To commemorate sixty years of the People’s Republic of China, in 2009 the Xinjiang Urumqi International Urban Sculpture Symposium took place in Urumqi. Sixty sculpture projects were selected to be installed in the park at the center of the city.

Urumqi is located in the northwest of China, where the ancient Silk Road crosses the geographic center of Eurasia, and it is the world’s farthest city inland from the ocean. Forty-seven ethnic groups, including Uygur, Han, Kazak, and Hui populate Urumqi.

As an international cultural exchange event sponsored by the National Urban Sculpture Construction Guidance Committee in Beijing and by Urumqi Municipal Government, the 2009 Xinjiang Urumqi Sculpture Park aims to promote the concept of harmonious development while upgrading public art.