

**Congratulatory Message from Premier Li Keqiang on the
Inauguration of the Expansion of Pier III of COSCO
Piraeus Container Terminal**
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On the occasion of the inauguration of the expansion of Pier III of COSCO Piraeus Container Terminal, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government, our warm congratulations.

China and Greece are enjoying all-round and rapid development of bilateral relations. Our political mutual trust is growing, and our practical cooperation is yielding new results. Our cooperation on the Piraeus port, in particular, has set a fine example. When I was in Greece in June 2014, I made a point of visiting the port and recognized that such win-win cooperation indeed brings benefits to both nations. I deeply appreciate that Prime Minister Samaras has attached great importance to our bilateral relations and made tremendous efforts in supporting the PCT project. I wish to reiterate that China highly values its relations with Greece and hopes that through joint efforts with Greece, the Piraeus port will be turned into a first class port in the Mediterranean Sea and a vital hub of the region, and on that basis, the building of the China-Europe Land-Sea Express Line will be accelerated. By so doing, we will move China-Greece practical cooperation steadily forward and deliver even greater benefits to our two countries and peoples.

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