

In a first, India, China to train Afghan diplomats

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Following up on 'China-India Plus' pact arrived at between PM Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, the first joint programme for training Afghanistan diplomats was kicked off in New Delhi on Monday.

"We are chartering a new course with a training programme for 10 diplomats from Afghanistan in partnership with China," said Exter-

nal Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in her message.

"This programme is essential part of international efforts to assist Afghanistan and marks the start of China-India-Afghanistan cooperation," said Wang Yi, China State Councillor in a message read out by Ambassador Luo Zhao-hui. Modi and Xi, meanwhile, are likely to meet for fourth time this year in Argentina in November. — TNS