## The 2<sup>nd</sup> "Belt and Road" Initiatives Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum was held in Nanning



In November 16th, with the theme of "Innovation, Cooperation and Communication: Social Work under the Belt and Road Vision", the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Belt and Road" Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum was opened in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. This forum was held on the same morning in the second session of the Belt and Road Cooperation Forum of Tsinghua University. It was jointly hosted by the social work committee of the China Association of Social Workers, the international social welfare fund of the China Association of Social Workers and the TUS Holdings Ltd, China Philanthropy Times, Association of Guangxi Social Work, social and public welfare magazine and swchina.org.



(Mr. Liujing, Vice President & General Secretary of China Association of Social Worker) During Chinese President Xi Jinping' s visits to Central and Southeast Asian countries in September and October 2013, he put forward major proposals to build the Silk Road Economic Belt and the Marine Silk Road of the 21st Century, which attracted great attention from the world. In response to the national initiative to promote the integration of social work into the Belt and Road Initiatives, in September 2017, at the twenty-fourth Asia Pacific regional social work joint meeting, the China Association of Social Workers launched the first "Belt and Road" Initiatives Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum .

This year, in order to further develop and further promote related issues, the China Association of Social Workers chaired the second "Belt and Road" Initiatives Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum, aiming at presenting the achievements of social construction in China, presenting the development of social work in China. By regional cooperation, the CASW constantly consolidate cooperation, exchanges and sharing in the field of social work between China and countries along the line.



(Mr. Wang Jiwu, Vice President of CASW & Chairman of Tusholidings.)

At the beginning of the forum, Liu Jing, Vice President and Secretary-General of the China Association of Social Workers and President of China Philanthropy Times, said that the relationship between countries is based on the fact that the people are blind to each other, and that the affinity between the people lies in the same mind. The second "Belt and Road" Initiatives Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum is to give full play to the professional support function of social work in the common sense of the people, and to build a cooperation platform for social enterprise volunteer service and social public welfare. Liu Jing said that in recent years, under the leadership of the Party and the government, and with the efforts of colleagues in social work, China's social work has made breakthroughs in both scale and service. The development of social work professionals has reached a new level, and the service fields of social work have been expanding, which has become an important role in poverty alleviation, good community, beautiful countryside, medical support, old-age care, disaster relief and other fields. In the new era, social governance has innovated social support and explored more local experiences and models of social work. The output of experience and services of Chinese social workers will provide more ideas and help for solving these problems.



(Mr. Lei Weiming, President of Guangxi Association of Social Workers)



(Ms. Rose Henderson, President of International Federation of Social Workers Asia-Pacific Region)



(Prof. Shi Bainian, Executive Dean of the Open University of China Social Work College) Later, Lei Weimin, President of Association of Guangxi Social Work, congratulated the Forum on its holding. Lei Weimin said that this forum is a very forward-looking major event and will bring new impetus to the development of social work in Guangxi.



Shi Bainian, executive director of social work college of the Open University of China, delivered a keynote speech "the mission of social work" at the Forum. He said: "This year marks the 40th anniversary of reform and opening up, which has provided us with many valuable experiences. One of the important experiences is that economic and social construction must develop simultaneously in order to achieve sustainable development. This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the restoration and reconstruction of China's social work, demonstrating that social

work has contributed to resolving social contradictions, resolving social problems, and promoting people's well-being and social harmony."



Subsequently, the forum entered the release of project and issue, including the Guangxi Tusholings poverty alleviation project, Home Visit poverty alleviation project, technology public welfare and Belt and Road innovative public welfare.



(Mr. He Jianmin, Vice President of China Association of Social Workers)

At the end of the meeting, the forum added a list of experts on the "Belt and Road" expert committee. Then, He Jianmin, vice president of the China Association of Social Workers, made a concluding speech. He Jianmin thanked the participants for their arrival and suggested that this forum should be "more focused" than the first forum. He Jianmin said that the "Belt and Road" Social Work Cooperation and Development Forum will further study the foothold of "Belt and Road" social work, and do research while improving and advancing, so as to promote the forum's continuous development in research and improvement.