

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

習近平主席閣下

I would like to thank you for welcoming me and my delegation so warmly during my visit to Beijing to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War. Let me thank you as well for your thoughtful gift which will serve as a fitting memento of my visit.

I was very moved by the commemoration events which honoured the sacrifice of China in the Second World War and marked its achievements over many decades, looking to build a brighter and more peaceful future. It is always a great pleasure to visit your country and on this occasion I was, more than ever, deeply impressed by the **hospitality** of the Chinese people and by the well-organized arrangements for the commemoration events.

I commend your leadership in support of multilateralism and the United Nations in every major area of our work, and I look forward to welcoming you at the General Assembly. Your visit comes at a critical moment in history where we have the opportunity to shape the future of humanity. China can be proud of its global leadership and I thank you for the personal attention you are bringing to the issues of climate change, South-South cooperation and women's empowerment.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories of my time in China, including my pilgrimage to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

联合国  
秘书长

潘基文

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Xi Jinping  
President of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing



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李克強總理閣下

I would like to thank you for the hospitality and generous welcome you and the Government of China extended to me and my delegation during my visit to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War.

It was a great honour to participate in this historic event in China. It was also an opportunity to mark your country's contribution to peace and security, and your leadership in advancing sustainable development. This is a remarkable year where we can take the opportunity to change the future of humanity for the better, to put in place the new international development agenda and a meaningful agreement on climate change. The forthcoming visit of President Xi Jinping to the General Assembly attests to the invaluable contribution of China to global peace and prosperity.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories of my time in China, including my pilgrimage to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

聯合國秘書長

潘基文

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Li Keqiang  
Premier of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear Madam Deputy Prime Minister,*

I would like to thank you for your kind hospitality during my visit to China to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War. It was a great pleasure to meet you. I enjoyed our valuable conversation at the banquet you hosted for me and my delegation.

The Government of China organized a very special commemoration event and I was pleased to participate and honour the proud history of your country. This year, we also celebrate the founding of the United Nations and I recognize the long-standing support of China for multilateralism and for the United Nations in every area of the work of the Organization. The forthcoming visit of President Xi Jinping to the General Assembly attests to your Government's commitment to advancing global peace and prosperity, particularly by raising awareness about women's empowerment and South-South cooperation.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories, including my pilgrimage to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency  
Ms. Liu Yandong  
Vice Premier of the People's  
Republic of China  
Beijing



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear Foreign Minister Wang,*

I would like to thank you for the kind hospitality you and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China extended to me and my delegation during my visit to China to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War. Let me thank you as well for your thoughtful gift.

In attending the commemoration, I was deeply moved and impressed by the proud achievements of China since the end of the Second World War. I highly commend the leadership of your Government in achieving tremendous economic and social gains and setting an example for the development aspirations of others around the world.

Your personal support of global peace and the principles of multilateralism has been invaluable. The forthcoming visit of President Xi Jinping to the General Assembly will see the partnership between China and the United Nations reach an unprecedented high point. We are at a critical moment where we have the opportunity to change the course of history on sustainable development and climate change. The leadership of China will continue to be crucial. I am inspired by your long-standing commitment to achieve global peace and prosperity, and your constructive role in mediation and peacekeeping.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories, including my visit to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Looking forward to seeing you soon,*

  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Wang Yi  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's  
Republic of China  
Beijing



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear Mr. Secretary,*

I would like to thank you for your hospitality and kindness during my visit to Shandong. It was a pleasure and an honour to be in China to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War. I was delighted to have had the opportunity to visit Shandong, fulfilling my lifelong wish to visit the birthplace of Confucius. Let me thank you as well for your thoughtful gift.

In Shandong, I was very moved to pay homage to the home of the great philosophical ideals which are the foundation of East Asian principles and morality. As the closest province to my home country, the Republic of Korea, I feel a particular affinity to the people of Shandong. This visit confirmed my profound respect for the ancient culture and traditions of Shandong and the modern-day progress to achieve sustainable development in the province.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories of my time in Shandong.

Yours sincerely,

*Ban Ki-moon*  
BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Jiang Yikang  
Secretary of the Communist Party of  
China Shandong Committee  
Jinan



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear Governor Guo,*

I would like to thank you for the kind hospitality that you and the Government of Shandong extended to me and my delegation during my visit on 4 and 5 September 2015. Let me thank you as well for your thoughtful gift.

In visiting Shandong, I fulfilled my lifelong wish to pay homage to the home of Asian wisdom and philosophy. I found the visit deeply moving. I have consistently commended China for its proud achievements in sustainable development and I saw these achievements exemplified in Shandong.

I was honoured to visit China to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War. This momentous year also marks the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and presents the opportunity to change the course of history on sustainable development and climate change. Local authorities will be at the forefront of the implementation of the new sustainable development goals, and I commend the commitment by China and Shandong Province to contribute to global peace and prosperity.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories of my time in Shandong.

Yours sincerely,

  
BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable Guo Shuqing  
Governor of Shandong Province  
Jinan



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

Excellency, *Dear Ambassador Liu,*

I would like to express my appreciation to you and to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations for the extensive preparatory work and close cooperation with regard to my recent visit to China.

I am grateful to you and your staff for the excellent preparations made for my visit. I know that ensuring the impeccable organization of the historic commemoration ceremonies marking the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War, attended by numerous dignitaries, required tireless attention to detail and a lot of coordination. I am truly honoured and grateful for the hospitality extended to me by the Government of China on this occasion.

Allow me to also express my sincere gratitude to you for facilitating, and for accompanying me and my wife on a much-awaited visit to Shandong Province, which provided an opportunity to deepen my understanding of and appreciation for the great cultural heritage of China. I am grateful for your tremendous efforts and those of your team to ensure that my visit was a success.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Wishing you continued success!*

*Ban Ki-moon*  
BAN KI-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Liu Jieyi  
Permanent Representative of the People's  
Republic of China to the United Nations  
New York





THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear Professor Wu,*

It was a pleasure to meet you during my recent visit to Shandong. I greatly enjoyed the cultural performance in Qufu and would like to thank you very much for the masterful and profound calligraphy you created for me.

Visiting Qufu to pay homage to the birthplace of Confucius had been a lifelong wish of mine and I was honoured to have had this opportunity. Your calligraphy encapsulates the wisdom that became the foundation for Asian principles and philosophy.

I was touched by the hospitality and kindness of the Government and people of Shandong Province.

Yours sincerely,

  
BAN Ki-moon


Professor Wu Feng  
Jining College  
Jining





THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO  
BEIJING AND SHANDONG

(Wednesday, 2 September – Sunday, 6 September 2015)

1. **H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping**, President of the People's Republic of China
2. **H.E. Mr. Li Keqiang**, Premier of the People's Republic of China
3. **H.E. Ms. Liu Yandong**, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China
4. **H.E. Mr. Wang Yi**, Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China
5. **Mr. Jiang Yikang**, Secretary of the Communist Party of China Shandong Committee
6. **Mr. Guo Shuqing**, Governor of Shandong Province
7. **H.E. Mr. Liu Jieyi**, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China
8. **Mr. Wu Feng**, Professor of Jining College

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

張德江 全人代常務委張閣下

I would like to thank you for the hospitality and generous welcome you and the Government of China extended to me and my delegation during my visit to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War.

I was deeply moved and impressed by the proud achievements of China since the end of the Second World War. I commend the leadership of your Government in advancing sustainable development and enhancing your strong global standing. This is a remarkable year where we can take the opportunity to change the future of humanity for the better, to put in place the new international development agenda and a meaningful agreement on climate change. The forthcoming visit of President Xi Jinping to the General Assembly attests to your Government's invaluable contribution to global peace and prosperity.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories, including my pilgrimage to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Zhang Dejiang  
Chairman of the Standing Committee of  
the National People's Congress  
of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 September 2015

*Dear State Councilor Yang,*

I would like to thank you for the hospitality and generous welcome you and the Government of China extended to me and my delegation during my visit to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War.

It was a great honour to participate in this historic event in China. This year, we also celebrate the founding of the United Nations and I recognize the long-standing support of your country for multilateralism and for the United Nations in every area of the work of the Organization. The forthcoming visit of President Xi Jinping to the General Assembly attests to your Government's commitment to advancing global peace and prosperity, particularly by raising awareness about women's empowerment and South-South cooperation.

Once again, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people during my visit. I carry with me very special memories, including my pilgrimage to Shandong to pay my respects to the birthplace of Asian wisdom and philosophy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*With my warmest regards and admirations,*

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Yang Jiechi  
State Councilor of the People's Republic  
of China  
Beijing

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO  
BEIJING AND SHANDONG

(Wednesday, 2 September – Sunday, 6 September 2015)

1. **H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang**, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
2. **H.E. Mr. Yang Jiechi**, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China

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