

## Former Ambassador John O' Keefe Welcome Plenary – Thursday, August 2

- Highlights: The Silk Road provides a unique location. How can Sister Cities tap into the growing impact of the Silk Road?
- Right now is the most dynamic time of the century for the Silk Road
- China is investing in more countries
- The U.S. is interested in certain regions
- Countries are looking at more cooperation and SCI is looking to engage in these cities and countries
- The Silk Road Region is being connected by railway
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