

Dumaguete, the Philippines

Changchun, China

Changsha, China

Chongqing, China

Daugu, Republic of Korea

Fuzhou, China

Gaumukhi Rural Municipality, Nepal

Guangzhou, China

Guri City, Republic of Korea

Hatuwagadhi Rural Municipality, Nepal

Jilin, China

Jinan, China

Kirtipur, Nepal

Marsyangdi Rural Municipality, Nepal

Medan, Indonesia

Nanning, China

Quzhou, China

Siping, China

Sunkoshi Rural Municipality, Nepal

Darma Rural Municipality, Nepal

Vientiane Capital City, Laos

Wuhan, China

Xiamen, China

Yiwu, China

Zhengzhou, China

Xi'an, China

Bangladesh Municipal Association, Bengal

China-Japan Innovation Exchange Association, Japan

Gifu China-Japan Cultural Exchange Association, Japan

Local Council Association of Punjab, Pakistan

Malaysia-China Friendship Association, Malaysia

Maldives Local Government Association, Maldives

NARMIN, Nepal

Sri Lanka-China Society, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Local Government Association, Sri Lanka

The Republic of Kiribati Local Government Association,

The Republic of Kiribati

China-Africa Business Council Hangzhou Office

### 2. Europe

City of Oulu, Finland

City of Split, Croatia

Comune di Carpenedolo, Italy

Heidelberg, Germany

Kazan, Russia

Limerick, Ireland

Lugano, Switzerland

Maribor, Slovenia

Montichiari, Italy

Orzinuovi, Italy

Brescia, Italy

Oulu Region, Finland

THBA, the Hague, Holland

Zhytomyr, Ukraine

Korosten, Ukraine

Leeds, the United Kingdom

Manerbio, Italy

Ponte di Legno, Italy

Salo, Italy

Valdobbiadene, Italy

Istituto Italiano OBOR, Italy

Italy-China Link Association, Italy

The Smart City Association, Italy

### 3. Oceania

New Zealand Belt and Road Association, New Zealand

### 4. Africa

Ajeromi-Ifelodun, Nigeria

Ministry of Information and Communication, Rivers State, Nigeria

### 5. Latin America

Curitiba, Brazil

La Paz, Bolivia

Paramaribo, Suriname

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Wanica, Suriname