

Main aspects and minor ones in Current Sino-Thai Strategic Partnership

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I. How to See Current Sino-Thai Relationship

- Main aspects of the bilateral relations are good
 - The closest bilateral relations compared with other Sino-ASEAN countries' relations
 - Princess Sirindhorn 's words: “China and Thailand are one family”
 - Politically, facing the West sanction Thailand gains China's support
 - Economically, China:
 - No. 1 destination of Thailand's exports,
 - the second largest source of its imports, and
 - the largest source of foreign visitors to the country, while
 - Thailand is now China's second biggest trading partner in the 10-member ASEAN.
 - Culturally, 14 Confucius Institutes and 18 Confucius classes
- Minor negative aspects of the bilateral relations
 - The negative ones need to pay attention to
 - Main positive aspects will be damaged if not noting negative ones

II. Sentiment of disgust against China in Thai Society

- In latest years, more and more Thai people's sentiment of disgust against China appears in Thai media
- Words with sentiment of disgust against China
 - “ Thailand will become a China's province ”
 - A article in internet warns the Thai government
 - “ We could not control them if Chinese come to Thailand more and more”
 - Chinese seize job opportunities from Thai people by fake marriage, fake student identity, fake investment

- Fake joint investment
 - According to Thai law, Thai people hold share of 51% , in fact no any Thai investment, it is controlled by Chinese
- Thai firms' interests are hurt by Chinese monopolization in some sectors
 - Some hotels and orchards are contracted by Chinese firms
- Some Chinese businessmen's image are not good
 - Just focusing on making money for themselves, do not care public interests for local community
- Chinese tourists' bad behaviors damage the image of Thai tourism
- Thailand will be controlled by China
 - Thammasat university students' Parade expressed this meaning by a huge prop: a little Thai man standing in the huge hand of Dragon

Causes of the Sentiment being

- Misunderstanding because of lacking communication between two sides
- More and more Chinese tourists with low quality of education come to Thailand
- Small countries naturally have scared feeling towards big neighboring country

- Some Thai people educated in the West have prejudice against China
- Chinese media over read the one belt and one road
- Over strong offensive of propaganda of “one belt and one road”
- Chinese style arrogance towards Thai people

Recommendation to both governments

- To Chinese governments
 - To make Chinese media to correctly read the meaning of one belt and one road
 - To stress realistic cooperation in stead of propaganda
 - To pay more attention to public opinion in stead of only focusing on government position
 - To make efforts to improve the image of our own tourists and businessmen
 - To educate Chinese people who work in Thailand to keep low profile and modest
- To Thai government
 - To make stricter laws and regulations on foreign investment and other affairs to protect Thai interests