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Recognition of ACOBORI's bilateral importance by H.E. Ambassador Cheng Jingye and Hon. Andrew Robb AO at ChAFTA Anniversary – Melbourne: A Celebration of Free Trade and Friendship between Australia and China

On the 24th of November, 2016, The Australia China Business Council (ACBC) Victoria and the China Chamber of Commerce in Australia (CCCA) Melbourne co-hosted the Australia China Commemorative Dinner to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement with **H.E. Cheng Jingye, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Australia and the Hon. Andrew Robb AO** as keynote speakers.

Ambassador Cheng and Hon. Andrew Robb's keynote speeches, Australia-China One Belt One Road Initiative was highly complemented and recognised for our work and positive impact on bilateral trade in 2016.

In Ambassador Cheng's speech, he said "Local governments and business communities in Australia have expressed a keen interest in the Belt and Road Initiative. In 2016, a non-governmental organization, known as the Australia China OBOR Initiative, was established and it released a report entitled 'China's One Belt One Road. Opportunities for Australian Industry'. Last month, Mr Andrew Robb led a delegation of representatives from Australian business communities and think-tanks to visit China, and had in-depth discussions with relevant Chinese government departments on how China and Australia can cooperate in developing the Belt and Road Initiative. "

Hon. Andrew Robb AO also expressed in his keynote speech that he is very pleased to lead the Inaugural 'Belt and Road Delegation' to China which is the first commercial delegation in the world to pursue Belt and Road collaboration opportunities with China. "The 3 day visit and briefing was an eye-opener. It not just about economic infrastructure, it is also about social infrastructures that are relating to Australian's core service capabilities. It will provide many opportunities for Australia, especially regarding Northern Australia development."

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