**Dairy Forum Remarks**

* Thank you,
* [President Cao],
* Vice President Yu
* Acknowledge VIPs [Vice President Qing Lijun]
* Pleased to attend the 7th Global Dairy Forum hosted by CFNA on the sidelines of CIIE.

*Australian dairy sector*

* I grew up in rural Victoria—which produces close to two-thirds of Australia’s milk production.
* So I have some first-hand exposure to the Australian dairy sector.
* It is an industry with a long history of delivering high quality products to consumers – in Australia and globally.
* And no market is more important than China.
* China has become Australia’s largest market for dairy exports. The signing of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) in 2015 saw the trade boom.
* In 2023, more than half of Australian milk and cream were exported to China.
* But this is not just about trade – it is about partnership
* Earlier this year, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Dairy Australia China Scholarship program.
* This program has helped show Chinese dairy industry experts how our industry works in Australia.
* Our industries have a long and deep relationship based on sharing knolwedge.
* The Australian dairy industry is proud to be a part of China’s dairy supply mix – and we are also proud to be a part of China’s dairy history and future.
* Into the future Australia is committed to remaining a reliable supplier of safe and wholesome dairy products to China in the years and decades to come.

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* I wish you well in your efforts here in Shanghai to develop your business relationships and cooperation in this important sector.