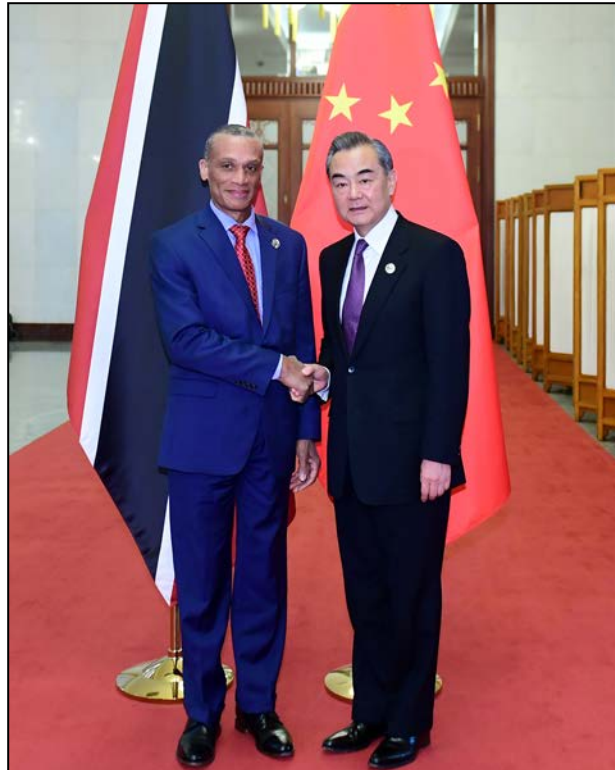




2ND BELT AND ROAD FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND CHINA STRENGTHEN TIES



Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs meets with State Councillor Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, on April 26, 2019, at the Great Hall of the People, Beijing.

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, and the Honourable Stuart Young, Minister of National Security and Minister of Communications, participated in the 2nd Belt and Road Forum (BRF) for International Cooperation on April 25 and 26, 2019, in Beijing, People's Republic of China. Under the theme "Belt and Road Cooperation, Shaping a Brighter Shared Future", the Ministers joined high-level representatives from around the world in discussing the joint implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) – an Initiative aimed at deepening economic



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integration between China and regions around the world. Trinidad and Tobago became the first English-speaking Caribbean country to sign on to the Belt and Road Initiative on May 14 2018, during the Official Visit of Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Trinidad and Tobago, to the People's Republic of China.

On April 25, 2019, Minister Moses delivered a statement at the thematic forum on "Policy Connectivity" at the BRF, where he highlighted the importance of consultation among stakeholders and knowledge sharing to the success of the BRI. Minister Young participated in the thematic forum on the "Clean Silk Road" which focused on promoting transparency and implementing anti-corruption measures in BRI projects.

On April 26, 2019, Minister Moses led bilateral discussions with State Councillor Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. The Foreign Ministers reflected positively on the state of Trinidad and Tobago-China bilateral relations and discussed opportunities for closer cooperation at both the bilateral and multilateral levels. Minister Moses reaffirmed Trinidad and Tobago's long-standing friendship with the People's Republic of China, noting that both sides will celebrate 45 years since the establishment of their diplomatic relations on June 20, 2019.

On April 27, 2019, Minister Moses conducted a working visit to Zhengzhou, Henan Province, where he met with local government representatives and explored cooperation opportunities. He then returned to Beijing on April 28, 2019, to attend the Official Opening of the Beijing Expo 2019. Over the period April 29 to October 07, 2019, Trinidad and Tobago will participate in the Expo as part of a joint CARICOM Pavilion.

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