**Silk Road Expo Introduction**

The Silk Road International Exposition & the Investment and Trade Forum for Cooperation between East-West China (hereinafter referred to as “Silk Road Expo”) was formerly founded in 1997 as the Investment and Trade Forum for Cooperation between East-West China (hereinafter referred to as “Forum”). In March 2016, approved by the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, it was formally renamed as Silk Road Expo and held in Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, it was Co-organized by the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), Ministry of Commerce, All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, State Administration for Market Regulation, and the People’s Government of Shaanxi Province as co-organizers. At present, it has been successfully held for seven editions.

Since the Silk Road Expo was held, it has always kept in mind the important entrustment of General Secretary Xi Jinping to "Organize the Expo successfully". Party and State leaders such as Wang Yong, Wang Yang, He Wei, Gao Yunlong, Wang Yi, Yang Jiechi, and Zhang Qingwei attended the opening ceremony of the previous seven editions of the Expo and delivered keynote speeches. Fourteen countries, including Thailand, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Serbia, UK, Malaysia, Russia, Cambodia, Slovakia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan, have served as the guest of honor, and 14 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, including Xizang, Fujian, Hubei, Yunnan, Guizhou, Tianjin, Jilin, Chongqing, Sichuan, Hebei, Inner Mongolia, Jiangsu, Heilongjiang and Zhejiang, have served as the host provinces.

The Silk Road Expo has been successfully held seven editions, with more than 200 foreign dignitaries, former dignitaries from more than 190 countries and regions around the world, more than 10,000 foreign businessmen, heads of more than 60 domestic central government organs, state ministries and commissions, central enterprises, governments of 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, and Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps participated in the exhibition. The exhibition featured more than 30,000 kinds of commodities and more than 800 thousand visitors. A total of 54.421 billion US dollars has been invested in projects involving foreign investment, and 9.197754 trillion yuan has been invested in joint projects in China.

The 8th Silk Road International Expo will be grandly held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province from September 20th to 24th, 2024. The Expo will cover five main exhibition halls: International Exchange Exhibition, Interprovincial Cooperation Exhibition, Transportation and Logistics Exhibition, Advanced Manufacturing Exhibition, and Modern Energy Exhibition. The International Exchange Exhibition will be held at Hall 1 of the Xi'an International Convention and Exhibition Center, covering an exhibition area of 16,000 square meters. It will comprehensively display friendly exchanges, significant project cooperation outcomes and prospects between Shaanxi and countries and regions along the Belt and Road. We will arrange a number of business matchmaking activities between Chinese and foreign exhibitors daily, organize potential partners to exchange at booths, providing broader display space of brands and products for exhibitors from various countries and creating more opportunities for communication.