

Chinese Language Day at the United Nations, 19 April 2024

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Mr. President of the General Assembly,
Excellency [Fu Cong],
Distinguished guests and colleagues,

Wan shang hao (Good evening).

It is a pleasure to join you on this special occasion to celebrate Chinese Language Day.

As I walked through the exhibit earlier, I was impressed by the stories behind these characters and the splendid display of traditional and modern artistic expressions associated with them.

enduring role of the Chinese language in facilitating cultural exchange and mutual understanding among civilizations. While it is one of the oldest languages, it is also one of the fastest-growing languages in the world.

The language provides a gateway to understanding the Chinese culture on a deeper level. They, the Chinese language and culture, are tightly interlaced and indispensable to each other. Any student of the language will soon understand that it opens a gateway to Chinese

