Thanks to this conference and the Silk Road, we are gathered here to meet friends, old and new, for enhanced mutual understanding, contacts, and friendship.

The Music of the Ancient Chinese

To celebrate the Schiller Institute’s 30th anniversary conference and pay tribute to the Schiller Institute’s efforts to promote the brilliant pearl of culture—German Classical music—the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation has prepared this model of an ancient Chinese chime as a gift for the Institute. This Chime is a percussion instrument of the ethnic Han Chinese in ancient China, with its origin in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046 BC-771 BC), and its prime time in the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC-221 BC) (including the Spring and Autumn period and the Warring States period), the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC), and the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD).

China was the first country to produce and use chimes, which speaks to the achievements of Chinese bronze craftsmanship and tonality in ancient China. It embodies the great wisdom of ancient Chinese and the splendor of China as an ancient civilization. The second part of Wanzhang of The Mencius has this: “In Confucius we have what is called a complete concert.” A complete concert is when the large bell proclaims the commencement of the music, and the ringing stone proclaims its close. The “large bell” refers to chimes.

We hope that the Schiller Institute at the age of 30 will make comprehensive achievements, like a complete concert, in promoting ancient music and traditional culture, advancing cooperation among countries and regions along the Silk Road, and facilitating scientific and technological progress. It is also our hope that our two organizations will work together to enhance exchanges between the Chinese and German civilizations, and between Eastern and Western traditional civilizations, including Classical music.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche and her husband Lyndon H. LaRouche, together with the Schiller Institute they founded, have long been committed to today’s world economic restructuring and reconstruction of international order. They attach great importance to the position and role of Asia and China, in particular, in realizing their proposed new global governance paradigm.

That’s the philosophical foundation behind Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s high appraisal of the New Silk Road and China’s lunar program, and her efforts to promote global understanding of these two remarkable projects. She once said something to the effect that to enhance win-win cooperation among countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, China proposed the New Silk Road, presenting a completely new perspective, and like the ancient Silk Road, the New Silk Road will facilitate flows of ideas, goods, culture, and science, and more importantly, it is open and invites all countries in the world to participate.

The China Soong Ching Ling Foundation deeply endorses her perspective and understanding of the new Silk Road.

The Schiller Institute’s 30th anniversary conference presents a good opportunity for people of vision to get together, exchange views, and share wisdom, with a shared interest in world peace, human progress, and the building of the New Silk Road. We are fortunate to get acquainted with you, and wish to take this opportunity to tell you something about Soong Ching Ling and the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation. We have some slides to show you with some pictures to help you know about Soong Ching Ling, and walk you through the Foundation and the former residence of Soong Ching Ling.

Now I would like to ask Mr. Chen Bo to introduce these slides (see below).

Chen Bo

The Work of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation

Mr. Chen is the Deputy Director of the International Division of the CSCLF.

We are China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF), a non-governmental organization (NGO). In memory of Soong Ching Ling, a great lady of the 20th Century, and the former Honorary President of the People’s Republic of China, the foundation was founded after her name in May 1982.1

1. Mr. Chen’s extensive and fascinating power-point presentation is available on the Schiller Institute’s New Paradigm website.
Our Objectives are Peace, Reunification, and Future: Peace—Promoting International Friendship and Safeguarding World Peace; Reunification—Developing Exchanges across the Taiwan Strait and Promoting Reunification of the Motherland; Future—Caring for the Future of the Nation and Developing Children’s Work.

Our Missions are to carry forward the great thinking and spirit of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Soong Ching Ling, and fully explore their academic and cultural values; to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with well-known international institutions, charitable organizations, and friendly individuals; to make close contacts with the relatives and descendants of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Soong Ching Ling, and unite with all patriots at home and abroad so as to widely attract talents and intellectual resources; to promote exchanges and cooperation with Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau at all levels in various fields; to develop welfare and charity projects so as to raise funds through various approaches, care for people’s livelihood, help people in need, and build a harmonious society; to build more public service facilities beneficial to the development of children and welfare of women, and start some other related activities.

Peace is one of the three objectives of CSCLF. In the past 30 years, CSCLF, taking peace as the theme, and children as messengers in the cross-cultural exchanges, has established friendly cooperation with over 30 countries across five continents. CSCLF has continuously kept regular mutual exchanges with over 10 countries and regions, for 20 years, through the Soong Ching Ling International Youth Camp in China, the Asia-Pacific Children’s Convention in Fukuoka in Japan, the International Festival of Children’s Art in Ukraine, and the Winnipeg Folk Festival in Canada, etc. By so doing, we have helped Chinese children to learn about the world, and foreign kids to better understand China.

Since its founding, CSCLF has received tens of thousands of foreign friends, including heads of state, current and former politicians, ambassadors and their spouses, and world celebrities. In addition, CSCLF has also organized many delegations to visit the United States, Canada, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Russia, France, Austria, and Italy for signing agreements, attending forums, and conducting friendly exchanges. All these visits have produced good impacts.

For many years, CSCLF has conducted fruitful cooperation with UNDP, UNICEF, and WHO, and famous corporations, such as Coca-Cola, Starbucks, McDonalds, Nokia, Toyota, and BMW, etc., in the fields of culture, education, health, medical services, science, technology, and environmental protection. Such cooperation has effectively promoted the process of the internationalization of welfare and charity undertakings of CSCLF.