

8th Soong Ching Ling Int'l Summer Camp opens in Beijing



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Under the theme of “In China, Be Friends,” the camp is sponsored by the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF), a Beijing-based NGO named after the late wife of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The week-long event, already in its 8th year, aims to further promote the consensus achieved during last May’s Belt and Road Forum (BRF) to enhance communication between the younger generation of various countries and strengthen people-to-people exchanges through various group activities, exhibitions, talent shows, cultural carnivals as well as sightseeing around China, the foundation stated.



Young people from different countries play games during an ice-breaking session of the 8th Soong Ching Ling International Summer Camp in Beijing on July 17. [Photo provided to China.org.cn]

Hang Yuanxiang, CSCLF's standing vice chairman, speaking at the camp's opening ceremony, declared: "Through this event, we hope young people could get closer, promote exchanges of different civilizations and contribute to a better and peaceful world when they grow up."

Aimar Poom, a team manager of four Estonian teenagers, said it would be a very exciting experience for youngsters being in China along with peers of different skin colors and cultural backgrounds.

Beside their stay in Beijing, participants will go on separate trips to north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Jiangsu Province and Shanghai to experience the country's traditional culture and development.