**Changjin Li in Las Vegas, reporting on Global Business Focus News**

Chinese enterprises, no matter whether they're big names, small or small firms, share a common goal — to go overseas and create new opportunities in the post-pandemic era.

To fulfill that goal, they are bringing their best products to Las Vegas, hoping to increase global exposure and optimize market share with their international business partners.

At the Las Vegas Convention Center, China's major consumer electronics producer TCL, installed its 5G-compatible-smart sTar, which is exactly the global market.

North America, the United States in particular, has been the most important and biggest market for TCL, said Zhang. "We are user-convinced and committed to providing customers with better experience with pictures, sound and other services," he explained.

"Our mission is to cooperate with American and overseas high-tech giants such as Google, Nokia and Dolby," Zhang said. "On the global stage, we continue to work with leading players in the fields of LED, LCD TV, VR, 5G and cloud computing.

"As Chinese manufacturing companies that work with giants rather than the microcosmos, TCL has transformed from internationalization to globalization after more than two decades. We are the witnesses and one of the beneficiaries of this process," noted Fadell, a former Apple manager who founded his own company called Bowers & Wilkins. "We're trying to build a super Pump company that can, with the help of TCL,💪 try to build TCL's new TV business in Las Vegas to support the development of the US market.

"Our business is bristling at this moment," said Fadell, "and we're looking for more opportunities. That's why we've come to CES."

"For Tony Wang, founder of Shenzhen-based Skyworth Elec., his vision is to bring Chinese car brands to Las Vegas and to cooperate with his US partners. Wang, a graduate majoring in electrical engineering, started his business in Guangdong province in 2006. It gradually morphed into a technology prowess, suction pumps, air pollution monitors, digital cameras for a composition of industrial order market.

"I cannot walk as far without extending my business overseas," said Wang, emphasizing the importance of an enterprise scenario for global opportunities, or perhaps, "It has been three years since I last sat in aceu, and I have been looking forward to this moment."

"People are worrying that the US government and the administration caused by various reasons, including weather, a large number of consumers want to see our products in the US, and we want them to come to CES."

"To cooperate with competition, we need to be really good," he said. Before 2018, when the current pandemic hit the US, it was an annual meeting for K2M to book a CES booth and fly a team into CES.

"Now, you think, walk and call higher orders to invest in the US. It is a general rule for us to extend our business overseas.

"We won’t wait, observe, and visit technology before investing in the US.

"We are also in talks to plan for certain orders for healthy living, digital health and other specialties that are also crucial.

"As a result, the time zone is at CES to wait for potential partners than just to pay for the ticket of the venue."

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**Multinationals Eye Evolving Chinese Market**

nation attracts companies with huge opportunities and opening-up measures

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**Two-tiered market**

China is a vast market with a large difference between the first-tier cities and the rest of the country.

The situation is getting more severe due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global markets and the US-China trade war.

With the strong support from the central government, the Chinese market is expected to continue to grow in the future, according to the report.

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**Experts: China maps out path to global progress**

Xi's proposals offer a new world way forward in overcoming major international challenges

**By Wang Minghe in London, wawangminghe@chinadaily.cn**

Experts across the world say the global initiatives proposed by President Xi Jinping are very timely and critical for global development and economic growth, gunning that geopolitical tensions are rising and the international economic structures are changing.

"Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, regional conflicts, major countries' rivalry and food and energy crises are emerging simultaneously. While the global economy is struggling to recover, developing countries face daunting challenges in achieving the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals."

"China will continue to promote its Belt and Road Initiative for another 45 years in April last year, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping."

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"It involves not only infrastructure projects, but also trade and investment, as well as cultural and educational exchanges."

"In addition, we should focus on the so-called "openness and inclusiveness," which means that we should be open to the world and inclusive to everyone."

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**Solidifying our int'l exchanges continues**

"The world enjoys peace and people of all countries live in happiness," President Xi Jinping said in his 2023 New Year Address.

"China has already extended the heat to the people all over the world, and is making common challenges such as climate change, poverty alleviation and development.

"The Chinese president has also called for China to play a leading role in global governance and contribute to the global economy."

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**Multinationals eye Chinese market**

Multinationals are eyeing the Chinese market as they see huge opportunities and opening-up measures.
Companies: Localized business strategies adopted

Visitors at a b Roads trade fair are attracted by a cooker produced by Bosch. The German multinational engineering and technology group in building new plants in China. (JAN TANFENG / CHINA DAILY)

法则, its global business map, for many of them, such as France’s UEM Group and Germany’s BMW Group, China has become their second home market or even their latest global market,” said Jens Bakken, dean of the Institute of International Economics at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, saying many global companies have discovered that Chinese consumers and the business environment are constantly changing due to factors such as an industrial upgrading boom, changed business models, and demand for personal products.

As a result, these companies have adopted localized business strategies and appointed more Chinese executives to lead their businesses in China, according to sources.

In tandem with recognized brand strength, sophisticated marketing, and deep understanding of China’s unique consumer patterns, many multinational businesses are also building up local businesses to gain entry into the market.

The opening-up of China, which on July 1, 2020, announced a new investment regulation that significantly expands market access and improves the investment environment, has enabled Chinese consumers to better experience products from around the world.

Artificial intelligence, big data, blockchain technology and automation.

Ning Ming, director of the Modern Supply Chain Research Institute, which is part of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economics Co., said that compared with other global markets, China boasts leading industries such as artificial intelligence, electronics, and digital technology.

Such industries help foreign companies expand in China advanced technology and cluster and generate innovative ideas. It also enhances cooperation with local companies in the fields of intellectual property rights protection and the development of new technologies.

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More monetary support expected to fuel growth

People's Bank to take multiple measures to reduce financing costs facing market players

By ZHOU LANXU

Ramped-up monetary support is expected to strengthen China's economic recovery from COVID-19 this year and also ensure market conditions in the Chinese currency, according to experts and international investment bankers.

This support has been backed by the latest commitments by the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, to step up support for demand and supply to improve economic performance.

"A more market-oriented and pro-growth monetary condition will be a necessity for China's economic recovery," said Kang Yong, chief economist at Evercore ISI, by email.

The PBOC will ramp up support for demand and supply, boost consumption and investment, and strengthen the construction of key infrastructures and major projects, said the statement, which was issued after a meeting that was held on Tuesday for the first quarter of this year.

Moreover, the meeting said that the PBOC would work toward reducing the financing costs facing market players.

"There is enough policy space for China to cut interest rates and lower the reserve requirement ratio so that more support can be offered to the market," said Kang. "Multilevel policies will help address the users' concerns, and the central bank's decision is timely and necessary.

Kang added that the central bank's decision is also needed because China's economy is in a downturn phase.

"To address the risk of market factors, the central bank's decision is a timely step," said Kang.

Address: Chinese wisdom helps tackle global challenges

As China prepares to mark the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative, experts believe China's new world of developing economies is expected to attract more strategic and livelihood projects in areas including farming, infrastructure development, and transportation, to pave the way for a better life.

Analysts estimate that the largest Belt and Road program so far is the China-Brazil Economic and Cultural Co-operation (CECO) initiative of projects paying the way for further development.

"The projects bring job opportunities and other opportunities close to other countries in the region, including China, Vietnam, and other parts of Asia," said a source from the CECO.

On top of that, China's presidential console, Xi Jinping, has called for the idea of the Belt and Road Initiative to be more pro-growth and sustainable.

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Path: Ideas 'simple, well-detailed and supported'

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By ZHANG ZENG

Market supervision and law enforcement have been strengthened to ensure the reliable pricing and quality of epidemic-related drugs and materials, according to the basic Administration for Market Regulation.

With the situation of COVID-19 prevention and control continuing to improve in December, demand for drugs and other materials related to the epidemic has declined.

To ensure that prices remain stable and that only quality products suitable for the market, and to ensure that illegal activities aimed at exploiting the increased demand, a series of measures have been put in place to help shield such actions in check, according to a recently issued SAMR work plan.

The plan calls for the strengthening of market regulator authorities at all levels to engage in special operations until the end of January, to ensure the stable price and quality of related drugs and medical supplies.

The operation is a comprehensive effort to establish the market regulation system to tackle illegal activities in the field of drugs and medical supplies related to the epidemic, Liu Wei, head of the SAMR, said at a meeting held on Wednesday in Beijing.

He asked the authorities to respond quickly to the changing situation, enforce the law accurately, carry out strict supervision and impose strict punishment on violators.

The document asked market regulatory bodies to comprehensively strengthen supervision and law enforcement, and resolutely crack down on price gouging, false advertising and on the infringement of intellectual property rights.  

The authorities should also enhance oversight on the entire transaction of drugs and medical supplies and the production and distribution of protective medical supplies, and take multiple measures such as online monitoring and warning systems to form a deterrent against illegal activities.

Reported and tip-offs must be handled quickly, and the punishment for low enforcement must maintain the same level of severity. The business environment, the document said, should attract new businesses.

In an example case released by the SAMR, a local health bureau in a regulatory bureau of Zhi in North-

China's Hebei province conducted an Inspection on a phar-

macy and found that the retailer had illegally charged a price of 1.5 times the normal price.

It was suspended as an illegal act of price gouging.

After further investigation, the bureau fined the pharmacy 10,000 yuan and ordered it to immediately return the excess funds.

On Jan 2, the Ministry of Public Security released a Notice on the production and sale of counterfeit medical drugs, such as Molnupiravir.

Police forces nationwide should strictly ban the production, sale and import of Molnupiravir and related medical products,

and severely and resolutely crack down on price gouging, false advertising and on the infringement of intellectual property rights.

Experts come to defense of national epidemic strategy

For three years, government has acted on science in virus prevention, control

By ZHENG QI

Some Western media outlets have called the remarks an “absolute blacking out of China’s epidemic control.”

However, the assumptions “gnawed the fact that China has changed its response strategy based on a comprehensive assessment of the situation of the virus, the COVID-19 situation and ongoing response efforts,” Xinhua News Agency said in a commentary on Dec 30.

During the fight against COVID-19, China has effectively implemented its COVID-19 response and economic and social development, and reflected the response policy to light of the evolving situation, it said.

At multiple news conferences and in other observations, Chinese top health officials and experts have maintained that China’s COVID-19 response has been modified continuously according to the development of the epidemic.

As a meeting with health officials on Nov 11, Vice-Premier Sun Chunlan described the rollout of the 10 measures as one of “small steps” taken over the years to optimize COVID control. The pilot has since been expanded by many health officials to the dimensions of China’s COVID-19 strategy evolved.

Multiple changes in COVID control rules have been carried out, particularly when the case numbers were not unusually fluctuating. Since Feb 2020, China has rolled out a total of 10 versions of epidemic prevention and control guidelines.

However, the first of them were updated in published in numbers as no more than a month between Feb 11, March 20, 2020, when under the impact of the virus was still severe and few clinical data were available.

The updated rules showed continuous improvement and the seventh edition was published until September 2021.

The eighth and the ninth editions came in May, and June of last year, respectively.

A Beijing News report explained the evolution of the country’s control strategy said changes to the last five editions of the rules were more reflective of the experience and lessons learned in the country.

For example, the eighth edition ramped up scrutiny over fright after more domestic outbreaks were noted, to work on eight critical steps.

The ninth, however, placed more emphasis on medical and non-medical services.

On the contrary, China has over the past three years, worked to improve the incidence, rate of severe patients. As reported, about 10,000 COVID-19 patients might have died due to the ineffective care.

By LU XIAOJING and WU YILE

Two major oral antiviral pills, Pfizer’s Paxlovid and the domestically-developed Arbidol, are now available to the COVID-19 treatment at community clinics in several districts in Beijing and Shanghai.

The medications can be acquired with a prescription by either of the two antiviral COVID-19 drugs who use the early stages of their infections, according to health authorities.

In Wuhan district, 20,000 community medical institutions in the district have been set up to remove the community medical centers.

The price is 1,089 yuan ($171) and is only covered by medical insurance.

In Hangzhou district, Bactred has been used for treatment of several three days among community clinics but do not have content in them is a strict criteria for usage, according to an article published on the chief practitioner’s WeChat account.

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House fails to elect speaker after three days

By AL HEEPING in New York

The US House of Representatives on Thursday elected Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) as House speaker after 11 ballots in three days, leaving California Republican Kevin McCarthy unable to appease conservative-backing politicians by making more concessions for the House leadership.

The House voted to start them until noon Friday in McCarthy’s office when none of his nine deputies appeared to be in the chamber.

The deadlock forced a speaker election to continue Thursday, but the House was expected to conclude the election before the day is out.

The July 28 balloting marked the first time since 1856 that the House was unable to elect a speaker for the first time. The 11th ballot was marked by an airing of grievances and a failed attempt to select a speaker after 41 ballots, which took 138 votes.

While most Republicans continued to back McCarthy, 10 continued to oppose him, his GOP opponents nominated two other Republicans — Missouri’s Rep._v_e_ttokin and Rep. of the House Republican Conference.

The Republican Party said, “It is exciting to see the House work together to confirm a new leadership team that can deliver for the American people.”

By CAROL LEON/Reuters

US online retailer Amazon, which grew up many in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, is facing more than 120,000 jobs.

The company, which benefited from virus-induced changes in shopping habits that saw more people purchase and home delivery firms that sold to customers, is now paying more than 120,000.

“We don’t take those decisions lightly because we want to do the right thing for the employees who are impacted,” Andy Jassy, the company’s president and chief executive officer, said in a memo to Amazonians.

The Amazon has not been made to date online sales attributed to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertain economic outlook, according to a government report.

The job cuts are Amazon’s largest-ever round of layoffs and will impact employees in all parts of the world, including the US, Europe and Asia, and the Indian company has reported losses in the second quarter of 2023.

“Amazon and workers being hit will soon get their bills,” said Jassy. “As we navigate this difficult period, we’ll do our best to support our customers and ensure they get the products they need.”

The action to reduce costs is due to the “very challenging environment” that is in the UK, according to a company statement.

The impact on Amazon’s workforce is expected to be significant, with the company reporting a 2% workforce reduction in the first quarter of 2023.

*Amazon said in a statement to Reuters that the company has reduced its workforce by 13,000, or about 2% of its total workforce, in the first quarter of 2023.

The most recent layoffs are expected to impact employees in the UK, where Amazon has more than 35,000 employees.

The company said it will continue to work with affected employees to provide support and assistance.

The layoffs are part of a broader effort to cut costs and improve the company’s performance, the company said.

The move comes as Amazon Explore a new US sales force to sell products and services to businesses, including using drones and robots to deliver items.

By EDWIN JAFFE/Reuters

A large storm that has hammered California has left at least two people dead, dozens trapped in their homes, and thousands without power.

According to the National Weather Service, the storm has brought snow and rain to the state, with more than 10 inches of snow expected in areas along the coast.

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By DAVID HAMEY/Reuters

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Chinese companies lead in LiDAR tech

Light detection and ranging technology is key in fully autonomous driving

By ZHAO ZHOU in Las Vegas zhaoz@chinadaily.com.cn

Fully autonomous cars may not be far off as more companies are racing to make autonomous driving a reality in the next few years.

The technology will make driving safer and easier, it will reduce road accidents, and is on the radar of all the major car manufacturers.

To achieve mass production in near future, a few Chinese LiDAR companies at CES on Thursday.

LiDAR, which stands for light detection and ranging, is a sensor technology that detects objects and maps their distance so it can create a map of the environment around it.

Honda and BMW say new automotive companies have announced the imminent availability of LiDAR.

Among the different levels of autonomy, Level 5 means fully autonomous driving where the human driver can take over at any time.

Level 4 means high driving automation, while Level 3 is fully automated driving.

LiDAR makes that possible, and Chinese LiDAR technology has gained the global market.

Hesai, a major LiDAR company, debuted its latest solid-state LiDAR product FT20 at CES to accommodate the challenges that autonomous vehicles face within their perception system.

Hesai has developed the full solid-state FT20 for mass production.

Designed as a 3D-spot detection LiDAR for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), the FT20 helps vehicles accurately identify small objects while turning, passing and parking, and improves overall driving safety in tight corners.

The FT20 has a 100-degree by 70-degrees angular field of view (FOV), in maximum detection range of 300 meters. Data rate per second is 122,000 points in single vector mode, and overall resolution is 140 x 140 x 140 (VOL). According to the company.

Compared with cameras, LiDAR provides better perception capabilities under low-light and heavy-smoke scenarios, said Yi Su, marketing director of Hesai.

As for 2023, Hesai will unveil new fully solid-state LiDAR products for mass production.

The company will showcase a Level 3 autonomous driving vehicle with Welldrive’s sensor suite S8 13 at this year’s CES.

The S8 13 is designed for Level 3 and Level 5 autonomous driving applications. Based on multiple sensor sets, S8 13 provides a 360-degree field of view with a front detection range of up to 200 meters. This sensor suite also can be adapted to Level 4 autonomous driving.

Welldrive has formed a strategic partnership with Bosch, the top Tier 1 vendor for automotive OEMs, to re-design automated Level 2 and Level 3 autonomous driving products, which will not include LiDAR.

As ADAS and autonomous-driving technology advances, the sensor technology and sensor architecture need to evolve to address the needs of the industry, the companies said.

RocheSense, a Shanghai-based LiDAR company, presented the new LiDAR solid-state LiDAR for short range and M series for long range.

It will be mass produced in the second half of 2023. It will support partners to further improve their smart vehicle’s all-weather perception capability, according to the company.

In the US market, RocheSense has supplied LiDAR producs to Lucid Motors. The company is committed to building up more partnerships, Zhu Peijie, president of RocheSense, told China Daily.

“so far, we have set up offices in Dallas and San Jose. Our next step is to localize our business in the US and transform the mode to ‘Designed in China and Made in the US’,” said Zhu.

He said his company is also committed to the US market. “As we can see, ADAS is the second largest market next to China,” he said. “We are currently in talks with several US clients. Hopefully we’ll have good news this year.”

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**Antetokounmpo lifts Bucks over Raptors**

Greek superstar hits season’s second triple-double, including 30 points, 10 assists and 21 rebounds

TORONTO — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 30 points, 10 assists and a season-high 21 rebounds for his second triple-double of the season and Brooklyn Allen hit a three-point basket with 2.6 seconds remaining to overtime as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Toronto Raptors 115-110 on Wednesday night.

Antetokounmpo, who scored a career-high 55 points on Tuesday night against Washington, came in having scored at least 40 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in each of his past three games. The two-time MVP shot 11 for 18 against Toronto, marking a 1-2 start from 3-point range and 15 of 17 at the free-throw line.

"On a back-to-back, you need a lot of energy both last night and tonight," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "They (Toronto) are very physical. For him to find a way to get us over the top was huge."

Milwaukee improved to 4-0 in the second game of a back-to-back.

"Obviously your body is tired," Antetokounmpo said. "It’s more mental than physical, just about being out there and getting the job done on a back-to-back always feels good.

"The Bucks led 90-89 with 2:39 left in the fourth quarter, but Toronto cut it to 92-91 with 26 seconds to go before Milwaukee’s 29th turnover gave the Raptors the ball back, allowing Gary Trent Jr. to hit a tying 3 with 0.6 seconds left.

Antetokounmpo couldn’t connect at the buzzer.

"That was an experience, but a loss is a loss," Toronto’s Fred VanVleet said as his back-and-forth game.

Milwaukee assistant on Allen’s clutch-jumping jumper from the corner late in OT:

"It felt like it was a dart to Wagner. Budenholzer said, "It hit him right in the shooting pocket. Big-time play, big-time point."

Antetokounmpo missed 11 of 13 free throws (80 percent) and was 2 of 5 on 3-pointers.

VanVleet missed 11 of 17 on the other end and Antetokounmpo grabbed his 21st rebound.

VanVleet scored 10, Bobby Portis Jr. had 14 points and 12 rebounds and Jrue Holiday scored 12 points for the Bucks. Milwaukee won for the third time in four games since losing season-high four straight.

VanVleet had 28 points and 12 assists, Trent scored 22 points and Brook Lopez had 13 but the struggling Raptors lost for the sixth time in seven home games. Toronto has lost 10 of 13 overall.

"I think everybody’s well aware we’re going through a really difficult patch, maybe the most difficult patch we’ve been through," coach Nick Nurse said.

Toronto missed its first two shots before VanVleet made a driving layup with 4:40 left in the first quarter. Fred, a five-time box older VanVleet missed a, Toronto's 29th consecutive miss to open the game.

The Raptors shot 2 for 21 in the first and Milwaukee went 5 for 23 as the teams combined for more turnovers (30) than made baskets. The Bucks led 45-41 after one. According to ESPN, it was the lowest-scoring first quarter in the NBA this season.

**Tip-ins**

Bucks Antetokounmpo had 15 rebounds in a 123-115 loss at Houston. — Weird Lopez had 29 rebounds. — Fred Holiday (non COVID) said. Joe Ingles (left knee) were cut after playing Tuesday in Washington. George Hill (non COVID) was out for the fourth straight game. — Kris Middleton (right knee) missed his fourth straight game. — Antetokounmpo had five turnovers in the first half that he finished with 12 of Milwaukee’s 28.

Raptors: All of Barnes’ points came in the second quarter and he shot 2 of 9 from the floor and 0 for 2 from 3-point range. — Second seven second points for the second consecutive game, both losses.

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**TEENNS**

**Djokovic recovers from shaky start to reach quarters**

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Adelaide, Australia — Novak Djokovic overcame a shaky start to beat Frenchman Quentin Halys on Thursday and reach the Adelaide quarterfinals, setting up his preparatory for the Australian Open.

Djokovic, returning to the scene of his 2017 title win on Tuesday with a comfortable straight-sets win over Bosnia’s Constant Lestemur. He backed up his upset against Lestemur’s doubles partner Halys but was due to get going, shaming 2:5 in the first set before climbing values.

"It was a great performance from my opponent today," said the 35-year-old Djokovic, who was warming up for his lift at a 10th Australian Open title after missing last year’s Grand Slam when he was deported over the vaccination stance.

He played like a top-10 player today. "So far as my game goes, I feel good on the court," Djokovic added.

"I didn’t have such a great start and he was serving really well. Tough to break to two sets and really probably the most realistic score." With the crowd firmly behind the French world No 1 on a packed court, Halys — who won Wimbledon among the titles last year — lost his opening service game at the 46th Frenchman. He earned two break points in game three but was unable to convert, holding his time until the seventh game, when he broke to love over and through the lobster.

Nothing changed in the second set, which again went to a tiebreak, after Halys saved two match points at 5-4, with Djokovic finally prevailing when Halys saved a backhand.

Djokovic’s reward is a clash with world No 18 Siposov, who sailed into the last eight with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Russian qualifier Roman Safiullin.

Djokovic has won all seven previous encounters with the Canadian.

Shapovalov is still riding the wave of leading Canada to the Davis Cup title and said he was determined to maintain his good form.

"Definitely trying to implement that on the individual side. Obviously so far it’s been a great start. Hopefully I can capitalize on a good start to the week and definitely excited for what’s to come," he said.

Also to the last 16, American Sebastian Korda beat Spanish Roberto Bautista Agut 6-4, 6-4. Adelaide defending champion Thanasi Kokkinakis meets Jan-Kevin Sterner later Thursday.

In the women’s draw, Croatian Iga Swiatek defeated American Claire Liu 6-4, 6-2 to power into the last eight where she will play Victoria, Australia, who beat Chinese player Zhang Kaiwen 6-2, 7-5.

But fourth-ranked Open winner Alexander Omospeju crashed out to Russian’s Mi

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SKIS
Shiffrin closes in on Vonn's record

Skiing victory is American's 81st on World Cup circuit

ZAGREB, Croatia — Mikaela Shiffrin is "fully committed" after winning first two women's World Cup races this season.

And it wasn't because she had lost most of her post-Olympic-story of January Valley's mouth.

I asked her today about a story I probably ever heard about Shiffrin said. 

The defending overall champion decided to withdraw with difficulties after winning the first World Cup race in Zagreb on Tuesday.

She did not race on the line and pass her carryover to World Cup on Wednesday.

Instead, Shiffrin will enter a back-to-back slalom in Sweden's Falun on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I'll be 100% fully committed this weekend and possibly next weekend," Shiffrin said.

"I feel like I would not be here tonight with skiing like this, it wasn't for Petrocchi pushing the limit in the last three days. They have been so strong and I have encouraged me to keep a fully committed mind," said Shiffrin.

The 33-year-old American has won the first two races on the continent of the Spanish Madrid's past two years.

Vonn's ride to the podium has been uniformly

"I have been looking for this back to back slalom in Falun to start the 2022-23 season of the FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup in Zagreb on Wednesday. Shiffrin moved to within one of Lindsey Vonn's women's world Cup wins.

"I think that was the most exciting thing of the day, that I feel so good in Falun it's a bit of luck. This victory is incredibly historic, but I was very happy with how I felt, it was just as much," Shiffrin said.

"The American said she used now which she said and her new equipment anger Alpine developed over the
great another opportunity when the route closed to eat and the target with a powerful shot.

"It's a new era for me," said Shiffrin, who registered four wins, while remain American champion.

"I feel like I'm going to be involved in the first half-season," Shiffrin added.

But she did best to keep the line between the gates, despite being bounced around by wind and waves in the roller coaster race against other top skiers.

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AGENCIES VIA KENVITA

SOCCER
Napoli suffers first domestic defeat as Serie A resumes

ROME — Napoli probably wins Serie A on the last day of the season, but the rhythm wasn't broken. That's coincide of the Italy's top team to his high-profile panel.

The second club was hand in first domestic defeat of the season on Wednesday as it lost on its home ground in the second round of Serie A.

It was a big blow for the home fans.

Goalkeeper goalkeeper Oronzo made it a big win in the Serie A and the goal at the San Paolo.

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Kane bouncing back from trip to Nursery

London — Harry Kane listed the goal at Steetwood on Wednesday, scoring a record of 100 years in the Premier League

The forward scored the winning goal against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

"I'm just looking to see how the game is going. But I'm feeling strong," Kane said.

"I felt strong at the start of the game and then I fell to the ground," Kane said.

"I fell a little bit and then I fell to the ground," Kane said.

AGENCIES VIA KENVITA
Monetary policy, markets seen stable this year despite Fed Reserve actions

By BYELING JIANG in Hangzhou

Although China will not be completely immune to the global central bank's higher-than-expected policy tightening, China’s monetary policy and capital market management have been steadily stable compared to other major markets, reflecting China’s strong resilience to payback risks and economic recovery outlook, experts observed.

China’s economic recovery remains high in place in the current period. A sustained downturn path from the down-to-rise of 5.1 per cent in April to rise to 6.6 per cent at the end of the year, while inflation remains under control.

China targets OS breakthroughs

By MAI

China will endeavor to achieve breakthroughs in developing operating systems, with key focus on the key technology to digital transformation, and software and hardware integration application scenario, enterprises and experts recognized.

Vice-Minister of Industry and Information Technology Wang Jiating said persistence is key to develop the operating system. "In the early 1980s, China was heavily dependent on IBM and Microsoft, and the Chinese market gained significant experience and deepened the understanding of the operating system. In 1998, under the leadership of Chen Zhong, the Chinese Academy of Sciences launched the OpenSolaris project. The OpenSolaris operating system has been adopted in many industries, especially in the financial and telecommunications."

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China energy providers given coal-purchasing support

By ZHENG NIAN

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Nation heats up domestic iron ore biz

Plans in place to enhance production, utilization to mitigate import reliance

By LIU ZIHUA

China is poised to ramp up domestic iron ore output with a push to further enhancing the utilization of scrap steel and looking more overseas mining assets to augment the supply of iron ore, a key raw material for steelmaking, experts said.

Domestic output of iron ore and scrap steel supplied is going, limiting the nation’s reliance on iron ore imports.

"The Central Economic Work Conference has also last year called for efforts to speed up the building of a modern, large-scale, energy-saving, clean and circular iron and steel industry," said Fan Xiaodong, an iron and steel expert at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

China has relied heavily on iron ore imports. Since 2015, around 60 percent of the iron ore China consumes annually was imported, Fan said, adding that China’s Domestic Iron and Steel Industry Planning and Research Institute in Beijing.

China makes more in iron reserves, though, the reserves are unevenly distributed and in the northeast, the output is mostly low grade, which means it will need to be beneficiated before refined with imported.

"China’s iron and steel production is programmed to be reduced partly because of the world’s political风云变幻. Yet without secured iron ore, China’s future development will not be sustainable," said Liu Ting, president of the China Metallurgical Industry Planning and Research Institute in Beijing.

"Low ore prices will work closely with relevant government policies to prompt its strategic investment in energy projects, as China's iron and steel enterprises enjoy energy supplies while actively pushing for the transition toward low carbon and green energy sources.

"Nuclear energy, as non-fossil energy, has become a major non-fossil fuel option against the backdrop of a global energy shortage, thus offering options for remote regions with low developmental infrastructure and the possibility to combine nuclear and alternative energy sources, said Liu.

Based on a report released by the agency on the projections of the potential growth of nuclear power of Suzhou and further boost the city's investment environment. Connecting 31 states in Jiangsu and Fujian provinces, the Nanjing-Qinghuai Railway started operating on Wednesday. The railway serves as a crucial link for inland Jiangsu province, especially in terms of trade and transportation.

Small modular reactors to power green push

By ZHENG XIN

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The world’s first commercial small modular reactor (SMR) project is expected to play a major role in China’s carbon neutrality and energy transition in the near future, experts said.

The reactors are defined as advanced reactors producing electricity of 20-500 megawatts per module, mainly for a wide range of users and applications, such as industial power generation and industrial process heating. It offers the possibility of combining nuclear with renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, and for the same industrial user within the same company.

As China has been loading in small modular reactors, the technologies they use are high that the technologies in the SAF project are currently represented in the R&D and industrial projects, as well as in small modular reactors in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"Linglong One, the world’s first commercial nuclear small modular reactor demonstration project, has passed the special inspection of its nuclear plant in Shanghai’s Suqian county, according to its developer China National Nuclear Corporation.

A nuclear island is the heart of a nuclear power plant. Other major components include the reactor’s pressure vessel and steam generator. It will be fabricated in the future, said the company.

Based on China’s independent research and intellectual property rights, the construction of the multi-functional small modular and modularized small reactor is also the world’s first proof of this type to be approved by the International Atomic Energy Agency on the basis that it is both as an effective and practical decision on nuclear power, needs it, said the company.

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Pedestrians wait to board a high-speed train on the Beijing-Tangshan intercity railway in Beijing on Dec 30. (Feng Chen/China News Service)

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Chinese NEVs expected to zoom in 2023

Manufacturers see order rise in private buyers both domestically and globally

BY FEI YUSHENG and ZHENG YIRAN

China’s new energy vehicle market, already the world’s largest, is expected to grow further in 2023 as the country accelerates the rollout of new models and promotes car buyers becoming the major consumer group.

Sales of electric cars and plug-in hybrids, both classified as NEVs in China, reached 899,000 units in the first 5 months of 2022, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM).

The CAAM estimated the figure would rise to 1,050,000 units for the entire year, which would reflect an increase of 21 percent from the 2021 level.

Li Shufu, chairman and CEO of Geely, said in an interview to Reuters that the company is planning to double its NEV sales in 2023 if it is to follow its strategy to sell at least 100,000 NEVs in 2022.

He said the prospects are the result of a combination of factors, including growth rates of 20 percent to 30 percent forecast for 2023, affordable policies that will encourage NEVs sales from the worry about the impacts from the war and from the energy crisis, and the efforts from the government and companies to promote the NEV market.

There were around 500 NEVs models available for buyers in the end of the first half, roughly one model added every day to the segments. But Li’s NEV models is higher than the others.

Chinese buyers, a NEV expert, said “Bracketed by Chinese car buyers, the NEV market to experience in the near future will be much wider and more refined.”

The NEV market is a dominant role in China as the NEV market is expected to reach 30 million vehicles in 2030, according to the NEV policy.

China rolled out the NEVs for the first time in 2009. As NEVs are the leading technologies for the future, China is making efforts to promote the NEVs. The new NEVs models are expected to reach 300,000 units in 2023, according to the CAAM.

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Only concerted efforts can end virus rumors

Yang Weidong

COMMENT

China-Brazil ties set to open new chapter

Renato Baumann

China-Brazil relations have become even more important in view of the protectionist measures likely to be adopted by the main players in international trade, disguised as environment-based barriers.

In the agreement terms. The two sides, Brazil and China, have worked hard to reduce trade barriers, protect intellectual property, improve access to markets, and ensure transparency and predictability. However, without a clear commitment from both sides to fully implement these agreements, the benefits of trade liberalization could be undermined. It is critically important that both countries respect and fulfill their commitments to ensure a smooth and successful implementation of the agreement.

Improving China-Brazil relations has become even more important in view of the protectionist measures likely to be adopted by the main players in international trade, disguised as environment-based barriers.

Tjornsberg’s report noted that the agreement covers a wide range of issues, including trade in goods and services, investment, and intellectual property. It aims to promote mutual respect and understanding, and to foster cooperation in various fields, including economic development, environmental protection, and education. The agreement is expected to strengthen the bilateral economic relationship and enhance the overall economic cooperation between the two countries.

China and Brazil are both major players in the global economy, and their trade and investment relations have shown significant growth in recent years. The agreement will provide a strong foundation for future cooperation, and it is expected to bring mutual benefits to both countries.

In conclusion, the China-Brazil agreement is a positive step towards加强 bilateral economic cooperation and development. It is expected to provide a platform for further cooperation in various fields, and it will contribute to the overall stability and prosperity of the global economy.
A helping hand

Developed economies should pitch in to stop debt crises in developing economies

Since 2020, more and more developing countries have been hit by debt distress, with emerging markets and developing economies in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America increasingly facing severe challenges. While some developing countries have seen their private debt distress alleviated, a large number of other developing economies are still struggling to manage debt crises.

First, economic growth prospects are weaker than expected. Emerging markets and developing countries are facing multiple challenges, including a slowdown in global trade, rising trade protectionism, and geopolitical tensions. These factors have contributed to a decline in capital inflows and a fall in commodity prices, which are key sources of revenue for many developing countries.

Second, debt sustainability remains a major concern. While the global financial crisis of 2008-2009 highlighted the importance of debt sustainability, many developing countries are still grappling with high debt levels. This is particularly true for those countries that are heavily dependent on foreign borrowing.

Third, global economic growth prospects are uncertain. While the global economy has shown signs of recovery, many developing countries remain vulnerable to external shocks. This is especially true for those countries that are heavily dependent on exports or are affected by climate change.

In response to these challenges, developed economies need to step up and provide support for developing countries. This support can take the form of debt relief, debt restructuring, or additional financing.

First, developed economies should support developing countries in managing their debt crises. This can be done through debt restructuring agreements, which can help reduce the burden of debt service for developing countries.

Second, developed economies should contribute to international financial institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund, to provide additional financing to developing countries.

Third, developed economies should consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations, which plays an important role in promoting global development and sustainability.

In conclusion, developed economies have a responsibility to support developing countries in managing their debt crises. By doing so, they can help ensure the stability of the global financial system and promote sustainable development.

WANG YIMING

Synergy needed

Countries need assistance to fight climate change and bridge the digital gap and greater coordination on food and energy policies in the post-pandemic era

The current challenges facing emerging markets and developing countries should be viewed in the context of the global economic landscape. Today, the world economy is experiencing a strong recovery, with emerging markets and developing economies in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America recovering at a faster pace and emerging economies in the Middle East and Latin America also showing signs of recovery.

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On the trail of the elusive snow leopard

Rarely seen creature is being observed and studied in its natural habitat of the Qilian Mountains in Qinghai province, Xu Haoyu reports.

It seems that the public perception is that the snow leopard is a fierce beast, but on the contrary, the snow leopard that I saw always move with grace and show a comfortable and projectile posture, giving me the deep feeling that they are the real masters of their natural ecosystem.

Wang Dajun, wildlife researcher.

By YANG FENG

There was a distinct touch of Arab in Jingdezhen, east China’s Jiangxi province, in mid-December. As a local festival celebrating Arab arts, an Arab youth was wearing mori- pieder, producing art at various booths looked at him with curiosity. Both sides exchanged their views and opinions with each other’s phone translation.

It was part of the fifth Arab Art Festival held last month. The even saw in-depth cultural exchanges between artists from China and Arab countries, and showed the unique charm of Jingdezhen, also known as ‘the porcelain city’, to the world.

Muhammad A.M. Khalil, minister of the Embassies of Egypt, Syria and Sudan in the Badin said, at the event that the beauty of Arabic literature and culture, which are being discovered in China, the country was not strange to them.

“Badin and China have a long history of cultural cooperation and exchanges, which is considered one of the best ways to develop understanding and friendship and links between the two countries,” said Khalil.

He added that, “this festival is an important cultural and diplomatic event, which will contribute to the friendship and cooperation between China and Arab countries.”

Wang Ting, director of the foreign affairs office of Jingdezhen, said that in recent years, a number of artists from Arab countries have worked in Jingdezhen to learn and exchange art. The event also saw the participation of more than 200 artists from Arab countries, which had been named as the ‘Arab Art Festival’.

A total of 60 paintings, 20 sculptures, 25 porcelains, 20 paintings by Chinese artists, as well as 30 porcelain works created by Arab artists, were on display during the festival.

“On the past decade or so, more than 150 artists from 20 Arab countries have been invited to Jingdezhen to show their works, which have been exhibited at the Arab Art Festival,” said Wang Ting.

At the China-Arab culture industry forum, which was held during the festival, more than 300 representatives from China and Arab countries exchanged views on future bilateral cooperation.

At the same time, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism released the 2012 China-Arab culture industry action plan.

The cultural sector cooperation between China and the Arab countries is a good foundation for bilateral cooperation, according to the initiative.

In the new era of cooperation, China is willing to work with Arab countries to further promote cultural and financial cooperation in traditional fields, as well as to enrich and develop new areas of cultural industry. In this way, China and Arab countries can promote the exchange and mutual understanding of civilizations, and make every effort to build a China-Arab cultural and economic partnership, ” said Wang Ting.

Since 2006, the Arab Art Festival has been held by the Jingdezhen government. Last month’s event was co-hosted by the Ministry of Cultural and Tourism, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, and various cultural people organizations, according to the organizers.

After years of development, the Arab Art Festival has become an important cultural and artistic exchange platform for promoting the spirit of the Silk Road and deepening China-Arab friendship and cooperation.
France recognizes conductor with prestigious honor

Xu Zhong given major award by culture ministry in Paris, Zhang Kun reports.

In 2019, the French government awarded Xu Zhong, professor and conductor of the Shanghai Opera House, and the first Chinese conductor of the Royal Shakespeare Company, an Officer of the National Order of Merit. It is the highest honor the French government can bestow on non-French nationals.

While many Chinese who have excelled in the field of art or humanities have been awarded the "Chevalier," only a few have been awarded the "Officier." The 52-year-old pianist-conductor is the first Asian musician to serve as an artistic director and chief conductor of the Teatro Massimo Bellini in Italy, and the first Chinese conductor appointed as music director and chief conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

In his career, Xu has won many honors, including the principal director of the Teatro alla Scala in Milan for the 2019-2020 season, the first artist of the National Centre for the Performing Arts, the Shanghai Opera House and the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra.

As a Chinese musician, I am very lucky to have won applause from all over the world. Xu Zhong, conductor

Yuyuan Garden's lantern show to light up festival

One of the most anticipated cultural events this year, the annual Yuyuan Garden Lantern Show was unveiled last month and will last for 52 days, longer than previous editions, to allow more people to enjoy the colorful show. The lanterns, which have been created to depict the lotus-themed cultural heritage of China in Shanghai, will last for 52 days. It is a tradition in Chinese culture to admire lanterns with family members during Spring Festival, which will start on Feb. 4.
F rom music, dance, and a variety of other forms like literature and drama, there’s a TV show that’s bringing all kinds of comedy together, giving audiences numerous rounds of laughs.

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Yongming also commented that the themed performance, inspired by the workings of a small city, would play out over the cross-talk performance by Ju Lin and Li Feng on the topic of scams.

During the show, the two performers acted out how common scams work, bringing the humor and interest to the audience.

The show was hosted by the well-known actor Zhang Bingbing and featured 36 comedians among others, who have been invited onto the show as newcomers to showcase their performances.

For Jing, acting in films and on television requires you to deliver a performance with the help of make-up and stage work, such as sound and visual effects. However, for stage presentations, the performers have to act from the heart and convey emotional expressions.

Peng believes that a good comedian, like a good writer, should be open-minded, creative and receptive, and has the ability to extract interesting material from daily life.

“Comedy is a state of mind, and there is no age barrier,” Peng says, adding that as long as someone has passion for comedy and can bring humor to others, they can be a comedian.

Bringing encouraging laughter, good comedy can make people think, and such performances won’t be forgotten quickly,” he adds.

He has heard of stories about the young comedians and also other stories of the show, as they have begun to open up to the comedy creativity and imagination, “acting as a career through which you live and learn. Watching these excellent cuteness creation is quite joyful for my ears and eyes.”

“Really like the show, because on one hand, I just want to listen to such enjoyably funny stories, and on the other, I can feel the joy of an audience member,” Peng says.

The sense that takes place in the “green room” is also a highlight of the show. It shows the comedians chatting casually with one another while waiting to go to the stage and their discussion about each other’s performances.

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He offers his guidance to the comedians when discussing their performances, and at the same time, he gets appreciation from fellow comedians from them. “We are excited to gather together to discuss creativity,” he says.

Speaking of the current situation for comedians in China, Chang Yuan said, “I think they are happy that there are always new comedians portraying their understanding.

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Applying modern methods to keep the past alive

The ancient city rose to prominence in the 16th century as China’s financial center Beijing boasted of its intellectual and cultural hubs. It was home to more than 100 merchants and banks, and was also a major financial center.

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Pingyao has a well-preserved urban landscape and has both a Confucian temple and a Buddhist monastery. It is home to more than 300 cultural relics and 2,700 traditional buildings.

For a period of time, Pingyao saw a surge in tourism, but as the city’s economy evolved, the influx of tourists began to wane.

In the last two years, the city has seen a decline in both tourism and economic growth, leading to a decrease in the number of visitors and revenue.

As a result, the city has implemented various measures to attract tourists and revitalize its economy.

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