

Conversations with chief correspondents in Beijing (I): Levent Uluçer

Radio Beijing International launched an interview series in Beijing on Sept. 2, in which Beijing-based foreign chief correspondents and heads of foreign media who have been working and living in Beijing for years are invited to share their views on the changes taking place in the Chinese capital over the past five years.



Levent Uluçer, the chief correspondent and head of China Offices of Aydınlık Turkish daily newspaper and Ulusal TV Channel Turkish TV. [Photo provided to China.org.cn]

The first guest invited to the interview “Beijing in My Eyes – Conversations with Chief Correspondents” is Levent Uluçer, the chief correspondent and head of China Offices of Aydınlık Turkish daily newspaper and Ulusal TV Channel Turkish TV.

Uluçer said he was enchanted by the breathtaking beauty of China and made a quick decision to come in 2003 when he had already established a successful career as a TV host in Turkey.

Since then, he has been working and living in Beijing for nearly 15 years, first serving as a Turkish expert of China Radio International and then working for several influential Turkish media, producing thousands of reports to familiarize his audience with the oriental civilization.

Besides his numerous reports on China, Uluçer also shot the “Silk Road” documentary as the line-producer and cameraman along the ancient Silk Road from Xi’an to Xinjiang for 3 weeks, which was later aired on TRT Avaz (Turkish National TV) in 2014.

Uluçer calls himself a “Lao Beijing Ren” (native Beijinger), taking Beijing as his hometown. “When I go to Turkey, there’s actually no home for me,” he said, “When I come back here, I come to my home.”

When asked about the changes and development of Beijing and China in the past five years, he shared his perspectives regarding the Belt and Road Initiative, technology innovation, the sharing economy as well as sports and culture.

Over the coming weeks, six more heads of foreign media and chief correspondents will take part in the interviews. The seven-episode series will be aired on Radio Beijing International through 92.3FM and 774AM in late September.