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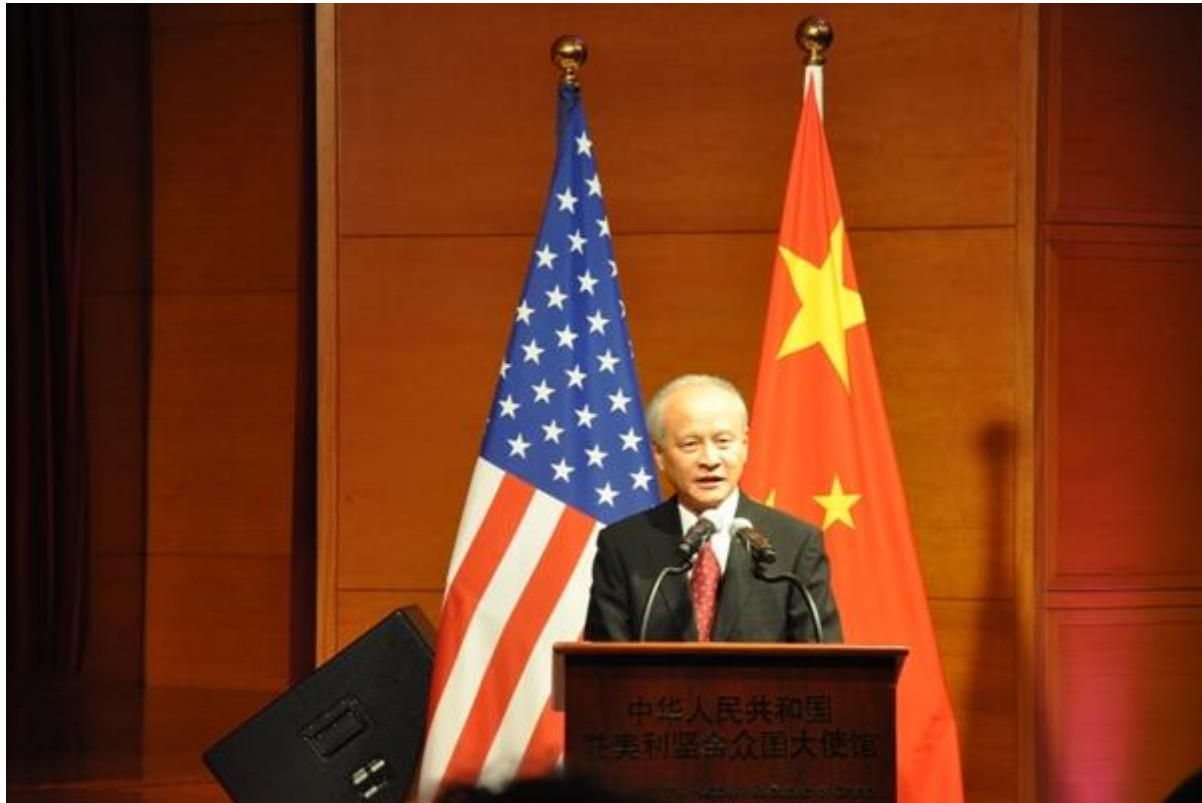
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Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai and Mme. Ni Peijun hosted a reception in honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, the world-renowned pianist Mr. Lang Lang, and the Court's Friends of Music members on May 17, 2016.



Ambassador Cui welcomed his guests to the Embassy. He pointed out that music is a universal language that transcends national boundaries and bridges people's hearts. Mr. Lang Lang's beautiful music brought everyone together to celebrate friendship. Like music, architecture, painting and sculpturing are universal art forms. The Chinese Embassy Chancery was designed by I. M. Pei, a well-known Chinese American architect. The signature sculpture in the Chancery, Purple Clouds Rising from the East, was the work of Mr. Xu Bing, an artist from Beijing who created a similar piece for the U.S. Embassy in China. These artists are friendship messengers, and their art works have brought the Chinese and American peoples ever closer.



Now that China and the United States are building a new model of major-country relationship, music and other art forms should continue to bridge the two countries and create opportunities for people-to-people exchanges, Ambassador Cui said. The two sides should do all they could to enhance the foundation for the sustained and sound growth of China-U.S. relations.

Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor thanked Ambassador Cui and Mme. Ni for their warm hospitality, and expressed their willingness to promote judiciary exchanges and cooperation between the two countries.



Mr. Lang Lang played a couple of Chinese and western piano pieces. He and Justice Ginsburg later chatted with the Embassy's Sunshine School students, ranging from 6 to 12 years old, who were so excited to meet their idol in person.

More than 80 guests along with some senior Chinese diplomats attended the event.