

Press Release**Literary Forum on Indo-China Literary Exchange: Multilingual Challenge**

Sahitya Akademi organized a Literary Forum on Indo-China Literary Exchange: Multilingual Challenges on 24 August 2018 at New Delhi. Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the participants and audience. In his speech Sreenivasarao detailed the past and present collaborations and the challenges confronting Indo-literary exchanges. He was of the opinion that as emerging powers, India and China should join hands and concentrate on translating all major Indian classics into Chinese and vice-versa. Mr Jidi Majia, Vice-President, Chinese Writers' Association, chaired the programme. He expressed his pleasure that Sahitya Akademi provides such a platform where two nations can exchange ideas, especially India and China, who share a long history of cultural exchange which is quite rare in the world. The impact of this long history is very much evident in people even today. He went on to say that it is imperative that we pay attention to each other's cultural heritage to bring in a state of mutual understanding and harmony. In the last couple of years Chinese writers have concentrated on translating Indian classical masterpieces, and, as a result, people in China have read a lot of Indian books translated from Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, etc.

Sri Li Xiaoming in his speech talked about the multi values of Chinese ethnic minority Literature and highlighted the commonality of Oral and written traditions of two countries. Sri Zhang Qinghua in his speech highlighted the process of dialogue between these two ancient multicultural societies and hoped that writers from both the countries will continue to inspire each other. Prof. Harish Trivedi talked about the vibrant past, present dialogues and rosynes of the future with regards to Indo-Chinese relations. Prof. H.S. Shivprakash stresses that though some wonderful exchanges had happened, a lot still needs to be done on Indo-China Literary Forum. Dr. Anamika talked about propensity of translations to unite, missed opportunities and the possibilities which can be fructified by great translations and translators. Dr. Chandra Mohan highlighted the significant contributions made by Indian scripts in East Asia & multilingual and multicultural phenomenon in ancient silk route.

Sri Zhang Jianxi, Cultural Counsellor, Chinese Embassy in India thanked Indian writers for all cooperation. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi proposed a vote of thanks.

K. Sreenivasarao