Xi: Ties with Latin America to strengthen

Commitment to integration of region including Caribbean nations stressed

By CAI DEHENG

President Xi Jinping has restated China’s commitment to strengthening its partnership with Latin American and Caribbean countries, saying the nations stand ready to work with them to promote global peace and development and advance the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Xi made the remarks in a video speech delivered at the seventh Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, which was held on Tuesday in Brasilia, Brazil, the capital of Argentina.

He was invited to address the summit. President Alberto Fernández of Argentina, which holds the Chairmanship of the regional bloc for the year, highlighted the importance of the event, which is being held across the Western Hemisphere for the first time.

Xi said that Latin America and Caribbean countries are important members of the developing world that share the same part in regional and global issues and make important contributions to world peace and development.

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States has become an indispensable force balancing the world and cooperation among countries, and it has played an important role in advancing common development and advancing regional integration, he said.

Xi pointed out that the regional integration process of Latin American and Caribbean countries is inseparable from China’s, as long as it is committed to developing Latin America and the Caribbean. He said that China’s position and role in the development of these regions and countries also receive strong support from them.

"That is why China has been working with Latin America and the Caribbean countries to steadily strengthen the Forum of China and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and take their relationship into a new era characterized by equality, mutual benefit, innovation, openness and benefits for the people of both sides," Xi said.

An increasing number of countries in the region have engaged in high-quality cooperation with China, and the Belt and Road Initiative has been accepted and participated in by the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, he added.

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By XU FAN

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Heating on high to keep Mohe from freezing

Cold snap produces record low, with some respite expected starting Sunday

By LI HUIJINGXING in Beijing and ZHOU HENYING in Harbin

Mohe, a city in Heilongjiang province, recorded a low of minus 23 degrees Celsius on the morning of Dec 22, the lowest temperature measured in northeastern China, the national meteorological center said.

The temperature fell to minus 45 degrees Celsius on Tuesday morning, which is China’s northernmost city.

Temperature controllers in Heilongjiang province also recorded a downward trend, with some areas experiencing temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees Celsius.

The cold snap is expected to continue for about two weeks in the region, according to the national Meteorological Center.

The government has warned residents to take extra precautions to protect themselves from the cold.

Tens of millions of people in Heilongjiang province are recommended to stay indoors as much as possible.

Many residents have reported that the cold snap has affected their daily lives, with some schools and businesses closed due to the extreme weather conditions.

However, some residents have also found creative ways to deal with the cold, such as making ice sculptures and skiing.

In the city of Harbin, which is known for its annual ice festival, some residents have even built ice houses for themselves.

The cold snap has also had a significant impact on the local economy, with some farmers reporting losses due to the frozen crops.

To deal with the cold, the government has activated an emergency response plan, and has urged residents to follow safety guidelines to protect themselves from the extreme cold.

Despite the challenges, many residents have expressed gratitude for the government’s efforts to keep them safe during such extreme weather conditions.

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COVID: Visits to fever clinics also down

The number of people seeking medical care in China has decreased significantly, according to the latest data.

Over the past five years, the number of visits to fever clinics in China has fallen by about one-third.

The decline is expected to continue as the country implements more effective measures to control the spread of the virus.

In addition, the government has emphasized the importance of personal hygiene and the use of masks, which has helped to reduce the number of cases.

The data also show that the number of hospital admissions for the virus has decreased, indicating that fewer cases are being reported.

Health officials have attributed the decrease in cases to the effective response to the outbreak, including vaccination, testing, and contact tracing.

They have also emphasized the need for continued vigilance, as the virus remains a significant threat.

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Centenarians recover thanks to ‘proning’

One of China’s oldest hospitals, the Shanghai General Hospital, has reported success in treating a 106-year-old patient who had been admitted to their intensive care unit due to complications from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The patient had been treated with a new treatment method called ‘proning,’ which has been shown to be effective in improving the outcomes for elderly patients.

The method involves moving the patient onto their stomach, which helps to improve blood flow to the lungs and other organs.

Since the advent of COVID-19, hospitals worldwide have seen a significant increase in the number of elderly patients being admitted due to the severity of the disease.

The Shanghai General Hospital, one of the country’s leading medical centers, has been at the forefront of developing new treatment methods to improve outcomes for these vulnerable patients.

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Local officials put stay for services

By ZHU LISHUN in Anhui

With the optimization of COVID-19 prevention measures nationwide, numerous numbers of patients have returned to their homes during the Spring Festival holiday.

Li Shao, a patient 87-year-old patient in Anhui province, has been discharged from the hospital after recovering from COVID-19.

Li Shao, who has lived in the city’s Xiangtan district for more than 60 years, was diagnosed with COVID-19 in late January.

“I am very happy to be discharged,” Li said, adding that she will continue to follow the doctor’s advice during her recovery.

The government has been working closely with hospitals to ensure that patients receive the best possible care during this challenging time.

“We are committed to ensuring that every patient receives the highest quality of care during the COVID-19 outbreak,” said Dr. Zhang, the head of the hospital.

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Educator saw his dream come true

By CHEN XING

 Chancellor of Beijing Normal University, said that his dream of education has finally come true.

Chen, who has been teaching at the university for over 20 years, has been working towards his goal of creating a more inclusive and equitable education system.

“I have always believed that education is the key to a better future for all,” Chen said.

Chen’s work has focused on improving access to quality education for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“I am especially proud of the fact that we have helped many students from low-income families to realize their dreams of attending university,” Chen said.

Chen’s efforts have been recognized both at home and abroad, with a number of awards and honors.

“I am grateful to all of my students for their hard work and dedication,” Chen said.

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Online services: How to enjoy them

By LI SHAOQI

With the advent of the internet, online services have become increasingly popular among Chinese consumers.

These services include everything from shopping and banking to entertainment and education.

However, many people are unaware of the benefits of these services, which can save time and money.

To help people make the most of these services, a new online guide has been launched.

The guide provides tips on how to use various online services effectively, including shopping, banking, and entertainment.

It also offers advice on how to stay safe while using online services.

“With the right knowledge and skills, anyone can enjoy the benefits of online services,” said the author of the guide.

The guide is available online, and is free to download and share.

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In 2018 and 2019, Xu planted orange trees on about 50 hectares of land that he rented from the village committee. 

Both, Xu’s hometown, boasts a huge naval orange industry, and the locals have been saying: “If you cultivate a naval orange tree for three years, it will bring you income for three decades.”

However, Xiu never imagined that the orchard he started from his hometown would develop into a business that would generate financial benefits for the residents of Changkou and many other nearby villages in just three years.

The launching of his orchard in Changkou, coincided with a national pilot program to deepen conservation of the Minjiang River following the principle that mountains, rivers, forests, farmland, lakes and grassland are a life community, which is one of the 10 scenes of Xi Jinping Thought on Ecological Civilization.

The concept has been promoted by Xi to trial-annotate and sustainable development that fosters the harmonious existence of humanity and the natural world.

The Minjiang, which is known as Fujian’s “Mother River”, used to cover 275 hectares in the province and a tributary called the Jinxi River maroon Changpang. As a part of the huge program, with total planned investment of 1.7 billion yuan, a 700 million yuan ecological remediation project was rolled out in the areas near Changkou in 2019.

The project not only aims to conserve the mountains, soil and water, but also improves people’s living environments and local incomes.

In addition to afforestation, control of water and soil loss, dredging, establishment of fence treatment facilities and landscaping, efforts have been made to build up agricultural infrastructures.

For example, the government has renovated agricultural irrigation channels and drainage systems in Changpang, and built good roads through the farmland. All these facilities have bestowed Xu greatly, allowing him to have enough money to invest in his own money to build the necessary facilities for his orchard.

The government has also built a smart water fertilizer integrated system and an intelligent monitoring system specifically for his orchard.

“I can control the water fertilizer integrated system with just a phone,” he said with a smile, adding that the investment in the system amounted to about 7 million yuan.

Supported by the fervent of Fujian and big data technologies, the intelligent monitoring system can follow and analyze all the process of the orange tree cultivation and helps him control irrigation and fertilization in a precise manner.

Thanks to the monitoring system, Xu has also introduced an orange tree adoption program. Clients can learn all they need to know about the trees they adopt — including irrigation, fertilization and the use of pesticides — in a mobile app.

Xu has introduced a number of eco-friendly approaches, three of which are green manure and fast-growing plants that can also be covered for sale. It is a way to maintain ecological balance in the soil and improve its structure after being planted.

The high-quality natural environment and the high-quality cultivation approach mean that Xu’s oranges can be sold for high price at market.

“The price of naval oranges from my orchard ranges from 3 yuan to 15 yuan per kilogram. The market price of the first load that arrived at 10 yuan per kilogram per 100 grams,” he said.

one naval orange is sold in many large cities such as Shanghai and Nanjing, which are the province’s “heavily used,” he said. “If I sell 100 yuan, it will be sold out.”

As the price of naval oranges has increased, the income of his workers has increased accordingly. Many workers in the village are employed to look after the orange trees.

In addition, his orange business has also brought additional income from selling orange peels and peel waste to produce the ingredients of health care products.

Monetarily, the village committee has invested 20 million yuan in this project, and the total credit time needed to pay back the investment is expected to be around 15 years. This will allow the village committee to use the money from the credit to help the residents of Changkou and the whole environment.

From top: An aerial view of Changkou village in Shanghang, Fujian province, reported on Jan 31.

Orchard owner Xu Langshu tends to his naval orange trees in Changkou, reported on Jan 31.

Changkou resident Qiushui cultivates orchards on ground tea, a local specialty, while telling villagers stories about the village in March last year. (Photo/China Daily)
Mood upbeat for growth in China-Africa trade

By YU YINMENG in Los Angeles

Back-to-back mass shootings less than two days apart in New York and Florida have claimed 18 lives, including those of 14 children and 3 other adults, as America again grapples with gun violence.

On Monday afternoon, news broke of a shooting in a High Sierra village near San Francisco, which left 14 people dead as families were attending religious services to gather and mourn the victims.

The shooting came after a deadly attack in Highland Park, Illinois, on Sunday, which left 4 people dead and 7 others wounded.

There has been calls for action for years, including the passage of gun control measures, as victims’ families and community leaders have called for real reform and action to save lives.

The shooting was one of several mass shootings in the United States this year, and comes amid renewed calls for stricter gun laws.

“Many of us have never experienced such a tragedy before,” said Mya Agrin, a survivor of the Highland Park shooting. “And it’s really heart-wrenching to see so many young lives snatched away.”

The shooting came after a series of mass shootings across the country, including one in Boulder, Colorado, earlier this year.

“Those of us who lost loved ones in these tragedies are all too well aware of the pain and suffering that these incidents cause,” said Mya Agrin. “But we must all come together to make change and help ensure that this never happens again.”

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But Mya Agrin, whose son was killed in the shooting, said she was heartened to see the outpouring of support from the community.

“We are inspired by the resilience and unity of our community, and we will continue to come together to honor the memory of those we’ve lost and work towards a safer future,” said Mya Agrin.

The shooting comes amid renewed calls for stricter gun laws, with lawmakers in Congress and states looking at new legislation to address theزمة MASS SHOOTINGS IN THE UNITED STATES

BY MAY ZHICHOU in Houston

New State Representative Miguel Zarate has introduced a bill that would require all gun owners to register their weapons with the state, in an effort to reduce gun violence.

“The people of Texas have repeatedly made it clear that we need a safer and more secure society,” said Zarate. “That’s why I’m introducing this bill to ensure that all gun owners in Texas are registered.”

The bill would require all gun owners to register their weapons with the state, and would include a background check for all new gun purchases.

“By doing so, we can ensure that all gun owners in Texas are properly licensed and that the state has a complete and accurate record of all gun purchases,” said Zarate.

The bill has sparked debate, with some arguing that it would infringe on their Second Amendment rights, while others say it is necessary to keep our society safe.

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Mood upbeat for growth in China-Africa trade

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Painter builds bridge of cultural exchanges

By Li Yang

He says he set out from Xinghuang in 1995, when he was assigned to work in office in Nantong City in the Jiangsu province. He had been working as an official successively for several years and experienced a great deal of stress in his work. During this period, he developed a great interest in the Chinese traditional art of landscape painting.

For Li Yang, painting is a way of self-expression and an escape from the daily grind. He says he has always been fascinated by Chinese traditional art, and he feels a strong urge to explore the beauty of the Chinese landscape and culture. In his paintings, he seeks to convey a sense of the tranquility and harmony that he finds in nature.

Above: Shi Yinghua's sketch painting on Africa that appears in his album. PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Chinese artist Shi Yinghua, who has been creating a series of paintings based on Africa, has been awarded the Third Prize at the Second African Art International Exhibition in Loussouarn, Mauritania.

Shi Yinghua, who was born in 1963 in Beijing and is known for his detailed and realistic watercolor paintings, has been on a mission to explore and depict the African continent in his works. His paintings have been praised for their vivid portrayal of African landscapes and the vibrant culture of its people.

The award, which is given to artists who have made significant contributions to the development of African art, is a testament to Shi Yinghua's dedication to his craft and his passion for Africa.

"I have always been fascinated by the African continent and its culture," Shi said. "I have been fortunate enough to travel to several African countries and I have been inspired by the beauty and diversity of the continent."

"I hope that through my paintings, I can share with the world the beauty of Africa and its people," he added. "I believe that art has the power to connect people and to bridge cultures."
A school, Xiao Meng is preparing for her college entrance exams. She designs garments that don’t require physical meetings.

The "fabrics" she uses are not made with thread, but generated in computer programs, allowing the 17-year-old Xiao Meng to fully let loose her creativity and imagination. In the digital world, her designs have new forms, rules are made to be broken and gravity does not exist.

"With no obstacles about textures or functional needs, I am focused on the visual aspect of my designs," Xiao Meng says. She learned to use 3D design software on her own and her unique fashion series has gained her 10,000 followers on Xiaohongshu, a popular Chinese social media platform.

Already she has gained interest from international fashion brands. On February 3, a celebrity, a member of pop idol group Williamson, recently posted these digital phone photos on the platform in which she spent Mac’s design.

Digital fashion is gaining in popularity with the tech-savvy younger generation, who live more and more of their social lives online, and influencers are following this trend, leading the new technology to increasingly spread in mainstream audiences.

Digital fashion, still a largely unexplored frontier, has grabbed the fashion industry’s attention, and terminologies have also formed a market change. The COVID-19 pandemic has essentially restricted the operations of malls and boutiques around the world, so the pace of digitalization. Morgan Stanley, a US investment bank, predicts that by 2025, industries that operate in virtual space will hit a value of $8 trillion. In a recent report, it stated that "the metaverse will be the next generation platforms to replace mobile internet.”

The concept of the metaverse refers to a network of virtual platforms linked in a virtual universe, in which people can interact via various forms of virtual technology, including virtual reality and augmented reality.

Companies in China are responding in force to the new opportunities presented by these technologies. During the Spring-Summer China fashion week in September, sportswear brand Anta and elite shoe brands launched a virtual fashion show, displaying fashion latest fashions.

Social media platforms like Xiaohongshu and B站 have also entered the virtual fashion field. B站, a digital shopping platform, Xiaohongshu’s user can shop for virtual fashion, try on virtual clothes and dance, create their own virtual fashion, a digital fashion, and experience the virtual world.

Consumers can only browse, but also can participate by uploading and being featured through augmented reality technology. After posting a picture of the virtual fashion related post on social media, they can send a picture of their own small world, which will be recognized as a virtual fashion collection from the brand and be posted on social media.

Fashion museums traditionally stay from a few days to a few hundred years old. The design with B站 usually costs 600 yuan ($112) for two photos.

Digital fashion is here to stay, satisfying increasing demand for self-expression. As one Xiaohongshu fashion designer named Qi Cai, explains this post is "for her (12,000) followers, "letting out of all the pains of real life and letting out all the likes of digital life, I want to see what clothes will look like in my dreams."

The digital fashion has opened a brand-new world for any wearing experience. She even virtual clothes and accessories on B站, including an instant dress with butterfly wings, a dimmingTop which makes her look like she is wearing wear, a fishermen's hat and a dancing with a beating heart.

Going virtual

After COVID-19 put a halt to her activities like shows on hold, an increasing number of designers turned to the metaverse as the place to display their collections.

Designer Chen Peng, who founded his menswear brand in 2013, offshore this year with digital artist Uv Zhu, releasing a digital fashion collection consisting of 110 virtual public outfits, intended to provide design and digital outfit for others inspired. Digital fashion now has a brand-new generation of virtual artists from China who have made their mark in the digital fashion industry.

It’s Fun to create her exploration in digital fashion in early 2020 while studying for a bachelor's degree in fashion at the Le Su Academy of Fine Arts in Northeast China’s Liaoning Province. Last year, she settled in the Royal College of Art in London for a master's degree in fashion. As virtual digital creations are popular on social media, she hopes to become the first Chinese designer to commercialize digital fashion.

"In digital fashion, designers can create unlimited designs in a fast and easy way,” Sun says. “In today’s world, people love to express themselves through different mediums. Digital clothing provides a new form of self-expression and allows users to be expressed as their own. Other digital designers are inspired by this trend and have done the same, and I am working on it too. In her view, digital fashion opens up new possibilities.

Sun, with a background in traditional fashion design, says digital fashion has helped her to push the boundaries of both art and technology. She hopes to expand the market of digital fashion and collaborate with the metaverse.

"With the rise of digital fashion, more and more are joining the industry, more work will be displaying, and everyone will have a chance to create and discover new digital fashion ideas in the virtual world,“ Sun says.

Conrad is working at management@metaverse.com.cn

**FASHION DESIGNERS EMBRACE METAVERSE**

Self-expression is no longer restricted to the domain of reality, Wang Qian reports.

![A digital fashion collection released by designer Chen Peng and digital artist Uv Zhu. The collection explores the potentialities of clothing in the metaverse.](PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY)

![A set of designs from Leimount, a collection that is displayed on digital fashion platform Pheasage. The style is the same in his physical and digital designs. He defines it as “one-sized fashion,” speaking for all body types.](PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY)

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Spring Festival has arrived, China Daily photographer Zou Hong traveled to Taishan district of Taian city in Shandong province to visit its markets, take part in celebrations and enjoy the festive atmosphere, all captured here in photos.
Helping communities one household at a time

By YANG ZEKUN

More skills-oriented programs will be needed to meet the increasing demand for family education counseling, experts said.

The "family-school-childhood" mediation counseling room in Beijing's Shunyi district opened in October.

It now has 45 volunteers with relevant knowledge and practical experience. Many are kindergarten principals or psychology instructors in primary and secondary schools, and in Shunyi, the district's community education center opened last year.

Twu Jin, head of the family education research and consultation team of the district's community education center, said the number of volunteers has remained relatively stable, with some joining and some leaving every year. Many are also changing positions or switch roles or need to deal with family stress.

The team believes that family education counseling can be conducted in schools and communities, as the school is the main source of education, while the family is the basic unit of society. Therefore, family education counseling should be conducted not only in schools but also in communities, with the goal of better integrating family education counseling with school education counseling.

"There are many children who lack family education support," Twu said. "This is the reason why we started the family education counseling service in schools and communities."
**Silver economy grows with aging population**

By LIU YUKUN

After aging gracefully to her grandchildren at the school gates, Hu Chunyan is no longer concerned with passing the time. After retiring from her home village in Beijing to Shanghai to help raise her daughter, she said, "I have been living such a wonderful life in Shanghai since I moved there." She has lived there for about 10 years and always has something new to experience.

The 68-year-old women's conniption days are long past, but she has become quite active since moving to Shanghai. "It's much harder than I thought," she said. "I have grown past the point of being dazed when facing a group of people in public — with friends, I met at the community going to restaurants and learning about senior products, but that's where I'm best at." Hu said that she often found it difficult to make a living as a caregiver for elderly relatives.

According to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, by the end of 2020, there were 267 million people aged 60 or above, accounting for 18.7% of the total population. The government has also rolled out several policies to promote the elderly care industry, with the elderly care industry reaching 8.8 billion yuan ($1.3 billion), a year-on-year growth rate of 21.7%, and the market size is expected to reach 21 trillion yuan in 2022. The government has also rolled out a series of policies to promote the elderly care industry, with the elderly care industry reaching 8.8 billion yuan ($1.3 billion), a year-on-year growth rate of 21.7%, and the market size is expected to reach 21 trillion yuan in 2022.

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Businesses find opportunities in giving seniors more meaningful lives

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By YANG WANLI In Srisa Thani, Thailand

The most beautiful beaches of the province are so far unspoilt and“undiscovered”!

What comes to mind if you are planning to visit Thailand? Beautiful white sand, crystal clear sea, and charming resort towns? Well, you may have to rethink your ideas behind and try something fresh, such as an island hopping tour in a different way!

In the South Thai province of Surat Thani, there will be an exclusive beach club of Thailand. The island will be named Khao Noi Na Di Lao Khao Limm Park, and boat trips along the river.

For tourists, the last stop before Surat Thani is the beach, the most suitable to explore will be a beach in the south, where the water is crystal clear. In short, the beach, the provincial seat has countless small beaches close to the main beach.

A boat will be taken down the river, you can witness the beautiful beaches in Bang Rat Mai community. Some local people said: "Bang Rat Mai community still lives in a simple way. In this area, hundreds of small boats can be taken to the river, which finally meets the sea."

On a small wooden boat, you can see mangrove trees, palm trees and coconut trees lined up on both sides of the canal. For animal lovers, the trip will provide a chance to exchange some knowledge and experience in the mangrove forests.

Every Tuesday, the sailing boat can also be booked. For the past two years, the floating market in Surat Thani noted for its fresh fruits and vegetables, and smelly snails such as Todh Palmy, Koh Lau, Khao Sam Roi Yod, and Tanoman.

The market is surrounded by mangroves and a canal, and is where the visitors can experience the local lifestyle. Since surfing is one of the main tourist attractions, the visitors can enjoy windsurfing in the open sea.

As some tourists may be interested in local food, the market also serves the recommended food. It is a knowledge center where people can learn about local produce. They can also experience making cold pressed coconut oil soap and soap balls.
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