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Current Situation in Asia from the Chinese Ambassador's Perspective

Lecture by His Excellency Wang Yi
Chinese Ambassador to Japan

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The Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS) hosted a lecture by His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Wang Yi, who gave a speech entitled the “Current Situation in Asia from the Chinese Ambassador’s Perspective.” The event was held at the ANA Hotel, Tokyo, on September 30, 2005 with the support of the Nippon Foundation.



Ambassador Wang Yi pointed out that the greatest characteristic of Asia is its diversity, and that Asia, which comprises nations ranging from big to small including an economic giant like Japan, is always positioned as a main region for China’s diplomacy. Ambassador Wang Yi then continued by noting the following.



China places greater emphasis on Asia with an aim to further champion global peace by promoting development. Realization of this will require defending the peace, accomplishing development, and solving issues and conflicts by acting in the spirit of cooperation. On this account, China does not and will not

accept any form of hegemony or unilateralism in the region.

China has already formed strategic partnerships with India and Russia apart from those with the ASEAN countries, and full cooperation with the Republic of Korea, thereby producing significant results. Although China is also determined to play an important role in the East Asian Community, it is optimistic about the



China–US relationship. This is because the China–US relationship is already solid, sharing mutual interests in many significant areas such as trade and deterrence of terrorism. In addition, as China aims at promoting an open regional community in the East Asian Community and values US interests, problems are not likely to develop. After pointing out the above, Ambassador Wang Yi answered questions relating to a wide range of areas, and concluded his lecture.