

India, China border talks next month

India and China will hold the 20th round of border talks at December-end, the first since the 73-day stand-off at Doklam.

“Starting next month, the bilateral exchanges will begin. The first one is of our Foreign Minister Wang Yi who will attend the India-China-Russia Foreign Ministers’ meeting here... Then our State Counsellor Yang Jiechi will come to attend the 20th round of border talks... So these two very important visits... will start a new chapter in bilateral relations,” said Li Bijian, Minister Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy here, said on Thursday. He was speaking on the sidelines of a seminar organised by the Observer Research Foundation.

Mr. Li said that when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Xiamen after the Doklam incident in September, they agreed to take forward the ties, and these visits were part of the initiative.

The two Armies were locked in a stand-off at Doklam on June 16 after Indian soldiers prevented the Chinese from building a road in a disputed territory near the India-Bhutan-China tri-junction.

After tough negotiations, the two sides agreed to disengagement on August 28.

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