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Judge Tomas Heidar, President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, received the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Ms Hua Chunying, at the Tribunal today. Ms Hua was accompanied by a delegation of representatives from the Foreign Ministry, the Embassy of China to the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Consulate General of China in Hamburg. Ms Hua first met with Judge Heidar in the President's chambers where she signed the visitors book with a message of support for upholding multilateralism and safeguarding fairness and justice.



At a bilateral meeting held thereafter, President Heidar led an exchange of views with Ms Hua and her delegation regarding the role and work of the Tribunal and various forms of cooperation. Following a visit to the courtroom and the exhibition area, a ceremony was held during which Ms Hua presented the Tribunal with two lacquered screens entitled 'Jiangshan Duojiao' or 'Land of beauty', crafted by the Chinese Arts and Crafts Grand Master Mr Lei Tianyong, on behalf of China.

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