
CHINA AND KYRGYZSTAN PRESIDENTS SPEAK FOR DEEPENING INTER-STATE COOPERATION

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Chinese President Xi Jinping and Kyrgyzstan President Sooronbai Jeenbekov met in Bishkek in the evening of June 12, pledging joint efforts to promote bilateral ties, Chinas Xinhua news agency reported.

Xi and Jeenbekov had a meeting at the presidential residence in the Kyrgyz capital right after the Chinese president arrived in the Central Asian country for a state visit and the 19th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

Reflecting on the traditional friendship between the countries, the two heads of state discussed the future of bilateral relations with an in-depth exchange of views on issues of common concern.

Noting that it is his second visit to Kyrgyzstan in six years, Xi expressed the delight of visiting an old friend.

Substantial advances in bilateral ties have been made over the past 27 years since the establishment of the China-Kyrgyzstan diplomatic relationship, Xi said, highlighting the two sides' strong political mutual trust, mutually beneficial economic cooperation, mutual reliance in security and close coordination in international affairs.

China is ready to share experience in state governance with Kyrgyzstan to achieve common development and prosperity, Xi said, hailing the solid outcomes in the joint construction of the Belt and Road.

Jeenbekov said he appreciates the great importance Xi attaches to bilateral relations.

Recalling his attendance last week at a release ceremony for the Kyrgyz edition of the first volume of "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China," Jeenbekov said the book is of great significance for Kyrgyzstan to learn from China's experience and promote its own reform and development.

Jeenbekov stressed that Kyrgyzstan firmly supports the measures taken by the Chinese government in safeguarding peace and stability in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and cracking down on extremism. He also thanked China for its strong support and assistance to Kyrgyzstan.

Kyrgyzstan, he said, values China's influence in international affairs and is willing to deepen cooperation with China in various sectors within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

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