China, Gabon agree to bolster ties

**Countries’ friendship built on rock-solid foundations, says Xi**

By XU WEI

Xinhua News Agency

President Xi Jinping and Gabonese President Ali Bongo Ondimba agreed to deepen bilateral ties to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership on Wednesday as the two nations pledged to bolster cooperation in infrastructure, agriculture and the response to climate change.

In talks with Bongo at the Great Hall of the People, Xi also reiterated Beijing’s unwavering support for African nations in its development independent path of development and its firm backing for Africa’s efforts to advance food security, industrialization and green development.

Before their talks, the president gave the Gabonese leader, who is on a four-day state visit to China, a grand welcoming ceremony with 25-guns salute, a review of the parade of honor and performances of military bands.

Calling Bongo “an old friend” of the Chinese people, Xi said the Gabonese president was the first African leader and state head being welcomed by the Chinese president, which fully demonstrated the importance and high level of China-Gabon relations.

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Xi said Bongo is the second leader, which is set to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations not long from now, but built their friendship on a rock-solid foundation.

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The two leaders agreed to step up cooperation and work more closely together on tourism, real estate, pollution alleviation, poverty alleviation, and Chinese President Xi said the two countries are expected to continue their efforts in the field of tourism, and to further strengthen their cooperation in poverty alleviation.

Speaking of China-Africa ties, he said both sides will work closely together and speed up the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.

In the upcoming China-Africa leaders’ summit to be held in December, the two leaders agreed to boost the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Xi expressed wishes to further strengthen the strategic partnership between China and Gabon.

**MUSIC SCENE ROCKS BACK TO LIFE**

Crowds return to live house venues as shadow of COVID-19 cast off

By CHEN WEN

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As the coronavirus pandemic recedes, crowds have returned to live music venues across China.

The landscape of China’s live music scene has changed dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic last year. But the return of live music venues is a sign of a brighter future.

The film industry, technology, entertainment and other industries are expected to see similar improvements.

Live music venues have been reopening in various parts of the country, with some even hosting more than 3,000 people.

The return of live music venues is a positive sign of the country’s economic recovery.

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Zhang, who also owns DDC’s venue at Armas, a popular live music spot in Jinhonghu, Hebei province, said: “We now have live shows from Tuesday to Sunday every week. Our venues are fully booked.”

“We are staging more performances than before the pandemic. With many shows postponed for the past three years, audience figures at live house venues have rebounded along with consumption in other fields, such as travel, dining and shopping.”

A local indie music lover, Zhang, 35, who has a bachelor’s in physics and a master’s in computer science from the University of Science and Technology of China, moved to Beijing from his hometown in Anhui province, in 2010, and also worked at a bar in the capital for the years.

In July 2018, he opened DDC in Shouhuai, a narrow alleyway in Beijing’s Dongcheng district. Attracting hundreds of indie bands from home and abroad, DDC quickly became a popular venue for indie music lovers.

The following year, Zhang launched the record label DDC (Dark Dream Label), expanding its reach to festivals as well as venues.

In addition to bringing international indie bands to Beijing, he organized numerous events for such bands from China. In 2018, the DDC venue in Armas was voted the top indie venue outside of the main city’s live music district.

“While the pandemic ended, Zhang was determined to keep his venue in Beijing going,” said Zhang.

“Band owners and the owners of live house venues faced a similar situation during the pandemic. We were not sure when live music would return,” he said. “Although we closed the venue, I knew we would reopen at some stage because people need music and bands need a place to perform.”

Staff recruited
Bands in China, the new DDC venue launched in Beijing, with the first floor housing 400 sq. m and accommodating a maximum of 400 fans. The second floor occupies 200 sq. m and can house 200 people.

“When we closed our first venue in 2020, all the staff members left and found other jobs to make a living. When we were preparing to open the new venue, we recruited fresh staff and designed a new stage. Everything was new,” Zhang said.

Live music venues have been hit hard, as have indie bands. It is much more challenging for emerging musicians to develop their talent without live performances. So there are big advantages in creating a new venue.

“Bands were a big concern. We have had indie rock bands such as Black Hotel, who are well known in the indie rock community, performing since the venue opened. We have been working with them for many years now. We also have young pop bands such as Bear, who have performed here several times before.”

Some 5,000 live concerts were staged nationwide last year, the latest report by the China Association of Performing Arts shows.

These performances were held at music festivals, large arenas such as stadiums, and live house venues.

The number of live house venues in Beijing and of music festivals held by 32 percent on year-on-year, with ticket revenue for such performances reaching 1.6 billion yuan ($232.9 million).

Revenue from live performances of large venues and music festivals decreased by 0.2 percent on year-on-year.

All live shows staged at large venues were significantly affected by the pandemic, the number of performances held at small house-venues remained high, with ticket revenue accounting for more than 40 percent of the total live performance market last year.

Music shows of small live house venues became the major force of the country’s performing arts market, said Zhang.

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In April this year, the owners of more than 60 live house venues across China attended a five-day forum at On The Way, a popular live music venue in Hefei, capital of Anhui province.

The event was one of the first in the country to highlight such venues, run by the way they operate, and the problems they face.

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A number of live house venues opened after 2000, including On The Way in downtown Beijing, which opened in 2006, and Mao, which was founded in the capital in 2001. Mao later expanded to nine cities, including Shanghai, Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, Hangzhou, the Zhejiang provincial capital, and Xi’an, capital of Shaanxi province.

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“Chinese live music scene has evolved significantly in the past decade. Live house venues offer a mix of different types of artists, helping the diverse music scene in China to grow,” Zhao said.

However, not all these venues survived. This was due to many reasons, including lack of live shows and insufficient marketing strategies. Things became worse after the pandemic struck in early 2020, during which many live house venues closed.

One of the best-known such venues in China is School, tucked away in a narrow lane in downtown Beijing.

In 2019, the popular reality show The Big Band of China, based on the streaming platform Koji, propelling many Chinese indie bands to stardom. In 2020, the second season of the show aired, receiving warm reviews and fandoms to expand. More and more indie bands make headlines. Since then, School, the landmark of the live music scene, has become a Henan destination for music lovers from around the country.

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**Clashes in Lebanon**

Lebanese forces clash with retired soldiers and other protesters on Monday after they retook a back-door entrance blocking the approach to government headquarters in downtown Beirut. Earlier in the day, Lebanon’s Parliament voted to postpone municipal elections scheduled for next month for up to a year.

**Ties: Bilateral trade exceeds $4b in 2022**

According to the Chinese Foreign Commerce Ministry, China and Ghana exchanged 41 items in 2022, with the two-way trade increasing by 31.2 percent. It is estimated that the country’s exports to Ghana are about $2.5 billion, representing about 1.7 percent of China’s total exports. China has become Ghana’s largest trading partner in Africa. The Chinese government has decided to provide Ghana with a $300 million credit line to facilitate the construction of the ultra-modern parliament building.

**Probes underway after hospital fire kills 29**

Citywide safety inspection planned in Beijing to eliminate risks

Dr. XIAN JIANG

The death toll from the fire at a private Beijing hospital rose to 29 on Thursday, with 12 people still being treated for injuries, the authorities denied 12 people as dead, and another three have been discharged.

The hospital director was removed from his post pending investigation, while the Beijing Health Commission said the hospital was under construction for effective treatment, the notices said.

The cause of the blaze is under investigation, but five expert officers confirmed that the fire was an accident. The fire was extinguished within 40 minutes. The hospital is equipped with fire prevention systems and fire extinguishing systems. The Beijing Health Commission is taking emergency measures to ensure the safety of patients in the hospital.

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**Rebound: Tremendous investment opportunities expected in many areas**

The Chinese economy has seen an extraordinary level of activity over the past four years, beginning with an initial rise in GDP. The China Economy Research Institute, which is jointly held by HSBC and HSBC, has seen the economy's rebound from this crisis. As a result, the global economy has achieved a remarkable turnaround, but the world still faces challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The China Economy Research Institute predicts that the country's growth rate will moderate in the near term, but the rebound could be stronger than expected in 2023. The institute’s forecast is based on the assumption that the country will continue to implement its economic policies, which include increased investment in infrastructure and the digital economy. The institute also expects that the country will maintain its focus on improving the quality of growth, by promoting innovation and upgrading the manufacturing sector.

**Expert help nations’ progress in advancing global human rights**

By WANG HAIJING

China has made great achievements in human rights protection and initiatives proposed for the oversees and developing countries. It has actively participated in the Global Governance of Human Rights, and presented proposals on the protection and development of human rights, including on Monday, which will be reviewed and promoted at the 15th annual meeting of the Global Forum on Human Rights and Development in New York. The proposal includes recommendations on promoting and protecting human rights, respecting the diverse needs of various nations, and fostering a global community with a shared future.

China has an important role to play in the global governance of human rights, promoting the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, according to experts. For example, the Belt and Road Initiative is being promoted in the world after the Belt and Road Initiative.

**Smooth arrival**

A Chinese-built COMAC ARJ21 jet is seen as it safely arrives at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport on the arrival of Thapana Singh Sondhi from the capital, Lagos. The flight was delayed by 10 minutes due to engine trouble at the African Aviation Summit, which was held in Kenya last week. According to the Chinese aviation authorities, the flight was delayed by 10 minutes due to engine trouble at the African Aviation Summit, which was held in Kenya last week. According to the Chinese aviation authorities, the flight was delayed by 10 minutes due to engine trouble at the African Aviation Summit, which was held in Kenya last week.
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Decade after divorce, woman finds new life on two wheels

Cyclist transformed by experience, seeks to inspire others via livestreams

By ABHI MANGOJU in Zhengzhou and ZHIGAO HEUING

For many entusiasts, cycling is a good way to increase physical strength. But for Li Hui, it is also a way to release pressure and pursue a healthy lifestyle. "After her first long-distance trip to Southeast Asia in November 2016, the 26-year-old, Zhengzhou native, who was divorced in January 2016, has been in love with cycling ever since," she said.

"Despite how simple and daily our daily lives were, I thought we would go through that kind of change," she said.

This month, the Zhengzhou-based writer, who is 41 years old, started a new journey and began to plan a long journey.

"When I read stories and saw beautiful photos of the different places that cycling enthusiasts posted online, I was really inspired," she said.

Then "I began to think about cycling outside Zhengzhou, and eventually outside China," she said.

"When I realized that I might have a chance to do that, I decided to give it a try." She began writing every day. In the first year, only 610 miles to her name, she began to change. She started learning more about cycling, and her passion for cycling grew exponentially.

"I had some friends with other cycling experiences," she said.

She bought some professional gear and began to plan a long journey.

"After the New Year, I decided to change my life," she said. "I will no longer be married," she said.

"I will continue to travel, to see the world, and to do things that I want to do," she said.

They have also been able to see the rapid development of the winter sports industry in China, including the installation of the large ski resort, and the improvement in its economic structure.

During the 2022–23 season, the resort expanded from 27 to 64 slopes, more than doubling the number of ski runs, making it the largest resort in the world.

"It was a matter of survival for the mountains," she said. "We were always able to find the snow, and the snow made it easier to ski."

"I have been able to share my stories, and I am excited about the future of the sport," she said.

According to a provincial government's data, in terms of world-class ski sector, as the development of the tourism industry has been instigated and the improvement in the economic structure, the resort is expected to see more visitors, and in 2022–23, the resort had 75 ski resorts and 670 slopes capable of providing services, with the number of visitors reaching 1.3 million, making it the country's largest ski resort.

At a post-game press conference, she said: "I feel very lucky and happy to have been able to ski in the country, and I am excited about the future of the sport in China."

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Chinese-bullet train section opens in Serbia

By LI KUN and ZHIXING YU

An expressway connecting New Belgrade and Sava in Serbia opened to traffic on April 1, bringing motorists into a new economic circle around the capital Belgrade, according to the Chinese company responsible.

Construction of the 12-kilometer section, which is part of the E85 Expressway project, began in March 2018.

The E85 expressway project was the first to be undertaken by a Chinese company in Europe, according to the statement from China Communications Construction A leading, global ultra-large infrastructure service provider.

With the addition of the new section, the E85 currently extends for 150 km, drawing more cities into a one-hour economic circle around Belgrade and making transit more convenient for more than 4 million people.

Designed by teams from China and Serbia, the section has a liberal, two-lane dual-direcional bicycle lane, and per capita traffic of 2,000 per hour. The start point is connected to a 400-meter main road, and a 2.5-kilometer main road, providing all the way to the European capital of Serbia.

With Serbian government support and design and coordination work being completed, the section has been completed.

"This marks the end of the project, and we are proud of our achievements," said Zhao Chao, chief engineer of the China Communications Construction Co Ltd.

"This is an important milestone in the construction of the E85 Expressway, and it is an important step in the development of Serbia's transportation infrastructure," he said.

The project, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2023, will significantly improve the transportation system in Serbia, and will also have a positive impact on the economic development of the country.

Bamboo brings big bucks to village

From left: An aerial photo shows the section of the E-75 Expressway completed by China Communications Construction Co Ltd., where construction is ongoing.

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Geoffrey Blouin from Canada, a former professional mountain biker, is now one of the country's leading cycling advocates.

"China is the world's largest market for cycling, and it is growing rapidly," he said.

"I am excited to see how the Chinese are embracing cycling, and I am excited to see how they are changing their attitudes."
Containment policy harms US economy

Washington's restrictive actions also seem to have negative effect globally

It LIA ZHU in the Bureau of Economic and Financial Affairs

From trade to semiconductor export controls, the US government's restrictive policies to contain China's development also appear to have an effect on the US economy, which is often overlooked in the debate. An economist has said.

"When we think about these..." the main elements of the US and China and all these restrictive measures, we... should think about putting or Chinese slowing down..." he said.

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Spanish firm revved up on Chinese auto sector amid green revolution

By YANG YEN

In Shanghai

German tech company, which is one of the world’s leading automotive technology providers, announced that its joint venture with Chinese automobile manufacturing giant SAIC Motor Corp, Shanghai Auto Parts Industry Corp., has signed an agreement to establish a joint venture in China, which will focus on the development of electric vehicle (EV) components.

The joint venture, which will be headquartered in Shanghai, will be a 50-50 joint venture between the two companies and is expected to start operations in 2024.

The move is part of a broader strategy by both companies to unlock new growth opportunities in the EV market.

The joint venture will focus on developing and producing EV components, such as motors, batteries, and power electronics, for electric vehicles.

The joint venture will leverage the expertise and resources of both companies to develop competitive and innovative EV components.

From the investors’ perspective, the joint venture is expected to bring significant benefits, including the ability to leverage the scale and efficiency of the combined operations.

The partnership is also expected to create new job opportunities and contribute to the local economy.

The joint venture will play a crucial role in shaping the future of the EV market in China and globally.

In addition to the joint venture, the companies have also announced plans to expand their operations in the EV market, including the development of new products and services.

The joint venture is a testament to the growing importance of the EV market and the increasing focus on sustainable transportation solutions.

As the world continues to move towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future, the joint venture is expected to play a significant role in driving this transition.

The joint venture is a significant step forward in the companies’ efforts to harness the potential of the EV market and deliver innovative solutions.

The companies’ commitment to the joint venture demonstrates their shared vision for a more sustainable future.

This move is in line with global trends towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions and represents a significant milestone in the automotive industry's transition to EVs.

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This move is a significant step towards achieving a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future, and the companies are well-positioned to be leaders in this transition.

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InterSystems to ramp up Chinese input

US data tech company mulls forays into more fields for higher growth

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InterSystems Corp, a US-based data technology company, will ramp up efforts to expand investments in China, accelerate the digital transformation of the healthcare industry and make forays into more fields like pharmaceuticals, big data and financial services to better serve the needs of the company.

Liu Feng, regional managing director of the Asia-Pacific InterSystems, said the company's global business layout and business model of the fintech, healthcare and digital technology segments will be rapidly developed in China. It is also actively considering market expansion in upstream, mid-stream and downstream scenarios of China's fintech, telemedicine, and IoT industries.

InterSystems has already deployed its digital technology products, such as the CrossChime platform and the health cloud, in the healthcare sector in China, and is about to start work on projects for the pharmaceutical industry.

President and CEO of InterSystems Brad Flaum said in April that the company is preparing to invest $1 billion over the next five years to accelerate market expansion and development, and to promote the digital transformation of the healthcare industry in China. In the long term, it will also establish a global business center in China.

InterSystems recently signed a strategic cooperation agreement with China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) to provide CNPC with its flagship technology platform CrossChime Clouds and big data processing technologies.

InterSystems is also actively considering investment in the healthcare industry. Recently, the Chinese Academy of Engineering Information Technology Engineering Committee, which this company organizes, released a whitepaper focusing on the future development of the digitization of the healthcare industry. The whitepaper predicts that the healthcare industry will enter a new era of strong digitalization, and that the percentage of the use of information technologies in the field will reach 30 percent by 2030, according to Liu Feng.

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Experts call for bigger role of biomass in power sector to boost green development

At a global conference on bioenergy in China by 
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Cheng said that China, as a populous country and an agricultural giant, has an annual biomass resource of over 3.2 billion metric tons from farming and urban waste. Although nearly 100 million tons of the resources can be transformed into energy for use, there is still vast room for development in China's biomass industry compared to the huge demand for low-carbon energy and the requirements for carbon reduction. Therefore, diversified utilization needs to be expectedly promoted in the future.

Last year, the power generated from biomass reached 8.24 billion kilowatt hours, up 17 percent year-on-year, according to BEPA.

That amount of actual power generation can provide green electricity for approximately 200 million residents, according to estimates by IHS. Wang Daping, deputy head of the new energy and renewable energy department at the NUA, said that efforts should be made to encourage the diversified utilization of biomass energy in different regions and integrate it with distributed photovoltaics, decentralized wind power and new energy technologies.
Reneable energy key way forward for green transition

Proportion of country’s clean electricity expected to reach 70 percent of total terminal consumption by 2060

By ZHENG XIN

China has been playing an important role in global green development and has become a significant force in promoting the global transition to green energy, said industry experts.

China is now a key force in promoting international cooperation and emission reduction and green low-carbon development, said Wu Xuan, chief opening officer of the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization, during a forum in Beijing last month. China has been sharing its accumulated clean energy and power interconnection project technology and experience with different countries through international cooperation in recent years via GEIDCO initiatives, which has been actively building cooperation platforms to accelerate the implementation of engineering projects worldwide, especially in countries and regions participating in the Belt and Road Initiative, Wu said.

Established in 2015, GEIDCO is the world’s first global initiative to build a globally interconnected smart grid with ‘ultra-high voltage grids’ as its backbone, it is a non-governmental, non-profit international organization with member firms, associations, institutions and individuals dedicated to promote the global energy development of mankind.

It is the first international organization initiated and established by China. As of now, the total number of members of the cooperative organization stands at 110, covering 105 countries and regions and building an international cooperation network based on consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits. According to Wu, with a focus on countries and regions participating in the BRI, Beijing has been vigorously promoting clean energy and power interconnection projects in recent years.

Several international cooperation projects, such as those involving China-ASEM, China-Malaysia-ASEAN, China-Thailand-ASEAN, Ethiopia–Middle East and Africa, have received support from local governments with national policies, he said. An analyst said the organization has been playing a key role in further facilitating the world’s shift toward a green and low-carbon economy.

But the Chinese government has also been facing a number of challenges and obstacles, including high costs and uncertainties in the electricity grid and the environment, a wider range of energy-related issues and the growing demand for clean energy. For example, the expansion of existing power plants and the need for new power sources have been a major challenge. In addition, the government has been facing increased pressure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

To address these challenges, China has been investing heavily in renewable energy technologies and infrastructure, such as wind and solar power. The government has set ambitious targets for the expansion of green energy sources, including a goal of obtaining 20 percent of its electricity from non-fossil fuels by 2030. In addition, China has been promoting the development of a smart grid system that can integrate and manage diverse energy sources effectively.

The government has also been encouraging the use of public transportation and electric vehicles to reduce transportation-related emissions. In addition, efforts have been made to improve energy efficiency in various sectors, including manufacturing, construction, and transportation.

Over the past decade, China has made significant progress in implementing these policies, leading to a sharp decrease in energy-related emissions and a substantial increase in the share of non-fossil fuels in the electricity mix. The country has also been actively engaging with other countries and international organizations to promote global cooperation and the transition to a low-carbon economy.
Comment

Independent, objective perception of China would stop EU being led astray

Europe is still struggling to define its relationship with China, and the United States constantly pressuring its European allies to jump on its bandwagon to contain China’s growing influence in the world. As China and the EU are the world’s two largest economies and major powers, it is necessary for the EU to recover normality in its relations with China.

Recent intensive high-profile visits to China by European leaders and officials may have been of benefit in that respect, as they seem to have helped Europe avoid a better unknowing of China.

On the same day, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen talked at length about her recent trip to China in a speech. While insisting that there is a need for Europe to work on demonstrating the importance and sensitive parts of its relations with China, she also reiterated that “Obvious not viable, desirable or even practical for Europe.” China-EU economic and trade relations are common sense.

In 2021, China-EU trade and economic cooperation reached the highest level of 846.3 billion euros (Euros), or 6.3% of China’s total trade. Considering the adverse impact of the covid-19 pandemic in the first half of the year, this achievement is not only commendable but also conducive to the EU’s economic recovery.

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USA is Universal Spring Agency

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he impetus was the White House launched a widely acclaimed peace proposal for Syria, saying the US will establish a universal spring agency. However, such a proposal is not only based on the popularity of such a proposal, but also on the US-produced article of oil, natural gas, and other energy resources that are not only abundant in the US but also have no real meaning.

White House shows its true colors

The White House has been boasting about the “One-China” policy since it came into being and even since the founding of the People’s Republic of China in 1949. It is a shame that the Chinese government has never been able to get its true colors.

Boil your steam, keep US forces at bay

Economic system’s internal dynamic energy greatly display

The National Bureau of Statistics released China’s economic statistics for the first quarter of 2023. They indicate that the recovery momentum is being consolidated. Some observers, citing the weak momentum of China’s economy, predict a slowdown in the first quarter. However, China’s economic statistics show that the country’s economy is on the right track.

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Europe profits from China’s recovery

By Xiang Yi and Maximilian Ufer

The European Union has become a significant player in the global economy, with its member states collectively being one of the world’s largest economies. This status has enabled the EU to establish a strong presence in various sectors, including finance, technology, and manufacturing. The EU’s geographic diversity and cultural richness have also contributed to its economic resilience. In this article, we explore how the EU has profited from China’s economic recovery and the implications for the future of the global economy.

China is one of the world’s fastest-growing economies, with a population of over 1.4 billion people. Its rapid economic development has transformed the country into a major trading partner and a significant investor in the global economy. In recent years, China has become an important source of investment for European companies, particularly in sectors such as energy, infrastructure, and technology.

The EU’s relationship with China has evolved over time, with both sides recognizing the mutual benefits of stronger economic ties. The EU is China’s second-largest trading partner, and China is the EU’s fifth-largest market. This economic interdependence has led to a significant increase in trade volumes, with both sides benefiting from the expansion of market access and the availability of diverse and competitively priced goods and services.

The EU’s economic prospects have been further enhanced by the country’s efforts to diversify its energy sources, which include the development of renewable energy technologies and the expansion of nuclear power. This has increased the demand for EU-produced goods and services, particularly those related to energy efficiency, renewable energy infrastructure, and advanced technology.

In conclusion, the EU’s relationship with China has brought numerous benefits, including increased trade volumes, investment opportunities, and enhanced economic growth. However, it is important to acknowledge the potential challenges associated with increased economic interdependence, such as the need to ensure fair and transparent trade practices and to address environmental and social concerns.

This article provides a comprehensive overview of the EU’s relationship with China and the economic benefits that have accrued from this partnership. It highlights the opportunities for further collaboration and the need for continued efforts to promote sustainable and inclusive economic development.

For more information, please visit the European Union’s official website or contact the European Commission for detailed reports and statistics on its relationship with China.
New milestone in China’s relations with Arab countries has generated new opportunities for development of Middle East
A 15-meter-long architectural model is a major display at the Beijing Central Axis exhibition that opened last month at the Capital Museum in Beijing. PHOTO BY JIA JING / CHINA DAILY

**A timeless journey through capital’s heart**

Exhibition on Beijing’s Central Axis highlights its history and relevance to today’s society. CHENG YUEZHU reports.

**Efforts to protect ‘mother river’ make progress**

HEFEI - As the chilly Spring breeze lightly brushed their cheeks, a father and son stood on the dock of a boat on the Yangtze River, known as a “mother river” of the Chinese nation. This is just another ordinary weekday for them.

But 17 years, the 58-year-old father, has dedicated himself to collecting shipping wares along the flowing section of the Yangtze River.

“See how clear the water is now. After years of waste collection, and city planning, it’s the clearest since the surface of the river.” Zhang says.

Prior to this job, Zhang had worked in other occupations. However, he was laid off in 2008 due to enterprise restructuring.

“My ancestors have been fishers for generations, and the Yangtze River has been their living, and their business,” Zhang says. He recalls playing by the Yangtze River when he was a child. However, oil and garbage gradually polluted the river and drove away the fish and promising water in the past.

Zhang then chose to start a waste pollution and control business. Two years ago, Zhang says, Zhang Zhangxia also joined the effort to protect the Yalong River.

Every day at 7am, they set sail to check the waste polluted river and the textile trash建造s on the riverbanks. Zhang says he couldn’t understand public awareness of environmental protection before, but has seen the river become cleaner over the years.

To effectively protect the country’s “mother river”—the Yellow River and the Yangtze River, China has written into law specific legislation for their protection.

Over the years, strenuous efforts have been made to promote better protection of the rivers and enhance public awareness of ecological protection across the country in various forms, including holding cultural parks and strengthening environmental protection.

In 2012, a 10-year fishing ban took effect on the upper reach of the Yangtze River in a bid to restore the waterway’s natural status. Former fishermen have thus been provided with abundant benefits.

“Thanks to the policy, I have been able to earn money by selling fish, allowing me to raise my children,” said Si Qingshan, a 72-year-old fisherman, along with his father before the Yangtze River collecting garbage and fish. With no fishing boats or fishermen in sight, one can sometimes see the fish break the surface of the water.

Growing up in a township along the Yangtze River in Fuyang city, East China’s Anhui province, Si’s family had been fishing with his father on the river since he was 12 years old.

After the fishing season ended, Si said he had to quit fishing and opened a shop. However, after seeing the garbage floating in the river a few years later, Si decided to gather a group of fishermen to voluntarily collect waste from the river.

Now that there are now more fish even more fish in the Yangtze River and the ecological environment has improved, Si said he was “satisfied” with the current situation in the Yangtze River basin, is also working with other fishermen.

“Our family protects the Yangtze River’s biodiversity, but it is not the only reason we do so,” Si says, adding that he wants to do his bit for future generations.
Cultural products bring history alive

The third edition of a design competition inspired by the Old Summer Palace is underway, Wang Kailiao reports.

Clockwise from top left: A visitor displays a scarf inspired by Dashuifa and other marquee scenic spots in Yuanmingyuan Park. A toy is fabricated by creative figure, some reproductions featuring Qing Dynasty artifacts on sale in Yuanmingyuan Park. Bookmark inspired by royal documents are among popular cultural products at Yuanmingyuan, 20/2002/750 (CDL).
Heroes of the big screen

Team of women works hard to ensure that rural residents get to enjoy some movie magic, Xu Lin and Zhou Lihua report in Wuhan

As the sun begins to dip, a lively crowd is gathered at a.After the screening, the women who helped organize the events said they were proud to have brought the joy of movies to the villagers.

The event is one of many similar screenings held by the group, which has been running since 2015. The screenings are not only a way to bring entertainment to the community but also a way to promote cultural exchange and understanding.

The group is made up of volunteers, many of whom are retired teachers or other professionals who want to give back to their community.

Without the help of these volunteers, the screenings would not be possible. They work tirelessly to ensure that every detail is taken care of, from the selection of movies to the set up of the screening area.

The group also works closely with local government officials to ensure that the screenings are held in a safe and legal manner.

The women who helped organize the event are proud of the impact they have made on the community. They hope to continue to bring more joy and entertainment to the villagers for many years to come.

From top: Watching open-air movies as a regular feature among residents in rural Yunnan's Deqin County, a group of village women in Deqin Huaxing, presented free movies to residents. Project Coordinator Hu Xianfeng adjusts the projector during a movie screening. (PHOTOS BY CAI DINGZHAO FOR CHINA DAILY)

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I would like to begin by presenting some key facts about the state of the world today. First, let's consider the state of the environment. As the world's population continues to grow, so too does the demand for resources, such as energy and water. At the same time, the negative impacts of human activities on the environment are becoming increasingly evident. For example, air and water pollution are major concerns in many parts of the world, and climate change is a growing threat.

The implications of these developments are significant. First, they suggest that we need to develop new technologies and policies to address the challenges facing our society. Second, they highlight the importance of international cooperation to tackle these issues, as no country can solve these problems on its own.

In conclusion, the emerging developments of the past few years are changing the world in profound ways. We must take advantage of these opportunities and work together to create a better future for all.

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The inaugural HKU President’s Forum was successfully held on April 3 at the University of Hong Kong’s Loew Hall in Hong Kong, with 200 registered participants, namely government officials and NGO representatives, scholars and representatives from various sectors, as well as over 100 students from the University of Hong Kong and other universities. The forum focused on cross-disciplinary collaboration to address global challenges.

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