Leaders call for Ukraine talks

By XIU WEI and REN QF at Moscow

China and Russia on Tuesday high-lighted their commitment to the settlement of the Ukraine crisis through dialogue, as the two heads of state signed a key political document to further strengthen their strategic partnership of coordination for a new era.

In the joint statement signed by President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the two leaders outlined the key prin-ciples and principles of the UN Charter must be observed and the need to respect the consolidate of the world’s efforts to mitigate the conflict in Ukraine, and said that China and Russia will continue to play an active role in promoting dialogue and cooperation, as well as to promote the peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Moscow also welcomed Beijing playing a positive role in the political and diplomatic efforts toward a peaceful solution.

Both sides pointed out that the severities of the conflict have been exacerbated by the prolongation of the fighting, in order to avoid the use of force, it is necessary to maintain the security of the two sides and enjoy their own independence and sovereignty.

The two sides will continue to support each other’s national development and main-tenance of regional security and stability.

The joint statement called for the need for more communication and coordination between China and Russia to work toward greater success in bilateral coopera-
tion.

The president underscored that China-Russia relations have achieved a new high level of mutual trust, strong economic ties and comprehensive strategic partnership.

Many more and more young return to born farmers, to find jobs, to start businesses.

By CHENG QI in Shanghai and CHEN ZHOU in Beijing

Many young people employed in large Chinese cities are tiring of the culture known as “996”, which means they are expected to work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week.

Instead, they are increasingly returning to work in rural areas to find a job or start their own businesses.

One such example is Long Xin-min, 28, who last year decided to leave Beijing to head back to the countryside, to make a living in the idyllic village of Weihuo.

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Workers: Entrepreneurs thrive in rural areas

Chen Enhui (second from left) helps workers harvest oranges at his orchard in Tongxiang county, Putian, Fujian province. He is one of many people who have returned to their home villages to start businesses.

Long Xing (left) is a traditional ude design from a woman in Hainan province.

More employees are now willing to return home from big cities to find work and lead a life with less stress. According to a recent survey by the online recruitment platform Zhaopin, 90 percent of respondents want a “more reasonable” career, and said that they more than ever dreamed of returning to home to find work.

The platform did not disclose the number of people interested in the survey, but some 50 percent said they were interested in returning to home after they graduated, while 60 percent preferred to stay in big cities to develop their careers.

Zhang Qiang, who works in the agriculture, said that local authorities relaxing restrictions on recruiting civil servants, and attractive support policies for entrepreneurship, has made rural home more attractive to civil servants.

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Long added that during his time in Beijing he experienced hardships at work and in his personal life.

“I initially took unpaid work to access the fashion industry, leading to a job that paid 3,000 yuan (about $500) per month, but life in the capital on such a low salary was difficult,” he said.

However, he said these difficulties molded him into a man who, as a self-employed fashion designer and online short video blogger, has returned to his hometown.

“My parents were worried when I decided to go up a steady job in Beijing to become a blogger in a small county. At the time, they had no idea about fashion or being a fashion blogger,” Long said.

“Their skills, I know my good and bad points, and the type of life I really want to lead, no matter where I live or work. People might have more opportunities in big cities in the past, but in the internet era, the countryside offers younger people attractive options,” Long said.

Long has invited 100 people from the countryside – regardless of their age or appearance – to wear and model the clothes he has designed.

“Traditional fashion is clearly associated with the city, but I’ve never had any designer clothes, and don’t need them. I experienced a diverse range of clothes that are becoming fashionable all the time, which can be worn by young people and also attract other people who like ‘street fashion’,” Long said.

“I was born and raised in the countryside, which gives me inspiration. I’ve seen how the rural economy and tourism have developed in recent years, and through my efforts, I hope to promote my hometown’s development,” Unle Long, Wang Jieyi, is still hesitating over whether she should quit her job as a leading designer to Beijing to run her own fashion business in her hometown.

She stated that she started looking for a second home in 2015, when her daughter was born. At that time, she was finding it hard to balance her work and family activities, but that time was also a turning point in the development of her hometown’s tourism. Wang, who comes from Huangshun city, Anhui province, is extremely positive about how her hometowns development.

As a popular tourist destination, with impressive views of the city from the countryside, there are also the different. But unlike others in China, the province has a tourism strategy that will fully recover, returning a hometown to a good place,” she said.

Wang said another important reason for her return to Beijing is the exhausting work schedule.

“I usually work seven days a week, with a 4:30 am wakeup time and a 10pm bedtime. I spend my days eating and putting together advertising campaigns to satisfy my clients,” she added.

“My leftover income Sundays in the past three years, and I had to work harder to keep my job at a time when the consumer market and economy were not that good due to the epidemic,” the manager said.

The more time I spent at work, the less time I have with my young daughter. I don’t want to miss my daughter’s growth, but at the same time, I need to work hard to ensure she is growing up healthy,” the manager said.

Wang added that she will still continue to design for this year’s S/S fashion show, but handed some of the work to other employees as they had already decided to return home after they graduated, while 60 percent preferred to stay in big cities to develop their careers.

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e-commerce executive sees golden opportunity in China market

By REN QIN in Shanghai

The number of Chinese soldiers in Russian e-commerce sites has grown rapidly in recent years, and the Chinese product accounts for a large share of the total import volume.

Cross-border e-commerce has become one of Russia's most effective e-commerce platforms. Russia's e-commerce market is expected to reach over $120 billion in 2023.

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Student numbers at private universities that were tapped to get jobs as a telecom fraud aired but were instead diverted to the illegal market. Yoon had been in Myanmar for about a week. According to the local police, they found Yoon on Monday at the Myanmar Consulate in Chi-

nese authorities have received signals that Yoon has returned to Yangon. The parents of another four students said on Monday that they had also lost contact with their children in their arrival country. The parents of the four students had boarded a flight from Yangon to China on March 19. The parents told the media that they had lost contact with their children on March 20. The parents also said that they had no information about their children's whereabouts.

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French govt votes over pensions overhaul

PARIS – President Emmanuel Macron on Monday agreed to suspend the government’s plan to hike taxes on gasoline and diesel to ease fears about fuel shortages. The announcement comes after days of protests over the planned increase in fuel taxes.

The president announced the suspension of the tax hikes in a televised address to the nation. In his speech, Macron acknowledged the public’s concerns and said the government will seek to find alternative ways to finance the country’s projects.

The tax increase was intended to help finance the country’s transition to a low-carbon economy. However, it sparked protests across the country with many people concerned about its impact on their daily lives.

Macron said the government will work on finding alternative sources of income and will continue to press ahead with its climate change policies.

The announcement was met with mixed reactions. While some praised the decision, others criticized it as a retreat from the government’s original plans.

The government has been under pressure to address the country’s severe economic challenges, which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Macron also announced that the government will launch a new program to support small and medium-sized businesses. He said the program will provide financial support to businesses that have been hit by the pandemic.

The government has also been working on a new pension reform plan, which is expected to be announced later this year. The reform is aimed at making the pension system more sustainable and ensuring that it remains financially viable in the long term.

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Macron said the pension reform will be presented to the government’s advisory body on pensions later this year. He said the reform will be introduced before the end of the year and will be included in the government’s budget for the next fiscal year.

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The successful commissioning of the dam, a part of Uganda's hydropower project, has paved the way for realizing a supply of energy to the capital, Kampala, and its environs.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who has nearly 3.6 million followers on Twitter and over 10 million followers on Instagram, said that the project had reached the commissioning phase on Tuesday.

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According to the government, the project is expected to generate 1,650 megawatts of electricity and will help in the country's energy security, particularly during the dry season.

The project, which is expected to be completed in 2023, will provide 50 percent of Kampala's electricity demand and 20 percent of the country's total energy demand.

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Decathlon eyes faster growth in China market

French retailer pushes innovation for diverse products on consumer demand

By CHEN HUI

French sporting goods retailer Decathlon is eyeing the same in China’s sports market as local champions’ pursuit of better lifestyles is increasing and diversifying.

With the government’s push for a healthier population and people’s growing interest in sports, the sports industry in China is undergoing a significant transformation and general advancements in sporting equipment and services is rising sharply.

China’s sports industry has drifted from the traditional mode of manufacturing to a multi-structured model, including production, distribution, service, and consumption, said Zeng Xing, North China market leader at PwC China.

According to the 15th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025), the total production value of China’s sports industry is expected to reach 5 trillion yuan ($726.8 billion) by 2025 with sports consumption exceeding 2.8 trillion yuan.

Zeng said she believes more innovative products and diverse forms in the sports arena will be derivable from integration of technology, education, culture, and tourism. However, she also noted that China’s sports retail market still has huge potential for growth as large-scale sports consumption in the nation is still far from that in developed countries.

According to a survey by the government of Shenzhen, Guangdong province, in 2020, the number of sports per capita was 1.72, falling behind 2.48 in North America and Europe.

To ensure the disease and grief-free environment in the country, Decathlon China recently organized the campaign “Sports to Build Together” with the French Embassy in Beijing and the French embassy in China. The event, which is held by the French ambassador, Béatrice Brosset, and Chinese colleagues including basketball player Franck and cycling champion, will be held annually.

The event is a unique strategy of Viamont for All that has gained great popularity in 10 million products in the country by collecting the improvement of people’s awareness of sports and health far

The government’s strategy of ‘Fitness for All...’ has resulted in not only the improvement of people’s awareness of sports and health, but also the diversification and upgrade of sports consumption.

By SHENGYI XIONG

Shenzhen, China—Li Hangzhou has recently been reading books on meditation in a new era, after a period of intense exercise, in order to improve her mental health and physical fitness.

Li, a 35-year-old engineer from Shenzhen, said she has read several books on meditation and has found them to be incredibly helpful.

Meditation is a key component of Li’s daily routine, as she finds it to be a great way to reduce stress and improve focus.

As a busy businesswoman, Li often finds herself feeling overwhelmed and stressed, but meditation has helped her to find a sense of calm and balance.

She added that meditation also helps her to be more present in the moment, allowing her to fully engage with the world around her.

Meditation has become an integral part of Li’s life, and she plans to continue incorporating it into her daily routine in order to maintain her mental and physical well-being.
Ready-to-cook Chinese cuisine big hit in Canada

Guangdong firm aims for dishes to be as common overseas as pizza

By ZHU WENQIAN
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Quick-frozen, salted Chinese food has been gaining momentum domestically since the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is expected to appear more often overseas as supermarkets and restaurants in Canada are on a growing demand for authentic Chinese food.

Guangdong province holds a ready-to-cook meal development forum in February in early February, and a large number of dignitaries and officials attended the forum, organizers said. During the event, the Guangdong Famous Cuisine Industry Development Center of North America was established.

Representatives from major Chinese food companies and Chinese food boutiques and delivery companies attended the forum. Speaking at the forum, they expressed their willingness to introduce ready-to-cook foods from China as a new food category, organizers said.

Rice, noodles, and vegetables are the ingredients that China has the most advantage in. Due to high-quality rice, noodles, vegetables, and fruit, these three meals have been growing rapidly.

“With the support of favorable policies, more companies are expected to join the ready-to-cook meal sector. Chinese food entrepreneurs are likely to establish more uniform standards and centralized procurement distribution centers,” said Liu Bo, a food and nutrition researcher at the Ministry of Agriculture.

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Since last year, Guangdong, Sichuan, Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces have involved in the development of cold meal production policies with guidance and standards requirements. These policies involve new materials, processing, distribution and technical terms, helping to fill the gap in a number of unfinished systems.

The quick-frozen meal business in Canada is still at an early stage of development and has a lot of room for long-term growth. According to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, annual sales of China’s ready-to-cook meal makers are forecasted to total over 1 billion yuan ($1.5 billion) by 2030, growing nearly five times from 2019.

There are some 80,000 companies engaged in the ready-to-cook meal business in Canada, and major companies have invested over 200 million to 300 million in several rounds of financing. The big enterprises and mid-sized enterprises are Shandong and Fujian, respectively, with 500 companies, according to a CANRIB report, which tracks business registrations.

This helps improve the quality of young consumers and make China a new home for overseas Chinese after the successful entry of Shandong and Fujian.

In China, ready-to-cook meals, including rice and prepared ingredients, have become increasingly popular due to the land of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that only minimum preparation is involved. There are commercial chains, stay-at-home customers, and especially young people.

On Feb. 13, the State Council, China’s Cabinet, released a guideline about promoting rural revitalization and called for thorough implementation of digitalization and commercialization of agriculture.

The document encouraged e-commerce procurement of agricultural products and the establishment of more e-stores for farm products and by-products.

The guideline also called for the raising of standards and specifications for packaged raw materials and central kitchens, and further cultivation of the ready-to-cook meal sector. As an emerging industry, ready-to-cook meals are mentioned in an official document for the first time.

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Chinese home appliance makers are tapping up efforts to expand their presence overseas, increase investment in overseas research and development and roll out high-end products and transform competition from local rivals.

Industry experts said establishing overseas research or production centers will not only stamp Chinese advanced manufacturing, R&D and management capabilities abroad, but also create opportunities for local value chain upgrading.

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Production to come down

We should accelerate the building of global industrial chains, break down trade barriers and build and improve our operations systems in the global market,” said Li Dongsheng, founder and chairman of Chinese consumer electronics company TCL.

As the development of Chinese home appliances giant TCL Group has been working on opportunities to telematics manufacturing in the region in hopes of offering better delivery for local consumers.

The company has set up an overseas office in Tokyo, 2019, and has also set up a refrigerator manufacturing plant in Egypt that serves Middle Eastern and African markets.

It will continue to offer low-cost, energy-efficient and efficient building technologies for the Middle Eastern market, with the platform and operation efforts and employ more local people in sales, service and other roles, finance and operations, the company said.

Midas said it has seen booming sales in Spain, France and Russia by means of Alibaba, Alibaba Global and its local e-commerce platform, since the start of 2013.

In what appears to be a power-struggle, Chinese home appliance manufacturers are expanding their industrial capabilities and basing their operations in several overseas market for new profit growth and increasing domestic industries making the domestic home appliance market in almost all commodities said Zhao Meimei, assistant president of China’s Association.

"In the past, most Chinese household appliances on the export market are the low-end manufacturer models, but this is more likely to build up their own brands in a bid to set expectations on the global stages," said Liang Zhipeng, an independent research analyst.
**Back in the fast lane**

Enticed by home优势 at Asian Games, pool veterans make a splash again

By WU PENG

Ages 36 and 38, Wu Yue and Shiwen Liu, two veteran chinese swimmers, have led the team to take silver medals in the women's 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle events, respectively.

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Canada wont see China as adversary

Although Canada has already strategy to support military, trade and diplomatic ties with China, some experts worry that its perception of China's growing military and economic presence in the region could be misaligned.

The idea was conveyed directly to Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida when he visited Ottawa last month, according to a government source. In particular, Japan argued that China has already conveyed the government that it would not support military, trade and diplomatic ties with China, and it would be the right direction to go.

The ultimate goal of Ottawa is to persuade Canada to see China as an ally, rather than a competitor. It is the right direction to go, as Ottawa believes that Canada's relationship with China is important. The main reason is that Canada is an ally, rather than a competitor.

The details of the report in the Japanese newspaper, which was published on March 11, were not confirmed by Ottawa.

The Canadian government sources said that Ottawa is working on a comprehensive strategy to maintain the relationship with China. The report said that Ottawa's strategy includes strengthening political and economic relations, as well as expanding cultural and educational exchanges.

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China-Russia ties a global stabilizer

True, the two countries have pledged to abide by non-alignment, non-confrontation and peaceful development of any third country. But China and Russia’s actions have been more than just words.

China and Russia have long maintained close cooperation in various international affairs, and their actions have often been praised by the international community. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, China and Russia worked closely together to provide medical supplies and vaccines to countries in need, demonstrating their commitment to global health and security.

In addition, China and Russia have also cooperated on other important issues, such as climate change and nuclear non-proliferation. Their joint efforts have helped to progress these important global causes.

However, despite these positive developments, there are still challenges that need to be addressed. For example, the issue of sanctions imposed on Russia by the Western countries remains unresolved. This could potentially disrupt the stability of the current situation.

Overall, the relationship between China and Russia is a positive force for global stability. With their strong cooperation and shared interests, they are well positioned to continue their positive role in promoting peace and prosperity in the world.

Francesco Leandro
Better safer with Fukushima water

Following the announcement of the Fukushima water release by the Japanese government, many people around the world are concerned about the potential impacts of the water on the global environment.

However, experts have pointed out that the Fukushima water is not a threat to global health and the environment. The water is being released in a controlled manner, and the radioactive substances have been significantly reduced through treatment processes.

Moreover, the Japanese government has taken measures to monitor and regulate the release of the water, ensuring that it meets safety standards. These efforts have been recognized by international organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

In addition, the Fukushima water is being released at a rate that is not likely to cause significant environmental impacts. The volume of the water being released is relatively small compared to the overall volume of water in oceans.

Therefore, while the Fukushima water release may raise concerns, it is important to remember that the risks associated with it can be managed through proper monitoring and regulation. The international community should work together to support Japan’s efforts in addressing this issue.
Valuing water

As the world’s population grows and demand for water increases, we need to address the challenge by incorporating its values into policy decisions.

Although water is essential for life, it is often taken for granted and undervalued. The full value of water resources is a source of comparison around the world and a critical determinant of international cooperation. Understanding the value of different water resources is becoming increasingly important in a water-stressed world, particularly in China, where the pressure on water resources is increasing due to population growth and the Chinese commitment to sustainability.

In recent decades, China has made remarkable progress in water management, but significant challenges remain with water scarcity and environmental degradation, which, in turn, constrain economic development and national security. With over 1.4 billion people, China cannot depend on the United States and India to substitute its water demands. The challenge of water management is one of the most crucial problems in the region, especially as the country continues to develop dynamically. China is a landlocked nation with a relatively large population distribution. The challenges of water management are not unique to China but global in nature. Water is a central issue in the current and past economic growth of China.

The value of water is the cost of not having water. What spaces should be protected? Which water sources should be utilized? What prices should be set, and what trade-offs should be made? Developing an understanding of water values is crucial for determining the appropriate level of priority or investment required under international and national circumstances. The value of water is a function of context, location, and the content. Given the highly differentiated context in water availability, usability, and risk, and given that water is relatively difficult to transport, the values of water vary widely by location.

Incorporating the values of water in the decision-making process requires a paradigm shift toward a more holistic approach that acknowledges the interconnection of water with various social, economic, and environmental factors. One of the key steps toward achieving this paradigm shift is to raise the awareness about the value of water and its importance. Education and outreach programs that target different stakeholders can help to reach this goal. Such programs not only increase awareness among different groups but also highlight the value of water and their importance.

Another important step is developing effective governance mechanisms that facilitate stakeholder participation and consultation. These mechanisms should be designed to accommodate the diversity of stakeholders involved and should provide them with sufficient information and resources to make informed decisions. This requires a commitment from governments and relevant institutions to engage in transparent and inclusive decision-making processes.

Furthermore, it is important to recognize that the values of water are not fixed, but subject to change over time. This means that water policies and management strategies must be flexible and adaptive to the changing social, economic, and environmental circumstances. The development of flexible and resilient water policies can be facilitated by identifying areas where improvements can be made. The values of water under different conditions and in the future may change, and therefore, it is essential to have a flexible approach that can accommodate changes in water values.

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China’s people pull

Well-functioning labor market and tremendous consumer market will promote economic growth in China and other Asian and African countries

China is facing a shrinking absolute population. Its traditional advantage as a large market will slowly lose its appeal as China’s population growth is expected to slow down significantly. By 2050, China’s population will be approximately 400 million less than in 2000, a doubling of the number of newly added working-age population and a well-functioning labor market. From 2020 to 2025, China will see 390 million people entering the labor force, of which the working-age population in India is 472 million and in Indonesia is 329 million. The share of people aged 15-65 years old on the working-age population in China is 72%, compared to 67% in India and 62% in Indonesia. This disparity in the working-age population between China and the other two countries is expected to continue.

China’s population advantage remains irreducible on the world stage. Compared with the US and India, China’s population advantage mainly exists in two areas: a tremendous number of newly added working-age population and a well-functioning labor market. From 2000 to 2025, China will see 390 million people entering the labor force. The corresponding figure for the US is 189 million, while for India, it is 345 million. The ratio of working-age population in India is 72 million, and in Indonesia, it is 76 million. The working-age population in China is 672 million, while in India, it is 531 million, and in Indonesia, it is 365 million. The working-age population in China is lower than that in India and Indonesia, but its economic advantage will increase in the future.

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**Bite-sized entertainment**

Specially made, short-format reality shows are upping staple mealtime companionship. **Xing Wen** reports.

**Left:** Pop idol Wong Yuan (middle) on the reality show *Mao Xia  Wood* last year. **Center:** Singer-songwriter Mao Run (left) and entertainer Li Xiuqin, both from Northeast China, are good friends and co-host the reality show. **Right:** Stand-up comedians Yang Mengyin (second from left) and Yang Li (third from left) have been invited to talk with the show’s two hosts, Mao and Li, who form a relaxing atmosphere.

**Young Chinese offer energy to collectibles market**

Li Bang, a 29-year-old staff member at an auction company, has been sharing her daily work experience and knowledge about collectibles on her WeChat account since the end of last year. Her subscribers have increased to more people, especially the younger generation, eager to use the platform to learn about history and cultural treasures.

“Today, everyone relies on IT to introduce you to the unique porcelain pieces in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912) during the reign of Emperor Guangxu,” said Li, who works at China Guardian Auctions.

The auction house held a thematic exhibition showcasing several porcelain pieces, drawing the attention of many antique enthusiasts.

“We do our utmost to explore the cultural connotation behind these collectibles, where their value will also be increased. We must seek new channels and new ways to introduce them to more people,” Li said.

**Young Chinese today have more opportunities to experience both Chinese and Western cultures, and their aesthetic and artistic perceptions are different from their predecessors:** Guan Xuesen, president of the Chinese Association of Collectors, tells China Daily.

**Young Chinese serve as a new force connecting the past and the future**, Li Gu, chair of China’s Collectors Committee, said. According to Li, collectors are buying Chinese antiques to invest and sell them to collectors, artists, museums, and hand-made figurines. Li Gu also said that a traditional arts auction company in the eastern Chinese city of Suzhou expected more than 20 million yuan (3 million US dollars) in total sales of 45,000 items. This year will see two auctions, with a total sales volume of 25 million yuan. According to an annual report issued by Shanghai, China’s antiques market has reached 700 billion yuan in 2017. This shows that preserving Chinese traditional culture through their work gives her “sign of success in achievement.”
A fresh scent of soil wafts in the air around the Guanyin work- shop, located March, home of the wet-paper maker. Flowers of white bamboo shoot up from the ground, green with a tint of yellow under the light at the facility located in Changsha, the capital of Hunan province.

Zhang Xinglin is a wet-paper maker who is well-known in China and abroad. He has been working on a series of animal figures, including dragons, which he has been cultivating for 25 years. His work is appreciated for its beauty and the delicate techniques used in making these figures.

The workshop is a fusion of traditional Chinese culture and modern techniques. The wet-paper techniques used in this workshop are unique and not commonly found in other workshops. The materials used are carefully selected and prepared, ensuring the longevity of the work.

The workshop is also a place where people can come to learn about the art of making wet-paper figures. The techniques are passed down from generation to generation, and the workshop is open to visitors who are interested in learning more about this art form.

The workshop is one of the few places in China where wet-paper figures are still being made. The attention to detail and the care taken in the making of these figures is evident in the finished products. The wet-paper figures are not only beautiful but also carry a sense of history and culture.

Zhang Xinglin is a master of this art and is dedicated to preserving this traditional craft. His work is recognized both in China and abroad, and he has received numerous awards for his contributions to the art of wet-paper figures.

The workshop is a testament to the beauty of traditional Chinese culture and the importance of preserving these art forms for future generations. It is a place where tradition meets modernity, and where people can come to learn and appreciate this unique craft.
Lifting a spear, Li Ziqi pulled it across her shoulders and quickly opened it. Following her example, 300 pairs of eyes were staring at the scene as Li Ziqi expertly prepared the same movements.

Li Ziqi, a 34-year-old PhD student at Beijing University in Beijing, but she is more widely known as a CCTV personality as martial arts master.

Though very busy with research and coursework, the PhD student says that the past five years, practicing martial arts has become a daily routine. She has studied various styles, including kungfu, qigong, and the cudgel, and was once a champion in martial arts competitions held in the city.

She also led the university's martial arts club, which has grown from a handful of participants to 30 active members.

Having graduated at the graduation ceremony for three years in a row, Li Ziqi is now one of the most popular on campus in terms of reputation.

"Martial arts have a significant spurt on campus, and I think that my middle school and high school teachers both opened martial arts courses," Li says.

Guo Shaoyi, a junior student majoring in electronic information engineering at Beijing University, who also joined the martial arts club, shares that she threw out stress and strength from the sport.

"Gaining an increasing amount of young people who were first attracted to martial arts as a way to keep fit, but who found their enthusiasm grow when they realized the benefits stemming from the traditional values and culture the sport emphasizes. We want to appreciate it more and realize that martial arts are full of philosophy and view on how to confront challenges and become strong, while also being modest," says the 15-year-old.

On China's video-sharing platform Bilibili, short videos on topics of traditional Chinese culture, such as martial arts, are a hot social media topic, with easily thousands of views on how to face challenges and become strong, while also being modest.

Young people work in groups to train in martial arts in Huizhou, Bari, county, Jiangxi province, People's Daily Online, 07/27/2023, 14:00 PM

**WORKING TO MAKE VISION REALITY**

Eye doctor who endured a vicious knife attack three years ago continues his mission to create a brighter future for the visually impaired, Wang Ru reports.

**ABOVE:** Two young people with visual disabilities at Beijing Chaoyang Hospital in February.

**TOP LEFT:** Two children with visual disabilities at Beijing's Institute of the Blind last year.

**PHOTOS PROVIDED TO DAILY NEWS**

"When I woke up from the operation, I was very happy. For 10 days, we didn't eat and sleep. From the operation to the day I woke up, I was so happy..."" - says Tao, 21-year-old.

In 2020, Tao was attacked by a 35-year-old man, who hit his head with a cleaver while he was examining another patient. He was rushed to the ICU and stayed there for two weeks in critical condition.

"This was a shocking and unforgivable event. Before that, I had tried to do my best as a doctor and had achieved an admirable result. In March 2020, I had succeeded in the treatment of a patient, a woman with the position of chief professor, the highest professional rank for a surgeon in China, who successfully underwent the cataract operation. I do everything to better my vision in life."

He has worked for three years on controllable eye problems that can lead to blindness, which he has studied for more than 10 years for many patients with the disease. He treated his patient well, mentioning about 100 patients a day when he provided consultation, and often spent his own money to help many poor patients. He was even the last to all his patients if he would be available for them any time.

Three years after the incident, Tao returned to his position. Since then, he has been busy with various operations, but these days he pays more attention to his mental health and underlines and promotes professional knowledge.

"I cannot perform intracocular eye sur- gery just by touching it with my hand, but I have never thought of my role in the future. In the dark, I have never confused my research. Research is a path that the more you go forward, the more you realize that it is not as simple as I imagined," Tao told Xinhua in January.

On July 1, a regulation on managing the news on social media platforms, where doctors with professional knowledge, has garnered more than 2 million views. The regulation, aimed at preventing angry and vengeful comments, has been supported by doctors.

"At the end of the day, everyone will return to the original state. If you remove one eye, no one can pretend it is long. I don't need to worry about myself badly. I need to try my best to accomplish the max," says Tao.

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