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ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN CHINESE AND BELARUSIAN YOUTH

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Summary. *Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992, China-Belarus friendship and co-operation has lasted for 31 years, and youth cultural exchanges have always been an indispensable part of it. This article analyses the current situation of Chinese and Belarusian youth cultural exchanges, including exchanges in various areas such as art, language, cultural festivals.*

In this paper, we will take the Belt and Road Initiative as an opportunity to discuss the current situation of youth cultural exchanges between China and Belarus and to look ahead to the future in order to further deepen youth cultural exchanges between China and Belarus [1].

Current situation of cultural exchange between Chinese and Belarusian youth

Art exhibitions and performances: Art exhibitions and performances have always been the highlight of cultural exchanges between China and Belarus. The two countries often organize various forms of art exhibitions, concerts and dance performances to showcase their respective artistic and cultural achievements. For example, in the Belarusian capital, Minsk, and in major cities in China, Chinese artists regularly exhibit in Belarus, while Belarusian artists have the opportunity to show their works in China [2]. These events provide a platform for cultural exchanges and help to deepen understanding between young people from both countries.

Language learning and exchange: Language learning is an important part of cultural exchange. To promote intercultural exchange, students and young people can participate in language learning programme, such as Chinese language classes or Belarusian language classes. In Belarus, more and more students are choosing to learn the Chinese language, which lays a solid linguistic foundation for cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Cultural festivals: Cultural festivals are excellent opportunities to celebrate traditional holidays, historical events or specific themes. These events often include music, dance, food and crafts demonstrations. For example, Chinese New Year celebrations are very popular in some Belarusian cities, attracting a large number of young Belarusian. This not only enhances friendship between residents of the two countries, but also contributes to the transmission and exchange of cultural traditions.

Educational Co-operation.

Educational cooperation between China and Belarus has also made remarkable progress: Agreements on exchanges between universities and colleges: Universities and educational institutions in China and Belarus have signed more than 350 co-operation agreements, providing more opportunities for mutual visits and exchanges between students and teachers. These agreements cover a wide range of areas of cooperation, including academic research, student exchanges and joint research projects. Belarusian students have the opportunity to study at Chinese universities and colleges, which provides them with an international educational experience.

Joint academic programme: China and Belarus have planned more than 30 joint academic programme and signed more than 540 cooperation agreements [3]. These projects include undergraduate and postgraduate programme covering a wide range of subject areas such as engineering, medicine, literature and business. For example, the Joint College of Belarusian State University at Dalian University of Technology is the first Chinese and Belarusian international co-operation institution established at the undergraduate level, which is committed to building "double first-class" and promoting exchanges between the two countries in the field of higher education.

Looking to the future.

In the future, the youth of China and Belarus should continue to work together to make greater contributions to building a community of human destiny. Through more cultural exchanges and educational co-operation, the two countries can further deepen their co-operation and promote the healthy and stable development of their relationship, while contributing to global peace and prosperity. This deepening cooperation will not only bring China and Belarus closer, but will also provide a successful model for global friendship and cooperation.

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