Leading reform role seen for Guangdong

President’s trip to powerhouse includes visits to business, port and rural areas

By WANG CHUAKAI

President Xi Jinping has called for globalization, promoting the idea of comprehensively deepening reforms, expanding high-level open-up, boosting self-reliance in science and technology and building a modern industrial system.

The province should stand at the forefront of the nation in enabling the better coordinated development of urban and rural areas and in promoting the Chinese path to modernization, he said during his inspection trip from Monday to Thursday.

In his fourth trip to the province this becoming general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in March 2012, Xi traveled to Zhongshan, Mianyang and Guangzhou, the province’s capital, and visited business, port and rural areas.

He went to ED Display manufacturer in the Guangdong Economic and Technological Development Area, visited the company’s production line and a display of products, and spoke with business executives and workers.

Xi underscored that the strength of the Chinese market will be even more prominent as China undertakes its task to foster a new development pattern and improve its business climate while global economic growth remains sluggish.

He expressed his hope for entrepreneurs to seize the opportunity and build up their presence in China in Guangdong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, further exploring the Chinese market and making breakthroughs in their development.

China will remain committed to reform and opening up as long as the nation will never close the door to opening up, the president said.

Back.added that China is willing to work with all countries that are open to win-win cooperation in order to jointly promote the sustained and healthy development of China’s economy.

Xi referred to China as a major country to give emphasis to the real economy and ensure its self-sufficiency, stating that the nation must ensure its self-sufficiency in core technologies and make open international cooperation.

It is important to step up the utilization of talents to boost the foundation for science and technology self-reliance, he said.

While hearing a report by Guangdong authorities on Thursday, Xi noted that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area plays a key strategic role in the nation’s new pattern of development. Guangdong, the nation’s largest economic powerhouse, should use the development of the Greater Bay Area as a major opportunity to further its reforms and opening-up and enable the area to serve as the new engine of drive for China’s economic growth.

IMF: China rebuff uplifts global economy

By ZHAO HUAXIN in Washington

A new study by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) shows the strong rebound of the Chinese economy has a big boost to global growth, the fund’s chief economist said on Thursday as he continued global talks with leaders on the rise of supply chain security leading to a new normal.

The IMF, in its World Economic Outlook report, said China’s growth could stay at 5.5 percent this year and global economic recovery is getting stronger, despite a new wave of the COVID-19.

"We have been pleased to see the rebound of China not only for China, of course it is the best but also because of China’s role in the world economy," managing director Kristalina Georgieva told a news conference at the IMF and World Bank spring meeting that ran through Friday.

"China’s story is a role model of how to contrib-ute about one-third of global growth. We calculate that 1 percent more growth in China translates into 0.3 percent more growth for the economies connected to China, the IMF chief said.

Georgieva, who met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang during her visit to China at the end of last month, said she was impressed by the Chinese leadership’s commitment to constructively engage and do its part for the countries that are pressed to meet essential global needs.

"What impressed me was the Pa-ramount Li’s very clear message on China continuing to reopen and pri-ORIGIN OF THIS NEWS REPORT

The United States held another "Summit for Democracy" in June. In this modern age of information, the US is making a mockery of democracy, while the hegemonistic rhetoric throughout its government’s statements is hidden.

The purpose of democracy should be sound governance for social progress and prized human livelihood. Yet the US-anchored democracy is full of both deceit, egoism and arrogance. And over 20 years ago, the US was claiming to be democracy defender while shamelessly indulging in and scrambling the government of Bol-ivian Hugo Chavez, only to lose the country in ruins. It waved raised middle fingers at other Arab countries, only to make the lives of people there more difficult.

Coming to the human rights issue, multiple nations were released in 2009 by US military personnel torturing and abusing prisoners in Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. The above included sexual assault, humiliation and physical torture. The US Guan-amo detention center in Cuba has held detainees without due process for extended periods, sometimes for years. The US also has been leading the way in invoking military sup-ports to pro-West Pakistan.

Meanwhile, US domestic politi- cians are dramatically weakening. Critics of and challenges to the US Democratic system are aus- terate. The administration has retracted the US President Joe Biden gathered in a new forum additive in the world due to their long-winded, biased rhetoric.

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Nomads: Freedom to travel embraced by working remotely

Yi Dai, sociology professor at Fudan University in Shanghai

"As this (digital nomad) trend continues to gain traction, it is poised to have a significant impact on China's job market and economy."

Nomads can follow their careers and creativity anywhere in the world as long as they have a reliable internet connection. This trend has been propelled by the development of digital technologies, and especially the rise of remote work and online collaboration tools.

### Nomads in China

China has a large pool of digital nomads, many of whom are freelancers or entrepreneurs who use technology to connect with clients and manage their work remotely. They often work in places with strong internet connectivity, such as coffee shops, coworking spaces, or even outdoor cafes.

### Challenges and Opportunities

While digital nomad life offers freedom and flexibility, it also presents challenges, such as dealing with unpredictable workloads and managing work-life balance. Nomads may also face social isolation and the need to learn new skills to adapt to the fast-changing digital landscape.

### Community and Networking

Digital nomads often form communities to share resources, advice, and social connections. These communities can be virtual or physical, and they help nomads feel supported and connected in their shared experiences.

### Evolution of the Digital Nomad

The digital nomad phenomenon is not new, but it has gained momentum in recent years due to advancements in technology and changes in work culture. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this trend, as many people were forced to work remotely and discovered the benefits of digital nomad life.

### Conclusion

As digital nomadism continues to evolve, it will have a profound impact on how people work, live, and interact with one another. It opens up new possibilities for career development, personal growth, and cultural exchange.

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**Note:** The information provided is a synthesis of the given text, focusing on the key aspects of digital nomadism as it relates to China.
Diplomatic envoy optimistic on Sino-French ties

By CAO BEIJING

French Ambassador to China Bertrand Lescure has emphasized the importance of strengthening strategic cooperation and economic and cultural ties between France and China.

“During an interview in Beijing on Thursday, Lescure, who arrived in Beijing last month to begin his diplomatic post as ambassador, said the importance now is for both countries to shoulder the joint responsibility to stop the ‘pseudo-franco-China friendship’ from generating another generation to another generation,” he said.

The ambassador spoke highly of fruitful results in the fields of politics, economy and culture during the visit, and highlighted more than 40 cooperative agreements signed between the two sides.

The agreements seen at the 11th China-France Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) covered a wide range of topics, including the CDP, as well as the promotion of digital economy, tourism and anti-corruption.

The EFD, which is a major economic cooperation platform, promotes economic and financial cooperation between China and France.

France is one of China’s major trading partners, and the two countries are committed to deepening their comprehensive strategic partnership.

The China-France Agreement on the CDP, signed during the EFD, is a landmark agreement that establishes a new platform for economic and financial cooperation between the two countries.

The agreement aims to strengthen the economic and financial cooperation between China and France, and to promote mutual benefits and win-win results.

The event is significant as it reflects the continuous deepening of China-France economic and financial cooperation, and it is a testament to the strong bond between the two countries.

The ambassador expressed confidence in the prospects of the China-France economic and financial cooperation and the potential for a brighter future.

Visit: Scientist’s self-reliance highlighted by president

By CHEN YUAN

The Chinese Academy of Sciences has recently highlighted the importance of scientists’ self-reliance.

“Self-reliance is crucial for national security and technological self-sufficiency,” said President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Yan Xuefeng.

Yan emphasized the importance of scientists developing their own technologies and not being dependent on foreign sources.

He said that self-reliance is not only essential for national security but also for economic development.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences has been promoting self-reliance in scientific research and development.

Democracy: US sanctions can have huge impact on affected countries

By HUANG ZHEN

International academic experts have warned that US sanctions can have a huge impact on affected countries.

They noted that the US has a history of imposing sanctions on countries around the world, and that these sanctions can have severe economic consequences.

Sanctions can affect a country’s economy, sometimes leading to a decrease in GDP, inflation, and unemployment.

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Shanghai soccer team takes ethics vow

The Shanghai soccer team took an ethics vow in Shanghai on March 26, 2023.

The vowing ceremony was held ahead of the team's pre-season training camp in the United States.

The ceremony was attended by the Shanghai soccer team, local government officials, and representatives from the Chinese Football Association (CFA).

Chinese Football Association (CFA) vice president and general manager of Shanghai Shenhua Football Club, the team's chief, proposed a resolution from Shanghai to help maintain the positive image of Chinese soccer, and build a high-level youth training system with a professional attitude and a positive social image.

Shenhua will reinforce professional ethics and self-discipline as a response to the country's anti-corruption drive.

The resolution was welcomed by fans, who praised the team's commitment to ethical behavior and positive representation of Chinese soccer.

The vowing ceremony was widely reported in the local media, with many fans expressing their support and enthusiasm for the Shanghai team's commitment to ethical behavior.

The Shanghai team has a long and successful history, having won numerous domestic and international competitions.

Opportunity knocks

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The project is expected to significantly enhance the connectivity and integration of the two countries, promoting economic development and regional cooperation.

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The Chinese government has been proactive in promoting cross-border cooperation, including the establishment of the China-Laos Economic Corridor.

The China-Laos railway is a key component of this corridor, and its opening will further strengthen the bilateral relationship and regional integration.

The project is also expected to contribute to the economic development of both countries, creating job opportunities and boosting local economies.

In conclusion, the opening of the China-Laos passenger rail line is a significant milestone in the development of cross-border transport and cooperation, and it holds great potential for enhancing economic growth, regional integration, and people-to-people exchanges.

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Bahrain, Qatar agree to restore ties after boycott

DUBAI — The Gulf nations of Bahrain and Qatar agreed to restore diplomatic relations late Monday, clearing the way for the two countries to resolve a bitter dispute that has lasted nearly three years.

Bahrain and Qatar each issued official statements announcing the decision to restore relations following their delegations at the headquarters of the Gulf Cooperation Council, a six-nation bloc of which both belong, in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

The two delegations “decided to restore diplomatic relations between the two countries in accordance with the principles of the United Nations, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting,” the Gulf Cooperation Council said in a statement, carried by official news agencies.

The move, which clears the way for the two countries to restore diplomatic relations, had long been anticipated. But it came as a surprise, given the acrimony that has defined relations between the two countries in recent years.

The two nations have been locked in a diplomatic war since 2017, when Qatar was removed from the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) after it was accused of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and fostering extremism. The conflict has cut off Gulf trade and financial links to Qatar.

Despite the relative calm in the region, the decision to restore relations will likely be viewed as a positive development, especially given the ongoing pandemic and the need for cooperation among Arab nations.

The statement said that the two countries had agreed to work towards a “new chapter” in their relations, and that they would cooperate on a range of issues, including security, economic development, and regional stability.

The deal comes after months of negotiations, during which both sides had indicated a willingness to mend fences. It is a significant step towards resolving a dispute that has stymied efforts to stabilize the region and address common challenges, such as the ongoing conflict in Yemen.

The re-establishment of ties also marks a significant blow to the Muslim Brotherhood, which has long been seen as a key player in the region.

The move is likely to be welcomed by other regional stakeholders, including the United States, which has sought to bring the Gulf nations together.

US cities sue Kia, Hyundai over rising ear thangs

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The suits claim that the companies failed to warn consumers about the risk of ear damage and that they should have taken steps to mitigate the problem.

The suits also claim that the companies failed to adequately test their vehicles to ensure they were safe and that they should have been more transparent about the issue.

The companies have denied the allegations and have said that they are committed to ensuring the safety of their products.

Kenyan hold high expectations on expo

The Fair in Nairobi, Kenya, is one of the largest trade fairs in the region and is expected to attract thousands of visitors from across the continent and beyond.

This year’s edition is particularly significant as it marks the 50th anniversary of Kenya’s independence and is expected to showcase the country’s progress in various sectors, including agriculture, tourism, and technology.

Kenya has a vibrant and growing economy, with a young and dynamic population that is eager to take advantage of new opportunities. The expo is expected to provide a platform for Kenya to showcase its achievements and to attract investment from both local and international partners.

The expo will also provide an opportunity for the country to strengthen its ties with other African countries and to contribute to the continent’s collective efforts to address some of the region’s most pressing challenges, such as poverty, unemployment, and climate change.

The expo is scheduled to take place from November 21 to 24 and is expected to attract over 100,000 visitors from across the continent and beyond.

The Kenyan government has been working hard to ensure that the expo is a success, with a range of initiatives aimed at promoting the country and attracting investment.

These include the construction of a new convention center, the development of a new transport hub, and the implementation of a range of reforms to make doing business in Kenya easier.

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BRICS' GDP, potential currency a challenge to US dollar dominance

By KENNETH W. BURROWS

In an economic development that has chased away much attention from the media, the GDP of the BRICS has surpassed that of the US economy.

That news, coupled with plans by the BRICS to create an international currency for trade among the group, presents a challenge to the US dollar's status as the world's primary reserve currency.

The BRICS have proposed the Group of Seven (G7) discuss measures to further liberalize the international financial and monetary systems, as the group's currency system is not an option in the US dollar, according to an article by the New York Times.

In a recent interview, President Xi Jinping of China said he wants to build a new world economy based on the BRICS framework.

By JOE ZIN

China hopes the international community will view the Afghan issue in a comprehensive, balanced and objective manner, said White House Senior Adviser for National Security and President Biden.

From left: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang and Pakistani Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif.

Khan poses for a group photo ahead of a multilateral meeting on Afghanistan in Islamabad, Pakistan. (AP Photo)

High-level meeting addresses address issue

China calls for balanced way to bring peace and development to its neighbor

Trump, Pence to address National Rifle Association convention

BRIEFLY

RUSSIA

Moscow warns response to Norway's expulsion

The Russian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday no reaction to Norway's expulsion of Russian diplomats had been announced so far.

The Ministry said it would review the matter.

FRANCE

Unions rally supporters ahead of key run

France faced a third day of protests on Wednesday over the government's plans to change labor laws.

The protests, organized by a protest union, are expected to continue into Thursday.

UNITED STATES

Army base shooting accounts for its first rat "ear"

A New York post called by Maj. Gen. David H. Schmitz as a two-on-three shooting was accounted for by the military.

The shooting was reported at an Army base on Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Trump, Pence to address National Rifle Association convention

The National Rifle Association meets this weekend in Indianapolis for its annual convention, which is expected to attract thousands of gun owners and enthusiasts.

The convention is expected to include speeches by President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, who are both strong supporters of the Second Amendment.

Trump and Pence are expected to address the convention on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

The event is known for its pro-gun stance and has been controversial in the past.

ABC News' New York correspondent

People look at guns available to win at a booth of the National Rifle Association Foundation's "Wall of Honor" at the NRA annual meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, May 26, 2022. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)
Emancipation day marked with joy and pride

Democratic reform turns slaves to free citizens, unleashes potential for social and economic growth

BY YUAN SHENGHAO

In the neighborhoods of the ancient city of Shigatse, the sound of joyful music filled the air, and thousands of people gathered to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the liberation of Tibet on March 28. The celebration marked the beginning of a new era in Tibet’s history.

Since 1951, when the People’s Republic of China proclaimed the liberation of Tibet, the region has undergone profound changes. Today’s celebrations reflect the joy of the people in Tibet as they look back on the past and forward to the future.

The liberation of Tibet on March 28, 1959, was a milestone in China’s history, marking the end of the feudal system and the beginning of a new era for Tibet. The Communist Party of China, under the leadership of the central government, has been working tirelessly to improve the lives of the people in Tibet.

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Canton Fair expects big offline rebound

Trade expo spreads over 1.5 million sq.m, houses some 35,000 exhibitors

By WANG KEJI and QIU QINGYUAN in Guangzhou

The 136th China Import and Export Fair, the country's largest trade event that is scheduled to open on March 15 in Guangzhou, will return to the physical world this year after being held online for nearly two years due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns, said Xu Lin, spokesman of the fair, adding that online services will be maintained as a backup for both offline and online events.

And 133 leading multinationals, including Coca-Cola, Whirlpool, Kenmore, Nestle, Orange, Ovamour, Samsung, Amazon, Sony, Siemens, Toshiba, the Japanese steel group JFE, and the German motor manufacturer AUDI, have confirmed their participation for the upcoming fair.

The 136th Canton Fair, also known as the China Import and Export Fair, is one of the country's biggest international trade events. The fair, usually held from mid-April to mid-May, will be held in two phases this year due to the pandemic, with the first phase from March 15 to 24 and the second phase from March 28 to April 8.

China-Europe freight train services grow

China-Europe freight train services saw annual growth of 17.3% in the first half of 2022, the Ministry of Transport said. The number of such trains between China and 17 European countries rose to 5,408 in the first three months, with 6,600,000 tons of goods handled by the freight trains from January to March, up 5% from a year ago.

Jiangsu sees steady growth of int'l ships

East China's Jiangsu province saw its international trade register steady growth in the number of entry-ships and passengers, and a strong recovery trend for transpacific trade. The number of ships and passengers passing through the ports of Yangzhou and Nantong continues to show growth compared with the same period last year. Of the province's 1,180 ships, 427 sailed east into the Pacific Ocean, while 753 sailed west into the Atlantic Ocean.

TCL focuses on brazillian appliance, pr markets

By RAN FEIYU

TCL's biggest consumer electronics maker TCL Technology Group Corp. is set to continue investing in Brazil, with a key focus on home appliances and photo voltaics, as part of its broader efforts to extend its footprint overseas.

Overseas markets contributed 35% of TCL's revenue in 2021, up 20 percentage points from 2018. The company said.

Gining Group, a China appliance maker, will introduce its new microwave ovens, washing machines and other white goods to Brazil for the first time, said TCL's Senior Vice President of the overseas market management director of TCL Brazil Industries Holdings.

"We will introduce our new products to the Brazilian market, and provide training to national traders," said Xu Xing, chairman of TCL's Brazilian branch office.

Sanyo has entered the US market with nearly 1.5 million units of its TV products last year, said Xu Xing, director of TCL's European sales.

A "Starway has been developed in Brazil, with 1.5 million units sold," said Xu Xing, senior vice president of TCL's overseas market management director.

New supervisor of online deals to support internet companies

By CHENGYI YU

Preparing underway for the 136th Canton Fair in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, which opens on Friday, as President Xi Jinping's "new development concept" is highlighted.

The new supervisor of online deals to support internet companies will help maintain the stability and security of the country's internet economy, said Guo Mingyi, head of the State Internet Industry Administration.

"Accelerated steps will be made to explore the application of new technologies as well as blockchain and artificial intelligence in the supervision of internet platforms, especially the construction of a national internet transaction supervision platform," said Lu Wei, head of the administration.

The digital economy continues to develop. Lin said that the government will improve the level of normalized supervision over internet firms to guide their healthy development.

"More efforts will be made to improve rules and regulations regarding the digital economy, as well as support systems like guidelines and standards, to send a clear signal to the market to stabilize expectations and boost confidence in the sector," said Lin.

"In addition to administrative oversight, relevant industry associations also include internet re:view practices, administrative consulting and rules guidance," said Lin.

Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba on Tuesday released its semi-annual report for the six months to September, showing a net profit of 59.6 billion yuan ($8.6 billion), down 8% year-on-year.

The internet giant's revenue grew 20% year-on-year to 603.4 billion yuan ($86.3 billion), as the company's core commerce business grew 18% in the period.

President Xu Jiayou said that the company would continue to focus on its mature businesses and enter new areas in the future, including sustainability, healthcare and education.

"We will continue to follow the new development concept led by President Xi Jinping to support the internet economy's healthy development," said Xu.

"The internet platform companies continue doing a good job in the central guidelines for the internet economy's healthy development," said Guo Mingyi, head of the State Internet Industry Administration.

"As the country's new development concept is implemented, we will enter a new era of online deals to support internet companies," said Guo.

"We will improve the business environment for internet companies and further the 'ecological' way of development in the internet economy," said Guo.

"We will continue to support the internet companies in the new development era, following the principle of 'government-directed, market-driven' and doing better and better," said Guo.

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Tropical vacation destination plays key role in driving consumption upgrade in nation

Business

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Major Chinese duty-free sellers said offshore duty-free shopping in Hainan province, a top vacation destination, has become key to boosting consumption upgrade in China, with the duty-free sector playing a significant role in supporting the backbone of international operations of duty-free businesses.

“Looking at the ongoing fourth round of the China International Consumer Products Expo in Hainan, capital of the tropical island province, top executives said since China reopened its borders, the duty-free sector in Hainan has undergone a qualitative change. For the first time in Hainan, retail remains a preferred destination for Chinese tourists.

“The population traveling to Hainan has been fueled by limited international travel opportunities, with the sector driving China’s economic growth. And the interest in duty-free shopping products since April 5, which marks the end of an import ban for foreigners, has been driving sales,” said Qian, vice-chairman of China-Tropics Group. “The company is planning to further expand its offline sales network in Hainan Island, aiming to increase the number of duty-free stores seen in the province to the number seen in the mainland.

The growth of offshore duty-free shopping in Hainan has surpassed 200 billion yuan ($21.8 billion) in the past 12 months, according to the World Bank, which noted that China’s duty-free consumption has seen a rapid increase in recent years due to the government’s efforts to boost consumption.

“China’s duty-free market has been growing steadily, and the number of duty-free stores has been increasing,” said Qian. “We have observed a significant increase in demand for duty-free products in Hainan, which is expected to continue in the future.”

According to Qian, the duty-free sector in Hainan has recently seen a sharp rise in sales, with the number of duty-free stores in the province reaching 300 in total, up from 100 in the past 12 months.

“The duty-free sector in Hainan has been expanding rapidly, with the number of duty-free stores expected to reach 500 by the end of this year,” said Qian. “We have seen a significant increase in demand for duty-free products in Hainan, which is expected to continue in the future.”

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Guangxi-ASEAN business ties to spur foreign trade

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China’s medical rehabilitation robotics market is expected to experience rapid development, supported by favorable policies and technological advancement, a seminar said.

A report from consultancy Bain & Blumberg and the nation’s medical rehabilitation robotics market is expected to reach $26.1 billion (252.13 billion yuan) in 2022, with an estimated compound annual growth rate of 25.3 percent.

The market size in China was 10.1 billion yuan in 2018.

Capital flow into the sector is driven by interests in technology, Singapore-based Jinxin Technology Co. Ltd. said.

Medtech companies there are more than 30 new round in terms of 2018. The company’s share price has experienced a marked increase, as well.

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Trade corridor boosts RCEP.

Regional economic integration

Two-way fruit shipments see blossoming growth on sea route

China, ASEAN aim for deepened agricultural cooperation

Booming, Hainan — Whether it be durian from Thailand, bananas from the Philippines, passion fruit from Vietnam, jackfruit from Cambodia or coffee from Malaysia, more and more agricultural products from ASEAN countries are being well-received by Chinese households, thanks to better China-ASEAN cooperation in agriculture.

China has been ASEAN's largest trading partner for the past 10 years, and trade in agricultural products plays a vital role, said Kao Kim Hour, ASEAN secretary-general at the Boao Forum for Asia annual conference last month.

Kao said China and ASEAN have launched many trade deals in agricultural products such as grains, nuts, vegetables and fruits, and conducted personnel and technical exchanges.

Recommenders at the forum from China and ASEAN countries widely recognized that the two sides have deepened their agricultural cooperation in a comprehensive manner.

The achievements have been made by China and ASEAN in terms of consensus and trade, scientific and technological exchanges and cooperation, food security, green and sustainable development of agriculture, and intergovernmental policy coordination, which makes a significant contribution to fostering a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future.

China's agricultural import in ASEAN countries accounts for 40 percent of its total overseas investment in the sector. The trade volume of agricultural products between China and ASEAN reached 403 billion in 2022, topping other countries and regions worldwide, according to Pan Peng, director general of the International Cooperation Department under China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

China's General Administration of Customs said nearly 1,400 kinds of agricultural and food products from ASEAN countries entered into China. High-quality agricultural varieties and techniques from ASEAN have also boosted the development of agricultural industries in ASEAN countries.

The China Academy of Tropical Agricultural Science has cooperated with ASEAN countries to carry out projects such as new variety breeding, green and efficient cultivation technology demonstration, and intensive processing of tropical agricultural products, said Liu Jianghui, deputy director of CATAS.

The academy has signed cooperation agreements with 20 scientific and educational institutions in ASEAN countries, such as Study, the University of Agriculture in Thailand and Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia.

A total of 30 agricultural technology training courses have been held in ASEAN countries by CATAS, light senna varieties cultivated by the academy have been produced in Southeast Asia, with a total planting area of more than 10 million hectares in 45 countries.

South China Agro-Industry is building several cold chain logistics and trading centers to support the import ofe and export of tropical agricultural products for ASEAN, which strengthens connections between the two tropical regions.

In recent years, Hainan and ASEAN countries have jointly carried out research and development of excellent tropical fruit and vegetable resources while deepening cooperation in the planting and processing of tropical fruit and vegetables.

Hainan will make good use of the free trade port system and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to promote deep integration of industrial chains, supply chains and value chains between China and ASEAN countries, said Xie Jing, vice governor of Hainan province.

China mainly exports fish, garlic, citrus, apples, condiments and other products to ASEAN and imports fruits, vegetables, seafood products, grains and other primary agricultural products from ASEAN, said Li Peng, who said that with the two sides improving their trading level, the reduced trade volume in agricultural products may reach 80 billion in the next few to seven years.

Recommenders at the forum also said China and ASEAN should cooperate in setting standards for planting and processing tropical agricultural products and enhancing food security.
Macron calls for strategic autonomy to counter US dominance at being US vassals

In his way back from a Group-of-20 visit to China with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, in a Sunday interview with Chinese newspaper Global Times, French President Emmanuel Macron again underlined the importance of European independence, saying the EU should “decide on its own course” as the transatlantic alliance, subsidiary to the China-Russia proposal of a “multipolar world” with some European and American sources of news or display of influence that is perceived by China to be a threat to its national security.)

The strong words to his hands the promise that the EU needs a meaningful and strong Saharan Parliament, and that the Netherlands that his government is determined to resist the restrictions are over China and a peaceful resolution of the matter, and that a China is not going to give in to pressure from either side, or without unwaveringly following their lead.

American arms manufacturers have eye on clock

The situation in Afghanistan has gained a sense of urgency given the fact that the country is in the final days of the US-led war with the Taliban after the fall of Kabul last August. According to a recent report by the International Federation for Protection of Civilian, it has been estimated that 1 million children are in danger of starving and 200,000 Afghans are living below the poverty line of $1.25 a day.

China is qualified, welcomed, and led to the international community to help the Afghan people achieve long-term peace and stable development is based on the fact that the country has never interfered in Afghanistan’s internal affairs, never pursued selfish interests, and has always sought to create a so-called sphere of influence, as it's perceived in the West.

The document, which China released on Wednesday, underlines the need for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and for the play in the recreation and development of Afghanistan, which has been devastated by wars and turmoil.

The US should focus on the stabilization of the Afghan war, which is a key issue for the world’s stability and development, and be an honest, fair, and responsible international player.

What They Say

Friends or enemies, it's all the same to Washington

US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin briefed members of the Senate Armed Services Committee’s Subcommittee on Africa on the ongoing situation in Afghanistan, saying that it is time to shift focus from Afghanistan to other regions.

The committee is divided over the issue of the US military presence in Afghanistan. Some members want to keep troops in the country to prevent the Taliban from regaining control, while others support a full withdrawal of US forces.

The issue has become a major political challenge for the Biden administration, which faces pressure from both sides to make a decision.

Opinion Line

Developing states of East and West catch global attention

As a result of the former Chinese leader Xi Jinping's visit to Russia and the United States, some experts believe that there is a new renaissance in the history of China. Xi's visit to the two countries is seen as a symbol of the strengthening of China's presence on the global stage.

China's economic growth has been impressive, and the country has become a major player in global affairs. Xi's visit to Russia and the United States is seen as a demonstration of China's commitment to promoting a multilateral and rules-based international order.

The US, on the other hand, is seen as a declining power, facing challenges from China and other emerging powers. The Biden administration has tried to rebuild alliances and counter China's influence, but it is facing resistance from other countries.

China has become a dominant power on the global stage, and its influence is spreading to all areas, including economics, politics, and culture. China's Belt and Road Initiative, for example, has become a major driver of global economic growth.

In conclusion, the relationship between China and the US is becoming more important, and it is crucial for the two countries to work together to promote peace and prosperity in the world.
Japan must dump radioactive water into sea

American historian and author Samuel P. Huntington once said: "The world is divided into two zones: the First and the Rest. The First is a small and privileged group of countries, including the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Russia, and others. The Rest is everyone else."

Huntington's "First and the Rest" theory is relevant to Japan. The country wants to export its nuclear and radioactive waste to other countries while claiming to believe in the global free market. But it turns out that the market is not fair, and Japan is acting as an off-market trader.

In July 2021, the Japanese government announced plans to dump 1 million tons of nuclear contaminated water from the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the sea in two years. Now that two years have passed since the announcement, Japan could start dumping the radioactive water into the sea any day. Four international experts share their views on the China Daily.


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Jin Duan (a professor of the School of Law, Dalian University) said the United States and the UK are the main culprits in the ocean dumping of radioactive waste.

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On April 30, 2021, the Japanese government decided to reclassify radioactive water into the sea through the sediment tunnel that was repaired by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the United States. This means that Japan will dump radioactive water into the ocean. The IAEA and the US have repeatedly expressed concern about this decision. The IAEA has pointed out that the water contains radioactive substances that could harm marine life and human health.

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Moreover, the United Nations Ocean Treaty emphasizes that the pursuit of international justice, the peaceful use of the seas and oceans, and the rational and sustainable use of marine resources are necessary for the peaceful coexistence of mankind.

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Global renewal

Belt and Road Initiative offers a paradigm for resolving conflict nodules and challenges

In the condition of open military confrontation, an understanding is the way to the world in a time of unprecedented conflict. The Ukraine-Russia conflict, an incessantly increased sense of new uncertainty, and emerging new development hotspots. In their complexity, these principles also provide a basis for the understanding of peace security in Europe. It establishes confi- dence in the existing international order. An indivisible part of the effort to achieve this is the Chinese project for the development of a partnership between China and the Central and Eastern European countries.

But the Belt and Road Initiative goes beyond the scale of regional and transnational eco- nomic cooperation. It would be fair to say that the Chinese project is not new (an integration application, designed only to control and further develop existing large-scale projects). Over the past years, the Belt and Road Initiative has stimulated nearly 1 trillion of investment, realized more than 5,000 projects in different countries and created 400,000 new jobs.

The Belt and Road Initiative does not continue the acts of the already established multilateral mechanisms. All the more that they are, as an institutional and complex activity, the Belt and Road Initiative cannot be a conclusion to such approaches. Enhancing the elements of scope and sustainable development is an important requirement for the Belt and Road Initiative. In other words, to achieve multiple, independent, balanced, sustainable development, the Belt and Road Initiative emphasizes given and low-carbon development, consideration of extrane- ous protection, and innovation in technical and economic measures and management in exploring new development horizons.

The achievement is: the Belt and Road Initiative, in its complexity, also provides a basis for understanding the understanding that the existing international order, and the development of a partnership between China and the Central and Eastern European countries.

China-Asean community with a shared future can give assurance that shared development and security are feasible

The four major topics of this year’s Boao Forum for Asia were well in line with the state of the world in an uncertain world. Looking at the world of geopolitical issues in East Asia, and the certainty in East Asia comes down to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as well as their joint cooperation in a community with a shared future. China has been on its developing path for over four centuries, and ASEAN became Chi- na’s biggest trading partner in 2003. Together, China and ASEAN have estab- lished an important part of geopolitical development together.

For China and ASEAN, there are four major approaches to balancing development and security.

First, security cannot be allowed to over- ride development. For the United States, intensifying the security deficit and develop- ment deficit, with the Chinese conflict still ongoing and some regions still in a state of turmoil and chaos. The recent addition of new US military bases to the Philippines and the establishment of several new military bases in East Asia, and the current ASEAN countries have always been peace and stability in their larger premise. On the South China Sea issue, China has proposed a “two-track approach” from the signing of the Declaration of the Code of Conduct in the Con- dition of the South China Sea. The possibility that all parties attach to security issues and their participation in the current AS- EAN for the Mekong region, the Mekong countries have fully played a role in integrating development and security.

The second is to vigorously promote development and security. The development of the Belt and Road Initiative is the base for the development of the China-ASEAN region. Over the past decade, both China and ASEAN have proposed the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Security Initi- ative, and the establishment of the Asian Development Bank. All of which have received the support of ASEAN countries. For its part, China has also pro- moted the Mission Plan on “Asian Connect- ing the One Belt, One Road, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Belt and Road”, which China has discussed with, China firmly supports the four priority projects of the Asia-China Outlook on the Belt and Road, namely maritime connectivity, the New 2020-2025 Sustainable Development Goals, and investment in the digital economy and other economic areas. At the pre- sent time, China has established the Chinese-ASEAN Knowledge Network for Development to study and exchange development experiences and development practices appropriate to the regional condition of China and ASEAN countries, share develop- ment knowledge and development opportunities, promote power and sustain- able regional development, and provide technical support for building the ASEAN community with a shared future and implementing regional development initia- tives and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sus- tainable Development.

The third is to balance development and security in tackling conflict difficulties. When the COVID-19 pandemic was raging, China and ASEAN stood side by side and worked toward the goal of public health cooperation to integrate public health governance and regional develop- ment, providing a model for regional public health and security governance. Asia, despite the impact of the pandemic, China’s gross domestic product (GDP) in 2020 was $15.8 trillion, $2.9 trillion from the previous year. Within six years, a total investment of $3.5 trillion ($3.5 trillion) was signed at the China-Laos Rail- way Development and Promotion Confer- ence.

Fourth, the balance between development and security must have a long-term dynamic. Resolving crises in an uncertain world requires long-term cooperation and mutual trust. In the 1990s, Singapore

GLOBAL VIEWS

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Certainty in an uncertain world

China-ASEAN community with a shared future can give assurance that shared development and security are feasible

The new system of international law should provide opportunities to better understand each other, to look at national traditions, and to preserve spiritual and family values. It should provide an opportunity for a shared search for solutions to many issues of the spiritual renewal of Asian culture. This ultimately acquires a global character.

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**Improving fortunes**

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Losing to brew, the late Antonio Ramón Escudero, 68-year-old teacher at Shanghai International Studies University, has been the subject of a documentary by students.

The university always wants to give a draft version of the 20-minute film screening during the Shanghai International Film Festival, scheduled to take place June 6 to 15.

Chen says he was on a job assignment in Shanghai's Xangia district when he chanced upon a research paper on Ramos by Spanish scholar Juan Ignacio Tom Escudero.

Inspired by this, Chen quickly showed the paper to his students and suggested that they make a documentary on Ramos. “I first came to Shanghai, and I believe that with our students, with a broader range of international students, are capable of digging out the facts and telling the story,” Chen says.

Most from the former student team for the documentary study in the broadcast journalism department of the university, Ding You, a doctoral candidate, majoring in Spanish, was invited to be a part of the team because her language proficiency could help them.

“Ramos’ story is new and rare, and the exchange between China and Spain, and Hollywood, are all very interesting,” says Ding, who, during her internship at Instituto Cervantes in Shanghai, worked on projects on Spanish influence in Shanghai.

Born in 1899, Ramos started appearing in Chinese silent and entertainment venues in the Chinese city in 1918. In 1934, he transformed a shabby risk at the evening of Shanghai Road and Zhou Road into the Chinese Cinematograph’s (Zhongguo Diandanyou), the first cinema in Shanghai, and perhaps China. However, some scholars argue that was done in 1924.

The 20th-century cinema was later renamed Hongbo (old spelling of Hongbo Cinema). Shen Faxu, a leading Chinese newspaper, wrote in “A story of the world’s first cinema,” said that in 1924, in Shanghai, once reported that one of the initial programs was a foreign production titled “The Fool.”

According to the Spanish scholar’s paper, Chen, and others, believed that the fingertips of Emperor Guangxu of the Qing Dynasty (1874-1911), in 1924, Ramos founded the Victor Movement Cinema, which featured more elaborate descriptions, at the crossing of Shanghai Road and Xinhua Road North. In 1924, this cinema screened the first movie with sound in China.

Before long, new cinemas by competitors, such as a Portuguese man named S.G. Ramos, who opened the Apolo Cinema on Shanghai Road, emerged. At the peak of the cinema industry in Shanghai, the area along Shanghai Road had about a dozen cinemas.

The booming business brought much success to Ramos, who once owned at least eight cinemas in Shanghai, Hongkou in Hubei province, and Hunan. Unfortunately, the students are unable to capture all such venues on film — the Shanghai Cinema was demolished in 1960 to make way for the expansion of Shanghai Road. A stone relief at the corner is the only trace of the cinema left today.

“The film’s story is new to us, and the communication between China and Spain, and Hollywood, are all very interesting,” says Ding You, a member of the documentary team.

Hearing-impaired baristas brew up expertise

By Bao Qi in Shanghai

Hearing-impaired baristas partnered with coffee companies and art competitions at the Seventh Lujiazui Coffee Festival in Shanghai that kicked off last month.

It was the second such event jointly organized by Swedish coffee companyilly, Alipay’s West China Branch and Qomolangma Chinese coffee chain Unknown Coffee.

The competition featured 10 groups of baristas who were scored on their latte art, speed and production time. Hao Liang, who lost his hearing in childhood due to a high fever, was the competition winner.

After graduating from a special education school in 2006, Hao worked in graphic design for nearly eight years before he leaped into the coffee industry.

“I am a Swiss无声” sign-language lover in Malaysia and I met several deaf people who had also tried different bars in different regions of China and, then, got me interested in this field,” the 25-year-old barista, who scored the highest in latte art and into the competition.

Hao launched his first cafe, Lan-ca Coffee, with his partner in 2015. He told the accommodation in the training provided by Only.

“The silent baristas’ project by Only not only nurtures training and has developed a special ordering system and a sign-language dictionary that helps him to get certified by the Specialty Coffee Association,” said Hao.

Established in January 2017, the Specialty Coffee Association in a trade association aiming at fostering global coffee communities that support activities that make coffee more sustainable, scalable and thriving activity for the entire value chain.

“Through the training, I can now make various flavors of coffee every day to provide more variety to my customers. The practice not only improves my coffee-making skills, but also allows me to communicate with other deaf咖啡 lovers,” says Hao.

He grew up in the company of hearing-impaired people, who now visit his coffee store almost every day.

“When I drink coffee while sitting around, laughing and communicating in sign language, I feel a sense of satisfaction and warmth,” says Hao.

The contest is also a key part of the “silent battle” project that was launched three years ago by Only, which has since sponsored barista-training for over 200 hearing-impaired people.

Meanwhile, more than 60 baristas trained under this initiative have been employed in cafes like the Eleven Coffee, Shanghai and Hikidaze.

According to Only, the coffee festival can enhance the quality of surrounding businesses and generate more visitors, locals, and tourists, and also accommodate coffee industry professionals.

The coffee industry is a highly popular in one cup, and some baristas and coffee shop bosses platforms to gain more exposure and opportunities. The festival can also help spread the brand and attract more customers.

The festival concluded on April 2.
Zookeepers bare their souls to inform visitors

Grieving handlers write touching obituaries for recently deceased animals, Yuan Juan and Jia Zhao report.

A beautiful obituary ceremony for a Deer, a deceased sun bear, has attracted nationwide attention in China.

Put it this way: since this year is the International Year of Forests in Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province, the obituary detailed the last days of the male bear’s life and the interactions between the animal and the keepers at the zoo.

“Since the beginning of winter in 2020 the bear’s body started to deteriorate, and he often slept for the entire day. In order to help him survive, the keepers and the veterinary team frequently shared food with him and hanged up favorite vegetables. ‘Taste’ made him grow. One Christmas, the team hung up a special gift, portrayed as a big fish. The bear was near and clean and an emotion moved by a picture of a few great animals with care and dignity.

‘We will remember when Luann first entered the corner of the fish pond. It was an autumn windy day. He sat down to the waterside and glanced at the butterfly. The warm wind blew from the city, quietly accompanying Luann. Grief was gone.

The surrounding woods were vital to social media and were repeatedly posted for people to know, where the people who used to read the obituary was not only the loved ones and friends, but the whole society.

In the past, the public rarely had a chance to see how one reported and released news of the passing of a well-known animal. We also witnessed the nobleness of their passing.

But now, Luann is very much known to the world.

It was difficult to leave, but I’m a Beijinger once more

October 20, 2020: the day that will forever be etched in my memory.

It was the day I flew China on a special flight organized by the Beijing government to fly those back home during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a great day, one we will never forget.

48 hours before I left, I knew I would be leaving China for the last time. I had just been told that I would not be able to return to China.

The Indian Mutuals' announce a few days after my return from Shanghai that an Air India flight would be arriving in China from New Delhi to remove my family.

The trip to Beijing was a short but daunting task. The problem wasn’t the availability of flights, but convincing people—family and friends—that it was the right thing to do.

A mere mention of China's ban on entry was enough to leave the family members of those who had been stranded in China with fear.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, which had announced the ban, was contacted by several individuals. The Ministry had stated that they would make every effort to ensure the safe return of Chinese citizens stranded abroad.

In the end, the flight took off from Wuhan, the epicenter of the virus, and landed in Beijing without any incident. Unfortunately, the airfares were extremely high, and we could only afford to fly once.

The flight was a test of wills for all involved. Not only was it a thank you to the staff at the airport, but also a message of hope to our loved ones back home.

As we stepped off the plane, we were greeted by the cheers of our loved ones. It was a welcome return, but also a bittersweet reunion.

For many of us, the memories of the past few months are fresh and vivid. The time spent in China was not just a few months, but a lifetime for some of us. The flights were long, and the wait was even longer. But the joy of being reunited with family and friends outweighed the challenges.

As we walked through the airport, we could hear the joyous voices of our loved ones. They were happy to see us, and we were happy to be home. But the joy was short-lived.

The reality of being abroad for several months was not lost on us. The news of the pandemic was constantly in the headlines, and we knew that our loved ones were just as worried as we were.

But in the end, we had made it. We had overcome the challenges and returned home. It was a moment of triumph and relief.

As we looked out over the city, we knew that the future was uncertain, but we were ready to face it. We were strong, and we were together.

The trip to China was a journey of hope, but also a journey of sacrifice. We knew that the pandemic was not over, but we were determined to face it together.

As we stepped off the plane, we knew that our journey was not over. But we were ready to face the challenges ahead. We were stronger, and we were together.