## Foreword<sup>\*</sup>

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The editorial team of *China International Strategy Review* is part of a research entity at the School of International Studies at Peking University – the Institute of International and Strategic Studies (www.iiss.pku.edu.cn). Since the inaugural issue in 2008, the *Review* has tracked, analyzed and commented on major changes to the international strategic situation in the form of a collection of annual reports. With the support of China International Publishing Group and Foreign Languages Press Co. Ltd., the English edition of the *Review* has also been published since 2012, opening a window for overseas readers to learn about the views and contemporary research of Chinese scholars. To our delight, both the Chinese and English versions of the *Review* have earned a certain degree of approval from the readership, which gives us the confidence to make this annual publication even better in the future.

The 2016 English edition of the *Review* contains 20 articles and reports. We include a remarkable speech by former State Councilor Dai Bingguo on China, Sino-American relations and the world. We also include reflections on Sino-Japanese relations by former Japanese Foreign Minister Maehara Seiji, as well as an article on global governance reform by Ambassador He Yafei, the former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Deputy Director of the State Council Overseas Chinese Affairs Office. We are delighted to have an article on the UK and the use of force in Iraq by Sir Adam Roberts, Emeritus Professor of International Relations at

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Oxford University. This edition also contains commentaries by expert scholars from China, Norway, Japan and the United States, the content of which covers major, real-world issues and questions regarding China's foreign relations that are of international concern right now. The timeliness, depth, breadth and overall quality of this annual report have all improved on past editions.

This collection of reports has been compiled with great care in hope of encouraging new ideas in strategic studies, thereby offering better international strategic options and deeper analysis. We welcome the support of and suggestions from all our readers.

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