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Sculptures by Spanish Master Artist Salvador Dali Donated to the NMC

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On the afternoon of September 17, 2013, the Ceremony for Dali's Sculptures Donated by Huang Jianhua was held at the National Museum of China (NMC).

Present at the ceremony were NMC Director Lu Zhangshen, Manuel Maria Valencia Alonso, Spanish Ambassador to China, Ignacio Morro, Spanish Cultural Counselor, Mr. Huang Jianhua, the donor who was also Chairman of the Hong Kong Parkview Group Limited and a PCOSS-Fellow at the NMC, Nicolas Descharnes, a representative of Dali's family, Huang Kidas(Juan Quirós), Dali's close friend, and NMC leaders including Huang Zhenchun, Zhang Wei, Jin Xiang, Fen Jingying, Li Liusan, Chen Chengjun and Gu Jiandong.

NMC Party Secretary Huang Zhenchun, Dali's family representative Nicolas Descharnes, Ambassador Manuel and Mr. Huang Jianhua successively addressed the ceremony which was chaired by NMC Deputy Director Chen Lusheng. NMC Director Lu Zhangshen awarded a collection certificate to Mr. Huang Jianhua and delivered a speech.

NMC Director Lu Zhangshen pointed out in his speech that the National Museum of China has jointly held exhibitions with the museums in the U.S., UK, Italy and Germany, etc. The arrival of two sculptures by Dali have filled the blank in the European collections of the NMC and offer the Chinese public a valuable chance to better understand Dali and Spanish culture. He hoped that with the support of the Spanish Ambassador, NMC and the community of Spanish museums could increase cultural and artistic exchanges. He spoke highly of the donation by Mr. Huang Jianhua as a patriotic entrepreneur and expressed deep respect and gratitude to him on behalf of the NMC.

Ambassador Manuel introduced the influence of Dali's artistic achievements in Europe. Meanwhile, he hoped that the Spanish embassy, in cooperation with the NMC, could help bring more Spanish artworks to the great temple of art of the NMC and present them before more Chinese people.

NMC Party Secretary Huang Zhenchun noted in his speech that Mr. Huang Jianhua has been paying close attention to the undertakings of the NMC and the donation of bronze sculptures *Gala at the window* and *Keeper of the Keys* this time tells his persistent patriotism and generous support to the museum. This donation enriches the collection of overseas artworks at the NMC and will help the NMC promote the 5,000-year-old Chinese civilization and better present outstanding achievements of other civilizations in the world.

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