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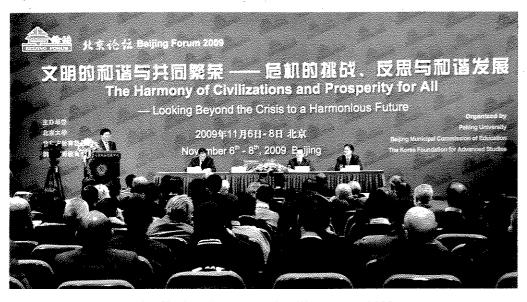
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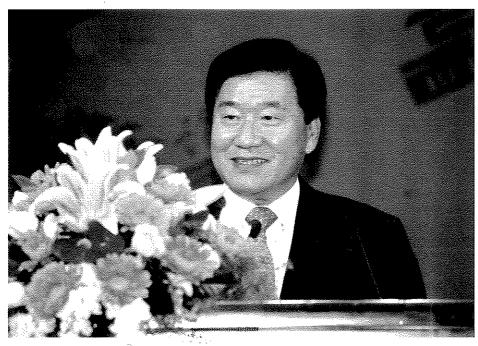
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Speech at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Forum 2009

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Distinguished Guests and Scholars, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we are very honored to gather together with the leading scholars of humanities and social sciences, presidents of prestigious universities and distinguished guests from all over the world at the 6th Beijing Forum. On behalf of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, I would like to extend our warmest welcome to all of you and congratulate the opening of the 6th Beijing Forum.

With its development over the past five years, the Beijing Forum has grown into a grand annual event of Chinese humanity and social sciences as well as higher education. It has attracted more than 2000 world-renowned scholars and over 150 presidents of prestigious universities from around the world. Many high-profile politicians and leaders in various fields, including former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, have addressed the Forum and conducted dialogues and in-depth exchanges via this platform of the Beijing Forum. The theme of the Beijing Forum this year is "The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All—Looking Beyond the Crisis to a Harmonious Future." It relates the reflection of crisis to harmonious development, which is of great practical significance and displays the foresight of the Forum.

Currently, a variety of problems and conflicts, ignited or intensified by the ongoing global financial crisis, are spreading and deteriorating across the world. How shall we understand this crisis, respond to its challenges and solve the problems? It calls for the common efforts from the governments of different countries. In this regard, experts including those in the humanities and social sciences should contribute their efforts and wisdom to the harmonious development of the world.

There are various and complicated causes that triggered the breakout of the current crisis; by nature it reflects that the existing mode of development is inharmonious with the coexistence of different civilizations. The development of human society is always coupled with various crises and