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SCHILLER INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

The New Silk Road & The New Paradigm For Mankind

Nov. 7—The third panel of the 30th Anniversary conference of the Schiller Institute, held in Frankfurt, Germany Oct. 18-19, featured a broad spectrum of speakers on the subject of "The New Silk Road and the New Paradigm for Mankind," beginning with the keynote presentation by Jacques Cheminade, the president of the Solidarité et Progrès party in France.

In this issue, we reproduce the texts of five of the speeches from among the nine that were given. The speeches, including those from the first two panels, are available on video in their original languages, on the <u>Conference page</u> of New Paradigm site of the Schiller Institute.

The session began with a special greeting from Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of Australia, who endorsed the theme of the conference: replacing geopolitics with the approach of economic development now being carried out by the BRICS.

After Cheminade's remarks, Saeed Khatibzadeh of the Iranian Institute of Political and International Studies (Berlin office), Italian economist Antonino Galloni, and two Serbian experts—Dragan Duncic of the Republican Agency for Spatial Planning and Milena Nikolic of the Higher Education Institute for Applied Studies—presented economic development projects in their nations which would link up with the New Silk Road.

The conference then heard two representatives of the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, a grouping named in honor of the wife of the founder of the Chinese Republic, Sun Yat-sen.

Diogène Senny, head of the Pan-African League-Umoja, headquartered in Paris, then spoke on the "Operational Convergences" of the Pan-African movement and the BRICS movement for a new, just international economic order.

The final presentation on this panel was given by Robert Barwick, of the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia, whose speech was titled, "Which Way Australia? To Hell with London and Wall Street, or to the Heavens with the BRICS?"