

Beijing Ready the Second Forum on Belt & Road Initiative

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Beijing, Apr 21 (Prensa Latina) Beijing is busy decorating its public spaces and other final preparations for hosting next week's second Forum on the Belt and Road for International Cooperation.

On a tour of the city, Prensa Latina noted the location of large-scale floral arrangements inspired by the central theme of the event: 'Belt and Road Cooperation, Shaping a Brighter Shared Future'.

The terraces are displayed in many of the most central avenues of the Chinese capital, also decorated with flags and posters alluding to the event.

In addition, teams of volunteers are ready to attend almost five thousand representatives from 150 countries and 90 global organizations, plus the four thousand national and foreign journalists who will begin arriving in Beijing in the coming days.

The Forum will be held on April 25-27 and China already considers it the most important international event of 2019.

According to Foreign Minister Wang Yi, 37 heads of state and government, as well as UN Secretary-General António Guterres and International Monetary Fund Director Christine Lagarde confirmed their attendance.

This edition will be larger in number of events, as it will start on April 25 with 12 conferences

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dedicated to various topics, including one with 800 entrepreneurs, but all will be focused on promoting the development of the project with high quality.

Then on the 26th, the Chinese President, Xi Jinping, will formally inaugurate the global event and lead high-level meetings.

Finally, on the 27th the plenary session of invited leaders and Xi will make statements to the accredited media at the closing of the Forum.

The host leader and his wife Peng Liyuan will entertain the international guests with a welcome banquet.

Official data show that 129 states and 29 global groupings currently make up the mechanism, launched in 2013 with the purpose of linking China with other continents through a network of maritime and land infrastructures that allow for business operations, responsibilities and shared profits.

Since its inception, the volume of business carried out in the context of the initiative exceeded six trillion dollars, investments exceeded 80 billion dollars, and 82 cooperation parks were built, creating almost 300,000 jobs.

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