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CMG President Shen Haixiong emphasized that CMG remains committed to bringing people from China and the US closer through exchanges and cooperation, and to advancing mutual learning. At a new starting point as China embarks on the next Five-Year Plan period, Shen added that CMG stands ready to work with all sectors to carry forward the spirit of "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" and contribute to building a community with a shared future for humanity.

Jan Carol Berris, vice president of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, who was involved in the Ping-Pong exchanges 55 years ago, said she hopes the spirit of mutual respect and friendly engagement embodied in "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" will help foster a strong, stable and respectful bilateral relationship that serves the interests of people from both countries and contributes to global peace and development.

Petra Erika Gummesson Soerling, president of the International Table Tennis Federation, described "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" as a landmark in the history of table tennis, hoping that its spirit will be carried forward to strengthen cross-border friendship.

During the event, former table tennis players Liang Geliang, Zheng Minzhi, Connie Mae Sweeris and Judy Louise Hoarfrost shared their memories of the historic ping-pong journey that bridged China-US relations more than half a century ago.

CMG's documentary, "The Silver Ball: A Journey Beyond," was officially released at the event, tracing how sports can foster people-to-people exchanges between China and the US.

The ceremony also marked the launch of a series of China-US youth sports exchange activities for 2026.

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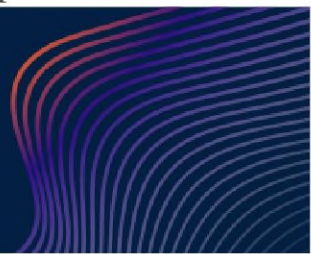
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Marking the 17th annual UN Chinese Language Day, the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China at the United Nations, in partnership with China Media Group, presents "Chinese Language Shining Civilizations."

This international event on April 13, 2026 will celebrate the rich cultural heritage and global significance of the Chinese language.

UN Chinese Language Day, established by the United Nations in 2010, is celebrated every year on April 20 to honor Cang Jie, the legendary figure credited with creating Chinese characters. The date aligns with the traditional Chinese solar term "Grain Rain" (Guyu), highlighting the deep cultural roots and historical legacy of one of the world's oldest writing systems.



With over one billion native speakers, Mandarin Chinese holds the distinction of being one of the six official languages of the United Nations since 1946. Chinese plays a vital role in the promotion of multilingualism and cultural diversity across global platforms.

There is growing interest in Mandarin Chinese around the world as a unique force for understanding, writing and expressing reality. It brings societies closer together and creates a spirit of friendship. UN Chinese Language Day creates a platform for dialogue and fostering mutual learning, cultural exchange and global cooperation.

Mandarin Chinese is not only a tool for communication but also a bond that strengthens friendships and opens doors for countless students to new career paths and understanding of Chinese civilization.

The event on Monday at the UN headquarters in New York City will feature keynote addresses by esteemed diplomats and language experts, alongside classical musical performances that celebrate Chinese artistic traditions.

"Chinese Language Shining Civilizations" serves as a proud reminder of the enduring influence of the Chinese language throughout history and its vital role today in fostering communication and cultural exchange worldwide.

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