



and expressed confidence that the new exhibition 'will serve to preserve the memory of historical landmarks of our common past and will become a noticeable event in the course of numerous festivities devoted to this date'.

In his speech, Mr. Zhang Hanhui, Chinese ambassador to Russia, pointed to the importance of exchanges in the humanitarian area, which 'pave the way to people's souls', thus promoting better understanding among nations.

Among the participants in the ceremony was Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, vice-chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations (DECR).

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