President Xi Jinping vowed to advance ties with Czech Republic

By MJ FENG

President Xi Jinping pledged Monday in Beijing to push forward the steady development of relations between China and the Czech Republic, saying that more win-win measures will be devised to promote cooperation in areas of politics, economy and culture.

According to the Czech News Agency, Czech Foreign Minister Jana Hybálová-Moravcová met with President Xi Jinping Monday to discuss relations.

President Xi Jinping held talks with President of the Czech Republic Andrej Babis on Monday.

By YANG WANG

Thailand greets Chinese tourists after policy update

As Thailand welcomed the first group of Chinese tourists on Monday after updating its arrival policies over the weekend, local authorities fully opened their arms to inbound tourists by removing the requirement of a negative Covid test.

Amit Chavan, Thailand’s deputy police minister and minister of public health, said, “Visitors who are fully vaccinated as well as those with at least one vaccine will also be granted entry without requiring showing proof of vaccination would be cumbersome and unnecessary.”

He called on the two nations to respect each other’s core interests and major concerns, strengthen high-quality communication at various levels, expand international humanitarian cooperation and facilitate people exchanges.

Noting that China’s policy toward the European Union is determined and stable, he praised the fact that the Czech Republic will also actively advance China-Czech cooperation and promote the healthy development of China-EU relations.

As China is promoting national rejuvenation through a Chinese path to modernization and continuity with high-level governance, Xi said it is certain that China will bring new opportunities to all countries, including the Czech Republic.

Zeman said his country is ready to work with China in strengthening cooperation, especially in trade and investment, involving the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy situation.

The Czech Republic is willing to work closely with China to achieve a win-win situation in the healthy development of China-EU relations, be added.

US still haunted by vast racial inequalities today

Nearly 60 years have elapsed since the late Martin Luther King Jr. made his famous “I have a dream” speech to protest racial discrimination, yet his grandchildren are still judged by the color of their skin rather than the content of their character.

Aggravating the problem of racial discrimination, racial injustice has persistently hounded the United States’ criminal justice system, tarnishing the nation’s human rights record.

According to the Center for American Progress, the vast racial inequalities that exist today are the result of inequitable policies that were in the making.

The administration of President Joe Biden, a self-professed advocate of racial justice, has proposed a number of policies to help address systemic racism, with the aim to reduce the disproportionate impact of law enforcement on African Americans.

However, some groups of the Black community, civil rights organizations, academics, and other critics have argued that the US justice system continues to perpetuate racial biases that harm minority groups, particularly African Americans.

Riot quelled in Brasilia

Brazilian police quelled a protest in Brasilia on Tuesday that was triggered by a protest against a federal court’s decision to reduce the sentence of former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who was convicted of corruption.

Security forces arrested supporters of former president and his team of former aides who were given prison terms by the court last year.

In December, the Brazilian Supreme Court overturned the 12-year prison sentence of Lula, who was convicted of corruption and money laundering.

The decision was made by the court’s nine-member panel, which ruled that the lower court had applied a stricter interpretation of the law.

The court’s ruling was widely seen as a victory for Lula’s supporters, who had been calling for his release for months.

The decision sparked protests across the country, with many Lula’s supporters gathering in Brasilia to demand his release.

The police said that the protest was largely peaceful, and that no major clashes had occurred.

While most of the demonstrators dispersed peacefully, a small group of protesters continued to march through the city center, with some throwing stones and burning tires.

The police responded with tear gas and rubber bullets, but the protest eventually disbanded.

The incident highlights the ongoing political tensions in Brazil, where the right-wing government of Jair Bolsonaro has been accused of suppressing opposition voices and cracking down on dissent.

The president has been criticized for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which has resulted in thousands of deaths and a sluggish economic recovery.

The police said that no injuries or arrests were reported during the protest.
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Three months ago, Kelly had the opportunity to travel to China for the first time since having her baby a year ago. Her goal: to study Mandarin.

"I've been an adventurous person," she said. "When I was a child, I used to travel abroad with my family. I've even been through the continent of Africa!"

The trip was sponsored by her university, which is known for its strong ties to China.

"I decided to go," she said. "China is a fascinating country with a rich history and culture. I wanted to learn more about it and experience it firsthand."

During her trip, Kelly visited several cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou. She was amazed by the contrast between the ancient temples and modern skyscrapers.

"I've always been interested in history," she said. "China has a long and complex history, with many different cultures and empires. It's fascinating to see how they've evolved over time."

Kelly also had the opportunity to meet with local Chinese students and learn about their lives and experiences.

"They were all so welcoming and friendly," she said. "I felt like I was part of their community. It was a really special experience."
**Preventing for the holiday**

By NYIMA NYIMA | @NYIMA_NYIMA

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has implemented a set of financial support measures in recent months to ensure that tourists under lockdown are able to pursue their dreams of relaxation.

In 2023, the university spent more than 28 million yuan ($3.54 million) on scholarships, loans, grants, medical aid and subsidies, more than 3 million yuan ($436,000) for students from poor families to fulfill their dreams, according to a report by The Daily.

Tibet Daily.

"Tibet University has been working hard to offer students at least two scholarship programs. These include study loans, scholarships and grants, tuition fees and meal expenses, and low-income support. In addition, we also provide various types of financial aid to help students who are facing financial difficulties," the report said.

"We believe this has been an effective means of developing their lifelong learning and helping them pursue their dreams."
The exact rate will be determined by local medical insurance and finance departments depending on the type of insurance funds.

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The sweet magic of Harbin’s sugar figurines

Inheritor is one of few women in the country recognized for art

By Zhou Hui

Children spoiled as they watched Wang Changning making sugar figurines at one of her stores in Harbin, Heilongjiang province. They were small masterpieces, each made from a single lump of sugar, with every piece of clothing or hair carefully crafted.

Several generations later, the practice of making sugar figurines has spread all over China, with each region having its own unique style. But the craft has been passed down through families for generations.

Wang’s store, named “Sugar Magic”, is located in the city’s commercial area. It is filled with colorful Sugar figurines, each with a unique story.

Wang started making sugar figurines in 1987, when she was just 16 years old. She was inspired by her grandmother, who had been making sugar figurines for over 50 years.

Wang’s figurines are made by mixing various types of sugar, including brown sugar, white sugar, and even fruit juice, to create different colors and effects.

Over the past years, they have taught 13 students from across the country.

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Visitors can experience traditional cultural events such as slow-wheel pottery making, pedal-knife processing, and teak-making. By 2021, about 200 more village residents are expected to be involved in the performances.

The village has 11 restaurants and 24 inns in order to serve the growing number of tourists.

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The 50-year-old is a two-generation entrepreneur in the village. He and his wife decided to start a B&B business in the village, which is famous for its tomatoes and mushrooms.

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Russia claims attack; Kyiv denies deaths

By REN QI at Moscow and TATYANA ZENKOVICH in Brussels

Moscow claimed on Thursday that a Ukrainian truck driver had been killed in a rocket attack by Ukrainian forces in the Kharkiv region, saying it was a „cruel provocation“ by the Ukrainian army.

Ukraine, which has denied the attack, called on the International Criminal Court to investigate the latest incident in a region that has been under attack for months.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is due to visit Moscow on Friday, has rejected the attack claims and said they were a „provocation“ designed to „weaken the moral and psychological resistance of our forces in the field“. He added that „Russia understands the rules of the international legal framework“.

In a separate development, a senior Ukrainian official said that a Russian military jet had been shot down in the Kherson region.

The attack comes amid ongoing tensions between Russia and Ukraine, with both sides blaming each other for violations of the 2015 Minsk peace accords, which were aimed at ending the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

On Wednesday, a Russian envoy to the United Nations said that the conflict was „as a result of a propagation of the provocations“ by the Ukrainian government.

The Ukrainian government has denied the latest attack claims and said they were a „false flag“ operation designed to „weaken the moral and psychological resistance of our forces in the field“. It added that „Russia understands the rules of the international legal framework“.

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Immigration politics on summit agenda

By HENRY WILKINSON in New York and RUPERT HARCOURT in London

Immigration politics are on the agenda as US President Joe Biden meets in Europe with key North American leaders to launch a four-week summit with the southwest border, where he received a letter of criticism from the House of Commons.

President Biden and Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Monday in an extraordinary meeting at the White House that they would continue to focus on reducing the number of migrants crossing into the US from Mexico.

In a letter previously presented to President Biden, he said that a policy of “zero tolerance” was leading to an unprecedented number of people crossing the border.

Biden also said that he had increased the number of US immigration agents by 6,000, a move that has been met with criticism by some immigration advocates.

At the summit, President Biden and Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador are expected to focus on reducing the number of migrants entering the US from Mexico.

In a joint statement issued after Biden addressed his team in the State Department on Tuesday in the White House, the two leaders said: “We are committed to working together to address the root causes of migration, including poverty, violence, and climate change, and to working towards solutions that respect the rule of law and the principles of humanity.”

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**Dolby homes-in-car audio, sees potential in China**

By RUPERT HARCOURT in Los Angeles

Catching the subtle sound of pitched guitar strings, connecting with one's emotions, and identifying different positions and feeling the movements of sound waves — the sense of hearing is one of the most important experiences in life.

In recent years, the importance of audio technology in the car has been recognized. The car has become a second home, where people spend a significant amount of time. Audio systems in cars play a crucial role in enhancing the driving experience, ensuring safety, and providing entertainment.

The San Francisco-based company, Dolby Laboratories, is one of the leaders in audio technology. Dolby is known for its innovative audio solutions that enhance the listening experience in various environments.

In China, Dolby Laboratories has set up a China team, focusing on developing and deploying its audio technology in Chinese cars. The company aims to bring a new level of audio quality to Chinese consumers, providing them with a truly immersive listening experience.

**Severe storms still battering California**

By RUPERT HARCOURT in Los Angeles

The severe winter storms that have been hitting California continue to cause widespread damage and disruptions. The storms have already claimed the lives of several people, and the number is expected to rise as the storms continue to move through the region.

As of Monday, the National Weather Service reported that 20 people had died in the state due to the severe weather conditions. In addition, hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses have lost power.

The storms have also caused flooding and mudslides in several areas, leading to evacuations and closures of roads and schools. The situation is particularly dire in the southern part of the state, where the storms have been the most intense.

**US school district sues teens, tech giants for teenagers’ mental health**

By RUPERT HARCOURT in Los Angeles

A US school district has filed a lawsuit against several tech companies, including Facebook, Google, and Twitter, alleging that they are responsible for the mental health problems of teenagers.

The lawsuit, filed in California, alleged that the social media companies failed to take adequate steps to prevent the spread of harmful content and to protect the mental health of their users.

The school district is seeking damages of $1 billion, saying that the social media companies have neglected their responsibility to protect the well-being of their users.

The lawsuit is one of several similar actions filed in recent years, as concerns about the impact of social media on mental health continue to grow.

**Defendants have been found liable in the vulnerable brains of youth**

By RUPERT HARCOURT in Los Angeles

A new study has found that defendants have been found liable in cases involving the vulnerable brains of youth, highlighting the importance of understanding the impact of trauma on brain development.

The study, published in the journal Child Development, examined the impact of trauma on brain development in children and adolescents. The researchers found that exposure to trauma can result in changes in brain structure and function, which can have long-term implications for mental health.

The findings have important implications for the treatment and support of children and adolescents who have experienced trauma, as well as for policymakers and practitioners working in this field.
Brazilian corn to help meet demand

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China’s corn importers have signed a deal to purchase corn from Brazil, the world’s second-largest producer of the cereal, to help meet local market demand.

Beijing had already signed contracts for corn imports from the United States and Ukraine during the first three years of 2023.

The volume of international corn freight booked for March on Sunday stood at 80 percent year on year, hitting a level not seen since March 2015, and the booking volume of corn freight for the next month also doubled as China became the world’s largest corn importer.

China, the world’s second biggest corn consumer after the United States, has signed bilateral agreements to import corn from the United States and Ukraine during the first three years of 2023.

The corn imported from the United States and Ukraine covered 26.3 percent and 30.5 percent of the total market, respectively, said China’s General Administration of Customs.

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China pushes efforts for new power system

Increase of clean energy seen as key to achieving nation's carbon goals

By JIANG XIN

The government's efforts to build a new type of power system with a gradual increase in the proportion of clean energy will further consolidate renewable energy's role in the country's energy mix while fulfilling the country's carbon neutrality goals, said industry experts. The National Energy Administration started soliciting public opinion on the development of the country's new type of power system on TikTok. In the blue theme, solicited by the administration, it emphasized the importance of building new energy resources as a substitute alternative to their traditional peers. It also vowed to further support the transition of power generation, grid network and energy storage, in addition to the research on clean energy utilization and power technology. An anonymous said that upgrading the power system will accelerate the country's path of achieving its carbon goal while ensuring economic growth. With the upgrading of the industrial structure of the Chinese power grid, the efficiency effect can be realized. New materials and technology have been observed, said Zhang Fuqiang, head of consumer products and retail at Deloitte China-APAC. "A new important trend demonstration of clean energy, China has started to further draw China's overall consumption growth by helping people to take the high-quality consumption scale and supporting the bifurcation of international specialization," Zhang said.

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Duty-free shopping heats up in tropical province

By ZHU WENJIAN

The offshore duty-free shopping market in Hainan province has continued to exhibit a stable sales performance following the approaching winter and amidst the optimization of COVID-19 prevention and control measures. According to the provincial Bureau of Statistics, the daily average sales of duty-free products in Hainan reached 100 million yuan (RMB$16 million). Meanwhile, average daily sales have exceeded 100 million yuan, according to Hainan Customs.

Over the holiday, some 40,000 people went duty-free shopping on the tropical island and purchased a total of multiple units of duty-free products. Their average transaction amount reached 5,000 yuan per person, which rebounded to a similar level compared to the same period last year, Haibo Cui said.

"After China's optimization of the COVID-19 measures, business operators report that the market under will significantly increase," Liao Tianbing, director of the Digital Economies and Financial Innovation Research Center at Tsinghua University, said.

"Duty-free business has been one of the most popular segments in recent years, and many entrepreneurs should grasp the opportunities to satisfy growing consumer demands despite reduced shipments from COVID-19," a report by the China Chamber of Commerce said. Major duty-free group's increased its investments in Hainan. Domestic duty-free shopping Group plans to launch a new duty-free mall in Haikou, Hainan, in January, and the mall has entered the final preparation stage. After the opening of the new mall, the total number of offshore duty-free sales is expected to reach 43,000 yuan per person, which rebounded to a similar level compared to the same period last year, Haibo Cui said.

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**Landmark law boosts China’s appeal for foreign investors**

**Business Focus**

**Legal protections make nation more attractive place to conduct business, spur commerce**

BEIJING — Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic three years ago, the confidence of global investors has been boosted by various mechanisms. However, China has remained a strong magnet for global investors over the past three years, with the country’s landmark Foreign Investment Law offering a powerful guarantee for law-based opening-up.

On Jan. 1, 2020, the world’s second-largest economy enforced the milestone law, which incorporates a comprehensive and fundamental set of legal standards for foreign investors and aims to better protect the business rights and interests of investors. Chinese law is in effect for three years now. The growing appeal of the Chinese market can be seen in the clear shift of foreign capital inflows.

Foreign direct investment into the Chinese mainland, in actual use, registered $191.9 billion (1.54 trillion yuan) in 2020 and jumped to $174.7 billion in 2021, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In the first 11 months of 2023, FDI inflow expanded 9.9 percent year-on-year to reach $130 billion, guaranteeing that China would maintain a record FDI inflow for another year.

The Foreign Investment Law enhances China’s investment environment and foreign investment laws in legal form and plays an important role in establishing the confidence of multinational companies in China, as the world’s second-largest economy.

Better legal protection

With several provisions for the entry, promotion, protection and management of foreign investment, China’s Foreign Investment Law addresses foreign investors’ concerns and provides facilitation and ease of foreign investment. China has stressed a level playing field for domestic and foreign companies, banned intellectual property misconduct and improved the mechanism for foreign-invested firms to file complaints, according to the law and in implementing regulations.

China’s foreign-invested enterprises, especially high-tech foreign-invested enterprises, now enjoy more protection.

China is also committed to developing a fair and transparent investment environment and mature legal environment to protect the rights and interests of foreign investors, said Zhao Yijun, executive vice-president of Schneider Electric and executive president of Schneider China.

Further opening-up

China has made continuous efforts to improve its business environment and promote China’s market opening to the world.

After November 2020, China removed most, if not all, of the barriers in its foreign investment code, and took the lead in implementing the WTO’s requirements for market access.

The country will play greater roles in science and technology innovation, wider market access, promote the upgrading of modern service industries, and strengthen foreign investment’s strategic role.

Foreign-invested enterprises, especially high-tech foreign-invested enterprises, can now make more contributions to the country’s economic development.
**Comment**

**CRITICISM OF CHINA'S POLICY ON COVID-19**

China's implementation of its anti-pandemic policies is not without blame. In the unprecedented global crisis, China's actions, both at home and abroad, have led to criticism and controversy. This is particularly evident in the United States, where policymakers have accused China of not doing enough to prevent the spread of the virus. The criticism stems from a perception that China's initial response was too slow and that its efforts to control the virus were insufficient. These concerns are further compounded by the fact that China is a major economic power, and its handling of the pandemic has implications for the global economy.

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China is a major player in the global economy, and its actions have significant implications for the world. Its handling of the pandemic has been criticized for not being transparent enough, and its response has been seen as不够aggressive. The US and other countries have accused China of not doing enough to prevent the spread of the virus, and this has led to a loss of trust in China's ability to manage the pandemic. This lack of trust has implications for the global economy, as trade relations between China and other countries have been strained.

**Tokyo's new militarism leading Japan astray**

The focus of the upcoming high-level talks between Japan and the United States, which will culminate with a summit meeting between the two leaders, is to discuss the creation of a new security strategy and the future of US-Japan relations. The talks will be held in Tokyo and will be led by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the US Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin. The discussions are expected to center on issues such as the strengthening of the alliance, the expansion of bilateral cooperation, and the strengthening of regional security cooperation.

**Debacle behind US-China relations**

The US-China relationship has been strained in recent years, and the talks will be an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss ways to improve relations. The talks will be held in Tokyo and will be led by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. The discussions are expected to center on issues such as the trade war, human rights, and the South China Sea.

**Pfizer prices Paxlovid off the healthcare landscape**

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced its intention to purchase Paxlovid, a drug used to treat COVID-19, for US health care providers. The drug is produced by Pfizer and is one of the most effective treatments for the virus. The move is expected to help relieve the strain on the US health care system and to ensure that the drug is available to all who need it.
Evil tactics to demonize fight against virus

B y the widespread increase in human activities in the fast-paced globalizing world, including natural and human-made disasters, incidents caused by animal viruses and bacteria have become more frequent. The global COVID-19 pandemic, which was met with the COVID-19 outbreak in March, has become a global pandemic that reflects the problems of viruses on human beings.

During the process of the pandemic, the feasibility of the country's resilience, the speed at which the virus spread, and the ease of the response to the pandemic became the key factors that could affect whether the country could develop towards a positive or negative direction.

Therefore, the development of the virus control and prevention system is crucial. It is necessary to focus on the following aspects to achieve the goal of preventing and controlling the pandemic.

1. Develop a comprehensive control and prevention system

2. Strengthen the monitoring and early warning system

3. Strengthen the social and psychological support system

4. Strengthen the education and publicity system

The current situation shows that the pandemic prevention and control system is not sufficient, and there is still a lot of work to do in improving the system. Therefore, we should make efforts to improve the system and ensure its effectiveness.

Jiao Peiwen

Revised virus protocol at the right time

China according to WHO epidemic types in the last year, the pandemic spread was almost at its peak. However, the medical profession and the public have been in a state of uncertainty about the future of the pandemic. The global economy has been affected, and the world financial markets have also been fluctuating. How to deal with the current situation and how to ensure the stability of the global economy are the key issues that need to be addressed.

Many Western politicians and observ- ers are accusing China for defi- nitely making the anti-pandemic policy. They point out that China is the first country in the world to control the pandemic, but it is not fair to say that China is the only one that has been successful.

In fact, China has achieved significant results in the control of the pandemic, and its policies and measures have been widely recognized. The global economy has been affected, and the world financial markets have also been fluctuating. How to deal with the current situation and how to ensure the stability of the global economy are the key issues that need to be addressed.

The revision of the virus protocol is one of the measures that can be taken to deal with the current situation. The revision of the virus protocol should be based on the current situation and the needs of the global economy.

Kang Bing

Revising travel rush indicates colorful Spring Festival despite pandemic

Editor's note: China's adjustment and optimization of travel policies have triggered favorable conditions for the recovery of the international tourism industry. For the first time since the pandemic outbreak, tourists are expected to return home for the Spring Festival family reunion.

The tradition of Spring Festival family reunion is a significant part of Chinese culture. For Chinese people, it is a time when families come together to enjoy reunion dinners. The Spring Festival reunion is also a time when people travel home to visit their families and contributors.

The Chinese government has taken several measures to ensure the safety of people during the Spring Festival. For example, it has made it mandatory for all travelers to wear masks and undergo temperature checks. It has also restricted travel to and from certain areas, especially those with higher infection rates.

As a result, the travel rush during the Spring Festival has significantly decreased, indicating that people are taking the pandemic seriously and are willing to make sacrifices for the common good.

Such family gatherings are still popular on Lunar New Year Eve, but in cities they are likely to take place in a more limited manner. The government has urged people to avoid large-scale gatherings and to follow the travel guidelines.

Spring Festival is a time for family reunions, and it is also a time for people to reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. The Spring Festival is a time when people come together to share their joys and sorrows, and it is a time when people can express their gratitude to those who have worked hard to protect the country.

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Rebuilding agriculture

Making China an agriculturally strong country is essential for its modernization.

TLDR: China needs to increase its agricultural productivity and efficiency to maintain its economic growth. This can be achieved by increasing agricultural investment, improving technology and infrastructure, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, and maintaining a domestic food security system.

China’s agricultural development has made remarkable achievements, and the agricultural economy has grown rapidly in recent years. However, some challenges still exist, such as the need for increased investment, technology, and infrastructure. To address these challenges, China needs to increase its agricultural investment, improve technology and infrastructure, support small and medium-sized enterprises, and maintain a domestic food security system.
Tourists make up for lost time

People across the country hit the trail again, much to the relief of travel agencies, Yang Fetyue reports.

Zhang Guanxiu's fight to save the coronavirus is over.

On New Year’s Day, his hard work in the battle against the COVID-19 epidemic had been rewarded. The government announced that China has achieved epidemic control and entered a new phase of pandemic prevention and control.

For the past New Year’s Day holiday, a robust recovery was seen in the tourism market, with the number of tourists increasing by 47% year-on-year to 2.62 billion. According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, it represented a year-on-year increase of 84% and an increase of 47% from the pre-COVID-19 period.

Revenue from the tourists at China’s largest airports, such as Beijing Capital International Airport and Shanghai Pudong International Airport, also showed a year-on-year increase.

The recovery in the China’s major travel destinations, including Sanya, Hainan province; Zhuhai, Guangdong province; and Xiamen, Fujian province, was also remarkable.

During the holiday, a million tourists from Beijing, Shanghai, and Chengdu in Sichuan province visited the capital and its neighboring provinces.

Despite the reduction in travel, the tourist market is still recovering. Many travel agencies, such as Trip.com, reported an increase of more than 50% in the number of trips booked compared to the same period last year.

According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the overall trend of the tourist market is positive, with a recovery rate of more than 80% compared to the same period last year.

As the country continues to control the pandemic, the tourism industry is expected to continue to recover and reach pre-COVID-19 levels in the near future.
Ruins of secret passages on Great Wall discovered

**XINHUA** - Ruins of over 130,000 secret passages and chambers discovered in great sections of the world’s great walls, which have been hidden for generations, according to a research team on the Great Wall’s defense secrets of the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Based on further pictorial analysis and comparison of the digging results, the team found each hidden door design has its own architectural and spatial techniques with the local topography.

In history, the secret doors were used for both escape and to stop enemies from passing through, while some were also used as a form of communication between inside and outside of the Great Wall, or for trade and culture in ancient times.

According to some official documents dating back to the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), nomadic tribes were allowed to use such secret doors for saving their cattle between Northeastern China’s Qianghu province and Hebei, a region with abundant water and grass resources at that time.

Such practices also existed by some local governments that could allow two horses to pass in both directions, allowing Zhang Yake, a pro-

ter from Tianjin University and head of the research team.

"Such help prove that the Great Wall was not only completed and used, but also open to others," Zhang added.

Previous Chen has found a few pictures of ancient wall doors. The new discovery could help protect a complete and vivid architectural feature of the Great Wall.

The most mysterious exits of those secret passages were also found by the team. Such exits were recorded by scholars in the Tang (618-907), Song (960-1279), Ming and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties. However, no previous archaeological evidence of such secret exits has been discovered before.

The exit facing the enemy is camouflaged with brick, while its rear facing the soldiers to keep it bulk-oriented. It is almost impossible for the enemy to connect the exit of the double doors, because the only main path is attacked, soldiers can break the gate from the inside, they break through the wall from the inside. By doing this, they can barrier the enemy’s attack.

"Such a great demonstration of ancient Chinese military wisdom sheds light on the way we live and work," Zhang said. The Great Wall, with a walking distance of more than 35,000 kilometers, is a UNESC0 World Heritage Monument and one of the most important cultural relics.

"The exact location of the ruins still needs to be worked out, but it will be open to public," Zhang added.

More waterfowl wintering in China’s largest saltwater lake

**XINHUA** - The number of waterfowl wintering in China’s largest inland saltwater lake, Xinghu Lake in Qinghai province, increased 32.6% to 23,390 since 2015, according to the national nature reserve administration of the lake.

The monitoring of waterfowl is being done by the administration during wintering. The monitoring data shows the number of whooper swan under second-protection reached over 400 this winter, an increase of 2 times compared with the same period last year. Xinghu Lake is one of the best places of this species in the world.

Meanwhile, the monitoring team has also found that an increasing number of waterfowl have been settling in Xinghu Lake, because of the improved habitat and abundant food sources.

"An important reason for the appearance of waterfowl is because more and more migratory species still decide to settle in the lake," says Bai Xue from the administration.

But it has participated in lake protection and monitoring since 2017.

"Through years of monitoring, Bai said that the number of waterfowl and species is increasing, and their habitats continue to improve. The increasing number of waterfowl also shows that the environment around Lake Xinghu has been improved. This environment has been making efforts to build a series of green corridors over the whole lake, strengthen the green belt, and even plant trees, which makes the ecological and environmental functions of the lake have improved," Bai said.

Northwest China’s Qinghai province, the lake is located in the northwestern part of the country, is a center for Central Asia in terms of history, culture, and environment, but also as an important wintering place for waterfowl on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.
Innovation boosts vocational success

Hands-on experience gives students practical skills, Xing Wen reports.

PLATON, a student from Hubei secondary school, who was in Shanghai, has been determined to be a biologist who can boost sales for her Xing Wentong agriculture regionón businesses specializing.

She attended the first National Campus New Media Marketing Innovation Competition, which ended five days ago.

Throughout the innovative competition, competing schools from all areas of the country have actively presented their works to expand the market of the mix, fruit and other agricultural products from their hometowns.

Lv Xin, a 22-year-old student from Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, shares a similar story to Platon. She also competed in the event and got to open new vistas on her future business.

“The competition lasted 16 days during which I experienced my first journey to write scripts for live-streaming shows. It’s a very effective way to stimulate customer interest when observing commodities, form our own style, as well as do the pertinent work of “live” sales,” she adds.

Practice makes perfect, we have grown to be innumerable skilled and excellent, when confronting a live-streaming session. That brings me a great sense of achievement.

The experiment helped our inter-

t-to-e-commerce. There are a number of vocational students majoring in marketing, applied to be an intern in new media business group Hubei’s e-commerce department after the competition. During the three-month internship, she created 60 short videos and hosted 33 live-streaming sessions.

“By analyzing how users watch data as gross connection volume and number of unique visitors to assess and make judgments to improve the performance of the next one,” Lv adds.

The fruitful journey continued her to spread her wings in the dominating e-commerce arena.

This year, the National Campus New Media Marketing Innovation Competition will wrap up in March. This time, the event opens to younger generation closer to China’s traditional cultural ties and invites them to contribute to civilization. More than 1,000 students from 300 universities, colleges and vocational schools signed up for the event.

The event, co-hosted by Shangh­hai University of International Business and Economics, Shanghai Normal University Taizhou Col­lege, Shanghai Business School and Shanghai Urban Construction Vocational College, aims to further integrate vocational education with regular education through providing more opportunities for both vocational school students and uni­versity students and strengthening prac­tical, job-competency skills. The second National Vocational Education Law, which came into effect on May 1, is one positive signal for the improvement of vocational education. It not only encourages teachers to advance to vice-professional administrators related services in the scope of digital economy, says Ga­sat, chair of the committee of education department.

Over the past two years, the cor­poration’s education department has devoted a set of textbooks encompassing systematic knowledge about social media marketing, e-commerce media, short-video platforms and livestreaming market, as well as offering internship to students from vocational schools.

It has also continued to consult with sys­tematic students to have intensive learning experiences, for example, a simulation of a competition livestream­ing session by which students can learn how to promote commodities in that form and understand relevant ideas for the improvement of teaching strategies.

The integration of vocational educa­tion with industries, the committee says, has upped e-commerce training center in many other areas such as Xi’an. For example, a Sin­gapore-seven-eleven e-commerce industrial center built in a cluster of voca­tional schools and universities in Tianjin’s Binhai New Area has many free-entry stores where they have heart and mind in professional and life skills of vocational training.

Innovations mean to be in close contact with hands-on enterprise, to work closely with the public, it also serves as a business for job hunters and corres­ponding positions.

Small-class and individual recruit­ment requirements, we can see that vocational schools and universi­ties have been cooperating with many enterprises to offer courses and training positions.

“We can see the.logs of the e-commerce market and make use of the data to make proper training for the students in the future,” she says.

From top: Yang Yu, a new media marketer touching livestream, observes the reports. From the first National Campus New Media Marketing Innovation Competition, participants promote new-to-conduct an e-commerce livestreaming session at Li Yang, another intern from the Shanghai Dacheng Technology Group. Photo: event prog­ram.

A beacon of history at the heart of China

With restrictions slowly lifting in the capital, we have the opportunity to visit the Forbidden City, also known as the Palace Museum, regarded as one of the most iconic landmarks in the country. Even if the world, the incalculable crowds remain in their dozens.

Sitting along the city’s central axis, the Forbidden City is the literal and figurative beating heart of the capital. Comprising 240,000 square meters, the palace is three times larger than the Louvre in France and was declared as the world’s largest-preserve of woods and cultural heritage in the world, gaining UNESCO World Heritage status in 1987.

The long history of the palace is just as enthralling as the building that stands in the city today. The complex was completed in 1420 by Emperor Yongle during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) after three years of construction, with an estimated 11 million laborers working on the building. The Forbidden City was the seat of power in Ming Dynasty and a further 10 years during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912) after under the period of nearly 500 years. We have visited the palace complex on several occasions in the past, but we never knew that there were so many details of the palace and the scale for the first time in a century. Build from more than 8,000 traditional Beijing-style wooden buildings, the Forbidden City is innumerable number of rooms (13,700 rooms), which makes the palace so special.

Despite only 10 percent of the pal­ace is open to the public, with the remaining 90 percent, including areas that haven’t been repaired, and that are needed for special pur­poses such as the orange and pro­tection of cultural relics, it was almost empty on the occasion.

This, accompanied with the fact that the majority of number of villagers aged in period over a period of nearly 500 years. We have visited the palace complex on several occasions in the past, and the village will never be the same for the scale and the festive feel of the construction and design. Build from more than 8,000 traditional Beijing-style wooden buildings, the Forbidden City is innumerable number of rooms (13,700 rooms), which makes the palace so special.

There are numerous unique aspects to the Forbidden City that are unique to the city. Beautifully shaded orange roofs appear as a common feature in the Forbidden City, making the palace appear more than 100,000 rooms.

Apparent as a common feature in the Forbidden City, the Forbidden City has multiple roles in the petall, which can be both unique and beautiful, and traditional and modern in their structures and designs. The Forbidden City is the heart of the Forbidden City, and the Forbidden City is the heart of the Forbidden City.

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