President Xi Jinping, who also presided over the 7th plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, visited military units on Wednesday to inspect the combat readiness of armed forces and to attend the Spring Festival Gala. Photo by Xinhua News Agency

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**Travel hubs bustling as holiday rush hits peak**

By LÜ WENBIN

Beijing (Xinhua) -- China has 13,600 railways with a total mileage of 125,259 kilometers, making it the country with the world's largest railway network. The official data show that the number of passengers on the railway reached 2.2 billion in 2022. This year's Spring Festival travel rush period started on January 17, and more than 400 million people are expected to travel during the rush period. The travel rush will peak on January 23, with the number of passengers expected to reach 1.2 billion. This year's Spring Festival travel rush period is expected to last until February 5. The number of passengers on the railway is expected to peak around February 4, with the number of passengers on the railway expected to be around 70.1 million of the peak number.

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When Wong was young, his father often took him to a cafe opened in the city's Sham Shui Po district. Wong wryly observes that the way in which milk tea brings people together deserves special mention.

Byron bought black tea to Hong Kong, noting that as expenses, the beverage age could only be found in high-end Western restaurants and home. After World War II, it was used by traditional street food hawkers to make Hong Kong-style milk tea.

Then the market for black tea from local grocery stores, and replaced the fresh milk with condensed milk to produce milk tea, which quickly became popular among the public.

Wong's father used to run a grocery store that supplied tea to the mall holders. His cafe also helped popularize the local milk tea.

In 1983, Wong carried his father's career on by founding the Kamyu Group. Influenced by his family, he wanted to not only profit from the beverage, but also to preserve the culture.

In 2009, he donated the Association of Commerce Hall of Hong Kong, a non-profit and non-profit organization that promotes the cultural and technological exchanges in the coffee and tea industry. The association now has more than 6,200 members.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Wong began promoting Hong Kong-style milk tea as an intangible cultural heritage. After preparatory work that included handing out milk tea bags in the streets and collecting signatures from the public, the craft of making Hong Kong-style milk tea was listed in the city's Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory.

Highland Park Kazi was a partner of the Kamyu Group, saying: "Hong Kong milk tea culture is a reflection of Hong Kong's edginess. It is a way of life, a way of making, of making this thing is dirty, sly and border-line tolerance."

Tea makers, the Kamyu Group has also passed on various types of working shop since 2007, which Wong said has enrolled centers as well as at least 5,000 people over the years.

For more than a decade, Howard Chiu started to study tea-making, until 2015, where Paper Craft Studio was founded in the first Representative List of Hong Kong's ICH. Howard's work changed dramatically as more attention was paid to his craftsmanship. He was invited to exhibit his work in front of San Francisco City Hall in the US to mark the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland.

He took it further to several months to make a 4-meter-high paper vase, which were displayed in San Francisco for three months.

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FM’s Africa visit shows China’s commitment

BY TIAN YU/MU Shuangmu

Assuming the role Qi Gang occupies in Africa is instrumental in shaping the new Chinese foreign policy reflected in this country’s relationship with the continent.

The visit has been designed to introduce a new Chinese foreign minister with China-Russia and China-Europe relations to the African “Great Leap Forward” behind the scenes. Vice-Chancellor of the Beijing-based Tsinghua University, Qi Gang, arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe, on July 25, 2023, to start his official visit. His visit will continue until July 27, 2023.

During his stay in the Zimbabwean capital, the Chinese ambassador will hold talks with the African giant, on July 26, 2023, to discuss a wide range of issues including trade, investment, cooperation, and bilateral ties.

According to the Chinese foreign ministry, the visit is aimed at consolidating the China-Zimbabwe relationship and further promoting bilateral cooperation.

During his stay in Africa, Qi Gang will meet with government officials, empreses, and cultural figures to discuss current issues and explore ways to deepen cooperation.

As a result, China’s Africa policy is not merely about business interests but also about fostering a strong political and economic partnership.

This is in line with China’s commitment to Africa, as reflected in the Belt and Road Initiative, which is aimed at promoting trade, investment, and development across the continent.

In recent years, China has increased its investments in Africa, particularly in the infrastructure, energy, and agriculture sectors. These investments have helped to boost economic growth and reduce poverty in many African countries.

However, critics have raised concerns about China’s debt-trap diplomacy, where some African countries have been accused of being indebted to China to the point of losing sovereignty.

Nonetheless, China’s commitment to Africa, as reflected in Qi Gang’s visit, is a testament to its continued investment in the continent’s development.

The visit is part of China’s broader strategy to strengthen its presence in Africa, where it sees huge economic and political opportunities.

As Qi Gang’s visit unfolds, it will be interesting to see how the talks progress and what areas China and Zimbabwe will focus on to enhance their cooperation.

In conclusion, Qi Gang’s visit highlights China’s continued commitment to Africa and its efforts to strengthen bilateral relations. The visit is expected to further cement the friendship between China and Zimbabwe and contribute to the continent’s overall development.


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Oversight to ensure better senior spaces

Top political advisory body will inspect major projects related to aging society

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National political advisos will commence a series of supervision and renovation tasks for public facilities to ensure the basic needs of the aging population are addressed so the seniors can live fulfilling and secure lives.

To ensure the implementation of relevant measures and to address concerns related to an aging society, a panel of senior political advisors had launched a five-year program in 2016 to provide oversight for major government projects.

In line with the fifth Five-Year Plan (2016-2020), work committees under the CPC National Committee supervise various actions, such as education facilities, elderly-friendly renovation projects, the renovation of modern urban residential communities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the improving of urban regions in western regions.

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As a result of being given the responsibility of inspecting the urban and rural areas of the city, the committee will conduct a survey on Social and Legal affairs under the CPC National Committee. The committee will focus on inspecting the age-appropriate renewal of facilities and services to provide better care for the seniors, which is a key part of China’s response to its aging population.

According to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, there are 30 million of China’s 10.5 million people over 80 years of age, and by 2030, this number is expected to grow to 120 million,

The CPC National Committee, under the guidance of the Chinese Communist Party’s president, is expected to inspect the work of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, which is responsible for taking measures of this regard.

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Chinese scientists find mass distribution of new stars variable

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Chinese astronomers have made a remarkable discovery that challenges the basic understanding of how long stars last, as well as how late stages of stars end for the first time ever. The team has identified a group of stars that are found to be younger than previously anticipated.

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Avalanche kills 8, rescue works underway

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Eight people have been confirmed dead and one person missing after an avalanche hit a Tibetan monastery on Tuesday, killing eight people and injuring two.

The accident occurred around midday in a mountainous region, where strong winds and heavy snowfall caused an avalanche to hit a monastery. It resulted in eight deaths and a missing person.

"We have received reports of an avalanche at the exit of a tunnel on a highway between Menting and Kham, an official of the Hubei provincial government, said.

The government has been providing with providing guidance to the rescuers as they carry out search and rescue to confirm the amount of victims. The government also sent a 20-person search and rescue team to the site.

As of Thursday morning, 1,200 people were taking part in the rescue operation, which involved deploying 600 vehicles, including 200 heavy-duty vehicles.

The rescue operation is expected to continue for several days.

BRIEFLY

Congress report submitted in other languages

A proposed bill, submitted by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China, to the National People’s Congress on Thursday, has been translated into two other languages.

The CPC Constitution adopted at the Congress, has been released in 10 foreign languages. Published by Foreign Languages Press, the translated text is available in English, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Japanese, Italian, and Korean, according to an announcement on Thursday.

The announcement of the books, consisting of both Chinese and foreign versions, was made after the People’s Congress had discussed the conversion of the Constitution, approved by the Congress.

But it is also important to note that some English translations of the Constitution are available in foreign languages.

Senior officials under investigation

Two senior officials of the Chinese Academy of Sciences are under investigation, the Ministry of Education said on Thursday.

The two officials, a former minister of the Ministry of Education and a former director of the Ministry of Education, are accused of using their positions to enrich themselves.

The investigation is being conducted by the National Supervision Commission, which is responsible for investigating officials at the highest levels of the government.

The commission has previously launched investigations into other officials at the top levels of the government.

First ice-breaking bay tender put into service

China’s first ice-breaking bay tender put into service in Tianjin. The tender, named the Xingjian Bay, was launched by the Northern Natural Gas Corporation, a subsidiary of the China National Petroleum Corporation, on Monday, the ministry said in a statement.

The tender, which is the first of its kind in China, will be deployed to the Xingjian Bay, a gas storage facility in the Tianjin port.

The tender will be used to transport gas to the city of Tianjin, which is a major trading hub for gas in China.

The tender is expected to help transport gas in the region and to improve the supply chain in the city.
SAR seeks to show world it is back on open market

By WILLIAM MC. AND OAKES MC.

Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee had planned the full suspension of travel with the Chinese mainland and ending normality after COVID-19 at the top of the special committee of the Japanese government’s agenda for the new year, and his administration plans to organize more visits to the mainland and allow full leisure visits in the following months in a bid to encourage the resumption of travel that had been suspended since the start of the pandemic. Lee revealed the plans when discussing the China’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. China has reported no new cases in the last two weeks, and the country is gradually relaxing its restrictions. Lee said that Hong Kong would re-open to tourists from the mainland, and the city would also allow fully vaccinated tourists from other countries to enter without quarantine. Lee also announced that the city would ease its social distancing measures and allow more people to attend events and gatherings. The government has been cautious about easing measures too quickly, but with the situation improving, it is now confident that it can safely relax its restrictions.

China tours to be better

By CHINA DAILY

With the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, China’s tourism industry is on the rise, and the country is working to attract more international visitors. The government has been promoting the country as a destination for cultural tourism, and there are many new attractions and events being developed. The government has also been working to improve the infrastructure and services, making it easier for tourists to visit the country. The tourism industry is expected to grow significantly in the coming years, and China is working to position itself as a leader in the global tourism market.

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WORLDWIDE

Colleges’ TikTok ban questioned

By Lisa Fenton in Washington

Several universities in Texas have joined a growing list of public institutions in other US conservative states to ban TikTok on campus WiFi networks, citing security concerns. But such actions have met with skepticism for their potentially overreach.

The University of Texas at Austin, a campus with more than 50,000 students, announced it will warn students to not use the social media app TikTok on campus WiFi networks by removing the app from all university-operated computers and mobile phones. “You are no longer able to access TikTok on device if you are connected to the university WiFi,” said a university spokesperson.

The decision came after Texas Governor Greg Abbott banned the use of TikTok on state-owned devices earlier this month.

Abbott issued the governor’s order in the wake of “TikTok harvesting vast amounts of data from its users,” and issuing such orders potentially sensitive information to the Chinese government.

But students and faculty will not access the app on their personal WiFi or by using cellular data services. UT Austin and the UT system said they are “actively monitoring any further developments” and that they are ready to respond.

A spokesperson for Apple earlier this month, the company behind the campus, said TikTok “will need to be more transparent and deal with these concerns before any further development.”

“The blanket ban also bars the use of TikTok on campus, including the College of Communication at the University of the Texas, which is believed by some in the student body to violate the First Amendment rights of students,” the spokesperson added.

“TikTok has been in the public eye for the past year, with a large number of college students who are heavy users of the platform,” the spokesperson said.

However, the company did not provide any evidence to back up its claims.

On TikTok, the company said it expects to use its platform to promote diversity and inclusion, and to foster collaboration and innovation among American universities.

“Having the company in the public eye will provide a valuable opportunity for us to communicate with students who are heavy users of the platform,” the spokesperson added.

The ban comes as the US government considers whether to ban TikTok, which is owned by Chinese company Bytedance, over security concerns.

By pinterest.com

Envoys on relations: Set guidelines, not guardrails

By Zhefang Zhou in Beijing

To navigate China-US relations amid the ongoing trade war and the coronavirus pandemic, China and the US should work together to de-escalate tensions and cooperate in the current global economic and political environment.

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China trims US Treasury bond holdings

By LI YUNSHENG

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Major cities worldwide look to Luyang to spark displays at big celebrations

By JIANG NAN  Shanghai Daily

At the factory of Dangdang Fireworks Co Ltd, Luyang, Henan province, a team of technicians are busy putting together fireworks shows for movies, ceremonies and celebrations around the world.

“Luyang’s fireworks industry has surged recently,” said Cao Jun, general manager of the factory. “The safety industry has been developing rapidly and the local government has provided many favorable policies to help the industry develop.”

Luyang, a county-level city in the central Henan province, is home to some 200 fireworks-related companies, which make up about 60% of China’s fireworks market. The city has a large number of fireworks manufacturers based there, which have been94

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domestic market, which is dominated by fireworks companies. In recent years, local government has been promoting the fireworks industry, providing many favorable policies and funds to help companies develop. The city has also held fireworks displays, which have attracted many visitors, helping to promote the local economy. In conclusion, Luyang’s fireworks industry is on the rise, thanks to the support of the local government and the hard work of the companies. The city is expected to continue to develop and become a major fireworks production center in China.

Business

Overseas orders light up sales of fireworks

By JIANG NAN  Shanghai Daily

As the “world’s fireworks capital,” Luyang has exported more than 90% of the nation’s fireworks to more than 130 countries, with an annual export value of more than 3 billion yuan. The city’s fireworks industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the city’s economy.

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BUSINESS FOCUS

WORLD ‘BUZZING’ OVER CHINESE PRODUCTS

Maker of beekeeping gear, like other small, medium-sized businesses, finds sweet success in exports

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The increasing popularity of beekeeping overseas has meant a growing export market in the past five years for Hunan Multi-story Beehives Co Ltd, a professional beekeeping equipment manufacturer that is truly an exporter.

In the past four years, the Zhangshen, Hunan province-based company has been selling more than 30 percent annually, with exports accounting for about 60 percent of the total, company officials said. It is involved in beekeeping management, the development of beekeeping equipment and machines, animal health and nutrition and consultation services for apiary developmental management.

Multi-story, founded in 2003, began online beekeeping equipment trading on Alibaba.com in 1999. By 2002, it was trading products on the cross-border commerce site. Since then, it has set up overseas warehouses in some areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America to provide products that are of good value and at lower costs, the company said.

In early December, Alibaba released a report that reflected the export success of goods produced by private small and medium-sized companies in China, demonstrating the potential for high-quality growth.

“Products that are made in China have become the most reliably available part of the world’s supply chain. The list of popular domestically made products, which are constantly growing, indicates that China’s supply is playing an increasingly important role in the global industrial chain coordination,” Zhang said.

Multi-story has expanded its business to more than 60 countries and regions, including South Korea, Europe, America, Africa, Asia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Australia, the Middle East and the Middle East.

“The increase in exports is because of a variety of factors, including the popularity and purchase of Chinese products in these countries, which are seen as high-quality, good-quality and good-sounding, and that our products are of good quality, hot, have low prices and are reliable,” Zhang said.

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Beeswax and honey, based in Jinan, Shandong province, in April. 2009. © CHINA DAILY

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Big gains overseas highlight laser equipment firms

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Laser-cutting machines made in China are gaining a greater share of overseas buyers, for that, business executives longed for domestic development and production of laser sources, the core part of the equipment.

Over 300,000 lasers were sold worldwide in the first three quarters of 2022, a year-on-year increase of 10 percent, with China accounting for nearly 30 percent, according to Shandong Laser Industry Association.

The United States, South Korea and Russia are the three largest markets by export volume, according to Shandong Laser Industry Association.

“Domestic companies have made breakthroughs in developing and producing key components, such as the laser source, which was once imported from overseas producers, and the core parts have been put into mass production, substantially bringing down prices of laser cutting machines,” said Li Kewei, general manager of Shandong Raycus Laser Technology Co Ltd, a high-tech enterprise based in Jinan, Shandong province.

In 2023, we entered the laser cutting equipment market, mainly laser cutting machines, which fall in the price range of €14,000 to €30,000 used seven years ago, Raycus president said.

“Cutting and welding machines are widely used around the world, indicating that developing countries like Brazil and Thailand, said Shandong Laser Industry Association.

The business-to-business platform that connects domestic and foreign trade has given China a 30 percent share of the total global laser equipment supply in five years. It is contributing to China’s overall exports and income on research and development of laser technologies to produce customized and high-end products.

Raycus is one of the hundreds of Shandong-based companies targeting the laser industry for both domestic and overseas markets.

“Chinese transition to new, high-tech industries has boosted demand for laser equipment, experts said. Laser cutting and welding machines are used in many factories to improve product quality, reduce costs and enhance competitiveness.”

To tap the market, Jinan has built a community of all companies and organizations dedicated to laser equipment innovation and entrepreneurship. It has developed an industry chain that covers research, development and production of original materials, chips, laser sources and other laser equipment, officials said.

Laser equipment produced in Jinan is sold in more than 100 countries and regions. In Linyi, Shandong, a laser technology industrial park now under construction has attracted eight equipment development and production companies, including top players such as Laser and ICG Laser. The park expects to attract 50 companies and create 1,000 jobs, local government officials said.

The industry is expected to continue to develop rapidly as China encourages intelligent and high-quality manufacturing, according to Li.
RUDD BEATEN AS OPEN LOSES ANOTHER TOP SEED

The Australian Open has lost another top seed on the men’s singles draw. Australian James Duckworth, who reached the third round of the tournament in 2021, was defeated by Australia’s Alexei Popyrin in the first round on Thursday.

The defeat means that Australian tennis has lost three of its top four singles players in the last two days. In addition to Duckworth, former world No. 12 Daveyden and No. 55 James Duckworth were also knocked out in the first round.

Duckworth, who had won his first two matches of the tournament, was unable to cope with Popyrin’s serve, which proved too much for the Australian. Popyrin, who had lost to Duckworth in the third round of the Australian Open in 2021, was comfortable throughout the match and took the first set 6-4 before winning the second set 6-3 to claim victory.

It is the third time in four years that Duckworth has been defeated by Popyrin, who has now won three of their last four meetings. The Australian Open is set to continue with the remaining matches on Friday and Saturday.
Cool new pastime on the rise

More people in China are pitting their wits against sheer walls of ice, reaching new personal heights in the process.

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Although it’s still a young sport in China, ice climbing is attracting a greater number of people to pick up ice axes and put on crampons in the bid to test their strength and perseverance against the trickster of winter.

Among the enthusiasts is Yu Kana, who since 2014, has been head of an ice climbing club in Beijing. He and his fellow club members are now seizing every opportunity to level up their skills, as there are only about three months in the year when conditions allow for ice climbing in the capital.

Recently, he has been holding training sessions every week, as the window for us to practice in ice sport is the most valuable thing,” Yu, who is also a member of international ice climbing events, told China Daily during one of the daily training sessions at Yuntaijia Valley in Beijing’s Minxin district.

“During the pandemic, the ice climbers have returned to the indoor gym for the first time, it is more than just a sport. It’s an activity that can bring you a great sense of achievement and positive energy,” Yu said.

“I’d love to share my story with the young generation, and I would like to share my story with the young generation, and I would like to share my story with the young generation,” he said.

However, ice climbing is not an easy sport for beginners. To that end, not all members of his club showed a great sense of passion and confidence the first time they tried the sport, but most will gradually begin to enjoy the challenge of testing their own abilities in the sport.

“There are two children and one lady in our club. Their passion towards the sport grows as they keep practicing. It’s the best, it’s not an easy sport, because the environment is harsh, given the temperature, and we face the challenge of fatigue of the body,” Yu added.

“On a weekly basis, people’s physical strength, mentality and patience in climbing, as well as the ability to choose the path of their affection, are the most important motivation for ice climbers. And we always want to climb higher and reach a point that others haven’t. So that we can face the first step to the great views,” Yu added.

Ice climbers can be found in cities across China. One example is a three-day ice climbing festival held at Haining Mountain in Sichuan province.

The third edition of the festival was held on Dec 13 and, alongside competitions, the festival also featured an ice climbing experience session and lessons provided by the top professional and regular experts of the sport. About 200 climbers took part this year, while more than 200 ice climbers volunteered to maintain this winter’s record.

Wen Pengcheng was one of the visitors attracted to try the sport at Haining Mountain. The 32-year-old was one of the few Chinese climbers who decided to pick up the sport 5 years ago.

“I started in climbing back in 2017 in Haining Mountain. I was shocked by the difference in shape, color and quality of the ice. When you feel the ice with your own hands, you can feel the different temperatures under the blade,” said Wu.

“Some parts are fragile, but others are solid. You just think about trying to find a way to avoid such a slippery and difficult, but beautiful, surface. Climbers are cautious, and use all the skills they can. One of the sounds of the tools hitting the ice is part of the sport’s charm.”

More experienced climbers and more participants are what the sport needs to grow in China. As a club owner and a competition referee, Wu knew that many people will get a taste for ice climbing, and is confident in the sport’s future in China.

“Ice climbing is still a very young sport in the country, although we have hosted some high-level events here. Honestly speaking, on a professional level, there is still quite a gap between us and the global powerhouses of the sport,” said Yu.

“There is still a bit of room for improvement. In order to grow, Chinese ice climbing athletes will need to compete in more high-level international events, and always keep their passion,” said Wu.

In the future, people will continue to discover the sport, and I’m confident in the quick growth of China. The sport needs more promotion and we want people to know that ice climbing is very safe. We can also work on holding more grassroots events for the public to attend.”
COMMENT

US should make Iranian nuclear deal a priority as agreement within reach

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nternational efforts aimed at reviving the Iranian nuclear deal were notably stalled in 2022, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s remarks about a "healthy debate" on Washington’s obligations were probably for the purpose of the meeting.

At a recent conference alongside United Kingdom Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, Blinken’s remarks appeared to be a decision that he had reached regarding the possibility of reviving the 2015 agreement, which was described as "opportunistic" for its actions.

Obviously, American determination is allowing the US political differences with the European Union and China to slow down the agreement negotiations, leading to the nuclear deal collapse. When US President Joe Biden took office, he announced that he would reserve his right to pursue the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and it would be impossible to reach a diplomatic agreement. The two sides are now inching closer to making the final deal viable if the US stops setting new conditions and acts realistically.

The fact which impeded the immediate agreement in the first place, the US should put international demonstrations above political calculations, and they should make a move towards a new round of negotiation in Vienna in April 2023.

But in the immediate period, due to political discord between Tehran and Washington and perceptions of the American change from a five-month tenure in August, the European Union put forward a new framework of Iran’s nuclear deal draft proposal for reviving the JCPOA.

In the face of perceived Iranian resistance to the US demands, Biden administration officials have reportedly put forward a framework for reviving the JCPOA. In the framework, the US team proposed a one-time US$200 billion package for settling Iran’s economic sanctions, which was considered as a new US sanctions package. If Iran accepts the US framework, it can then talk in Vienna to settle the nuclear deal, but if it continues to resist new American demands, the US may resume actions to impose sanctions on Iran.

Still, the US government is determined to achieve a nuclear deal, especially since Iran’s tests of new nuclear-warhead capabilities have raised new concerns about nuclear proliferation.

Notably, a US official has stated that the US government will continue to support a nuclear deal if Iran desists from its nuclear activities.

As the US seeks to achieve a nuclear deal, it needs to consider the complexities of the situation:

- The US government needs to ensure that the new nuclear deal will not lead to increased proliferation risks.
- The US needs to consider how to manage Iran’s regional activities and prevent it from gaining nuclear weapons.
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Interestingly, with the US determinations, Iran has indicated its readiness for a nuclear deal. This is because Iran’s economy has been suffering from US sanctions, and Iran needs to access the international market to boost its economy.

Furthermore, with the US commitments, Iran is also determined to achieve a nuclear deal. This is because Iran is determined to achieve a nuclear deal, and it needs to address its economic challenges.

In conclusion, the nuclear deal should be achieved, but it needs the US and Iran to make a compromise and demonstrate their determination to achieve a nuclear deal.
Neighbors bound by a shared future

As the US tries to queer the pitch for its economy, China should offload its plan and build a sound environment to realize its development goals

China is currently facing an extremely complex international situation. The US is using all possible means to contain China and prevent it from achieving its development goals. China is facing a new stage of historical challenge and great opportunity. The US is using all possible means to contain China and prevent it from achieving its development goals. China is facing a new stage of historical challenge and great opportunity.

To start with, China's enduring development during the past decade is a great achievement, dependent on creating and maintaining a sound, peaceful, and stable environment. The issue of maintaining national security, China's fast development. The US is using all possible means to contain China and prevent it from achieving its development goals. China is facing a new stage of historical challenge and great opportunity.

Second, China needs to create a better environment of facing up to the challenges of China's surrounding region and creating a better international environment in its surrounding areas.

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Asia cooperation to counter coercion

The challenge in 2023 is for the region to avoid being provoked into a conflict that undermines the improvement of trade relationships

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The US tries to queer the pitch for its economy, China should offload its plan and build a sound environment to realize its development goals.
Gaseous Cold, or dahan, is the type of cold that dominates the winter season. It means the temperature that exceeds the degree farthest from cold. In fact, spanning over its trajectory, it is in the period of the 8th and 15th solar term, a folk observa-
tion method of seasonal changes start-
ing from Winter Solstice, in which every nine days count as a period to the "three times", the 15th day, the official arrival of spring. During dahan, the cold wave frequently moves northward, making it the coldest season of the year. Greater Cold always occurs when the sun reaches 300 solar degrees. In ancient times, it meant that the heat in winter is coming to an end.

Greater Cold, the last of the traditional Twenty-Four Solar Terms, falls on Friday, this year, for the first time following Lunar New Year. As eating cold meat is one of the customs of this season, the demand for preserved food, in these more prosperous times, is on the upswing in previous years. Statistics from Gaomei, one of China’s nation-
wide food delivery platforms, show that in the past week, sales of preserved meat, such as Beef-Juice preserved, Bamboo shoots and duck and Cantonese-style sausages are on the constant up-
trend. The meat is marinated with salt or sauce, and then placed in a vented plate to dry for Major Snow. Three solar terms prior to Greater Cold. These terms are known for the ritual of eating preserved meat, which is relevant to the Chinese zodiac. In the year of the rooster, a food originated from the rooster, it is believed that this food can be kept. In this rooster year, the Cantonese put a special emphasis on the meat. Cantonese food has the flavor of the meat and fullness of ingredients and the nature of Chinese medicine. Chinese food is a treasure of health, which has the theory of human body, the energetic balance between the body and the environment, the theory of yin/yang, the theory of five elements, the theory of five organs, the theory of stomach, the theory of qi and blood, the theory of the relationship between food and medicine. The Cantonese food has a lot of medicinal value, which is in line with the theory of Chinese medicine. The Cantonese food is a treasure of health, which has the theory of human body, the energetic balance between the body and the environment, the theory of yin/yang, the theory of five elements, the theory of five organs, the theory of stomach, the theory of qi and blood, the theory of the relationship between food and medicine. The Cantonese food has a lot of medicinal value, which is in line with the theory of Chinese medicine. This means that, on these days, people must remember the earth god and various offerings on the table, so that we can enjoy the harvest. The offerings include meat (chicken, fish and pork), four fruits, among which clementine and apples are sweet, and melons, watermelon.

On the day of Greater Cold, businesses and families prepare traditional food such as glutinous rice dumplings. It is said that whenever the children brought these dumplings, they would enjoy the delicious food with peace and have a prosperous year after Returning from work. These activities coincide with dahan. Their information is not necessarily rele-
ated to the solar terms, but it embarks the cultural characteristics of the Greater Cold. As Deng Jia, vice-chairman of the Chinese Folk Literature and Art Association, says, "The Twenty-Four Solar Terms are the mirrors, reflecting people to fol-
low nature and go with the times. They contain culture and common sense. They also reveal the philosophical wisdom of humanity between man and nature and require respect for nature, which is still applicable today."

The traditional concepts of dahan’s clothes pay attention to "harvest’’ and "winter storage”, which also means people at that time when Greater Cold comes, we must follow the laws of nature, especially the principle of "harvest’’ and "winter storage”.

He believes that with the development of the times and people needs, some customs related to solar terms have become gradually fade. At the same time, new customs have come out to fit the society and become popular.

Greater Cold signals end of solar cycle

Preserved meats and customs are an essential part of the celebration as Lunar New Year commences, Zhang Lei reports.

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A masterful exhibition

Shanghai Museum has created a masterful exhibition of six artist-inspired works.

The exhibition titled "Boheme" opened in Shanghai on May 10, showcasing six masterpieces from the National Gallery in London, including the celebrated Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and Van Gogh's "Sunflowers." The exhibition, which runs until July 4, aims to bring together art from different eras and cultures, highlighting the universal appeal of art across time.

"Boheme" is curated by Chinese and European curators, both of whom are known for their expertise in the field of art history.

The exhibition is the first of its kind in China and is expected to attract a large audience of art enthusiasts and collectors.

"Boheme" is a testament to the enduring power of art to connect people across cultures and centuries.

New rendition of La Boheme to present a post-apocalyptic Paris

La Boheme, one of the world's most loved operas, will be given a new rendition in Paris this summer. The opera, which tells the story of the love between Mimi and Rodolfo, will be presented in a post-apocalyptic setting, depicting a world that has been destroyed by a catastrophic event.

The production will feature a new cast, with the lead roles played by tenors from different countries. The director, who has worked on several successful productions in the past, has promised a new interpretation of the opera that will be both thrilling and thought-provoking.

The staging will feature special effects and multimedia elements, creating a unique and immersive experience for the audience.

The opera will be performed at the Opera Garnier, one of the world's most famous opera houses. The production is expected to receive critical acclaim and attract a large audience from around the world.
Suburban stomping ground traces our green path to growth

I recently visited the Yuen Long National Wetland Park on the outskirts of Hong Kong, China. Located in the northernmost district of the Kowloon Peninsula, the park is a haven of natural beauty, offering a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The park is a unique space where nature and urban development coexist. It is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including many endangered species. The park’s wetlands provide a vital habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds, making it a popular destination for birdwatchers.

One of the park’s most striking features is its network of pathways that wind through the wetlands. These trails offer visitors an opportunity to connect with nature and appreciate the park’s many ecological wonders. I particularly enjoyed walking along the boardwalks, which provide a bird’s-eye view of the park’s diverse ecosystem.

As I explored the park, I noticed the presence of local volunteers who were actively engaged in conserving the park’s natural features. Their dedication to environmental stewardship was evident in their commitment to maintaining the park’s pristine condition.

In conclusion, the Yuen Long National Wetland Park is a testament to the importance of preserving our natural heritage. It serves as a reminder of the value of connecting with nature and the need to protect our planet’s biodiversity.

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Dialing into tradition

Lunar New Year film explores the perseverance of Peking Opera performers in the art form’s 1960s decline, Fang Ailing reports

I n 1980, while riding a horse as part of the Lunar New Year revels in Beijing, film director Guo Aiqing was inspired by the interactions between the performers and the audience. He was struck by their dedication and passion for the art form, and decided to make a film about them. This film, Dialing into Tradition, has now been released in China.

The film depicts the challenges faced by Peking Opera performers during the Cultural Revolution, a period in Chinese history that saw a decline in the popularity of traditional Chinese art forms. Despite the odds, the performers persevered, and their resilience is showcased in the film.

The film is set in the 1960s, a time when Peking Opera was in decline. The performers were forced to give up their traditional roles and take on more standardized, less realistic ones. The film shows how the performers continued to persevere, despite the pressures.

Dialing into Tradition is a tribute to the performers who kept the art form alive during this difficult period. It showcases the dedication and passion that is required to keep such an important cultural tradition alive.

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Texas cities play host to Chinese festivities

WSHINGTON — The second most popular U.S. city, according to Travel + Leisure readers in their annual 2021 survey, is San Antonio. This is the most visited city by Chinese tourists, according to the city’s tourism board.

In February, the city hosted its annual Chinese New Year celebration, which included a parade and a fireworks display.

The city has a large Chinese community, and the celebration is a way to showcase their culture and traditions.

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People from all walks of life have experienced various hardships over the years and are striving to overcome the difficulties.

Dong Pengbiao, Director