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## China and Russia Promote Bilateral Cooperation

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China and Russia pledged to promote their bilateral cooperation with maintaining the momentum in the development of their ties.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, agreed to it during a meeting on the sidelines of the 48th meeting of foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which takes place in Kuala Lumpur.

The two countries share the upcoming celebration of the 70th anniversary of the victory of the international war against fascism, and their historic contributions to this war.

In this regard, the Chinese Foreign Minister said his country welcomes the upcoming participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, in the activities taking place in this ancient nation to mark the end of World War II, scheduled for next September 3rd.

Among other issues, Wang stated that Beijing is willing to strengthen strategic cooperation with Moscow on issues related to Asia-Pacific, to promote a concept of shared Asian security, cooperative, comprehensive, and sustainable, and safeguard jointly peace, stability and regional development.

The two foreign ministers appreciated the successful conclusion of the Seventh Summit of the BRICS, bloc comprised by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and the XV Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, held last July in the city Russian of Ufa.

They agreed that both meetings gave new impetus to the development of the two organizations.

China is willing to work with Russia to implement the results of the two summits and maintain the momentum of development of the two organizations, said Wang.

For his part, Lavrov noted that President Putin looks forward to participating in commemorative festivities planned here.

He stressed that the development of the comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation between China and Russia is one of the priorities of his country's diplomacy.

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