



Madam Chen-Chin Ching, China's Observer, addressing the Seminar.

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ADDRESSING the Dance Seminar, Madam Chen-Chin Ching, Vice-Director, Peking School of Dancing, and an Observer at the Seminar from the People's Republic of China, said:

Dear Friends, please allow me, on behalf of the Chinese dance artistes, to extend sincere congratulations to the Dance Seminar of the Sangeet Natak Akademi and heartily wish the Indian dancers brilliant success in their future creative work.

It is a great pleasure for me to come to this country and get an opportunity to learn from you. India has a centuries-old tradition of culture and art; she has made valuable contribution to the treasure of world art, and her people are industrious and courageous. I have experienced a feeling of excitement and joy beyond expression ever since the day I was asked to visit India. The reason for this is just as I love the art tradition of my country, and I also love the art tradition of our friendly neighbour, India, that both the peoples of China and India have lived in friendly and intimate terms, that we have exerted influence upon each other in the field of culture and art, that there are some characteristics common to the art of our two countries, that we cherish the common desire and above all we are very intimate neighbours.

The Chinese people have become more and more fond of the Indian traditional art of dance and our affection towards the Indian people grows with each passing day. It is my belief that only the people with artistic imagination can create such exquisite arts, and only the people who deeply love their own country can preserve and develop all along their national art tradition. Please allow me once again to congratulate you on your achievement.

The Chinese Dance Research Institute and the School of Dance want to present to the host of this Seminar—the Sangeet Natak Akademi—this small gift as a mark of respect of the Chinese dancers for the Indian dancers. In China, there is a saying “the present is trifle, but the intention is weighty”. This present, though trifle, gives expression to the profound friendship towards and respect for the Indian dance artistes on the part of Chinese dancers.

Wish great success to the Seminar! Wish the flourishing of the Indian dance arts and the success of the dancers!

May the friendship and cultural intercourse between the peoples of China and India be further developed.