Sino-Brazilian ties set for boost

Political, economic relationship expected to reach new level as Lula leads large delegation

By NSO INKUE

Sino-Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will kick off his three-day visit to China on Wednesday, a trip that is expected to bring bilateral relations, both politically and economically, to a new level.

Lula is expected to meet with President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and other top Chinese officials.

The visit is expected to send a strong message to the international community that China and Brazil, as two of the world’s largest economies, have been able to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During their talks, both leaders are expected to discuss a range of issues including trade, investment, and environmental protection.

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IMF report upbeat on GDP growth of China

The IMF has published a report that is expected to be very positive for China.

The report states that China’s real GDP growth in 2023 will be 5.2 percent, which is higher than the 4.5 percent growth expected for the global economy.

The report also highlights the strong performance of the Chinese economy, with a focus on the country’s robust manufacturing sector and the rapid growth of the tech industry.

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BUSTLING HONG KONG BACK IN BUSINESS

Shoppers throng the streets as city recovers from COVID-19 pandemic

By OAMH HU

Hong Kong is bustling again, with its streets bearing the unmistakable signs of a city恢复 to normal after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between Jingping Festival, which fell on April 11 and the Easter break that ended on Monday, more than 4.5 million people entered or left Hong Kong.

It was the first long holiday since the local travel restrictions were fully lifted.

Lines of travelers formed at the city’s international airport, West Lake and high-speed railway stations and for shuttle buses services across the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to neighboring Macao.

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The number of tourists has risen quickly. Daily average numbers of the Hong Kong sector of the express rail link to Shenzhen and Guangzhou in Guangdong province, which resumed service on Jan 15, surpassed 20,000 passenger trips by the end of Feb. That month, the airport welcomed 3.1 million passengers, a rise of over 3.82 percent compared with February last year. 

Many large-scale international events have also returned to the city.

Early last month, the 39th International Jewellery Show attracted over 7,000 buyers from 30 countries and regions. In late March, thousands thronged to Art Basel Hong Kong, one of Asia’s leading art fairs, to view works from 77 top galleries from around the world. The Hong Kong Event and Conference Association said that from March 31 to April 2, the number of visitors at a total of 36 exhibitions held in Hong Kong increased. 

The number of tourists in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee’s efforts to attract international tourists will also continue to increase. 

In March, the tourism department in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibitions Association, said that the number of tourists will rise in the coming year. 

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Luxury goods giant vows to keep investing

Hainan's duty-free status, consumer demand soar up confidence in country's huge market

By ZHOU YUWEN

Major foreign luxury and consumer goods companies said they will continue to boost their investments in the Hainan Free Trade Port,one of the most vibrant areas of the China market and the de facto hub of duty-free retailing.

Company executives made the remarks during the ongoing China International Consumer Prod-
ucts Expo, which kicked off earlier this week in Hainan, the south-
ernmost island province of China, from March 18 to 21.

They said they have witnessed the expansion of China’s consumption market in recent years and are con-
fident about the island’s growth predictions for the sector.

Last year, China’s duty-free consumers spent $313 billion, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

To the past three years, the expo has rapidly become a reflection of sig-
ificant growth potential of China’s consumption markets, bringing all the latest products from
around the world to Hainan.

"This year’s expo highlights the new consumer trends and market opportunities brought by the double circulation policy," said Zheng Debin, president of DFS World.

"We see the characteristics of the expo as high-end, innovative, and green. In addition, we also see the expo as a platform for consumers to enter into a new era of consumption," said Zheng.

The expo attracts nearly 100 major brands from more than 30 countries and regions across the world.

Among them, more than 100 companies are moving to China’s duty-free market for the first time, including luxury brands such as Dior, Louis Vuitton, and Gucci.

The luxury market has made great strides in recent years, with duty-free sales generating a significant portion of China’s total imports.

"China’s duty-free market will see very strong demand for high-quality products, and we are proud to contribute to the growth of China’s economy," said Feng Liping, general manager of DFS World.

DFSL said it plans to become a leading luxury retailer in China and expand its business footprint in the country.

By ZHOU YUWEN

More luxury brands choose to open new stores in China

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While the duty-free market in Hainan has been growing rapidly, the market in Mainland China has been relatively flat.

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Hundreds of officers and personnel and departments accountable for performing their duties in three judicial districts and more, according to an official statement issued Monday.

On Jun 28, a landlady and two workers while constructing a roof were strengthening the area at a hospital building in the city of Jiyuan, resulting in 14 deaths and three injuries, as well as direct economic losses of 200.3 million yuan.

The provincial disciplinary inspection and supervision commission of NSD/FARA (11 departments accountable, including the judicial and urban-rural development departments) has begun investigating the seven people who were transferred to judicial organs.

Another accident at a coal mine in Daxian, Anhui, occurred, and four minor and massive accidents occurred in the past 14 days in 10 departments and natural resource bureaus were also exposed, and 39 people were given disciplinary penalties.

Another case on Mar 2 last year, a coal and gas outburst occurred at a mine in Chongqing’s Chongqing City, causing 19 economic losses of 30.6 million yuan.

Several departments including the bureau of economic and information technology bureau, and the bureau of publicity bureau, were held accountable. Among them, four were transferred to judicial organs for preliminarily investigation.

"Our life should not be about pursuing perfection, but about accepting our own imperfections."

Zhu Yan, head of a charity for children with hearing loss, in a livestreaming event in Chongqing and founding of Yikao Cafe.

Hospital. In just a month, the new outlet sold more than 3,500 copies of coffee, 99.2% of which were sold by the store itself. 0.3% was donated to public welfare funds, said Zhu.

The young team of the Yikao Cafe brand is also composed of hearing-impaired people.

"Over the past few years, the brand ‘The Ear’ has picked up voices that have never been heard before. Many of them are now designers, teachers, writers, and even team members."

"I hope that Yikao Cafe is more than just another coffee shop. It can also serve as a model space, where the public can come to see and experience the lives of people with hearing impairments, so that they can make coffee, drink coffee, or live and work together," Zhu said.

"The team of Yikao Cafe has been working hard to strengthen their service and improve the quality of their products."

"We will continue to make improvements and to provide better service for our customers," Zhu said.
US activities in S. China Sea stirring up trouble in region

By ZHAO YUAN

The US just intends to utilize its so-called freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea to show that it’s challenging China’s claims in the region, and to convince its allies to defend their interests in the South China Sea, a researcher of the PLA Academy of Military Sciences said.

Southeast Asian Nations are working on the conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea, agreed to promote regional “peace,” he said. A formal opening held in Indonesia in early March, China and all parties concerned maintained to advance the conclusion on the Code to the South China Sea and agreed to jointly uphold peace and stability. Wang Weidong, speaker for Chinese Foreign Ministry, told a briefing last month.

On the other hand, the US military might be appealing to “sound out the Chinese military’s ability to simultaneously respond to multiple threats to both the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea,” he said in sending the US ships to the latter in recent months.

The US has, on several occasions, given its green light to the US military to the South China Sea, given the time to work up the US warships and China’s military actions in the South China Sea that were countermeasures in response to the US military. According to the South China Sea Strategic Simulation Planning Institution, a Beijing-based think tank conducting US military operations with simulation data.

Liu, a researcher at the PLA Academy of Military Sciences, said.

Starting on Tuesday, the US and the Philippines are set to host joint war games over the South China Sea, and the US military said yesterday that the war drills are designed to show its resolve to counter China’s expansion in the region.

Delivering marriage, kids, factor of low birth rate

By WANG XIAOYI

Chinese people predominantly prefer to have three children and to provide the best possible conditions for bringing up their children, China’s top health authority said on Tuesday, adding that more efforts will be made to encourage young people to get married and have children at an earlier age.

The National Health Commission made the comments in response to a media official’s supervisory suggestion that measures should be rolled out guiding young people to get married and have children at a younger age.

Delaying in marriage and childbirth among young people is one of the factors contributing to the country’s low birth rate in recent years.

Last year, China registered the lowest marriage rate in the past six decades, prompting appeals for the country’s birth rate to hit fertility levels.

China was one of the highest legal ages for marriage registration in the world, with 22 or 23 years old for men and 20 or 22 years old for women.

Part of the family planning policy that was in effect from around 1970 to 2015, people were encouraged to get married and have children at a later age, which usually meant the median age for women stood at 25 or older.

The commission said that starting in 2025, economic encouraging marriage and reproduction policies would be removed from the Law on Population and Family Planning and related family planning regulations. The country’s civil code did not allow for premarital sex until 2023.

“Due to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the average age for a first marriage was 25.1 years old for men and the average age for a first marriage was 23.9 years old in 2018,” the ministry said.

The commission said.

Both numbers are much higher than the legal marriage age and are expected to trend further upwards in the future,” it said. “Increasing burdens, pressures of raising children, and other opinions are among key factors that delay marriage and childbirth,” the ministry added.

However, the commission did not suggest that it should abandon the family planning policy promotion to early marriage. It said that new efforts will be made to strengthen marriage and childbirth. However, incentive measures to create a more favorable social environment are needed to get married and at appropriate ages and to have children in a sustainable way.

“While we need to provide more support measures for families to promote early marriage and childbirth, we also need to stabilize the fertility rate as much as possible and avoid a sharp decline,” the ministry said.

Photocopying of the following for personal or educational use is permitted without payment to the Center. Any reuse of photocopies must be with the written permission of the Center. We can roll out policy interventions to meet growing demand for families willing to have more babies, as so to encourage the country’s birth rate as much as possible and avoid a sharp decline.”
Macron's visit to China seen to boost ties

Experts voice optimism in improving relations, countering decoupling ideas

By CHEN WEIHONG in Beijing

French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to China last month has been applauded as a good sign of growing peace and cooperation, with experts voicing optimism in improving relations and countering what some see as attempts by US and other countries to decouple the world's two largest economies.

French President Macron's recent visit to China was widely seen as a major step towards improving relations between the world's two largest economies, with experts voicing optimism in countering what some see as attempts by US and other countries to decouple the world's two largest economies.

Macron's trip is seen as an attempt to strengthen ties with China and to expand economic and trade relations, which are crucial for France's economy and for the global economy as a whole. The visit is also seen as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation on key issues such as climate change, energy, and health.

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Joint military drills launched amid criticism

Experts say expanding US presence in Philippines may spark regional tension

By PIERRE RACMET

While the United States launched its biggest military drills in the Philippines to date, international relations experts say the move is an expansion of US military presence in the Philippines and might even trigger a regional arms race.

An international arms race is taking place in the South China Sea. The US is against the rise of China, and the US military presence in the Philippines is in line with US foreign policy.

In an interview held late last week by the University of the Philippines Asia Center, experts said that the US military drills may bolster the Vietnam military by increasing its resilience and combat readiness.

This month, the US military presence in the Philippines is in line with US foreign policy.
WORLD

Military-industrial giants distort US

Washington elite reduced into endless search for enemies abroad, experts say

By YINXIYA

The United States neither waging a so-called “war on terrorism,” nor so, which has left hundreds of thousands of people to suffer and even more millions displaced, so why is he still focusing on the arms control谈 Washington? The answer is quite straightforward: the military-industrial complex.

For decades, the U.S. military-industrial complex has been a giant sucking up national resources, causing economic fluctuations and even human tragedies. The U.S. war machine and the military-industrial complex are actually runing together.

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Tourists like Bali but some misbehave

By LEONARDO REGINO

In Nusa

For Daily

Christine Whiswo and her husband, a couple from the United States, were thrilled about the warm attractions in Bali, Indonesia.

“Till this period, we will come to Bali again and again. Bali is unique and beautiful. It is very popular,” Whiswo said in a Daily interview.

Tourism has been Bali’s most visible sector over the past five decades.

Until 2019, tourists had accounted for 25 percent of Bali’s economy.

The island also known for its hot temperatures, sunshine, excursions and other world-renowned events.

A marketing chief at the four-star Waterfront Beach Hotel said, based on Bali provincial capital of Denpasar, told CNN that cases of TV violence have been a significant number for Bali and to take the safety of tourists.

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BUSINESS

Sanofi to push boundaries in vaccine innovation work

By ZHOU WENTING in Shanghai

French-based pharmaceutical and biotechnology company Sanofi has recently stated that it is committed to accelerating the launch of more innovative and cutting-edge vaccine solutions in the area of vaccine globally by 2030 compared with 2020, and the number of executives of the company. This is amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the emergence of new variants.

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Employees of China Southern Power Grid check equipment at a power station in Zhuzhou, Hunan province, in January. (YAO YUN/ZHENG WEN)

Expansion takes SPS to Peru

By ZHENG XIN

China Southern Power Grid, one of the world’s largest power distributors, plans to invest $5.5 billion in Peru to become an expected as another move to further expand its presence in South America.

The company’s main business includes power distribution and technology services.

Eurazoe bullish on China’s PE investment environment

By WANG ZHENHONG

Eurazoe, a major European private equity player, said it has been bullish about the emerging investment environment in China, where the firm has a strong focus on European companies’ assorted growth. The company believes that it can bridge the gap between China’s mid-market and emerging companies.

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Luxury market gains back shine on recovering consumer confidence

By ZHOU YIBAN

China’s luxury market has gained back its shine on recovering consumer confidence, according to a new report.

The report, jointly issued by RBC (Consumer) and market research group Consumer Group (CGC), said with pressure from the COVID-19 pandemic on the country’s economy, the luxury market is expected to be the fastest-growing market in the world.

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Mutual fund firms reach deeper into China’s capital market

By MIHLE ZHONG in Shanghai

For the first time since 2013, Bank of America, managing director of Fidelity International Asia-Pacific region and China business, said that Fidelity has just launched a mutual fund license from the China Securities Regulatory Commission in early December. For Fidelity, the move means it is fully set to expand its China presence, and a manager within eight to 10 years, is highly optimistic about the market.

Fidelity, one of the largest number of logisticians, is an investment manager that has a broad product spectrum. In the Fidelity fund, which is designed for the China market, the fund will help investors to gain a better understanding of market conditions, especially in the regions and sub-markets.

Thus, Fidelity started to tap into the China market since early 2013. Over the past two years, the head office for its China mutual fund business has doubled to 160, setting up a complete asset management structure, integrating research, portfolio management, and support centers.

More efforts are being made as Fidelity is running from sales and compliance talent. Meanwhile, the company expects to help advance China’s stock and credit ratings in the country to enhance its investment and research capabilities. In China, Fidelity Huang, managing director of Fidelity International, said Huang, a New York-based fund manager, is equipped with a large number of financial talents with international experience to build a competitive China presence.

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Autonomy will best benefit Brazil's development

The Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who visited China earlier this week, has expressed his intention to strengthen cooperation with Brazil and the Chinese in the fields of technology, environment, and development. With Brazil's current threats and concerns, such as rising crime rates and overpopulation, the Chinese government has announced its willingness to cooperate with Brazil in the areas of technology, environment, and development, which will be beneficial to both. However, Brazil's various attempts to weaken its own are not being well-received. China's approach to improving its relationship with Brazil and the Chinese is successful in promoting the development of Brazil's economy. The Brazilian government has been looking forward to China's assistance in improving its economy and enhancing its development. The Brazilian government is looking forward to China's assistance in improving its economy and enhancing its development.
China, Brazil close friends despite distance

Ronnie Lin

In recent years, the world has faced enormous challenges, and no country is exempt from the need to overcome many difficulties such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the uncertainties of global economic recovery, the intensification of social inequalities, and climate change.

While some countries have met these challenges and gained new momentum, there are still many problems that have not been resolved and still require the joint efforts of all countries to work together.

This brings us to Brazil. President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva’s coming to Beijing is a historic event that will not only add to Beijing’s fame but also spread the friendly relations between the two countries.

In his past, Lula is well known for his role in Brazil-China relations. As the chairman of the Chinese-Brazilian Business Council, he has been instrumental in promoting bilateral economic cooperation.

Lula is also likely to talk to the Chinese about the importance of strengthening China’s ties with Brazil. Increasing the trade between the two countries is crucial for its economic growth and creates more jobs.

In the new era, strengthening partnership and cooperation in different areas will be of great importance to both countries. China’s efforts to build a better world through multilateralism and the Belt and Road Initiative will make this goal possible. And the China-Brazil relationship will contribute to the development of the global community.

The delegation that accompanies Lula in China is expected to show the importance Beijing attaches to the visit. It will include important Brazilian ministers, officials and businesspeople. The news about this high-level delegation is also expected to be more welcome since Lula is expected to visit China.

China and Brazil have been friends since ancient times, the two countries share a common culture, and they are both interested in promoting peace and understanding.

Where there is a will there will be also a way to achieve international reunification peacefully.

Han Jun

Taiwan ‘Tsai’s transit’ sends wrong signal to succession forces

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen met with US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy at the US Capitol in Washington DC. It was the first time a US House speaker had met with a Taiwanese representative since 1979, when the US government recognized the People’s Republic of China as the only legitimate government of China.

Despite the Chinese government’s protests, US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy met with Tsai in a show of support for Taiwan’s independence.

The Chinese government has strongly condemned the US government for setting a bad example, and it has stressed the importance of maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

The situation in the Taiwan Strait is complex and sensitive, and any action that challenges the status quo will be met with a strong response.

The Chinese government has repeatedly stated that it will take all necessary measures to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The US government’s decision to support Taiwan’s independence will only serve to escalate tensions in the region and undermine regional stability.

The US government should prevent any further actions that could undermine the stability of the Taiwan Strait and the region.

In conclusion, the US government should respect China’s territorial sovereignty and refrain from any actions that could escalate tensions in the region.

The Chinese government will continue to work with the international community to maintain regional stability and peace.
GLOBAL VIEWS

PRINCIPAL PRACTICAL

ZHUO TAIDONG

LMC can serve as the demonstration pilot for implementation of the GDI

The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) officially launched in March 2012, marks the spirit of the Lancang-Mekong Initiative. It is aimed to address the challenges of the region and the world, in particular to reduce poverty, to promote inclusive and sustainable development, and to enhance the well-being of the people of Lancang-Mekong region. The Lancang-Mekong Initiative is an important part of the global development cooperation framework.

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A career that’s a cut above

NPC deputy from Southwest China gives ethnic clothing a modern look, report Yang Feiyue and Yang Jin in Guizhou.

Li engaged in design and production of ethnic Bouyei costumes at her workshop in Qingyang county, Guizhou.

Li Engaged in Design and Production of Ethnic Bouyei Costumes at Her Workshop in Qingyang County, Guizhou.

Li returns to her ethnic costume-making business after her trip to Beijing for the two sessions. “This year’s government work report has proposed enrichment of the spiritual and cultural life of the people, protection of cultural traditional Chinese culture, strengthening the protection and inheritance of intangible relics and cultural heritage, as well as support of the development of cultural industries,” says Li, from Diansu village, Qingyang county, Guizhou autonomous prefecture, Southwest China’s Guizhou province.

“Li has given me great joy and expectations for the future,” Li says, adding that what she has been doing is in line with the stipulations of the report.

Li, in her 30s, attended the two sessions as a deputy to the National People’s Congress.

Love of her indigenous Bouyei culture has seen her launch a successful costume business, which has not only helped spread the charm of local ethnic culture, but also offered employment opportunities to many local young people.

“In addition to Bojiu, Qingyang county is home to many ethnic groups, such as Yao and Yi people,” Li says.

She has kept a special eye on popular culture, styles or other elements while making Bouyei clothes, because “sheeds think that local ethnic elements are added, the clothes will become more yet fashionable wear, suitable for modern occasions.”

Her efforts have managed to increase.

“Some of our ethnic costumes have been very popular, especially during livestream sales,” she says.

Since the beginning of this year, she has been involved with orders for her clothes.

“March orders were three times compared with those of the same period last year,” Li says.

The rising demand for ethnic costumes has made her determined to teach young local women embroidering and other costume-making skills.

“Hopefully, they can open up their own businesses, which will lead to more job opportunities for locals,” Li says.

Hope for the locals’ future was also one of the goals that she set to help support her people to join in the livestream events.

When Li comes to work, she wears the traditional costumes of her ethnic group.

During her stay in Beijing, Li prepared and packaged some of her ethnic costumes and then stepped up follow-up support and marketing with the help of e-commerce platforms.

In seek of her own ethnic identity ateliers also in ethnic minorities.

As a Bouyei tradition goes, women are not supposed to wear makeup, which can bring power to the fields, while men can work to their ability to grow rice. Growing up in such an environment, Li says, she has been exposed to how traditional people live from a very young age.

“I have been learning and observing, taste dining, astronomy and other handicrafts from my mother since I was a child,” Li recalls. “And I think I was quite interested in ethnic costumes. I wasn’t until I saw the finished product that I realized how fulfilling it was.

That memory planted the seed of her dream of pursuing a career as a costume designer.

At the age of 32, Li left home for Guizhou province to make a living and help support her family.

She then embarked on a nine-year journey that took her from a garment factory to a handling workshop and eventually into sales positions. In the industry, she honed her seeing, cutting and design skills.

Her experience in tailoring taught her the art of coloring and the value of building relationships with customers. She then found an entrepreneurial spirit emerging in her.

“Growing up in the culture of the ethnic group helped me understand my origins and have always wanted to preserve the culture of my people and make it known to the world,” Li says.

This urge grew stronger after she worked outside her home for a long time. “You would feel a lack of some of the feeling and things you’re used to here,” Li says.

Her growing knowledge and experience sharpened her belief that the intangible cultural heritage local people should not be lost behind.

Therefore, Li quit her job and returned to the hometown of Guizhou.

In 2011, Li started her own business, Bouyei Yao Cultural Development Co in Shang, a renowned city in the southwest of the province.

The started to produce a series of ethnic costumes and creative products, with many elements extracted from local clothing, scarves, bedding, and local people’s lives, she made point of incorporating Bouyei ethnic designs, combining indigenous elements with creative cultural products, which gave the traditional weaving techniques a new charm.

These distinctive ethnic products gain positive market feedback and were sold in Beijing and Shanghai and even sold overseas, as well as Zhengzhou, Guangzhou and Jiangsu provinces.

In the Bouyei language, the company’s name Bouyei has means “we are Bouyei people.” Li says she hopes her business can elevate ethnic cultural creativity to a new level through handwork, and let the ethnic brand go global.

As her business grew, Li increasedly realized that the key to maintaining her culture lay in ethnic costumes.

Making ethnic clothes involves intricate yet delicate handwork, from stitching, embroidery, to thread arrangement and weaving.

Modern technology, a profound culture exists behind the子弹. Wang Jiajia, a Bouyei ethnic costume designer, says that generally speaking, flowers, birds, fish and tigers are the major symbols on Bouyei costumes. “They all originated from nature and have been artistically processed into symbols we see today,” Wang says.

Ethnic clothes convey a way with the local ethnic culture. ‘For example, apricot leaves like the flower and children have emerged more in embroidery near the Nanquai River, while those originating in mountains areas feature dragons, geese, beetles and banana leaves,’ Wang explains.

Li believes it’s critical to continue from generation to generation that local ethnic embroidery unique and charming.

To transform new to the past, the company has produced and ensured better and more sustainable development of traditional ethnic costumes. Li took the initiative and moved her company to Zhang village in 2019, with the aim of bringing together local experienced ethnic costume makers.

‘With the help of my family at home, we gathered nearby enthusiasts and work in the company, allowing them to leverage their expertise to pass on ethnic costumes crafts while increasing their income by working from home,’ Li says.

Although the transportation and logistics are bit inconvenient, Li considers this a small price to pay.

In June 2020, her company won support from the local authorities, who assigned her a 600-square-meter plant with a favorable rent.

The addition of the experienced costume makers has helped bring more ethnic elements to the products. Li has also ensured that her products keep up with the times.

‘Although the embroidery products from my hometown are exquisite, we need to become fashionable’ embroiderers to step in line with market demands,’ Li says.

Traditional methods of preserving our ethnic traditions, we have had regular workshops and improvements on existing clothing and creative cultural products, she adds.

This has made her clothes even more diverse, of better quality and wider ethnic costumes,” she adds.

She has also built a livestream team and plans to sell products through various online platforms, with the highest daily sales reaching 20,000 yuan ($3,097.50) a day.

Now, her predictions of sales across the country. The booming business has enabled her to better respond to local authorities’ efforts to boost villagers’ income over the past three years.

She has taken the initiative to arrange products maturing at local communities as well.

Her business has offered job opportunities to about 300 people, exactly 3,000 yuan ($378.40) a year.

Last year, Li has been in a lead in developing an ethnic intangible cultural promotion exhibition, intangible cultural heritages’ cultural products, and intangible cultural heritages’ education.

Her promotion of local natural beauty and ethnic culture and creative products on online platforms such as Taobao and Qzone, offers a base of more than 30,000 people.

“My workshop is located in a tree-lined intangible cultural heritage sector of the local government and next to a migrant community. The goal is to connect the production line to the local community and highlight the local culture,” Li says.

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Above: A young singer, who starred in a TV talent show, releases a much-anticipated single in the pop-opera subgenre, Xing Wen reports.

GOLDEN TENOR

A young singer, who starred in a TV talent show, releases a much-anticipated single in the pop-opera subgenre, Xing Wen reports.

The young Chinese tenor Cai Chengyu’s unexpected entry into classical singing began by chance. During his final music class of his first year at Sinfonia No. 1 Middle School in Brunei, Abahs province, his classmates urged him to perform a song in front of the entire class. As he finished his impromptu performance, his music teacher recognized his natural ability to sing and encouraged him to consider pursuing a career in music.

Inspired by the suggestion, Cai decided to pursue his passion for singing and enrolled into the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in 2005 where he nurtured his passion for classical music. Three years later, he debuted on stage. Head, a talent show in China produced by Hunan Satellite TV for classically trained singers, where his vocal abilities led to a large following. After that he started experimenting with singing by using techniques that blend elements of both pop music and classical, Cai came singing, in other words, adopting the pop-opera singing style.

“I have been longing to create innovative pieces in pop operas by taking inspiration from classical masters,” Cai, 21, says.

Last month, he released a new single in the subgenre, titled Lianhuan Miu, Duowan Ren, which shows inspirations from Schubert’s Lieder. The inspired song has two versions, one in Chinese and the other in Italian.

The Chinese version features an instrumental arrangement with a festive tone and incorporates pop music elements into the composer’s more contemporary interpretation. The Italian version, on the other hand, enhances the classical style and expresses a sense of nostalgia he says.

The song has a vocal range spanning nearly two octaves, and Cai’s vocal power is fully displayed as he navigates both lower and upper registers with ease.

Producer Li Hui fills out the single’s conventional classical-instrumental arrangements with the piano, strings and harp. He incorporates electronic elements into the mix, seamlessly fusing classical style and contemporary pop elements.

In Cai’s quest to preserve the “pop-opera style,” he has dedicated years to exploring new possibilities and pushing the boundaries of his craft. “I want to incorporate a blend of musical genres, including electronic rock and traditional Chinese folk music into my songs,” he says, adding that he has contemplated collaborating with famous pop artists, who are inspired by the double-reed subgenre for his live performances. “By embracing a diverse range of musical influences, I believe that it can connect with a broader audience, particularly among the youth, and create music that transcends cultural boundaries,” Cai says.

Cai has more than 1.5 million followers on Sina Weibo and is called “golden tenor” by listeners.

The young singer has already performed at major cultural gigs such as the Spring Festival Gala, one of the most-watched annual events in the country, participated in several variety shows, as well as starred in several operas, including Don Giovanni, La Traviata and Rigoletto at Brugge.

He says he hopes his songs would ignite within those listeners who are not familiar with the art of opera. “To attend theatrical performances, enthusiasts of classical music and opera performances would eagerly try to explore new music forms,” Cai says. “A larger audience for operas would inspire more people to learn the development of the operatic form,” he says. “For me, the ability to blend, exchanging communication that takes place between the audience and performer is only captivating.”

He adds that with the improvement of living standards in China, “the opera audience is developing. In recent years, the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, where Cai is pursuing the master’s degree, has not only been regularly releasing classic Western operas but also working to create updated Chinese operas. The future of this industry is moving in a positive direction,” he says.

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Lanzhou oxygen study is a breath of fresh air

Olympics volunteer group praised for its professionalism and adroitness in delivering the best possible experience for athletes and visitors to Shougang venue. Gui Qian reports.

Embodying the spirit of the Games

Top Members of the Shougang Group, Winter Youth Olympic Sports Team pose for a group photo in front of the Shougang Big Air Jump Area Above: Volunteer Liu Jinxia (left) and Jia Meng (middle) chat with China Daily's documentary team in Keeping Up With The Young. Photos Provided to China Daily

With regard to volunteer etiquette, Jia created a checklist that outlines the necessary requirements, from hair-to-dressing, asking questions such as “Do I look cute and tidy? Do I look sleepy or tired? Did I bring my work clothes (the volunteer’s blue coat) and my ID cards?”

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“A professional volunteer should find a way to deal with the unexpected and accumulate techniques as they build on their experience,” she says.

Beside the 2022 Winter Olympic sports team, Shougang also served as a volunteer team at the China International Fair for Trade in Services, which also took place at the Shougang Park, and it took the team no time to find pictures for insinuation.

“Shougang Park is a wonderful place to work. I also call it the ‘photographers’ playground’,” Jia says, laughing.

As a member of Beijing Charity volunteer Federation, she also organizes visits to the elderly and orphans, as well as being trained and certificated in first aid by the Red Cross. The established volunteer organization also improved for English and served as an interpreter whenever volunteers were needed to communicate with overseas visitors.

Shougang Park has a fantastic history and accompanied the 2022 Winter Olympics. "Mombi's high-intensity work had been a challenge for all of us volunteers. I didn't know that they would come to a halt, and then I threw a surprise party on my birthday," she says.

"People say volunteering is about giving, but I've gained a lot, too. Through being a volunteer — this kind of passion and the genuine personal capability and the sense of inalienable freedom — as a Chinese Winter Games Group Winter Olympic Youth Sports Team "star" she says, "It was moved. The volunteering experience made it the most special and unforgettable New Year period in my life."

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The Chinese-language teachers’ group in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The two-day China-Teacher Conference 2023 was held in Auckland, New Zealand from April 12 to 13, 2023.

This year’s China-language teachers from New Zealand, Australia, and other regions participated in the conference, which discussed the development of Chinese language teaching in New Zealand, while unraveling dedicated speeches and multiple workshops.

Particularly, Chinese-language educators shared their experiences and insights through these sessions and explored the new environment of teaching Chinese, especially in terms of methodological adjustments to the culture and the adoption of artificial intelligence applications, such as ChatGPT, in the post-pandemic era.

Liang Qing, chairman of the New Zealand Chinese Language Teachers Association, says that this conference is the third one on the conference of its kind since the pandemic began.

In the past decade, there has been a growing interest in the Chinese language and culture. As Chinese language teachers, we have an important role to play in nurturing this interest and helping our students to develop language skills and the cultural understanding they need to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world,” said Cheng Zulin, director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Auckland, as he believes that schools should demonstrate incredible abilities and intelligence to make extraordinary achievements in Chinese Language education.

At the 2022 National Chinese Bridge Competition, students from secondary schools across New Zealand used Chinese songs and danced Chinese dances. They performed three traditional Chinese dances and told Chinese stories using bamboo shoes. "Chen says. He notes that the first English-language book on Chinese cinema was authored by a New Zealander who speaks perfect Chinese, and nearly every New Zealand ambassador to China is fluent in Mandarin.

Chinese ambassador to New Zealand Wang Xingju said Chinese-language teachers in New Zealand and Oceania to take their students to China to experience Chinese history and culture, explore local landscapes, and learn the latest developments and trends in Chinese education, and cultivate more fluent English for the new era and enhance mutual understanding and friendship between China, New Zealand and the rest of the world.

Stephanie Mortimer, project manager and facilitator for the Chinese Language Project, said that the China-Teacher Conference is an initiative that brings Chinese language teachers and school leaders together in New Zealand.

"We also say that the Chinese-language teachers provide their feedback on retrieving the new Chinese-language curriculum next year.

Wen Chinese freestyle skier Gu Ailing secured her first 2022 Winter Olympics gold in Beijing with a perfect landing, the whole Shougang Big Air venue burst into applause and cheering. Meanwhile, working as a volunteer not far away from the venue, Liu Jinxia, 23, was moved to tears by the stunning display of the freestyle skiers, although she was unable to reach the historic moment.

"Many volunteers were on duty then, so we didn’t get the opportunity to see the highlights closely, but we could feel the excitement from the athletes and the atmosphere," Liu says. "We were also moved not only by the professionalism and most importantly, to always wear a smile," Jia adds.

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Agents and brokers were also involved in the volunteer group, Yang Qing, a volunteer at the Shougang Park, says that "volunteers are like a breath of fresh air for the athletes and the team".

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The volunteers were not only a group of volunteers but also a part of the whole Olympic environment and atmosphere.

"We embrace the notion of teamwork in the Olympics, which is a feature of the modern Olympics," says Huang, a former member of the Chinese Olympic Academy of Sciences and professor at Lanzhou Institute of Chemical Physics.

The Games established a high-precision atmospheric oxygen consumption monitoring system and monitored the atmospheric oxygen consumption in the Olympic venues.

The results have been published in almost every edition of the journal Environmental Science and Technology.

Essential for the survival of human beings, oxygen is one of the most critical elements in the atmosphere.

"Oxygen is also breathing, inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide," says Huang. "Population and dense urban areas are losing much human and animal breath, which limits atmospheric dispersion and leads to a lack of oxygen consumption." Professionals have been working on solutions to the problem of atmospheric oxygen consumption.

Researchers have created a high-precision oxygen consumption monitoring platform on the top of the world’s largest mountain, Lhasa's oxygen consumption self-monitoring platform, by the artificial intelligence "ai2o" of the Shougang Park, which monitors the oxygen consumption and dispersion in the area affected by human activities.

"The platform has a unique status and its functions are also complemented," says Huang. "We explored to what extent problems are caused by human activity oxygen consumption in an urban area. A PhD student at the College of Engineering of the University of Lanzhou.

They had made measurements in adjusting equipment, observing data, and finding a coherent method, such as oxygen consumption data suitable for the entire region.

"With persistent effort, our observation dataset gained recognition from our peers globally," says Huang.

They quantitatively assessed the levels of two parts: human respiration and land-based vegetation.

The results show that the atmosphere in the athletes' villages were associated with detrimental and beneficial interactions between oxygen and vegetation.

"Generally speaking, the human oxygen consumption is the primary cause of the oxygen-consumption imbalance. We believe that plant photosynthesis is the primary cause of oxygen release in the atmosphere," says Huang.

"The platform also provides new insights into ozone and energy consumption, carbon dioxide emissions, and urban atmospheric dispersion. We believe that this is a significant step in the long-term, we hope to propose a new solution on urban oxygen requirement and call on a global effort to find solutions," Huang adds.

Lanzhou is a city located in the Chinese province of Gansu, roughly 1,400 kilometers northwest of Beijing. With a history that dates back over 3,000 years, Lanzhou is known for its rich cultural heritage and its strategic location at the crossroads of several major trade routes. The city is also famous for its unique cuisine and its role as a hub for trade and commerce in the region. In recent years, Lanzhou has been recognized for its efforts to promote sustainable development and environmental protection, which aligns with the broader goals of the Belt and Road Initiative. The city has made significant investments in renewable energy projects and has been successful in reducing its carbon footprint. Lanzhou is often referred to as the "City of Ten Thousand Spires" due to its numerous traditional Chinese-style buildings and temples. The city is also home to several universities and research institutions, which contribute to its cultural and academic vibrancy. Lanzhou's climate is semi-arid, with hot summers and cold winters, and the city is known for its clear blue skies and fresh air. The city's landscape is characterized by rolling hills, lush greenery, and its proximity to the Yellow River, one of China's major rivers. With its rich history, cultural heritage, and strategic location, Lanzhou continues to play a significant role in China's modern development and international cooperation.