A year new beginnings. As the year 2017 is coming, on behalf the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Afghanistan, I would like to extend the New Year’s greetings to the government and people of Afghanistan, as well as our friends from all walks of life, who have long cared about and supported the development of China-Afghanistan relations.

In January, 1957, which is 60 years ago, H.E. Premier Zhou Enlai paid an official visit to Afghanistan. The visit tremendously promoted the mutual understanding and trust between China and Afghanistan, laid a solid foundation and opened a broad prospect for the development of the friendly relationship between the two countries. Thereafter, no matter what changes took place in the international situation or how many difficulties and obstacles lay ahead, the China-Afghanistan good neighborly, friendly and cooperative relationship, characterized by mutual equality, mutual respect, mutual trust and mutual support, has never changed. This is our common treasure and should be cherished by both sides.

The year 2016 witnessed splendid progress, growth and harvest in China-Afghanistan relations, and bilateral Strategic Co-operative Partnership has been further promoted.

A year of significant elevation in strategic mutual trust. President Xi Jinping met with his counterpart President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in Taekshet, Uzbekistan on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit. Chief Executive Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Foreign Minister Salahuddin Raeespi, National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar visited China respectively. Chief of the Joint Staff Department of China’s Central Military Commission General Tang Fenghui, Assistant Foreign Minister Mr. Kong Xuan, Mr. Li Zhaoxiang who visited Afghanistan. The above-mentioned high-level exchanges injected fresh impetus into our bilateral relations, and made clear the direction of the future development of China-Afghanistan ties.

A year of major progress in jointly building the Belt and Road. China and Afghanistan signed the MOU on Jointly Building the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road between China and Afghanistan. The direct flight from Kabul to Urumqi was resumed, and first ever direct freight train between us was kicked start, further strengthened the linkages between our two countries. In 2016, China became the third largest trading partner of Afghanistan, and the low-cost affordable housing project aided by China is under progress and expected to be initi- ated soon.

A year of significant increase in people-to-people exchanges. In 2016, more than 20 Afghan delegations visited China, covering various fields ranging from parliament, political parties, local governments, business, media, think tanks to youth etc., which further strengthened the friendship between our two countries. China has trained nearly 1000 Afghan professionals in different areas, provided 200 scholarships, delivered assistance to some Afghan orphanages, schools and hospitals within its capability, and pos- itively assisted the Afghan side to deal with natural disasters. China-Afghanistan friendship is still ongoing, and will never stop. With the common efforts of both govern- ments and peoples from all walks of life, China-Afghanistan relations will surely enjoy a more fruitful and brighter pros- per in 2017.

Ministry of Finance has contemplated to contract the IFB No. NPA/MF/95/ICS-1250/CB PROCUREMENT OF INTERNET SERVICES TO SUPPORT TREASURY OPERATIONS OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE after certain regular processes through National Procurement Authority (NPA) with NEDA Telecommunication House No: 4, Malik Yar, Shah-re-Now, District (10), Kabul, Afghanistan with total Value of 27,364,320.00 (Twenty Seven million, three hundred sixty four thousand, and three hundred twenty AFN) including all applicable Taxes in Afghanistan.

Bidders who appeal for reconsideration or have any objection, they can submit their written application within one week to the Ministry of Finance, Treasury Department as of announcement date.

The notice does not mean sign of the contract, and the contract will not be signed till completion of above mentioned deadline.