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**Chinese Ambassador Liu Xiaoming speaks at the Cambridge Union  
"The UK and China have now entered into a golden era"**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015, The Cambridge Union welcomed Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Liu Xiaoming.

Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor White, introduced Mr Xiamong, saying that it was an "honour" to welcome the Ambassador after such an "immensely successful visit to the UK" by Chinese President, Xi Jinping.

Much of the Ambassador's talk centred on what he described the "super state visit" by Xi Jinping.

"All around the globe people realised that China-Uk relations has passed a historic milestone. The visit may have taken place on British isles, but the world felt its significance."

The Ambassadors said that the state visit had three important consequences. First, the visit marked "a new era" of Anglo-Chinese relations. Second, this set the scene for the development of China's relations with the EU. Third, the visit marked the start of a "new type of state to state relations" built on the Idea of "mutual respect and trust".

In relation to Anglo-Chinese relations, the Ambassador said: "We want win-win cooperation. We want to build on something that has so much potential."

"Chinese people are now working to realise their Chinese dream. The British people are working to realise their British dream. The two States understand their long-term interests have an overall picture of international peace and prosperity."

When it comes to relations with Europe, the Ambassador was critical of Western media "seeking to paint china as a nation which wants to divide and rule". On the contrary, "we want to achieve growth and prosperity together," he told the Union chamber.

As for the new type of state-to-state interaction, Mr Xiaoming said: "The focus is to work on building multilateral institutions which facilitate for political, financial, social, and cultural development of all parties involved".

Liu Xiaoming finished on an inspiring and adapted Charles Dickens quote: harles dickens: "It is the best of times, China and the Uk have Great Expectations, it is my sincere hope for students at this University to cherish our time, cease your opportunity, use your creativity to build a stronger and better future".

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