



FTChinese hosts 2013 China-Arab financial cooperation forum in Ningxia

Yinchuan, China: 16 September 2013: More than 300 delegates gathered in Yinchuan, the capital city of China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region for the FTChinese 2013 China-Arab States Financial Cooperation Forum. The event was co-organised by FTChinese and the Department of Commerce of Ningxia, as part of the first China Arab States EXPO, 15-19 September 2013.

The one day forum aims to promote mutual development between China and Arab states and attracts guests from financial and academic institutions, media and government.

Lifen Zhang, Associate Editor of the Financial Times and Editor in Chief of FTChinese, said in his welcome remarks that "FTChinese is delighted to once again support this annual event by bringing together professionals around the globe to discuss the great potential of China-Arab financial cooperation."

Zhang Yansheng, Secretary-General for NDRC's academic committee, delivered a keynote speech on how Ningxia will play a bigger role in strengthening the financial cooperation between China and the Arabic World. He said, "Ningxia should be top of the agenda for local policy makers to ensure we can take advantage of the recently-approved Shanghai Free Trade Zone. The area will bring capital and human resources, both from the coastal area in China and from the Arabic World."

John Thornhill, Deputy Editor of the Financial Times, gave a speech on the evolution of global economy where he noted "China is transforming into a consumer-driven economy which will greatly influence markets like the Middle East, Australia and Africa in the next decade."

Speakers included:

- Ge Ming, Chief Accountant & Managing Partner, Ernst & Young Hua Ming
- Hamid L. Sharif, Country Director, Asian Development Bank's Resident Mission in China.
- Tom Mitchell, Beijing Correspondent, Financial Times
- Wang Heshan, Vice Governor of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region
- Saad Al Deen Bin Talib, Minister of Industry and Trade, Yemen
- Manuel Chang, Finance Minister, Mozambique
- Zhao Qihong, Governor, Bank of Ningxia
- Abdel Monaim Mohamed Safwat Elalfy, Vice President, Egyptian Investment Authority
- Awni AL-Rushoud, CEO, Jordan Investment Board
- Nassim Oulmane, Senior Economist, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Jeffrey Towson, Managing Partner, Towson Group
- Alberto G Brugnoli, Founder and Managing Partner, ASSAIF

For more information on the 2013 China-Arab States Financial Cooperation Forum, please visit www.ftchinese.com/ningxia2013

To watch recorded conference sessions and access photos of the event, please visit <http://finance.qq.com/zt2013/2013FTZA/index.htm> (event script from the conference are only available in Chinese).

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