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“Is China an Enigma?”

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China is one of the most closely-watched countries in the world. It is a vast nation with a labyrinth of economic, political and socio-cultural structures. Ambassador Li Baodong will give his perspective.

Ambassador Li, John Hopkins University-trained, was appointed the Permanent Representative of China to the UN, in March 2010. His diplomatic career started after he obtained his first degree from the Beijing Foreign Studies University. He quickly rose through the ranks in the Foreign Ministry to become Ambassador to Zambia in 2005. This brief tenure was followed by a four-year term as Permanent Representative to the UN Office in Geneva until his appointment in New York.

Being one of the 5 Permanent Members (P5) of the UN Security Council, his stature as an outstanding yet unassuming Ambassador of China has become more evident. He has forcefully articulated his country's stand on various UN issues. Ambassador Li will take on the Presidency of the Security Council in March.