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Speech on the Laying of the Foundation Stone and the  
Groundbreaking for the New Huadu Business School

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It was a delightful surprise to see so many people in the airport yesterday, to give me and my wife Viviana such a warm welcome.

I knew at once that New Huadu Business School will be a friendly and happy project.

I knew we will be able to work together for this project.

I count on all your support and listen to your suggestions and initiatives.

You will share your local experience with me, and I will bring my ideas for a useful business education for the benefit of all the students from Fuzhou, Fujian Province, and the whole nation.

It will be great if the New Huadu Business School becomes the top place for students who want to have a modern preparation for business careers.

I am looking forward, as you are, to the construction of the new building that will house the business school.

I hope we will be able to get to know each other personally and interact in every possible way.

Fuzhou was the city from which the great Chinese admiral Zheng He set sail on several of his voyages of discovery. I hope this spirit will inspire us to explore our own new routes.

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