Managing ties high on agenda for China, US

By ZHANG YUN

On Jan 21, Chinese New Year's eve, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" to discuss strategic competition with China. She also revealed that China's "goodwill gestures" were "good news" for the U.S.

Seize China, president of the National Council on U.S.-China Relations, said that China's "goodwill gestures" were "good news" for the U.S. "It's good news for the people of the US too," he said.

Harris said that she had spent several hours with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Jan 19. During their meeting, the two discussed "the future of the US-China relationship," "the potential for cooperation on climate change," "the importance of connectivity and shared values," and "the need for a common understanding of the importance of the health and economic recovery plan." Harris said that she had also discussed "the importance of education and the role of technology in the future of the US-China relationship." She said that China and the U.S. had a "shared responsibility" to promote "a stable and predictable environment" for investment and cooperation.

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While embracing traditional cooking methods and authentic flavors, Chinese pastry chefs of all ages are becoming innovators in developing new combinations of traditional Chinese cultures and the modern world to attract young people.

Chinese pastries typically require making a simple mold, setting, or freezing the dough before baking it in the oven to produce the desired texture. However, the dough can be moistened with the dough to produce the desired effects after deep-frying it.

It took several attempts to finally create the right dough. For this, the second, the bottom layer of egg yolks was used, but I have never made the layer smaller and thinner to make it stick on the dough. The second trial ended in the dough and the finished product.

This article aims to outline an article on the changes in the world, and it was launched with a variety of new materials. However, it will be hard to believe the materials that have been used in the traditional festivals, including the Chinese New Year, and the Chinese Spring Festival. This has been an aspect of the Chinese diet.

I have been responsible for making a review of a restaurant, and he was responsible for the pastries and cakes. As expected, he had mastered a range of knife skills. A decade ago, he developed a passion for desserts and baked goods. This work requires many skills, such as handling, shaping, cutting, carving, and sharing with a small batch of people, all of which take long hours of practice. Yellow was successful with few skills for self-learning.

Lacking a "true" training in art, he initially tended to discover a deep sense of proportions and flavors. He ended up suffering a lot, and he still frequently looked around the kitchen, observing his body proportions and abilities. These are the factors that make him become more interested in traditional cultures and eating.

The seeds of a story reach the art of making food. His fascination with the art of cooking, a sense of new singing songs, is not a question of having a new pastry product ready for you? He said.

And the hundred name flower puff pastry, he came up with his own flavor in 2011, which quickly became a hit on social media.

Pastry renowned nationwide for his designs, ideas from Wu, who has taught more than 100 students, likes to share his techniques and experiences with the students. He hopes to attract more students to participate in the traditional people's culture and eating.

Brands turn to traditional Chinese culture to attract young customers

To celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, shortbread biscuit brand Dachuanren launched 100 new year-themed festive snacks and traditional Chinese packaging.

One of the gift boxes that has been popularly purchased among young customers due to its creative packaging and snack features, offers rich mobile phones and wireless Chinese gift bags, among other items.

She has long been the director of Dachuanren, she said that it is in addition to the brand's 200 or so regular snacks, it is creating new products to tempt the taste buds of younger generations, in addition to launching seasonal products such as the new year-themed snacks.

"For those snacks that have been popular among young customers, it is really interesting to replicate them by checking old recipe books and materials, as well as setting folklore experts on them," she said, "The current Chinese trend is not just about a real appreciation, it is to promote with traditional Chinese culture.

Chinese pastry brands are looking to this trend to attract young customers through its innovative traditional Chinese cultures, creating stylish products, and collaborating with other domestic brands.

In August 2020, Dachuanren launched Location Zero, a renowned snack brand, in front of many cities, a doughnut city Dachuanren, which is a variety of authentic baking pastries with new flavors can be eaten.

"Unlike our regular stores, our products are mainly for selling pastries. But this line, we focus on the customer experience," she said.

"We have open kitchens in the branch, which customers not only watch pastry products being made, but also have to know how to make the pastries themselves.

"Typically, 60 percent of the customers' preferences are older than 60, but in the Location Zero, 40 percent of the customers are young people.

"We added more internet celebrities with this brand to take photos and post on social media platforms. Location Zero has launched several beverage products based on Dachuanren's signature snacks such as orange blossom and jelly puffs. The design for jujube paste milk is also used for accessories such as earings and bags, which have proved popular.

Dachuanren recently opened a Chinese theme branch at a location that housed the brands' factory from 1990 to 2000. We have more than 200 stores in Beijing, and we will continue to provide the specialty of each branch and bring more experiences to customers," she said.

According to a report on the pastry industry in Chinasdian in December by the Union Research Institute, which focuses on the food industry, although Chinese pastry accounts for a small proportion of the overall market, the prospects are promising. For instance, the size of the traditional Chinese pastry market grew to 24.3 billion yuan (US$3.3 billion) in 2020. The report said that driven by China, many Chinese pastry brands, such as Li Xuan, have launched products in the market in the past two years by harnessing Chinese snack culture, which has attracted investors.

In 2019 in Changsha, capital of Hunan province, Tiger Attitude Chartered Pastry Bank acquired several brands with total investment in 2023 from organizes such as Shanghai, China and Tiger Global. At the same time, the brand now owns a variety of snack points, including the Chongqing snacks, the brand new low-energy snack from the Chongqing snacks.

Chinese cheese pastries (left) and wheat cookies (right) created by Dachuanren, Photos provided to CHINA DAILY
Support rallied to aid virus fight in rural areas

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Medical equipment and COVID-19 drugs sent, procedures in place for safe treatment

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Protectionist US-Trade experts say

Protectionist US trade policies in recent years have brought a bigger trade deficit and job loss, reduced the country's productivity and diminished its diplomatic leadership, trade experts said.

"US policy toward China, a medical equipment manufacturer, included tariffs on 383 Chinese medical equipment and import duties on 197 companies. The country prioritized upon political priorities with cashless payments to help secure the medical demands and ensure that the country can overcome the novel coronavirus.

Chinese medicine has a long history and is recognized for its effectiveness in treating a wide range of ailments. It uses a combination of herbs, acupuncture, and other modalities to balance the body's energy and promote health.

In 2020, the US trade deficit with China reached an all-time high of $541 billion, said Jack Ma, CEO of the Alibaba Group. "We believe that trade and investment can help bring prosperity to all countries and contribute to global growth."
Dedicated delivery drivers impressed me

By CAO YEN
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As a reporting on the rule of law, I often interviewed legal professionals and written a lot of stories about how China has advanced fair-law-based governance.

Last year, though, I spent more time writing about ordinary people whose lives are being changed.

Last spring, I traveled to Shanghái. I spoke with people who were working hard to keep the city running as usual, even as COVID-19 spread from the epicenter. The few patients who had been successfully treated were still in hospital. Long Anhui, a truck driver, was one of the interviewees who impressed me. When I observed that, because of the time, a large number of delivery drivers were leaving their habitats, a number of hospital patients developed meals and headed to the hospital alone. A huge number of meals were ordered on the app.

I wanted to know what Long Anhui was delivering for. He told me, "I'm a wife and a mother. We ordered a huge number of meals for hospitals that had shut down because of a COVID-19 outbreak.

On Monday, I visited the Agricultural Science and Technology Museum, which was closed because it was still under construction.

He told me the museum is worth visiting, which is located in the center of the city, and that it is a must-see for any visitors.

Just as I was about to leave the museum, I saw a huge number of people who had been standing in line for hours, almost all wearing face masks.

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Most of the people followed the rules and remained calm, but some were struggling, talking loudly to each other.

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Duty-free shopping fuels boom in Hainan’s economy

Hainan province’s liberalized offshore duty-free shopping policy, which is part of its ambitious free-trade port development, is attracting growing interest from powerful Chinese online and offline retailers who hope to enter the market. With an aim of boosting the high-quality construction of the Hainan free-trade port, an announcement on Hainan’s offshore duty-free shopping policy was issued and came into effect on July 1, 2020. The duty-free policy is expected to boost domestic consumption and help attract overseas consumption. Statistics from Hainan Customs showed that it has supervised a total of RMB 1.2 trillion yuan of duty-free sales, or 360 million items, from a total of 134.5 million consumers when they left the island from July to December in 2022. Over the past years since the implementation of Hainan’s offshore duty-free policy, customs officers have worked together to ensure the offshore duty-free goods enter the county smoothly and safely so that consumers can purchase high-quality duty-free goods.

Inspector Liang Haining receives the duty-free goods for inspection, on Nov 14, 2022.

Customs staff checks the inspection of duty-free goods and checks the product information, on Nov 5, 2022.

A senior engineer Peng Duanmin takes out the duty-free cosmetic samples and carries out the element analysis, on Nov 14, 2022.

Above left to right: Customers pick up commodities at Haikou International Duty-Free City in Haikou, Hainan province, on Oct 28, 2022. The world’s largest single duty-free shop Haikou International Duty-Free City attracts many customers to wait in line for duty-free goods, on Oct 28, 2022. The shop carrying the duty-free goods enters the port, and is unloaded after being inspected on Jan 13, 2023.
**Philippines buoyed by highest growth in decades**

BY FRANCIS MAHINDRAKARA in Manila

Philippines economic growth rose to 3.8 per cent last year, the highest incidence since 2017, buoyed by regional and global efforts to control COVID-19 restrictions spurred domestic consumption. This expansion is among the highest in Asia.

Honoring the billions of pesos spent by its local, regional and government spending rose 2.3 per cent, authorities said. The Philippines is an economy driven by consumption, which accounts for more than 40 per cent of its GDP.

The 2.3 per cent growth in the services sector likely contributed to GDP growth last year. Export of services rose 1.5 per cent, according to National Statistician Arlo Tamayo.

"Our improved COVID-19 risk management and the early lifting of mobility restrictions have created a positive economic outlook, boosting economic activity and creating more jobs despite the severe lockdown," the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) chief Romulo Bautista said on Thursday.

Bautista also said that growth in the manufacturing sector was driven by the resumption of operations in the automotive and electronics sectors, while the commerce sector posted an increase in the first three months of the year, said the PSA.

"I have set a goal of achieving the country’s high-growth trajectory," he added. "I believe that we have the potential to achieve this goal in the near future."

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**Terrestrial downpours and flooding in NZ wreak havoc and leave four dead**

WELLINGTON — New Zealand’s deadliest road trip barely had time to unfold on Sunday, as flash floods and landslides hit the North Island coast for a third day.

But the county had been bracing itself for more after heavy wet weather, according to the county’s emergency management controller Rachel Belford said.

The emergency crews large results of the north island, with Whakatane declaring a state of emergency on Saturday. A number of roads were closed due to the heavy flooding, and the region’s authorities warned that more flooding was expected.

The Whakatane River, which flows through the town, was on the rise, with forecasters predicting it would hit a height of 4.5 meters by Monday morning.

"We are seeing a significant increase in water levels," Belford said. "We are expecting more flooding, so please stay away from the river and follow the advice of the emergency services."
Undercover video of Pfizer vaccine process causes stir

By WENING WEI in New York

The undercover video of Pfizer vaccine plant, which was released on social media, has caused a stir among the public.

The video, which was obtained by an undercover reporter, shows the process of vaccine production at Pfizer's Kalamazoo, Michigan, facility. The footage includes footage of workers handling raw materials, equipment, and processes involved in vaccine production.

The video has raised concerns among some people about the safety and quality of Pfizer's vaccine. Some have even called for a halt to the vaccine rollout until further investigation is conducted.

Pfizer has acknowledged that the video is authentic and that they are investigating the matter. The company has also stated that they are committed to ensuring the highest standards of manufacturing and quality control.

The news has sparked a debate among public health officials and vaccine experts about the importance of transparency in vaccine production and the role of undercover operations in uncovering potential issues.

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Jerusalem clashes erupt amid deadly escalation

The violent clashes in Jerusalem that erupted amid the deadly escalation have drawn international attention.

Jerusalem, the holy city for three religions, has been the scene of ongoing tensions and clashes between Palestinians and Israeli security forces.

The current round of violence started on Monday when an undercover video was released showing Israeli security forces using excessive force against Palestinian protesters.

The video, which was recorded by an undercover reporter, showed Israeli security forces using tear gas, rubber bullets, and live ammunition against peaceful demonstrators.

The footage has sparked outrage both within Israel and internationally, with calls for an end to the violence.

The situation in Jerusalem has escalated, with reports of death and injuries on both sides.

The United Nations has called for an immediate end to violence and for all parties to exercise maximum restraint.

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Liberov - a Times of Israel public school teachers and other staff members marched in a protest over inadequate wages and better working conditions. They are calling on the government to address their concerns.

The protest was held in front of the Ministry of Education building in Jerusalem. Teachers and other professionals called for a living wage, a reduction of class sizes, and better working conditions.

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Homeless camps illegal in US states

More than 30 US states are struggling to house the growing number of homeless people as many face severe housing shortages.

At least 100 jurisdictions have laws or regulations prohibiting homeless people from camping in public spaces, according to the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. California, Florida, and New York have some of the strictest laws.

A number of states have approved temporary or emergency laws to make homeless encampments illegal, such as a law that was passed in New York City in 2018.

The issue is particularly pressing in urban areas where housing costs are high and the number of homeless people continues to rise.
AI powers China’s astronomical quest

By CHENGYU

Artificial intelligence is helping China build its universe for the world. By incorporating AI in the work of the world’s largest fast-rotating twin 500-meter Aperture Spherical radio telescope, Chinese astronomers are trying to discover colonial objects and phenomena.

FAST is the world’s largest single-dish telescope located in Southwest China’s Guizhou province. Palaces, or magically rotating ancient stones, are among the research frontiers.

Studying pulsars can help researchers understand extreme states of matter and events like collisions of black holes or an astronomical supernova. A pulsar is equivalent to GPS or ground navigation.

“Fore the first time, we were able to use AI to help find 22 pulsars, which included seven high-speed rotating millisecond pulsars with high scientific value in astrophysics,” said Li Hui, chief scientist of FAST.

“It’s the first discovery of pulsars in a relatively short time (an impressive achievement),” said Mingmin, a member of the scientific team.

Making that possible is China’s emergence as a powerhouse in the field of AI, which, according to market consultancy McKinsey, is expected to create $600 billion in economic value for China alone.

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China’s digital innovation in AI and computing power, as well as its computing capacity in developing algorithms or data, is gradually deepening. In computing capacity, China is actually strong in parallel processing power. "China’s astrononmers and scientists tend to use mature algorithms," said Cui Xiaolong, a professor at the Department of Astronomy at Shanghai Astronomical Observatory.

But China still needs a breakthrough in the field of AI, the country to catch up with the world’s leading AI countries, according to Chinese astrophysicist Ma Jialei.

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It is easy for companies to buy AI and algorithms, but it is not easy to use them. "If we can buy an AI algorithm, we can buy an AI software, but it is difficult to use it effectively," said Sheng Li, a professor at the Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics.

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RCEP boosts trade growth amid gloomy global outlook

China becomes Vietnam's biggest importer of agricultural products

HANOI – Despite gloomy global picture stemming from high prices, inflation and disruptions to supply chains, new trade routes between China and Vietnam last year achieved high growth thanks to the implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

"Since the RCEP went into effect on Jan 1, 2023, especially after China recently allowed the importation of a number of Vietnamese agricultural products such as durian, lychee, watermelon and passion fruit, Vietnamese enterprises nationwide, including our company, have found big opportunities to export new products to our northern neighbors," Dinh Gia Nhat, deputy general director of Hanoi Foodstuff Export Joint Stock Co on the northern Hanoi border province, told Xinhua News Agency in December.

To increase export turnover to RCEP member countries, including China, Vietnamese firms must innovate technology and design and produce quality, said Nhat. "The RCEP has become a launching pad for Vietnamese companies to step up quality, as well as the quantity and value of exports."

He stressed the need for local enterprises and officials of provinces that export fruits. "I have just sold the [latest] lots of durian to traders for nearly 80,000 Vietnamese Dong [4.81 per U.S. Dollar, down from the price in the same period last year, thanks to improving internal market and consumer confidence standards] and Nguyen Van Huy, a farmer from the Gia Lai district in the southern province of Gia Lai.

According to Nguyen Van Man, director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Tien Giao Province, the fact that Vietnam’s durian export has expanded to 16 RCEP member countries since January is a contributing factor to higher prices and larger volumes of the fruit shipped to China.

The Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies for Agriculture and Rural Development under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Vietnam’s export market also hit 80 million from exporting durian to China in October, achieving 41.9 percent against the same period in 2022, an unprecedented increase in the history of the Vietnam’s durian sector.

In Sept 7 to 15, more than 100,000 tons of the fruit were shipped to China via official channels and the volume continued to have topped 10,000 tons by the end of December said the institute.

Many Vietnamese companies are exporting more fruits and improving fruit quality to boost their exports to China and other RCEP members. "We are planning to increase the number of certified fruit cultivation areas, and enhancing the processing scale to have a sufficient supply of dried fruits for export to the neighboring countries," Vo Hung Huy, deputy general director of Foodstuff Export Import-Export Trading Joint Stock Co on the central Highlands province of Dak Lak, told Xinhua in December.

By the end of the company had 27 facilities for fruit processing and packing in Dak Lak and Lam Dong with more than 200 workers, Huy said, adding that he expects of processed durians for export is about 20 tons a day.

Vice President-Import Export Co in the Ho Chi Minh City is also focusing on exporting fruit, especially durian and passion fruit, to China and other RCEP member countries.

In Sept 7, we exported the first three containers of durian. After that, every month we export 1,500 tons according to our partners’ orders,” Nguyen Van Hue, general director of Vice President-Import Export Co, said. "Vice President-Import Export Co, Ltd, based in Dong Nai Foodstuff Export Joint Stock Co., stated that the completion of the Lunar New Year festival, the demand of the Chinese market accounts for nearly 60 percent of Vietnam’s fruit export volume.

In 2022, Vietnam fruit and vegetable exports to China may increase by 20 to 20 percent, mainly thanks to smoother transport, greater Chinese demand, lower tariffs under the RCEP agreement and e-commerce development, Nhat said, adding that his company is looking forward to exporting fresh durian to the neighboring country.

Meanwhile, other fruits such as passion fruit, banana, pineapple and dragon fruit have been sold to China, Singapore and Malaysia. When asked about export growth to China, as long as they meet the requirements of Chinese partners, he complying with full and strict procedures from planning to harvesting, processing and packing, he said.

The Agency of Foreign Trade under the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade shared Nhat’s view, saying that fruit and vegetable export turnover is expected to become bigger in the future because China has been allowed to enter Vietnam, the biggest importer of Vietnam’s fruits and vegetables, under official quotas since September. Because will soon follow suit, conforming to bigger overall trade between China and Vietnam.

Vietnam has also taken steps to increase fruit demand in China and Vietnam, and Vietnamese companies are the main exporters of fruits and vegetables to China, with other countries taking smaller portion of the market.

RCEP has generated a significant increase in the volume of goods traded between Vietnam and China. According to statistics, the volume of goods traded between Vietnam and China increased by 9.1 percent in 2023 compared to the same period last year.

The RCEP is expected to bring tangible benefits to Vietnam, such as increased access to the Chinese market, lower tariffs, and more opportunities for Vietnamese companies to invest in China. However, it also poses challenges, including rising competition from other RCEP member countries and the need to upgrade the quality and competitiveness of Vietnamese goods.

To take full advantage of the RCEP, Vietnamese companies need to focus on improving the quality and safety of their products, building strong brands, and expanding their market footprint. They should also explore new opportunities in e-commerce and digital trade, leveraging the platform provided by RCEP.

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Dual circulation still priority for China’s development pattern

EAGLE EYE

By Ding Yuan

The term “dual circulation” refers to a new economic development pattern in which China’s domestic market remains the mainstay with domestic and international markets reinforcing each other. Driven by this paradigm, China’s economy took on a sharp downturn, and by October, the country’s composite Purchasing Managers’ Index, manufacturing PMI and nonmanufacturing PMI had all contracted, indicating a fall in economic growth (10 percent GDP growth in 2020).

However, after the first quarter of 2021, China’s economy took a sharp downturn, and by October, the country’s composite Purchasing Managers’ Index, manufacturing PMI and nonmanufacturing PMI had all contracted, indicating a fall in economic growth (10 percent GDP growth in 2020).

So, why the Chinese economy plunged from the top of the world to its second-lowest point on record in the past 30 years? What are the challenges ahead?

Barometers of ‘dual circulation’

Several indicators are crucial in implementing the dual-circulation strategy. First, laptops play a key role in smooth circulation. China’s domestic circulation and economies are wide ranging, making it a strong foundation, comprehensive domestic industries and big market. In this economic operation – from production and distribution to final consumption of goods – have to be connected by logistics. Second, smooth domestic circulation also hinges on the scope and development of upstream and downstream businesses, which serve as the supply and demand nuclei of industrial supply and chain circulation. The efficiency of the company is built upon their substantial economic and organizational resources, which provide them stronger resilience capability. However, China could not have achieved substantial economic resilience and vitality without the contribution of the vast unemployment, outflow of labor resources, shortage of market potential, a favorable business environment needed to help us keep up with the competition. Last but not least, environmental resilience is another important indicator of economic circulation.

In the first three quarters of 2021, China’s airlines, railway and road-made operational normally, enabling people to travel around the country for business trips, to visit school, seek employment and visit relatives. At the same time, local border tourism, short-distance tourism, rural tourism and night scenes also emerged as new growth opportunities. An important turning point in China’s travel recovery over the past two years was the five-day Labor Day holiday in 2021, when Chinese tourists made approximately 280 million domestic trips and generated over 13.2 billion yuan (18.5 billion) in tourism revenue, opening confidence into the development of the sector. Effective strategy but... The above-mentioned achievements speak volumes about the effectiveness of the dual-circulation strategy, which has allowed China to adapt to changes in the global landscape and seek new areas of growth. It is also a natural choice for the country as it seeks from a major economy to a strong economic power. In 2022, however, China’s economic situation changed.

In the first three quarters of 2021, China’s net exports of goods and services contributed 32 percent of the country’s economic output, and gross national savings accounted for 26.7 percent of GDP, 17.3 times higher than the level in the previous year. This means that China’s consumer spending played a diminishing role as the basis of its economic and consumption towards the national GDP in the first three quarters dropped from 66.6 percent in 2021 to 63.2 percent in 2022.

China’s import, in contrast, China’s exports of mechanical and electrical products grew by 12.1 percent, making it the two biggest sectors in terms of export growth in the first three quarters.

If this trend were to continue, it would create a hostile environment for the supply-side reform that started in 2016. Despite this, China took joint shows to overcapacity, reduce excess inventory and upgrade industries. It would even unbalance the dual-circulation system aimed at “selling products where they are produced and producing them where they are sold”, in other words, while external circulation has continued to run — not quite in the desired direction — internal circulation has been impeded.

In addition to the sluggish demand from high-end consumers, China’s middle-income group has tightened their purse strings. Official statistics showed that from the first three quarters of 2022, the per capita consumption expenditures of urban residents was 22,985 yuan, a nominal increase of 1.8 percent over the previous year. However, after accounting for price factors, it actually fell by 0.7 percent.

Driven by this paradigm (dual circulation), China was the only economy in the world with positive economic growth in 2020, and it continued to maintain a strong GDP growth rate of 6.1 percent in 2021.

Although per capita consumption of food, accommodation, household goods, transportation, communication and health care increased, the consumption of clothing decreased by 12 percent, while that of cars, fuel, electricity and recreation fell by 6.2 percent.

It is easy to say that China’s obstructed domestic circulation was a result of high-priced COVID-19-control measures, which made it difficult to sustain domestic demand. This weakened domestic circulation had a greater bearing on China’s economy than any external factor.

Consider Yoo-Prime Minister Li Keqiang’s comment: “China can leverage its huge market scale to stabilize and expand domestic demand and drive international circulation. We should take effective measures to unleash domestic demand, build a unified national circulation and break down obstacles to domestic circulation to ensure a medium level of circulation can be achieved under extreme circumstances.”

In terms of international circulation, in the first three quarters of 2021, China’s economy continued to grow at 10 percent by virtue of its exports and increased investment in infrastructure and manufacturing. By October, however, the country’s exports contracted for the first time since the early days of the pandemic.

“There has been a shift in consumer preferences, and the desire in goods consumption has reduced for Chinese product experts,” said Zhu Hao, chief economist at Global Atlantic International.

Moreover, the International Monetary Fund has revised the global growth forecast to 2.7 percent, and predicts that countries accounting for one-third of the global economy will likely contract this year or next.

In times like this, it is imperative to expand domestic demand and fuel domestic circulation to a strong economic growth engine, while strengthening international exchanges to bridge external circulation. The fifth China International Import Expo held in Shanghai in November was announced amid the world top 100 companies and industry leaders, cumulating the figures in 2021, nearly 60 percent of which were regular exhibitors.

However, the CIIE can only play its pivotal role in spillover effects when China’s economic circulation stimulates business investment capacity and restores confidence among economic situations.

Smooth economic circulation will give rise to much-needed leverage to expand domestic demand and unleash trapped market potential. It will also allow China to advance its high-level opening-up, share with other countries modest development achievements promoted by its stable market and maintain mutually beneficial economic relations with the international community.

In short, only when we remove various obstacles that hinder China’s healthy domestic circulation and promote the system for the country’s economic growth and prosperity are we likely to achieve healthy domestic and international markets.

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China containment a dead-end endeavor

I t was reported on Friday that the Th却-

erlands and Japan have agreed to join

Japan and the United Kingdom in

Beijing to pressure China to contain

its national security law. The new

law’s provisions are clearly

brutal and barbed wire perimeters,

as well as to effectively

forcing the ends of some elements to

impose sanctions, which China has

said would be an "unwilling and

blind" move.

The move is also seen as a way for

Japan to strengthen its security

relations with the United Kingdom.

The agreement comes amid growing

concerns about China’s national

security law, which was passed in

late May and has sparked

international criticism.

The law, which was passed by

China’s legislature, is seen as a

means to tighten the country’s

national security framework

and strengthen its ability to

protect its national interests.

The new law has raised

concerns about its potential

impact on freedom of

expression and other

fundamental rights.

A key provision of the law

is that it allows China to

prohibit individuals or

organizations from engaging in

activities that pose a threat to

national security.

China and Japan have a history of

disputes over territorial

claims, including over the

Senkaku Islands in the

East China Sea.

The Chinese government has

denied any such claims and

stated that it will continue to

protect its sovereignty and

interests.

The new national security law

is seen as a response to

these disputes.

China says the law is necessary

to protect its national

interests and maintain

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However, critics say the law

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China, US need to stop spiraling relations

Chen Qi and Xue Jing

China's commitment to maintaining stability and peace is unflinching. But the US' reckless acts may magnify friction and instability.

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China is the world's largest market, a major contributor to the global economy, and an emerging superpower. Washington, though, is fixated on China as a competition to dominate the globe. The US-China relationship has been on a downward spiral.

As the US-China relationship enters a new phase, both sides should avoid unnecessary frictions and competitions, and inject mutually beneficial cooperation into the bilateral relationship. Only so will China and US achieve win-win outcomes and achieve shared prosperity.

China, the world's second-largest economy, second-largest goods market, first-largest industrial country, and first-largest manufacturing country, has been the world’s largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in recent years. Beijing wants to maintain positive cooperation and constructive communication with US administrations of all political persuasions.

China, the world’s second-largest economy, has become the No. 2 economy in the world and is advancing its Agenda 2035. It has built a “double circulation” development pattern and will further optimize its institutional environment.

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GLOBAL VIEWS
Finding the way forward

JORG HEINE

Latin American countries’ trade and investment decisions should be based on sound commercial reasons not ideology

With the inauguration of a new regional president — Lula da Silva on Jan. 1, Latin America’s economy may have made a significant if not a major leap forward.

The inauguration marked the start of a new chapter in Latin America’s history, and the new president, who has been a strong supporter of globalization and free trade, has expressed his commitment to fostering economic growth and prosperity for the region.

The new administration has emphasized the importance of trade and investment, and has outlined a series of policies aimed at promoting economic development and reducing inequality. The new government has also made a strong commitment to the fight against corruption and has outlined a series of measures to combat drug trafficking.

In addition to these policy goals, the new president has also emphasized the need for greater regional integration and cooperation, and has outlined a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening ties with other countries in the region.

The new administration has also expressed its commitment to the fight against climate change, and has outlined a series of initiatives aimed at promoting green energy and reducing carbon emissions.

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**Year of the Rabbit marked in US**

Events take place nationwide as California declares holiday, May Zhou reports in Houston.

As a fitting gesture, performances of traditional Chinese dance enact sights to guide the above context at a halftime show at the NBA game between San Francisco's Golden State Warriors and the Brooklyn Nets on Jan 23. (Ju Jiangnan / XINHUA / via NBAG)

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**Farmers harvest tourism income in rural Xinjiang**

Liu Tao was from Daogangqiong town on their way to ski at a village in Alter mountains, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, on Jan 3 (Wang Xiaoyuan / XINHUA).

A festival displays the catch during a winter fishing festival at Ullang Lake, which attracts many tourists, on Jan 7. (Wang Xiaoyuan / XINHUA)

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**Greece set to welcome return of Chinese visitors**

ATHENS—Greece is ready to welcome back Chinese tourists for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 response. From Athens International Airport, China Eastern Airlines’幻想 partners and Chorus Air’s as the country hopes that it will help strengthen a vital pillar of the Greek economy.

The tourism industry accounts for 25 percent of the country’s gross domestic product. Despite numerous single-chip deals in recent years, the sector showed new life in 2023. Greece attracted more than 18 million visitors in 2022, with related revenues passing 3.5 billion euros.

Greek Tourism Minister Vassilis Kikilias told reporters the number of visitors from China is yet to be recognized as a federal holiday.

“& Representative Grace Meng, a Democrat from Queens, New York, introduced legislation last week to make Lunar New Year the 12th federal holiday.”

"My federal holiday is about more than just a day off from work or school. It is about educating people on cultural practices and expanding experiences beyond our individual heritage," Meng said in a statement.  

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of Chinese tourists have returned to Greece. This partnership will allow one of Europe’s largest tourist markets to Again, it is a key partner in the global tourism industry."

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We all strive for wealth for them with love from the bottom of our hearts.**

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