People-centered philosophy key to Xi’s governance

President gathers insights into livelihood issues through inspection tours past 10 years

By CAO JIANGHONG

President Xi Jinping has visited many places around the country, and his every step is seen as an illustration of the people-centered philosophy of the Communist Party of China.

Putting foot first has been at the core of Xi Jinping's governance philosophy. Every time he has conducted an inspection tour in recent years, he has chatted with locals, looked at the life brought by his policies, and asked what more can be done to improve it.

Since President Xi visited us, various municipalities have become more aware of their future. Now we are better for it," Peng recalled.

When visiting people-centered philosophy, President Xi has demonstrated his passion for the people. In his New Year address to the nation in 2022, he said, "The concerns of the people are what is always foremost, and the aspirations of the people are what I always strive for."

“Of course, big is also has its limits of pressure. The difficulty of things to all we've done to matters concerning every household... Every time I visit people in remote areas, I would ask if they have any more difficulties, and I would remember everything my officials have to share with me,” Xi said.

On March 3, 2022, before leaving Beijing, New Year, Xi Jinping arranged to inspect Jinggangshan, a mountain village in Jiangxi province, where he talked about how to better poverty alleviation and asked local officials about their future plans.

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"The president's chief minister, Li Jinbo told Xinhua News Agency "To face the world, or even define them, we need to find more effective ways of playing. So, that experience could be the value we lost!"

"We need to be more energetic in the future and face a new balance of power and defense. We must build a good system, otherwise we won't have any advantage when we play against the world's strongest teams."

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**Tourism: Flights, hotels back in demand**

Our main goal is to hopefully return to pre-pandemic status and open up direct flights as soon as possible.

Wouter Vermeulend, general manager of Chinese tourism for Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

**Close attention**

El Chesterfield, who deals with Chinese tourists at Sweden’s official website for online travel reservations, said China recently lifted its travel restrictions and, although Sweden’s tourism authority has not announced any opening soon, he is hopeful domestic tourism in Sweden will rise again.

She believes that more good news will soon be announced, such as flights being increased and the return of visits to the many travel companies in Sweden that use Sweden as a base.

Before the pandemic emerged, Chinese tourists spent more than 600,000 nights in Sweden every year, according to El Chesterfield.

Although this figure accounted for just five percent of the total number of tourists from Sweden to China, he says it shows just how strong Chinese travel is between the two countries.

A rise in tourist arrivals in Sweden was not expected to occur until after the 2024 Olympics, but the Chinese government has already announced plans to host the Games.

El Chesterfield said he is hopeful that the Chinese government will soon announce plans to open up direct flights from China to Sweden, which will help to boost tourism in the country.

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TOP NEWS

Protest for better pay

BY WANG YNZI

Critical to the life of the United States, the unemployment rate is currently high. The economy is going through a difficult period, and workers are demanding better pay. In a protest in Washington, DC, thousands of workers gathered to demand better pay and working conditions.

US-Japan pact may increase regional, global tension

By YANG ZHEN

Four leaders from the United States, Japan, India, and Australia are meeting in Tokyo to discuss regional security and economic cooperation. This quad, known as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), has become a key player in the region.

Partisan: US must undertake reforms to defuse risks

Democrats, meanwhile, are wary of the concessions that McConnell agreed to during the Senate's recent vote on a defense spending bill. They fear that the deal will give Trump too much power over troop levels and funding decisions.

Volleyball: Ace player expected to lead team back to podium

The international volleyball tournament will be held in Brazil this year, and the Chinese women's volleyball team, led by Lang Zhi, is expected to make a big impact on the court.

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Riding Out the Storm

Thanks to state, medical staff efforts, China weathered hard-hitting epidemic

As it fought to subdue COVID-19 for the past three years, China's focus has always been on protecting lives and keeping people healthy. Thanks to the determination of medical workers and the government's unswerving resolve, China has so far managed to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on its population, as well as on its socioeconomic development.

In this series of photos, China Daily photographers capture images of the profound effect epidemic prevention and control measures have had on the public, and how people across the country have worked hard to maintain a sense of normalcy over the past three years.

Visitors watch robots on display at the 2023 World Robot Conference in Beijing. (China Daily)

Visitors view an exhibition on Wuhan's battle against the COVID-19 epidemic earlier in the year. In the capital of Hubei province on Oct 25, 2022. (China Daily)

Visitors watch the national flag-raising ceremony in Tiananmen Square in Beijing on the morning of Oct 1. (China Daily)

Passengers stand in line at the Beijing Railway Station on Jul 21, 2020. (China Daily)

Visitors wear Peking Opera costumes during the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Shougang Park in Beijing's Shijingshan district on Aug 5. (China Daily)

Residents exercise in a park in Beijing on Dec 3. (China Daily)

Students attend their graduation ceremony at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing on July 3, 2020. (China Daily)

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A bogusyan born and bred in the USA

When it comes to running the economy and foreign policy, Washington’s politicians often look for someone to blame, and most often it is China

By JIE BONGOU, XIU PAN YUHE and MENING ZHENG

After receiving an offer to study computer science at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, Lin Zhipeng decided to go back to China. He did so in 2020. However, Presidential Proclamation 10043 signed on December 23 in one of last year’s first acts before leaving no choice but to start looking for a job in Beijing instead, he said.

An estimated 2,000 to 5,000 Chinese students who specialize in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields have been denied visas to enter the US. PPDF-003 prohibits students who have graduated from universities in China, who it claims China’s “military-civil fusion program” from obtaining certain classes of visas based on the grounds that they could engage in espionage. The students say they find the reasoning about.

The list was compiled by the think tank the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, or ASPI. Lin said “They did not do real research, but they pin the blame on the victims.”

Lin is one of students affected by Presidential Proclamation 9984 signed in 2020.

Editor’s note: What exactly does the “Chinese threat” mean? China Daily analyzes the historical trends between China and the US by looking at entrepreneurs, scientists and influencers to discuss the current state of relations in terms of cultural exchanges and military competition. The Internet documentary series The Myth of the Chinese Threat offers a close look at the Chinese-US relationship and what it means for the world.

In 2021, the US flew over 1,300 spy planes over the region and held 95 US-led military exercises in the Pacific. The frequency and intensity increase year by year.

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Such has also received millions of dollars from the US Department of Energy, said, calling the US accusations groundless.

In 2018 Trump instigated a trade war with China, requiring NPEs to pay a 25 percent tariff on things it makes in China products, complaining that for years China had been taking advantage of America’s economic status. It was three years into the presidency of Joe Biden, the tariffs, which many economists in both countries say should be removed, remain in place. Experts say the tariffs are not harmful to the global economy but have led the US away from free trade and toward protectionism.

“The US no longer sees trade country hurt. To support that covenant he signed a proclamation of trade war with China by president Trump, the purpose of the US tariff. But that President Biden has left these tariffs in place, the fact that we pedaled out of the Trans-Pacific partnership.”

China’s growing presence in high-tech has become a key concern for US governments. In August US lawmakers passed the CREDS and Science Act, which gives billions of dollars over five years to grow their semiconductor manufacturing capacity. The US is also stepping up its China-related diplomatic initiatives on technology development.

The Biden administration has launched the so-called smart competition with China and has doubled its focus to technology.

“They believe that technology will determine whether US remains the dominant player in economic advantage, vis-a-vis China,” said Wu Shenglin, head of the Institute of International Relations at Fudan University in Shanghai. With growing tensions between the two countries, executive orders were called for proper management of all the issues.

Zhang Rongyi, head of China-US Relations of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said “There is no real concern for trade war [between China and US]. We need to talk with China although US-China relations are tense. The competition between us, which is bilateral, is the kind of competition that makes both sides better, stronger competition, and not the destruction of one’s society is seeking to harm and undermine the other.”

Military bases trigger concern

Hong Kong-based on the Japanese island of Okinawa for two years, Brian Bertino, a former US marine, said he began to understand what the US military presence was not about bolstering regional stability but about exerting strength.

“It was a source of constant tension,” Bertino said.

Every year the US pays billions of dollars into the upkeep and maintaining its presence in the bases. But the US military presence in such bases has triggered protests rather than support from the local residents.

“We’re being looked at as a military force, as a conqueror, as a conqueror,” said Robert Koopman, a former soldier in the US military, “We soldiers are followers for doing this. They particularly target Chinese civilian population when discussing, as well as the elderly.”

More than 3,500 military installations have been built in Okinawa, in the hands of the US military. The US military flies thousands of planes over the South China Sea, and naval ships from the region with growing intensity.

The US bases that military buildings is needed to counter China’s alleged threat to the region.

“NO country will believe that the United States may use its military power to seize territories,” Bertino said.

“The United States is using its military power to maintain international security and it is especially so in the South China Sea, which is one of the most important regions in the world.”

The number of US warships in the South China Sea is likely to increase compared with 2021, said Wu Shenglin, founding president of the National Institute for South China Sea Studies.

Improved US military activity in the South China Sea is because it is concerned about living its dominance, he said. "It will reach the end of our main efforts, it is the frequency of warship increase year by year.

A world atlas published by Rand McNally in 1922, the Nanhu islands were described as "Shishan Island (China)". In 2012, according to the South China Sea tribunal, the South China Sea islands were described as being part of Guangdong province, China.

China (GP) is about 70 percent of that of the US despite having the largest economy in the world. However, China’s national defense budget was 1.4 trillion yuan (US$201.6 billion) last year, about 2.5 percent of China’s GDP. The US defense budget was 740 billion dollars in 2020, which is about 30 percent of the US GDP. The United States has already targeted the Chinese military as a major long-term priority. Without strategic planning, US military spending in 2021 reached $780 billion, and, it is expected to continue its increase. This year and in the years ahead, Wu Shenglin said: Should there be plans of using weapons from the US it if does not have hypersonic?
Europe's tourism awaits big splash

by BYRNE WEILL in New York

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An 16-year-old Asian student at Indiana University was stabbed while going off of a train to a woman who said she had been the victim in a Chinese restaurant, according to police reports.

To be frank, I'm not a fan of public transport, but in this case it seems the train was the best option.

According to a witness, the victim, who is from China and was travelling in the area, had been approached by a stranger who asked for directions. The witness, who is from South Korea, also said that the victim appeared to be in distress.

The stadium was packed with fans, many of whom lined up to see the Asian student. In an interview with the ABC affiliate in Indianapolis, the student's parents said, "We couldn't imagine her being here, but it's a great opportunity for her to be part of something so special."


Start of a profit and valuation recovery?

Foreign financial institutions place big bets on Chinese stocks as various policies create hopes of economic rebound

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Despite that China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index of the Shanghai Exchange has fallen more than 10 percent last year due to various market expectations, foreign financial institutions remain optimistic about their 2023 profit prospects in the Chinese capital market. Their overwhelming market move stems from the evidence that China's economy will stabilize even more going forward, on the back of continual optimization of the COVID-19 control measures.

Other foreign fund-holding investors also tend to see the Chinese securities market as a tip-off for GIT growth hopes, improved business confidence here, the expected GDP in 2023, the interment rate, inflation, and debt deflation will all be at manageable levels, while supportive policies will help to stabilize the real estate (industry) and other struggling sectors like the market, hospitality and tourism to see a recovery.

From Qantas, one has found and think they should consider increasing their exposure to Chinese stocks this year as they are expected to outperform the foreign.

Goldman analysts reasoned that China's GDP growth this year will come at an estimated 5 percent for 2022, and an estimated 5.5 percent in 2023 (5.4 percent in 2022, 5.5 percent in 2023 for the first year of the pandemic, and 5 percent in the last post-pandemic figure).

The US investment bank has recommended caution on China of the share for this year, and estimated the win rate of the CSI 300 index, a benchmark of 300 Shanghai-listed stocks, could come at around 3 percent.

Wendy Liu, JPMorgan’s chief China equity strategist, estimated that the market will show an average earnings per share will range at 15 percent this year, with a win rate of less than 5 percent.

“Stringent capital,” that overseas investors jump into a Shanghai via a share price, is key to the success of the Shanghai-Shenzhen and Hong Kong interconnection, which is estimated to provide $30 billion in 2023, behind $30 billion in 2021.

They further said China’s immunization during the post-pandemic year, while consumer confidence would recover, the economic recovery will take time as the Chinese equity strategies, said: "China's equity market has larger macroeconomic policies and overseas markets will improve their performance relative to their peers this year, given the relatively relaxed macroeconomic policies and rising GIP growth rate."

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Data from the World Bank shows that the average living standards of the middle class in China has increased, with the proportion of consumers outside of the middle class expected to increase.

China’s GDP growth rate this year is expected to remain strong. The government has introduced a range of measures to support the economy, including increased infrastructure investment and tax cuts. The country is also expected to continue to strengthen its currency, the renminbi, which has been rising against the US dollar in recent months.

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Asia-Pacific countries eager to welcome back Chinese tourists

Nation's optimized COVID-19 policies inject impetus to regional tourism

BANGKOK – China's recent optimization of its COVID-19 response and the gradual return of Chinese citizens' overseas travel have encouraged those working in the tourism sectors of Asian countries.

In the midst of a Thai sub-bath outbreak, which saw cases soar, the return of Chinese tourists shines the world of Thailand's economy. The country hopes the hordes of foreign tourists and Bangladeshis, who have come before the pandemic for three years, will soon come back.

**Government expectations.**

In 2019, Thailand welcomed about six million foreign tourists, nearly 30 percent of which were Chinese. Thai Finance Minister Akranee Tang澥pavapaisal said that China's gradual renovation of its COVID-19 response, tourism and other favorable factors will boost Thailand's tourism sector – Thailand's key economic growth contributor – pushing the Thai economy to grow by 3.5 percent in 2023. Two years ago, Thailand's GDP growth was forecasted to be 0.9 percent.

**Preparations needed.**

The tourism sector of Asia-Pacific countries has been gearing up for the return of Chinese tourists in the new year.

In New Zealand, some travel agents have been communicating with their Chinese counterparts and summarizing the local tourist sites for welcoming Chinese tourists.

Li Baozhi, managing director of China Travel Service (NZ) Ltd, and Chinese tourists spend an average of NZ$6,000 ($87,347) per person when staying in New Zealand. The overall renovation of outbound travel to China will be a "major boost to New Zealand's tourism industry," he said.

Trade treaties. Sri Lanka's former president Ravi Perera, chairman of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, said the tourism sector is gearing up for the return of Chinese tourists. Besides their favorite activities of taking photos and exploring the local food, "we would like to promote exclusive tour packages in the northeast region, the less visited corner of Thailand filled with natural beauty and authentic Thai culture," he said.

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**Rational approach needed.**

China's recent announcement that it would downgrade the management of COVID-19 from Class B to Class A is a "taste and health" that will be warmly welcomed by many countries, which have also called for national pandemic prevention measures.

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**Concluding remark.**

"While the tourism sector in China is expected to benefit from the optimization of its COVID-19 response, the tourism sector of other countries in the Asia-Pacific region is also expected to benefit from the return of Chinese tourists. However, it is important to note that the tourism sector of other countries needs to prepare effectively to welcome the return of Chinese tourists. In addition, the tourism sector of other countries should also focus on promoting their countries to the world, as the return of Chinese tourists is not the only factor affecting the tourism sector of other countries."
**Business Insight**

**Time for US to rethrive in global trade**

By Hwee Shen

In Dec and Nov, the World Trade Organization confirmed that the United States had lost its final appeal against the World Trade Organization ruling that the US violated the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. This decision is a setback for the US in its effort to achieve sustainable economic growth through trade liberalization. The US has consistently argued that its trade policies are in line with WTO rules and are necessary to protect national security interests.

However, the US has received criticism from other WTO members and the international community for its unilateral actions, which have disrupted global trade and supply chains. Countries are increasingly turning to regional and bilateral trade agreements as alternatives to the multilateral trading system.

The US needs to rethrive in global trade by addressing the concerns of its trading partners and implementing reforms that are in line with WTO rules. This will help to restore confidence in the multilateral trading system and create a level playing field for all countries.

**New golden age for China's investment sector**

By Senan Yuan

China's fast-growing investment sector is expected to continue its strong performance in the coming years. The country's investment landscape is characterized by a mix of state-owned enterprises, private firms, and foreign investors, which are all playing a role in the development of the sector.

The Chinese government has implemented several policies to support the growth of the investment sector, including tax incentives, funding support, and regulatory reforms. These measures have helped to attract investment from both domestic and international sources.

China's investment sector is expected to continue its growth trajectory, driven by the country's efforts to diversify its economic base and reduce its dependence on exports. With the increasing integration of China into global supply chains, the investment sector will play an even more important role in the country's economic development.

**Eagle Eye**

**China's shifting mindset**

By Hwee Shen

China's mindset is shifting from a focus on rapid economic growth to a more sustainable and inclusive development model. This change is driven by a recognition of the need to address environmental and social challenges, as well as the desire to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

China is investing in green technologies and sustainable infrastructure projects, and is working to reduce its carbon footprint. The country is also promoting the development of new industries, such as high-tech and advanced manufacturing, which are expected to drive future growth.

China's new mindset is reflected in its policies and strategies, which are focused on promoting innovation, improving education, and enhancing social welfare. This transformation is expected to have a positive impact on the country's economy and society in the long run.
Regaining their lost trade momentum in interests of both Australia and China

The latest remarks from Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on boosting relations with China are a welcome signal that the bilateral relationship has turned a new page. In an interview with China Daily Saturday, Albanese said a major trading partner and friend is needed in both countries to continue to develop more positive relations.

Indeed, trade between the two countries, interrupted by the pandemic in 2020, was developing on a fast track before 2019. In the past three years, due to the pandemic, trade growth slowed after encountering some serious difficulties, largely due to the changing circumstances of the global economy.

Since Albanese took power in 2021, it has abandoned its predecessors' China-bashing stance and opted for a more pragmatic approach toward ties with Beijing. A series of high-level meetings, including Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Australia in February, the visit by Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne to Beijing in December, have built rapport and stabilized bilateral ties.

Prior to Albanese's well-intended remarks on promoting relations with China, Australian Ambassador to Australia Xiao Qian has also taken an upbeat tone, saying that “the relationship between China and Australia is at critical stage of turnaround” and that “we will be sending more positive messages to the world to make people in both countries to come back to normal trade relations.”

There is hope that Beijing and Canberra are translating their messages of goodwill into real efforts.

Australia has released $4.9 billion for its foreign trade, which is its foreign trade structure continues to improve.

In this particular, China's total imports and exports soared over $1 trillion (10.07 billion yuan) in 2022, and China's economic growth overtook the global and industry growth targets.

In the view of Chinese experts, Australia's growing trade relationship with China could also be seen from the perspective of its political and economic development.

Increasingly militarized Japan a real threat

The joint statement of the United States and Japan released Monday has raised concern among Asia-Pacific countries and the world for another round of regional militarization.

The statement said the two sides will maintain a “free and open Indo-Pacific,” one of whose elements is to strengthen the Indo-Pacific region’s security systems, including its naval and air defenses.

The middle-term defense program released by the Ministry of Defense of Japan also declares that Japan will expand its military capabilities in all three areas, including the Pacific region.

When asked if this expansion will be linked to the militarization of the Pacific region, Japanese Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi said the government will not make any policy decision until it has established a defense policy, which has been under review since December.

The official has said that Japan will review its defense policy after the “South China Sea” issue.

In his speech, Kishi emphasized that Japan will expand its military capabilities in all three areas, including the Pacific region. He also said that Japan will strengthen its defense capabilities to meet the challenges of China.

Kishi’s speech was widely seen as a response to the ongoing security challenges in the region.

The Chinese government has repeatedly emphasized its position on Japan’s security policy. It has repeatedly called on Japan to adhere to the principle of peaceful development and pledged to maintain regional peace and stability.

On Wednesday, the US Department of Defense said it planned to make an additional $6 billion in military purchases, including $5 billion for missiles, to boost its strategic deterrence capabilities in the face of rising threats.

Australia has also expressed its commitment to increasing its defense spending in the wake of the security challenges.

Washington should disclose epidemic info

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According to the regulation of the Global Infections Database (GIDB), a publicly available database designed to improve the track of infectious diseases, all of the variants of the virus have been published in the US. Why is it so attractive to the variant database? The GIDB allows users to search information and data about diseases that cause serious and infectious diseases, and to track them globally.

It has taken global efforts to fight the pandemic and every nation is responsible for sharing the information of new variants that have been found. According to GIDB, the first reported COVID-19 infection was in the United Kingdom and has spread out to 134 countries and regions. GIDB allows users to search the variants that have been highly effective against COVID-19.

For these three years, there have been many attempts to track the different variants and to understand the disease. But the British Medical Journal published a study on the spread of the virus that shows the number of cases and regions is continuously increasing in the world.

In March 2013, former director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Tom Frieden said that lack of data, inaccurate information is one of the US biggest failures in combating with the pandemic. In May 2022, the CDC said that COVID-19 infective cases have been maximized in the US.

For these three years, the US has always been irresponsible, irresponsible, and has had a huge price, but the world has the right to know the truth.
COMMENT

Liu Dengchao

Ban on firecrackers should continue

The Chinese people have been setting off fireworks and firecrackers to celebrate milestone occasions and national holidays since ancient times. But this traditional custom has been put on hold for the past 20 years. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has made the situation worse. The Chinese government has declared a nationwide ban on fireworks and firecrackers during the Spring Festival, which is the Chinese New Year, to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. This is part of the broader effort to prevent the spread of the virus, which has already claimed thousands of lives globally.

While some people may miss the loud noises and bright colors that come with fireworks, it is important to remember that they can be dangerous and disruptive. Fireworks and firecrackers can cause serious injuries, including blindness, and can also cause fires and other accidents. They can also create noise pollution and disrupt people's daily lives. In addition, they can cause air pollution and make the environment more hazardous.

China has a long history of celebrating the Spring Festival with fireworks, but this year's ban is a necessary measure to prevent the spread of the virus. The Chinese government has made it clear that the ban is only temporary and will be lifted when the situation improves. We should all do our part to support this decision and ensure that the virus is contained.

Fireworks and firecrackers are not only a source of danger, but also a waste of natural resources. They use a lot of energy and can cause air pollution. It is better to use other forms of entertainment, such as fireworks and firecrackers, to celebrate the Spring Festival.

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Jie Yuanshang and Li San

Ensuring a safe Spring Festival travel rush

The Spring Festival travel rush is an annual phenomenon in China, with tens of millions of people traveling to visit family and friends. This year, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel rush is expected to be much smaller. The Chinese government has issued a travel alert, urging people to stay at home and avoid large gatherings. However, some people may still choose to travel, and it is important to ensure that they do so safely.

One of the biggest concerns during the travel rush is the spread of the virus. People should avoid large gatherings and wear masks when in public places. It is also important to practice good hygiene, such as washing hands frequently and staying home if feeling ill.

The Chinese government has also taken steps to ensure the safety of travelers. For example, it has increased the number of testing sites and provided more resources for medical treatment. It is also important for travelers to be aware of the latest updates and follow the guidelines provided by the government.

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Beitlin Fang

Let's go! 2023 will pull rabbit of hopes out of the hat

The Chinese New Year is a time of renewal and hope, and the Year of the Rabbit is a symbol of optimism and growth. As we enter 2023, it is time to embrace the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

While the past few years have been challenging, there are reasons to be optimistic about the future. The global economy is showing signs of recovery, and the Chinese market remains a bright spot. The government has launched a series of initiatives to promote innovation and entrepreneurship, and the private sector is also playing a key role in driving growth.

In addition, the Chinese government has taken steps to improve the quality of life for its citizens. The fight against poverty has made significant progress, and the government is working to ensure that all citizens have access to healthcare, education, and other basic services.

As we enter 2023, it is important to remember that the future is bright and that we have the resources and the determination to make it a success. So, let's embrace the Year of the Rabbit with optimism and hope, and let's work together to make it a year of growth and progress.

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GLOBAL VIEWS

The end of 2022 saw two major events to address the problems of climate change and biodiversity loss threatening our planet and the livelihoods of people around the world. In November, signature countries to the United Nations Climate Change Conference met in Kamloops, British Columbia, for the annual Climate Conference (COP). In December, signature countries of the CBD met in Montreal, Canada. Both meetings had the same theme: climate change and biodiversity loss and the ecosystems dependence continue to worsen. The state of food security remains the primary issue of climate change, and its rise has increased, not declined, since the last Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland. In 2022, the target year in many climate change proposals and policies, food security needs to reduce by 60% by 2050 to limit global temperature increase to less than 1.5. CO2 reduction in urban areas below 2°C, according to the report prepared for the meeting. A switch to using clean-energy or natural gas rather than oil and gas is necessary to create the climate disaster.

The situation with biodiversity and ecosystems, and the multiple benefits they provide, are equally worrisome. The production of food from agriculture or other purposes depends on biodiversity and ecosystems. And so does the cross-harvesting of plants and animals on land, in water, lakes, and oceans. Global deforestation is decreasing since 2000, but has started again in recent years as the world has increased its food production, family planning, pollution, and the introduction of foreign species. The deforestation rates of tropical forests in less than 520 million forest species. A plan should outline areas that will be regions where they do not naturally occur. This will help create new species contributing to biodiversity loss.

The two meetings had important positive outcomes that are helpful for both the climate and those are already experiencing negative impacts of climate changes on biodiversity and ecosystems. At the November Climate Conference, some countries agreed to become more serious about measures already adopted at previous meetings and in the Climate Change Conferences' Paris Agreement.

Global warming from human cooling

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While using air conditioning, about 80% of the energy consumed is to make the air temperature more comfortable than the outside temperature. The air conditioning equipment requires an electrical energy to change the heat from the inside to the outside. This energy consumption is not only a burden on the electrical grid but also contributes to climate change.

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A man of his word sees time for change

Sui language expert helps reform it, report Xu Lin and Yang Jun in Guiyang.

YANG MENGJUN, 47, has a symmetrical and well-proportioned face, the position of master of Shuishu, the written language of the Sui ethnic group. He often indoors clad in scholar’s garb and teaches Sui language. Years ago, he discovered ancient Sui pottery with inscriptions in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in the north of China. From then on, he began to study the Sui language.

"Sui language contains the people’s origin story, migration history and understanding of almost everything. I’ve been trying my best to preserve our precious culture and record the charm of the Sui, from Yang, from Shuishu and Sui autonomous counties in Quinian, Shanxi, Shaanxi provinces."

In November, the Shuishu character documents from Guizhou were added to the UNESCO Memory of the World Asia and Pacific Region Register: You went back to the work application again.

"I’m the fourth generation Sui master in my family. It was deeply influenced by what I saw and heard from my family. I became interested in ancient characters and made up my mind early to study them. My father, my master, saw me and said I am a precious material."

He was 15 when he started to study ancient Sui characters with his family. He visited ancient Sui sites, went to Sui universities for Sui characters and learned by eye. He was one of the few men who could transcribe Sui characters.

"You need to do good deeds in order to study ancient characters, especially the characters of Sui. I’m proud that I made it as the chief one. The most important thing I’ve learned about the language is that the more I understand it, the more I become interested in it says.

According to Sui tradition, the learning of Sui should be passed on to only the family members. The ability in family was passed down. He, Yang, decided to teach Shuishu to others outside his family, and in 2015, he started to teach women as well. There was opposition from some Sui masters.

"Similar to some other intangible cultural heritage items, there are fewer potential inheritors for Shuishu, because many young people are leaving their hometowns to work in big cities."

The master realized he needed more than one. The master could find a suitable one. Yang was very confident, because she was a Sui master. She went back to her hometown and became very influential. Yang also went back to his hometown and taught the Shuishu.

"We focused on a metaphysical style, Shuishu would die out gradually, leaving no traces at all. That’s why I believe the role to teach it to others worth going to, so we can preserve the ethnic culture," he says.

Yang says he has over a dozen disciples of different ages. Besides the handwritten scripts, there are also oral accounts of Shuishu passed from master to master for generations.

Yang also said the most difficult part of learning the language is transcribing oral accounts of Shuishu and this is subject to every memory. They have summarized about 80 percent of his knowledge passed on through oral accounts.

"Shuishu was taught at the primary school and in art schools. It is taught to cultural studies students who are being engaged in the study of the Sui people’s language."

In 2013, he was invited by the press institute on Shuishu culture to participate in translating the ancient Sui scripts into Chinese. Yang plans to work with others to record the oral accounts of Shuishu written language.

What’s on

Returned treasure

A 2,000-year-old bronze vessel was added to the collection of the National Museum of China and displayed in the public in 2018. The object is a fine example of the casting of ceremonial bronze in ancient China and reflects the state and culture of the state.

The bronze vessel is known as the Ritual Vessel of the Shang Dynasty, a 1.9-meter tall bronze ritual vessel excavated from an ancient Chinese site at Anyang, Henan province. The vessel was a symbol of the power of the Shang Dynasty, a powerful dynasty that ruled China for about 500 years.

The vessel, frequently used for rice or wine, has a large mouth and a narrow body. The decoration on the vessel features a combination of animal patterns, including dragons and birds. The vessel is a symbol of the power and wealth of the Shang Dynasty.

The vessel is displayed in the National Museum of China, where it is one of the most visited exhibits. The museum is a popular destination for visitors interested in Chinese history and culture.

Lower Yangtze

The Yangtze River, known as the long river of China, has a long history and is one of the most important rivers in the world. The river is a symbol of the Chinese civilization and a source of inspiration for many artists and writers.

The Yangtze River is about 6,300 kilometers long and flows through 11 provinces, including Yunnan, Sichuan, Chongqing, Hunan, Hubei, Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, and Guangdong. The river is known for its beautiful scenery, rich culture, and diverse wildlife.

The river is a source of water, food, and industry, and is an important transportation route. The Yangtze River has been the focus of many artistic works, including paintings, sculptures, and films.

Vedant jewelry

Car MODEL car store says "Shuishu follows the language, which originates from the Bronze Age in China." The store has a large collection of jewelry, including rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings.

The jewelry is made from precious metals, including gold, silver, and platinum, and features intricate designs and patterns. The jewelry is inspired by the Sui language and the culture of ancient China.

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Box office shows signs of recovery

Domestic films prove a popular attraction thanks to enhanced quality and diversification, Zhang Yunlong reports.

The third year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2023 saw Chinese box office striking to cope with the impact of outbreaks and breakdowns, as well as the process managing to generate a total annual revenue of around 36 billion yuan ($4.3 billion).

Although much less than the previous years, at 36 billion yuan, the amount still shows the advances made by domestic films in terms of improved quality and genre diversification in 2022 — all films despite the pandemic’s influence, says industry insider.

Domestic titles led the yearly box-office charts, according to box-office tracker Maoyan and other platforms.

Similar to the previous two years, the three top-grossing films centered in 2022 were all domestic movies. Moreover, Chinese films account for eight of the top 10 earners at China’s 2022 box office.

Films like “The Battle at Lake Changjin II” are the year’s top seller, raking in 8.09 billion yuan.

This achievement, in addition to a whole 101.57 billion yuan revenue from the 2023 Winter Boxoffice “The Battle at Lake Changjin II”, saw the Changjin films become China’s top-grossing film series ever, replacing the Detective Chinatown comedy movie franchise.

Set during the War to Resist US Aggression and Aid Korea (1950-1953), the Changjin films have been hailed as a series of high-quality works and are labeling “new mainstream films”, the type with better quality and higher box-office performance.

The new films top year-to-date with nearly 1.06 billion yuan, the patriotic film Action Movie House has box office塘 from across cities and moviegoers alike. Many say they are moved to the core — as ordinary Chinese diplomats played by Zhang Yi — as they strive to continue Chinese nationalism from a war-torn nation.

Rao Shuqin, president of the China Film Critics Association, commented on the movie, which is adapted from real-life events, for its exploration of the film genre and providing new prospects for mainstream films.

Talking highly of the domestic drama Lightup the Sun, the critic highlights the year’s Chinese films, Rao calls it a “mature film” with its heartwarming reflection of everyday life.

It stars Zhang Yimou as a former Guantanamo-torn director who accidentally crosses paths with a girl who triggers an unexpected change in his attitude toward life. The film grossed 125 billion yuan, ranking fourth in the yearly chart.

The highly-anticipated sequel: the film “Way of Water”, being one of the only two foreign titles to make it to the top 10, along with the adventure film James Wan’s “Aquaman: The Lost Kingdom”.

Despite mixed reviews, since Dec. 16, the sequel to the 2018 $1 billion block-buster has provided a much-needed boost to China’s box office during the success of the movie’s re-release.

Domestic films prove a popular attraction thanks to enhanced quality and diversification, Zhang Yunlong reports.

Eggplant actor is audience favorite

“Avengers: Endgame” — a 43-year-old eggplant actor has gained 600,000 followers on his social media account in China after a film, in which he portrays a film as a “kitchen, because of the top-grossing films centered in the same year.

The Chinese patriotic film Action Movie House, which was released as the fifth top seller in China’s 2022 box office, has also been widely praised.

In the film, based on a story of a young soldier’s commitment to save the nation’s volunteers from a war-torn nation, Zhang led the character, a film that is the film’s lead actor.

“Some movie viewers even got angry when discussing the character and the plot… which I took as acknowledgment of my acting,” says Zhang Jiaoling, the film’s director.

“In 2011, I came to China for travel and planned to stay for two years, but I landed for over 10 years,” he says. That year, Zhang and his friends met an enthusiastic Chinese actor who recommended they study the Chinese language. Jiaoling succeeded in applying for graduate study at the Chinese University of Shanghai and started studying Chinese.

The film is the latest work of Jiaoling, an actor in Chinese films and TV dramas as a “Chinese fisherman”.

Zhang Jiaoling has been dreaming of becoming an actor since childhood, and he always believes in the film’s potential to the 2019 short film.

At the same time, there have been many critics from other film critics for more mature films, helping to significantly the overall recovery of the film industry.

Rao-acted movies to take a mature and worthy approach, suggesting films that deal with the real lives and are a great way to win the hearts of the audience.

Turkish town gives a warm welcome to Chinese guests

ISTANBUL — A warm welcome along the western Mediterranean coast of Turkey. The town received guests from China.

The welcome was given in April 2023, the Turkish province to visit the town.

The guests were met by a traditional Turkish dance, music, and drinks as a symbol of hospitality.

One of the most popular attractions in the town is the Turkish International Film Festival, which takes place annually. The festival is known for showcasing a wide range of films from Turkey and around the world, offering a platform for filmmakers and film fans alike.

Guests were welcomed with traditional Turkish hospitality and were treated to a variety of local foods and drinks. The festival organizers also took the guests on a tour of the town, allowing them to experience the local culture and history.

The town is known for its picturesque landscapes, historical sites, and rich cultural heritage. The guest were also taken to visit some of the town’s main attractions, including its beaches, park, and historical sites.

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**SPORTS**

**SOCCER**

Man United flying high after City win

Erik ten Hag's men close the gap with crosstown rivals in Premier League derby comeback

MANCHESTER, England — It was a good day for Manchester United in the English Premier League, where their victory under Erik ten Hag was their third in their last four league games. The Red Devils took the top spot in the league with a 3-1 victory over local rivals Manchester City at Old Trafford on Saturday.

United went ahead in the second minute when Erling Haaland scored from a rebound of a deflected shot. City equalized in the 20th minute through a goal from trans-American hired kid Anthony Elanga.

United's attack maintained its momentum with Marcus Rashford doubling the lead just before halftime and Ben Chilwell finishing off a drive from Luke Shaw.

City tried to fight back in the second half with a goal from Raheem Sterling, but United's defense held firm to secure the victory.

The win extended United's winning streak to three consecutive games and kept them清洁能源根绝于万能能源

**MANCHESTER CITY**

City's defense suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss as Paul Pogba and Lionel Messi scored for United.

Mesut Özil's goal in the 91st minute was the winner for City, who had scored earlier through a deflected shot from Jack Grealish.

The defeat was the third consecutive league game for City, who are now facing pressure to improve their performances.

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

Purdy's 4 TDs lead 49ers past Seahawks in playoffs

SANTA CLARA, California — Brock Purdy got fired up from the post-game celebration and found a wide-open Elijah Mitchell for the score that put San Francisco in control of an NFL wildcard.

The San Francisco 49ers defeated the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday, January 14, with a 49-23 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the NFL wildcard round.

Purdy threw for 4 touchdowns and 326 yards, leading the 49ers to their third straight playoff victory.

Purdy's performance was overshadowed by the loss of star running back Raheem Brown, who was ruled out in the first half with a hamstring injury.

The win was San Francisco's second straight playoff victory and moved them to the divisional round for the first time since 2014.

**IC HOCKEY**

Flyers spoil Ovechkin's 30th milestone game

WASHINGTON — Scott Laughton had a goal and an assist as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Washington Capitals 4-1 on Saturday, January 21, marking Ovechkin's 30th milestone game at Capital One Arena.

The Capitals had looked to make a statement with Ovechkin in the lineup for the first time since January 13, but the Flyers had other ideas.

Laughton's goal was the first of the game for the Flyers, giving them a 2-0 lead after two periods. The Capitals responded with a goal from Alex Ovechkin, but the Flyers scored again on a rebound from Filip Forsberg to put the game out of reach.

The win was Philadelphia's third in four games and moved them into a tie with the New York Islanders for the fourth spot in the Metropolitan Division.

**AEROSPACE**

Alex Ovechkine