



# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

**Remarks by  
Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf  
President of the Republic of Liberia  
at the Observance of the Spring Festival of the  
Peoples Republic of China,  
Friday, February 01, 2008, Monrovia**

Mr. Ambassador:  
Honorable Leaders of the Chinese Community in Liberia,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On this wonderful occasion celebrating the Chinese Spring Festival which marks the beginning of the Chinese Lunar year, I am immensely pleased to say **BAINAN**. While congratulating you on making it through 2007 and wishing you a prosperous 2008, the people of Liberia would also like to thank you for the contributions you have made to our post-conflict development agenda.

Liberia is particularly grateful for the contributions of Chinese peace keepers, aid workers and construction workers who add value to our rebuilding efforts, laying the foundation for peace, security and economic renewal. We once again express sorrow for the death of the Bamboo expert's team leader and promise that justice will be done.

I am told that 2008 is the year of the Rat, a year of hard work and renewal. This can certainly be applied to Liberia's development efforts. We hope to move forward with increased levels of efficiency this year and years to come, with your cooperation and partnership.

We welcome your friendship and cooperation, and pray for continued peace, happiness and prosperity and the further strengthening of cordial ties between our two countries.

Thank you!