

**PRESENTATION OF SILVER PEACOCK AWARD
TO Ms. VIVIAN QU**

**SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR
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Ms. Vivian Qu,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Friends,

I extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the Embassy of India in China for this evening's programme which is the presentation of the Best Director Award from the 48th International Film Festival of India held in 2017 to Ms. Vivian Qu for her movie "*Angels Wear White*". We are delighted to have all of you here with us this afternoon for the presentation of the Award.

2. The International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which was founded in 1952, has become one of the prestigious events over the years, drawing attention from all over the world. The beautiful State of Goa, on west coast of India, has become a perfect host for the Film Festival since its last few Editions.

3. The festival aims at promoting excellence in cinematic achievement and provides a platform for friendship, cooperation and understanding between various countries by showcasing films from around the world that shed light on the socio-cultural structure and dynamics of different societies.

4. The people of both India and China have a fascination for the movies. Both our countries have huge talents as Directors and Actors. Additionally, Indian movies have a lot of music and dance and, therefore, we have very talented musicians in the film industry of India. We, at the Embassy of India to China, are delighted to note the new trend where Bollywood films are being increasingly appreciated by the audiences in China. Aamir Khan's film '*Dangal*' was one of the best-selling non-Chinese language films in China. Similarly, his latest offering called "*Secret Superstar*" has also done well. Friends, I can also tell you that Chinese movies are also liked in India. I myself remember having sat enthralled through the film "Red Sorghum" by Zhang Yimou as well as some of Chen Kaige's films.

5. Therefore, it comes as no surprise to me that Vivian Qu's movie "*Angels Wear White*" has been selected at the 48th International Film Festival of India for the "*Best Director Award*".

6. I request all of you to acknowledge Ms. Vivian Qu with a round of applause.

Thank You.