Xi sends condolences to Nepal over plane crash

By HO JINSEOK

President Xi Jinping sent a message of condolences on Monday to Nepali President Bidya Devi Bhandari over the crash of a passenger plane, with 72 people onboard, in Kathmandu on Friday. "I am deeply saddened to learn that the plane crashed, which caused heavy casualties. I express deep condolences over the deaths and extend my sincere sympathy to the bereaved families on behalf of the Chinese government and the Chinese people," Premier Li Keqiang also sent a message of condolences to Nepali Prime Minister Pramod Koirala, described as Prachanda.

On Sunday, Viet-Atlantic Flight 604, from Kathmandu to Phukran, crashed into a mountain in the Xishuangbanna Dianhong National Forest Park in Yunnan Province, killing all 129 people on board. It was the country's worst aviation disaster in three decades.

China's economy expected to see robust rebound

Experts, officials express confidence as growth results for last year beat market expectations

By ZHOU LANXUO, GUO YUENING and HANXING LI

China's economy is likely to see a robust rebound this year as better-than-expected growth results for 2022 have bolstered confidence in coping with multiple challenges, officials and experts said on Tuesday.

The national economic growth in 2022 is expected to rebound to above 5 percent as consumer activity recovers amid world crisis, and confidence in the property sector has soared.

China's market expectation and economic confidence is expected to increase in the first quarter of 2023, said experts at a meeting of the NBS, as experts and officials said economic confidence is likely to increase in the first quarter of 2023.

As the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be over, experts said China's economy is poised to recover in the first quarter of 2023, while the probability of provincial-level regions suffering a 10 trillion yuan economic slowdown has been reduced to a level of 3 percent.

Gong Song, chief economist at KPMG China, said he expects China's economic growth to continue to increase in the first quarter of 2023, as the recovery continues to gather pace.

Second-quarter GDP growth likely to recover to 7 percent after soaring to 8.8 percent in the first quarter, said experts.

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Vice-premier furthers opening-up at Davos forum

By WANG MENGWEI

In Davos, Switzerland

Vice-Premier Liu said on Tuesday that China will continue to promote opening-up.

"Opening-up is a basic state policy for China to maintain economic growth and development, and a key part of China's open economic policy," Liu said in Davos. "China will continue to promote opening-up."}

West's false COVID narratives hold no water

In recent weeks, the Western media's coverage of China has been dominated by news of the West's adhocracy of COVID-19 policies. Experts warn that the West is woefully behind in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Inside pandemic, the West has been slow to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, while China has been quick to act.

One of the main reasons for this is that China has been able to effectively control the pandemic through its strong central government and rapid response to new outbreaks.

Of particular note is China's success in containing the COVID-19 pandemic, which has allowed the country to maintain economic growth and social stability. This is in stark contrast to many Western countries, which have struggled to contain the virus and have experienced significant economic and social disruption.
Olympics: Ski venues in hot demand

By Xu Xiaocheng

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China's population drops for first time in 6 decades
Need seen for stronger incentive policies to encourage childbirth

By WANG XIANGYU

China's population dropped for the first time in the last 60 years, according to a new report, and experts and officials are worried about the country's falling birthrate.

The country's overall population fell to 1.411 billion in 2023, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Tuesday.

"The decline was primarily caused by a decrease in newborns," said Ji Yimin, president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, in an interview with Xinhua news agency. "The falling birthrate has been a long-term problem." He said the government should take action to reverse the trend.

Policy: China calls for stronger incentive policies to encourage childbirth

China's population decline has raised concerns about the country's future demographic and economic growth. To address this, the government has been calling for stronger incentive policies to encourage childbirth.

In 2021, the government introduced measures to encourage childbirth, including tax breaks for parents who have more than one child. However, the impact has been limited.

Growth: GDP target sensible, expert says

Niu Yaohua, a professor at Tsinghua University, said the 4% GDP growth target is "sensible" and reflects the country's efforts to maintain economic stability.

"The target is set to ensure growth at a sustainable pace," Niu said. "It's a balanced approach considering the country's economic conditions and global economic uncertainties."
Overseas, domestic doctors share CDC experiences

By CHINA DAILY

United by a common purpose, Chinese doctors and scientists are collaborating online to improve the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

Dr. Jin Li, a member of the Society of Chinese American Physicians and Electronics Engineers, and a North American Chinese-physician launched an initiative to share their treatment experiences with their overseas colleagues.

“Our initiative is for the public good and not for financial gain,” the host of the lecture and president of the initiative, Xue Wu, explained. “The only hope is to share our experience with overseas colleagues and help them avoid mistakes. We believe this is beneficial to both the quality care for Chinese patients. Xue Wu said.

He pointed out that Chinese doctors in the United States, all of whom have been treating the COVID-19 since last year, were invited to participate. They were told their expertise involves infectious diseases, immunology, respiratory medicine, critical care, and other fields.

The program aimed many Chinese doctors, with online viewership reaching 10 million.

Int'l, regional flights resume at Daxing airport

By YANG ZHIHUA

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POLICY REVIEW

Vocational education reform made major national goal

New guidelines mandate closer cooperation with private sectors,引き preparing increased financing, sharing of expertise and better training for teachers nationwide

By: XU JIAXING

The government has released new guidelines to promote vocational education reform, with a focus on closer cooperation with private sectors and increased financing. The guidelines also aim to improve teacher training.

The guidelines, released by the Ministry of Education, are seen as a major step in the development of vocational education in China. They emphasize the need for closer collaboration with private sectors, who are encouraged to participate in the education process.

"The guidelines are a significant step forward in promoting vocational education," said Li Wenliang, a professor at the Beijing Institute of Vocational Education. "They will help to ensure that vocational education is more closely aligned with the needs of the market, and that students are better prepared for the job market.""A "vocational education reform" campaign is being launched in many regions, with a focus on improving the quality of vocational education and increasing cooperation with private sectors.

The guidelines also encourage the development of partnerships between vocational schools and private companies, with a view to improving the quality of vocational education and training. This includes the establishment of "work-based learning centers" where students can gain practical experience in real-world settings.

"We are looking to create a more dynamic and flexible vocational education system," said Li. "This will require a lot of innovation and experimentation, but it is essential if we are to prepare our students for the challenges of the future."
**Kishida’s travels lead Japan to dead end**

PM’s tour of seven nations deepens subordination to US, analysts say

By ITO Shoko

The image shows a page from a newspaper article, featuring headlines and paragraphs of text in English. The content appears to be a political or news article, discussing various topics related to international relations, economics, and political decisions. The page includes references to events, individuals, and international contexts, indicating a focus on global affairs and diplomatic strategies. The article mentions various countries and figures, such as Japan, the US, China, and others, in the context of political and economic interactions.

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The article discusses Japan’s Prime Minister Fumio Kishida’s recent trip to seven countries, detailing the implications of his tour on Japan’s international relations and its alignment with US policy. The article suggests that Japan’s defense and security policies have become increasingly subordinated to US interests, exemplified by Kishida’s visits to countries like the US, Ukraine, and Canada. The text explores the broader context of Japan’s evolving security posture in response to regional and global challenges, weighing in on the implications for Japan’s autonomy and strategic independence. The article also touches on the economic and diplomatic consequences of Japan’s engagement with its allies and partners, offering insights into the current state of Japan’s international relations. The analysis concludes with reflections on the future prospects for Japan’s role in the international arena, raising questions about the sustainability of its recent diplomatic endeavors and the potential impact on regional dynamics.

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**Germany’s Scholz picks new defense chief**

By CHEN WEIHUI in Brussels

The article reports that Germany’s new Minister of Defense, Abtig, has appointed Arne Schwab as his new defense minister. Schwab was previously a politician and known for his commitment to national defense. The appointment reflects a strategic shift in Germany’s defense policy, as Schwab is described as a strong proponent of increased military spending and a believer in the need for a robust European defense capability. The article highlights the significance of Schwab’s appointment in light of Germany’s recent defense policy changes, which include a planned increase in defense spending and a focus on strengthening Germany’s military capabilities, particularly in the context of heightened tensions in Europe and the broader Atlantic Alliance. The article underscores the implications of Schwab’s appointment for Germany’s role in transatlantic security and defense cooperation, suggesting a more assertive and proactive stance in the European security landscape.

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**Action in EU graft investigation widens**

By EARLE GAUL in London

The article examines the widening scope of a European Union anti-graft investigation, which is aimed at combating corruption within the bloc’s institutions. The investigation has expanded to include several key figures, with the article discussing the implications of this expansion for the integrity of the EU institutions. The article highlights the importance of tackling corruption to maintain the credibility and effectiveness of the EU, emphasizing the need for robust enforcement of anti-graft measures across the bloc. The text also touches on the potential consequences for individuals and entities involved in the investigation, suggesting a broader impact on the stability and reputation of the EU's governance institutions.
Talk: US could do more to draw STEM talent

By YI RAN | Special to The Washington Post

While the US needs international talent in STEM, expanding immigration and research opportunities for that skilled people, the government should allow more people to stay, according to some experts.

"We have to realize that the way we've done this so far has been really inequitable," said Yeoh, who is a professor at the National University of Singapore.

She said the US needs to do better to attract and retain talent, to individual and collective well-being. She said US immigration policies are a "disaster" that has led to the US losing talent.

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Biden to tour California storm areas

By BELINDA ROBBINS | Special to The Washington Post

The US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) confirmed on Sunday that Biden would travel to the state to assess the damage from the storms.

"We are working to ensure that the TSA and other federal agencies are providing the necessary support to the affected communities," the agency said in a statement.

"We recognize the challenges that the people of California are facing and will work to provide as much assistance as possible," the statement said.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed," the statement added.

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By YI CHEN

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AIBH vows efforts to tackle global challenges, expand cooperation

By REN JING
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The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will deepen international cooperation to help global challenges and promote sustainable development, the multilateral development bank said on Monday, marking its seventh anniversary.

The AIBH announced on Jan 9 it had approved a US$3.5 billion’s Mandate for Concessional Lending, enabling it to mobilize additional resources for the most vulnerable developing countries.

The AIIB has been firmly pressing multilateralism and always hearing up to countries and regions dedicated to promoting economic and social development in Asia.

The bank is an operational partnership of 26 member countries. In 2022, the bank continued to support the establishment of the Doha airport in Qatar, the construction of the new airport in Indonesia, and the expansion of the new airport in Vietnam.

The AIIB has also been firming up its policies and strategies and has been continuously adjusting its policies and strategies to meet the changing needs of the region.

The AIIB has already approved 121 projects worth US$37.5 billion, with an average of US$1 billion per project.

In addition, the AIIB has been actively participating in various international fora and has attended over 100 meetings and discussions, including the G20, the World Bank Annual Meetings and the IMF Spring Meetings.

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By LI YUNQIN

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The number of these electric vehicles has expanded since August, when the country launched its exchange-charged bus trial program, a strategy that reduces drivers’ concern about the range of their electric vehicles and helps improve battery recycling. Such charging methods are gaining ground as a solution to the energy transition and environmental protection goals, said Wang Lixing, director of the Sustainable Transport Research Institute at the Econometric and Technology Research Institute of China National Petroleum Corporation.

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A report by CTCI Securities shows that China has been launching a series of measures to promote battery swapping technology. The country has already established a network of battery swapping centers and stations in major cities, and the market is expected to see a marked growth in the next five years thanks to battery swapping technology.

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Techno-buses inspect facilities at a charging station in Yanbian, Hunchun province, in September. (Photo by HAO YUAN FOR CHINA DAILY)

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SET UP FOR HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

Since China's gross domestic product grew 3 percent per year last year, the National Bureau of Statistics said it had "hard work ahead" given the country's large population and diverse economic regions.

Due to the inherent resilience of the Chinese economy, as well as the implementation of a series of support policies, the country's gross added value increased 0.3 percent last year, the value-added industrial production increased 0.5 percent, and the service sector grew by 2.3 percent.

This fuelled the country's food security, with the world having ended the worst food shortage in decades, with the creation of 10 million new jobs, and a rise in the quality of life in all regions and countries, and maintained the health and dynamism of the economy, including the rise in fixed assets by 0.5 percent and the consumption up by 0.4 percent.

Thus, the growth in the net profit of the major enterprises, the total retail sales of consumer goods and the production index of services (industries) were all positive. The margin of decrease is narrowing fast with the optimization of the COVID-19 pandemic from last month, and all of them are showing strong resilient momentum.

Global confidence in the Chinese economy and market trends revealed that over the past few years, the dynamism of the world's second-largest economy remains remarkable, and the confidence and efficiency are still remarkable and its status as a major source of the global financial and trade system, and as a logistics hub has only been consolidated by its renewed commitment to opening up. With the 37 percent increase in its foreign trade last year, despite the worsening of the United States, China has increased its position as the largest goods trader.

The challenge China faces has been a result of the epidemic and geopolitical changes that have forced the country to double down on its efforts to enhance the upgrading of its industries and promote the quality transformation and growth. The added value of high-tech manufacturing and equipment manufacturing grew by 0.3 percent and 4.3 percent last year, and investment in high-tech industries grew by 0.9 percent, outpacing total fixed asset investment by 15.3 percentage points. Investment in high-tech manufacturing and services grew by 15.1 percent and 11.6 percent, respectively.

That infrastructural investment grew by 9 percent, manufacturing by 9 percent, while that in the real estate industry, a major pillar of China's investment for a long time, was down by 10 percent and the real estate industry is also being played a sustainable growth and innovation.

Last but not least, although the country's population is 600,000 less last year than the previous year, the total population in China is still huge, the country that doesn't meet much effort, as the ending of the pandemic situation, the improvement in the quality of the labor force, people's livelihoods and public services can help the population to avoid a sharp decline of the population and a significant slowdown in the economy.

In a nutshell, the Chinese economy is undertaking under growing profound changes. But the country will continue to maintain the vitality of its development system. It is now, and will continue to make the most of what it has to pursue high-quality development and control policies have not only increased the quality of people's lives, but also has minimized the gap between the coastal regions' economic opportunities and social development. Against the backdrop of increasing downward pressures on the world economy, China's optimization of policy and adjustment of macroeconomic policies will maintain the country's growth momentum and boost confidence in the world economic growth. That's why many international organizations have expressed optimism on China's economic prospects and Beijing's refined policies also have played an important role in ensuring China's economic recovery.
Africa a natural partner of BRI

Tian Fei

HK set to write new chapter of development in 2023

Hong Kong's economic growth has been stagnant for years. In 2022, the economy showed signs of recovery, but COVID-19 has continued to pose challenges. To improve the city's economic performance, Hong Kong has announced several measures to boost investment and consumption. These measures are expected to stimulate growth in various sectors, including real estate, retail, and tourism. The government has also committed to increasing funding for infrastructure projects, which could attract more private investment and support economic development.

The newly elected government, led by Chief Secretary John Lee, has emphasized the need for Hong Kong to re-engage with the world and strengthen its role as a global financial hub. To achieve this, the city will focus on improving regulatory frameworks, promoting innovation and technology, and enhancing its connectivity with other regions. Hong Kong will also explore opportunities in the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative, which could create new growth drivers for the city.

The government has also announced plans to diversify the economy, with a focus on the creative industries, education, and tourism sectors. These sectors are expected to play a significant role in Hong Kong's economic recovery and growth. Overall, the new chapter of development in Hong Kong is expected to bring new opportunities and challenges for investors and businesses.
Global connections

The ties that bind in an interconnected world are evolving not retreating.
Polishing the image of abandoned theme parks

Artist taps into faded memories to provide a dreamlike perspective of dilapidated and forgotten entertainment centers. 

When he was a boy, "my father had a film camera, and he made me travel to the suburban areas to look for interesting images and take closer pictures," he recalls. "That time, the idea of being a photographer as a career had not yet taken shape, but I saw pretty funny, the scenes I captured during my photo work." 

Zhou became interested in photography when he was 11 years old. "I was told that a film camera and his father's hobby inspired me to take pictures," he says. "I have always loved to see the world through the eyes of a photographer." 

Zhou's interest in photography was sparked when he was a child, and his passion for the art form has only grown stronger over the years. "I have always enjoyed capturing the beauty of the world through a camera," he says. "Photography is a powerful tool for storytelling, and it has become an important part of my life." 

Zhou's artistic vision is characterized by a blend of technical skill and creative imagination. "I strive to create images that capture the essence of a place and the emotions it evokes," he says. "I want my photographs to transport viewers to a different time and place, and to inspire them to see the world in a new light." 

Zhou's photographs have been featured in numerous exhibitions and publications, and he has received numerous awards and accolades for his work. "I am grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from the photography community," he says. "I am excited to see where my journey as a photographer will take me in the future."
New voices take the stage

A Spring Festival web gala attracts young viewers with a variety of talent. Deng Zhiyu reports.

This year’s gala included many new faces, with Deng Zhiyu reporting on the fresh talent on display.

In Iran, says her most prominent feeling was happiness, and being together with compatriots made her emotional.

Wang Liyan, a teacher at the University of Tehran, says she was touched by the performance of Iranian students who were employed. Many logged the gifts they received with their feet, and even stood to dance with maids after receiving them. Though having lived in another country, they keep learning about Chinese culture, as many volunteered to write Chinese poems on the stage.

Overseas Chinese attend holiday celebration in Iran

TEHRAN—Chinese people in Iran gathered on Tuesday in the Chinese Embassy in Tehran, in celebration of the Lunar New Year, to attend the annual celebration for overseas Chinese.

According to the Chinese Embassy in Iran, including students studying in Iran, workers in Iranian companies, as well as representatives from enterprises and media institutions, attended the gala and enjoyed traditional songs and dances, poetry recitation, folk music, and classic shadow dancing.

The Chinese Embassy in Iran, under the guidance of Chinese cultural exchanges, organized this gala to promote Chinese culture. Xinhua reports, the gala was considered a success and attracted a lot of attention.

This event conveyed the warmth from my homeland to one of my compatriots who was abroad during the Chinese New Year. I was touched by their performance at home. Their children who were born or lived in Iran would be able to see the performance. Through the performance, the ambassador and his wife also distributed the Spring Festival gala to the representation of overseas Chinese groups, and presented children with panda dolls, popsicles, and other gifts. They also introduced traditional elements to the students.

For us, such a activity by Spring Festival gala is very meaningful. The children, who were born or lived in Iran for a long time, were overjoyed. Many hugged the gifts they received with their feet, and even stood to dance with maids after receiving them. Though having lived in another country, they keep learning about Chinese culture, as many volunteered to write Chinese poems on the stage.
Developing a pattern of prosperity

Businesswoman returns to her rural roots to help villagers boost their income by leveraging the local culture, Xing Wen reports.

Five years ago, it was a 50-year-old businesswoman Shi Jinyang who established a ski resort in her hometown in Huian county, Xinjiang Uighur autonomous region, of China. It was a strong sense of responsibility and a mission to boost the tourism of her female villagers, especially local ethnic minority women from the Miao ethnic group.

She runs a company in Huian county, a predominantly Miao area, so many of the group’s traditional crafts of embroidery. More than 1,200 middle-aged and elderly local women have been trained by the company and have mastered the skill of embroidery workshops. Nearly 700 of them later got a job with the company.

Born into a business family, Shi was affected with a deep entrepreneurial spirit. Supported by her parents, back in the university years, she started to take initiative on street corner as a designer and entrepreneur. “At that time, my motivation was to make a profit and then return some to the company, I didn’t have a grand plan,” she recalls. In 2015, her family was founded in Chenguang, Sichuan province, decided to go back to their hometown, Shitan township in Huian county, to visit their relatives.

Mr. Shi, former director of the culture station in Huian, turned them down, saying that she could help boost the township’s Miao embroidery production.

“I initially felt reluctant, because I was a person who didn’t really know much about the craft or the industry,” Shi says.

However, her mother persuaded her to give it a try. She decided to launch a Miao embroidery company where women could learn the handcraft for free.

The two started a training center with the help of the government and raised funds through crowdfunding. The company has been growing rapidly since then.

“Xinjiang is an ice-and-snow paradise,” Shi says. “We have invited experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences to help us develop the tourism industry.”

The company has been helping local women learn the craft of embroidery, which is a traditional cultural activity in Xinjiang. The company has also been organizing embroidery workshops and training sessions for women in the region.

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The company has been successful in promoting the craft of embroidery among women in the region. It has also been able to attract tourists to the area, which has helped to boost the local economy.

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