



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

San Marino, 6 May 2021

Ref. no. 46952/2021

Minister, Dear Colleague,

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of official relations between our countries, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of San Marino and on my personal behalf, I have the honour and the pleasure to express to you my deep and heartfelt satisfaction for the growing relations of friendship and collaboration, which unite our Institutions and our Peoples.

I am particularly proud to be able to say today that for half a century our bilateral relations have been progressively reaffirmed by the various historical, political and cultural identities in our respective territories. Above all, we both resolutely claim full respect for state sovereignty and the principle of self-determination of peoples, regardless of their geopolitical weight and value.

For these reasons, we will be glad to host in our Republic a number of initiatives that can offer an overview of our fruitful relations over the last 50 years. These initiatives start on this day, which commemorates the historic date of the signing in Paris of the bilateral agreement that formally established our official relations.

The uninterrupted series of official and private visits paid to the respective countries has fostered the development of relations focused on trust between Institutions and the well-being of our citizens, by promoting bilateral agreements and establishing synergies also through the creation of bodies to disseminate culture, traditions, economic and commercial exchanges and proposals of mutual interest.

Now, as in the past, the ancient Republic of San Marino is looking at the great Asian country with the same desire to promote and develop new opportunities for cooperation and exchange, combining tradition and innovation and developing a model of relations that is increasingly exclusive and respectful of national prerogatives.

In this spirit, Minister and dear Colleague, I would like to extend to you a cordial invitation to visit San Marino in the course of this year, with a view to further strengthening our cooperation and friendship, both on an institutional and personal level. To this end, I look forward to receiving from you a proposal for a suitable date and assure you that the Ministry and I will be more than willing to accept any proposal.

In expressing the hope that these celebrations will lead to equally fruitful and far-sighted opportunities for our countries and to a renewed season of important bilateral successes, please accept the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Luca Beccari
MINISTER

His Excellency
Mr. **Wang Yi**
State Councilor and Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of China
BEIJING

REPUBBLICA DI SAN MARINO

Palazzo Begni - Contrada Omerelli, 31 - 47890 San Marino
segreteria.affariesteri@gov.sm - www.esteri.sm

T +378 (0549) 882 302 – 882 312
F +378 (0549) 882 814