

# CLOSING SPEECH AT THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

*September 30, 1949*

Fellow Delegates,

The work of the First Session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)<sup>282</sup> has drawn to a successful conclusion. We have unanimously proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic of China. We have passed the Organic Law of the CPPCC, the Organic Law of the Central People's Government and the Common Programme,<sup>283</sup> and elected the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Central People's Government, members of the Central People's Government Council and the National Committee of the CPPCC. We have adopted the national flag, decided on the seat of the capital of our People's Republic and adopted the national anthem and a new chronological system. All we have done conforms to the will of the people.

Throughout the session, all our delegates were united with one will. This bodes well for the prosperity of our country. Since we can unite as one in founding the People's Republic of China, surely we can unite as one in building our country and leading it to prosperity.

During the session, a stream of congratulatory telegrams has reached us from people throughout our country and from people's organizations of various other countries. This shows that our cause enjoys the support of our international friends as well as of the people across our country. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their good will. We shall certainly not fail them.

Hail the complete success of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference!

Hail the birth of the People's Republic of China!

Long live the Central People's Government!

Long live Chairman Mao Zedong!

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