Navy completes its mission to evacuate Chinese from Sudan

By BY NG ZERN

The Chinese navy has completed evacuating Chinese people from conflict-torn Sudan, with over 200 Chinese citizens departing from the town to Saturday, according to the Defense Ministry.

At the request of some countries, China also evacuated about 210 foreign residents with Sudanese citizenship.

With the help of Chinese embassies and consulates in relevant countries, those persons were transported from Khartoum to the port of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia by CNNS Shipping and CNOOC Logistic, Tan Kezhi, a spokesman for the Ministry of National Defense, added late Wednesday.

The Chinese military will always be the guardian of the people and a staunch force to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, and serving the building of a community with a shared future for mankind," he said.

On Saturday morning, CNNS Shipping and CNOOC Logistic, a locally based shipping company, successfully completed the evacuation of about 210 Sudanese nationals from the country to the port of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

During a meeting with Li Yong, chairman of the Department of African Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, Wang, a representative for the Chinese Navy, emphasized China’s commitment to protecting the lives of its citizens abroad.

Shi said that China tried its best to ensure that Chinese nationals were evacuated from Sudan in a safe and reasonable manner. It also helped some people from other countries concerned, including Sudanese nationals to escape the conflict.

Tourism sector sees boom during May Day holiday

By CHENG Shih

The Chinese tourism market is expected to see a boost post-COVID-19 pandemic.

Early on Friday — the day before the holiday started — train tickets for departures from Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station to domestic destinations were sold out.

Last figures from China’s railway company show that the railway system network carried more than 25 million passengers on Monday afternoon and Tuesday, with the large number of passengers continuing to shoulder a heavy burden on Tuesday.

Tourism destinations were also overcrowded with tourists. Moreover, some popular destinations were difficult to access due to crowdedness.

Tourism sector showed a strong recovery. Some popular tourist destinations, such as the Yellow River in Lanzhou, the Grand Canyon in Xinjiang, and the Great Wall of China, were also flooded with tourists.

Xi sends greetings to nation’s working people

By CAO DESHENG

President Xi Jinping on Sunday extended greetings and best wishes to the country’s working people ahead of International Workers’ Day, which falls on May 1, and called on them to make efforts to advance Chinese modernization.

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Diplomats from 14 countries visit Xinjiang

China has called on the international community to respond positively to its invitation to see its Xinjiang region, which has become a global focus of attention.

"China is open to dialogue and cooperation with the international community," said Xu Guixiang, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

China has invited representatives of foreign governments, organizations and institutions to visit Xinjiang to see developments for themselves.

"We are willing to hold dialogues and exchanges with the international community in an open and honest manner," Xu said.

China has always emphasized that Xinjiang is a region with a long history of multiracial and ethnic diversity, and that the government is committed to maintaining social stability and national security.

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Jobs: Win-win for professionals and clients

By providing the service only on weekends and public holidays, Mr. Chen’s clients need the ingredients used for preparing the dishes of their choice. He charges 8 yuan ($1.25) for cooking up to five dishes and 9 yuan ($1.50) for preparing up to nine dishes. For large-scale orders, the client needs to pay 20 yuan ($3.25) extra.

The family was really kind to me and I enjoyed cooking. They invited me to join them for lunch. Actually, all of my clients are polite and nice to me, so I'm glad that they can feel someone to look for them so conveniently,” he said.

Part-time option

Cao then shared his experiences on social media. Besides making predictions, many have commended that they, too, are interested in taking up this job, which is now in great demand. Unlike traditional domestic service providers, who are mainly middle-aged women who find such occupations appealing today, new young people have said that what’s more, their clients are mainly young people, including young students, lawyers, or new reform-minded parents.

“Many of my clients are half-generation because they work there and are far away from them. They just want to have someone to cook for them, and I think they can handle their responsibilities better as they still go home to visit their ‘seven sons’,” said Cao, who is from Jiangsu province.

“I want many more people during the process, which means more to them than the extra income I make,” he said.

Security concerns are not an issue for him, said, because he chooses to make the agreement that he could take care of the children or the pet dogs. With the help of his commonwealth, it’s easier to find someone to take care of them.

Cooking is a physically demanding job and time-consuming. Also, it takes time to come to a client’s home, so it’s not an ideal full-time job. But those who love to cook and are good at it, he said, are a good choice for those looking to hire a domestic helper in a part-time job, which will be more convenient.

“Such a thing can be a good option for many young people who want to work in a part-time domestic service sector, which is in high demand,” said Yang Hui, an executive with the Shanghai Human Resources and Social Security department.

People’s existing needs for domestic service providers to improve continuous improvement in their living standards has stimulated a large number of new occupations recognized by the ministry in recent years, including housework assistants, healthcare providers, respiratory therapy and psychotherapy providers.

“Besides, the advances in digital technology have enabled the platform economy which is give rise to delivery personnel for online orders, task-sharing service providers, and other new occupations,” he said.

Innovative thinking

Maybe in the future, the new generation who will be just entering the workforce now will be more willing to work part-time jobs to make ends meet. These young people are more than willing to do the job because it can help them save a few dollars. Moreover, it can also be used as a way to earn extra money, like how human beings, work hard for the sake of their health. People can have many health problems.

Conclusion

Cao and his part-time “pet dog” make a perfect match for customers in Shanghai, distant provinces, cities, and even the countryside. To be the real winner of the “pet dog” solution, the pet dog must be a professional and have the ability to cook four dishes within an hour.

Cao said: “They are professional and have a lot of experience in cooking. They can make the food quickly and efficiently. Moreover, they are more convenient to work with than traditional domestic service providers.”

Cao and his “pet dog” solution are not that much different from the traditional domestic service providers. But they can offer more flexibility and convenience for customers. The pet dog solution is more suitable for people who want to work part-time. It can also help people who are looking for a way to make ends meet.

For better environment

Many new occupations have emerged that will support China’s move towards the development of sustainable and better environments.

For example, the new occupation that will help people to clean the carbon footprint of their pet dogs is called a carbon footprint professional. The professional will help people to reduce their carbon footprint by helping them to find a pet dog that has a lower carbon footprint.

By recognizing the new occupations, the Chinese government can also establish new vocational standards and guide training to ensure its sustainability. It is important to make it clear that this is not a new occupation or a new profession. It is a profession that is already recognized in the past.

“Many enterprises have already created new job descriptions to monitor carbon emissions and other aspects,” said Ye Jun, an economist at the Shanghai Institute of Urban Planning.

Emissions monitoring

Also, the inclusion of green occupations, mainly in urban ecological environment monitoring, environmental planning and greenery, new energy production, and waste recycling, is significant. Even the professional in the official list will help more people, especially young people, be interested in the new occupation. There has been a lot of interest in the new occupation and it has become a hot topic.

In the past, there were only a few professions that could be considered green such as environmental engineers, environmental scientists, and environmental workers. But now, there are more than 100 new occupations that can be considered green.

For example, a carbon footprint professional can help people to reduce their carbon footprint by helping them to find a pet dog that has a lower carbon footprint.

“I once worked on a project that aimed to reduce the carbon footprint of people who used shallow water energy for home heating. Some domestic households need to use shallow water energy to reduce carbon emissions due to its low greenhouse gas emissions,” said Xu Min, a junior economist at the Shanghai Institute of Urban Planning.

His research project led to the creation of a new profession that can be considered green. The new profession is called a carbon footprint professional.

He said that he was interested in this new profession because it is a profession that can help people to reduce their carbon footprint. It can also help people to become more aware of the importance of reducing carbon emissions.

For more information, please contact the Shanghai Institute of Urban Planning. His contact information can be found in the official list. For more information on the new occupations and green professions, please visit the official website of the Chinese government.
Russia says Ukraine drone caused Crimea depot fire

MOSCOW — A Ukrainian drone strike on a Russian fuel storage facility in the Crimean port of Kerch on Saturday, the Kremlin said on Sunday, engaged in a series of bombings that left at least 11 people killed, including 6 children, and 11 others injured.

The incident, which occurred near the Russian military base, was the latest in a series of attacks that have raised tensions between Moscow and Kyiv. The blasts were reportedly caused by a drone launched from Russia's Black Sea Fleet, which has been stationed near the port of Kerch.

The airport was briefly closed due to the explosions, which occurred at around 9:30 a.m. local time. Local authorities said the explosions were caused by a drone launched from Ukraine.

The blasts came a day after a Ukrainian drone strike on the Russian military base in Sevastopol, which killed at least 11 people and injured 11 others.

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Yung Zhengao rides his motorcycle along winding roads to deliver packages in Yengchua, Hunan province. In February, Luo Qiuqing / CHINA DAILY

Mailman braves mountain roads year-round to serve residents

In return, some treat him like one of the family, he says.

Luo Wangshu reports from Beijing with Feng Zhitwei in Changsha.

Chinese medical team aids cyclone-struck Vanuatu

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By YANG XIAXIU

Days after Category 4 cyclones struck Vanuatu in early March, power, water, communication and other vital infrastructures remain out of service in the small Pacific Island nation.

Withkładkod and the glow of phone screens in otherwise pitch-black rooms, Chinese medical and relief workers stationed in Vanuatu have manually sent news reports and popular science articles on their laptops to try to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and manage stress and mental risks.

"As we helped with post-cyclone health services at the Central Hospital, we saw that the number of patients reported suffering from infectious diseases after disasters increased, so we published these articles in the local newspaper to inform people and help with disease prevention," said Li Kai, a response from Beijing Beijing Hospital, which is affiliated with Capital Medical University.

Li led the seven-member team from the hospital that arrived in Vanuatu in September for a year-long medical aid mission. Their average age is 44.

The disaster-prone country, which has a population of about 300,000 people, lost east of Austras.

China has been sending health care workers there since the 1980s, but the team led by Li is the first medical aid group sent with the involvement of the national government.

Although Vanuatu was removed from the United Nations list of least-developed countries in 2020 Li said the local living and health care conditions remained behind the group at first.

"In fact, there are scarcely any high risers in the country. Most buildings are made from sheet iron or masonry and contain little study furniture," he said.

"The more serious problem is that most local hospitals have very limited medical equipment, such as only an ultrasonic device or an X-ray machine," Li said. "Without such advanced technology, like a CT scan and MRI equipment, we would be unable to perform the emergency we had to make before.

Despite the difficulties, Li said the work had presented itself in responsibilities and help as many people as they could with their experience of the Chinese Embassy in Vanuatu, local Chinese businesses and local governments.

A major task for the Chinese doctors is to provide technical guidance and training for hospital workers.

Chen Da, deputy leader of the team and an orthopedist, found that because of the lack of qualified surgeons and equipment, it was nearly impossible to perform minimally invasive surgeries at local hospitals.

"Including such as trauma, pelvis fractures, and thoracic and abdominal injuries," he said.

On Nov 21, Chen first gave a lecture to local doctors and answered their questions. Five days later, after the Chinese medical team obtained local medical licenses and donated medical equipment had been delivered, Chen and a local urological surgeon successfully performed surgery on a 70-year-old man.

Li said that next the morning, the team could still hear echoes from doctors at the hospital, who said, "Thank you! You are our and all Vanuatu people's good friend."

Yingzhao, a cardiologist, has so far given lectures for local doctors on diagnosing and treating chest pain.

"I have planned more lectures, focusing on various topics including heart attacks, hypertension, heart failure and cardiomyopathy," Te said. "It was not easy to integrate my clinical experience and serve English courses for local doctors.

Besides, he is simple to change their complaints habits and approaches and to treat patients when we do not have modern equipment available."
Businesses in Shanghai have been extending operating hours as the city looks to boost its nightlife economy.

By BRI-Q in Shanghai
beijingdailynews.com

After being affected by pandemic control measures for the past three years, Shanghai’s nightlife economy is finally on the rebound as businesses have been busy unveiling new offerings to attract customers.

The nightlife economy refers to business activities that take place between 6 pm and 6 am in the service sector. The municipal government is aiming to make the nighttime economy a key driver for consumption growth and economic development.

Last September, the Shanghai municipal government released guidelines to boost the nightlife economy as part of efforts to speed up economic recovery. The guidelines, which went into effect in 2022, aim to create a “24-hour city of culture” that has signature nightlife neighborhoods and clusters, night markets and other leisure spaces on waterfronts.

To achieve these goals, the government has encouraged cultural and entertainment businesses to extend their operating hours and, more importantly, explore new business models to attract more customers.

One of the first establishments to adjust its operating hours to cater to the nighttime crowd is Shanghai Arts & Crafts Museum. On February 11, the museum extended its opening hours from 9 pm to 9 pm on Wednesday and weekend. Starting from April 11th, the museum has been hosting night exhibitions once a week.

In addition, the museum will close at 3 am the following day.

“Although the museum wanted to extend its opening hours, the nightlife economy was the strong demand for certain exhibitions,” the museum director Xu Liu said. The museum kicked off its first exhibition on Feb 11, which featured 200 artworks from 20 European artists, including Raphael, Van Gogh, Vincent van Gogh, and Monet.

The museum had decide to extend its opening hours as part of the city’s strategic plan to bolster the nightlife economy.

Big crowds

eQu) believes the opening of nightlife also makes a positive impact to the nighttime economy as statistics show that all but a few of the visitors come from outside the city. The other visitors from other cities has also boosted the business of hotels and restaurants located near the museum.

Li believes the museum’s other venue in Pudong, which is scheduled to open by the end of the year, would also consider having an opening dinner.

“If we can open the museum from 10 am to 10 pm, it will be ideal with the shopping malls in the city, more office workers will be able to visit art venues after they are done with work,” Li said. “Such a move is good thing for the city.”

Other museums also have followed suit. The Shanghai Pudong Art Museum, for example, extended its business hours to 9 pm this last year.

Yang Baoli, the founder of the BRI World Market, has been witnessed growing nighttime crowds in recent months. Launched in June, 2022, the market is part of the city’s nightlife festival. This year’s nightlife festival will be held from June 3 to 10.

“Although the market is open from 10 am to 10 pm, the nighttime turner accounts for much more than 50 percent,” said Yang. “During the weekends, holidays and large events, the market won’t close until 11 pm. The visitor number during these periods range between 60,000 and 100,000, and may even exceed 200,000 on special occasions.”

Starting in June, popular musical labels will be invited to perform until 10 pm every evening.

In the early years, night markets were only focused on selling street food and small wares, but they have since evolved into much more comprehensive affairs that require more creative and professional services.

The commercial real estate sector in Shanghai is embracing the nightlife economy. Office space are being converted to provide more leisure and entertainment options so that people are inclined to hang around till late,” Yang said.

Love for a night jaunts

Outdoor night markets have always been popular among Shanghai residents.

Shanghai has more than 5,380 million people who have a habit of going out at night, according to the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce. An index released by the commission last September also ranked Shanghai as the top city in terms of the nightlife economy in China. It was followed by Hainan, Beijing, and Chengdu.

On March 28, the city’s nightlife market in Shanghai’s Songjiang District was responded to the public following its closure in January due to poor management and sanitary conditions. According to local officials, people have been flocking to the market, with as many as 90,000 visiting the venue in a single night. Officials also shared with the media that the number of vendors at the market has grown.

“We are determined to make the nighttime economy a new highlight of the city. We will continue exploring options to boost this sector,” said an unnamed official in a news report by local media The Paper.

LARP (Live action role playing) venues have also been eager to tap the growing nighttime crowds to boost revenue. Huang Zheng, who runs the DC Osaka escape room in Shanghai, said he is looking to expand to 24-hour commercial spaces to prolong his operation hours and capitalize on the growing crowds.

“There are no restrictions on business hours and customers are allowed to enter and exit at will in the shopping malls. Some customers will stay till 4 am,” Huang explained.

As of July 2022, Shanghai had more than 1,000 LARP venues, surpassing Beijing, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou, according to market consultancy 4565g.

“Our venues have the most customers from 8 pm to midnight. The turnover during this period accounts for 60 to 70 percent of the total turnover,” Huang added.

“If we are located in commercial space that can operate around the clock, we could generate more income at night,” said Xi, the owner of Nuar Camp, said many LARP venues have been extending their opening hours to accommodate more late-night customers.

Some dining grants are more willing to work at night because they can earn more,” he noted.

Organizers of talks have done the same. Previously, most talks had just one session per night that started at 7:45 pm. Now, many places have a second session at 9:30 pm.

Participating in sporting activities at night has also become a trend among young people. Activities like frisbee, football, cycling, and running are increasingly popular from 6 pm to 10 pm.

The Shanghai Youth Nightlife Trend Report released by social platform Xiaohongshu showed that the search volume for night-time frisbee in Shanghai was increased by about 80 times last July compared to October 2021. The number of search results related to night cycling also increased by the same percentage.

Zhang Guangdong contributed to the story.

Coffee first, alcohol later

In light of the city’s unrelenting nighttime economy, more and more coffee shops are adopting the same strategy and transforming their sales into late-night lifestyles.

Among them is Bigo Wei, the founder of ROOTS Family, which opened in September last year.

Located on Renmin Road, the store opens from noon until about 2 am. It offers mainly coffee, cakes and desserts during the day and alcoholic beverages in the evenings.

“Trendiest advantage of such a model is that it can attract customers no matter the time of the day,” said Liu. “This way, many of our customers who drink coffee during the day are willing to come back to drink again at night. As the same time, night drinkers will also be able to come back for coffee in the day. It’s an efficient way to retain customers.”

But said that although coffee sales have been stable, they account for only 40 percent of the total revenue as the shop makes more money selling alcoholic beverages in the evenings.

Even big coffee brands have been jumping on the bandwagon.

Seemore Coffee launched its first “coffee and alcohol” shop in Shanghai last August, while Canadian coffee label Timo followed suit with two such outlets in the city in October.

Local coffee brand M Stand opened five such shops in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen and Nanning that same month.

"WASHINGTON, DC — The city’s newest museum exhibit, ‘The Age of Monet in Art’, opened to great acclaim on Monday, drawing crowds of 300,000 visitors in its first week.

The exhibit, showcasing works of the renowned French artist, opened to the public on Monday morning, attracting long lines and enthusiastic crowds.

"Monet’s vibrant palette and fluid brushwork captivated visitors from the moment they stepped foot inside the museum’s newly expanded galleries," said museum director Alex Johnson.

The exhibit features over 50 of Monet’s most iconic works, including his famous series of water lilies, his portraits of his family, and his landscapes of the French countryside.

"Monet’s work has always been recognized for its deep connection to the natural world," Johnson said. "This exhibit allows visitors to experience Monet’s art in a way that truly immerses them in the artist’s world."
Pusheong Ocean Ranch No.1 is the first intelligent aquaculture and tourism platform in Hainan province. It is also a national-level modern intelligent ocean ranch. Compared with traditional ocean ranches, it is committed to the integration and innovation of modern ocean industries: improving the marine environment; transforming fishing cages and creating new marine tourism industries, such as leisure fishing. They often pull feed from the sea 20 nautical miles away, feed fish on the ranch and observe the growth of each animal. Workers are busy from morning to night watching over schools of fish. Hundreds of metric tons of fish and other types of seafood are unloaded in the shipping port each year. Aquatic product processing industry is rising rapidly. The ranch supports the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people in the island and has helped create a modern fishing industry.

Left: Fishermen work together to lay nets and catch fish. Above: A group of fishermen use a small net to retrieve fish from the large net and will then prepare them for packing. Photos by WANG CHENGLONG FOR CHINA DAILY

Clockwise from left above: Dozens of fishermen work together on the net cage to catch fish. Fisherman Ji Xinhe holds an 18 pound cob fish. A fisherman caries a box of live fish. The number on the foam box is the weight of the fish inside.

Left: Fishermen put the fish into ice water ahead of the weighing and packaging stage. Right: A bird’s eye view of the first remote sea intelligent breeding and tourism platform, “Pusheong Ocean Ranch”, which is located at the Lengqi Bay Ocean Ranch in Ledong, Hainan province.
**Resorts in the frame as tourist photography services boom**

Many facilities are harnessing the potential of the fast-growing market for high-quality travel photography. In recent years, many popular tourist attractions have started building their own dedicated spaces.

"We’re looking to cooperate with professional travel photographers, and we are planning to team up with a professional photographer group," said Mr. Huang, general manager of Li Garden, a new cultural tourism project.

"We plan to feature the interaction between Li Garden and Dakang to attract tourists to Li Garden in winter and Dakang in summer," said Mr. Huang.

In some cases, the pathways are narrow and their holding just linked the other villages.

On April 3, sources at the resort confirmed that there are plans to take photos with their own cameras and photos, providing opportunities for commercial purposes. "Photographers, shooting artists, or1st party photographers will work with the resort to promote tourism for local residents and tourists."

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By MAO QIHONG in Haikou, Hainan

In recent years, with the rise of photo-sharing websites and the growth of tourism, many scenic spots have developed dedicated spaces for professional photographers to take photos and sell them to tourists.

During the recent Li Garden Grand Opening Ceremony, a large number of photographers from Meituan, a leading online tourism platform, took photos and shared them on the platform.

"We are working with photographers to promote Li Garden," said Mr. Huang. "We will provide dedicated services for tourists and photographers, ensuring that tourists and photographers can enjoy their time happily."

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Tourists in Tibetan dress take photos during a visit to Dunhuang Ancient Town in Dunhuang, Gansu province, in March.

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Chen Zhixiu, a cultural scholar and TV anchor, has posted a short video on Douyin, a popular social media platform on the trend.

"First of all, I think it’s a bad idea to mention the places that are sacred to the Tibetan people, which is understandable," said Chen.

"However, it’s very important not to disrupt others while taking photos in public spaces, and especially not to disrupt the places of others who are undertaking religious practices," said Chen.

Secondly, some of the scenes held by women who are taking their photo talent may not be proper, but they are indeed genuine expressions of belief, or it is not good to hold back one’s enthusiasm.

He added that some of the items may contain holy symbols, and it is not respectful to hold them in inappropriate ways.

"Their tourism market continues to gain new peaks and突破s," said Chen. "The region received nearly 25 million tourists from the first three months of the year, a rise of 22.2 percent year-on-year. Social media reported. During the same period, tourism revenue soared 3.2 billion yuan ($432 million), a year-on-year growth of 2.8 percent."

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Entrepreneur escapes kicks to make pretty penny

Manufacturer of carbon fiber products tapping pickleball market around the globe

By LI YUKUN and ZHANG QINGQING

How did a 39-year-old technician in China become a pickleball player just five years ago? by noting the wave of overseas Pickleball enthusiasm in the United States, that’s how.

Gong Binyan, 39, a native of Guangdong province, is the founder of Yikun, a manufacturer of carbon fiber products. And a trendy, fashionable game like pickleball has helped the entrepreneur achieve massive commercial success in just half a decade.

Pickleball originated in the United States in the late 1960s. It combines elements of table tennis, badminton and tennis, and is typically played on outdoor courts.

Using a ball similar in size to a tennis ball, but not set at a height similar to a tennis net, the game is usually played in doubles (four hands of players). The rules of pickleball are relatively simple. Players use paddle to hit the ball over the net, aiming their shots to prevent opponents from returning the ball. Pickleball is described as “the world’s fastest growing sport”, in the US, it took the once food-borne disease from Dengue, Guangdong province, five years to become the national pickleball paddle brands on the Chinese market, with frequent appearances on the billboard list.

And currently, a huge number of national brands are seizing the opportunity to the game. As a result, the market has seen the proliferation of brands and products.

But a game played with colorful balls and bright clothing needs to be brought into an era of professional sports. In recent years, the popularity of pickleball has been soaring both in the United States and China, and has been gaining increasing attention worldwide.

In the United States, the sport has been enjoying an explosive growth rate in recent years, with the number of pickleball players increasing rapidly in recent years.

In China, the sport has also entered a period of rapid growth, with the number of pickleball players and pickleball paddle sales increasing significantly in recent years.

The growth of pickleball in China has been driven by the Asian population’s growing desire for a healthy, active lifestyle. As a result, the sport has gained increasing popularity among Chinese consumers, with the number of pickleball players and pickleball paddle sales increasing rapidly.

In 2018, the company started to expand globally, focusing on the US market.

As of 2022, the company has seen a surge in demand for its products, with sales increasing by over 100% year-on-year.

In addition, the company has expanded its product line to include pickleball accessories such as clothing, shoes, and bags, furthering its global expansion.

The company’s focus on global expansion has been driven by the growing popularity of pickleball worldwide, as well as the increasing demand for high-quality products.

The company’s strategy is to continue to invest in research and development, with a focus on creating innovative products that meet the needs of consumers.

The company is also committed to maintaining high-quality production standards, with a focus on ensuring that all products meet the highest standards of quality.

In conclusion, the growth of pickleball in China has been driven by a combination of factors, including the Asian population’s growing desire for a healthy, active lifestyle, the sport’s increasing popularity worldwide, and the company’s focus on global expansion.

As the sport continues to grow, the company will continue to invest in research and development, with a focus on creating innovative products that meet the needs of consumers and maintaining high-quality production standards.

The company looks forward to continued growth and success in the years to come.
A complex family legacy

Descendant restores his clan’s former homestead while promoting regional traditions. Fang Aiqing reports in Shantou, Guangdong.

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Robo-naldo, soccer star of the future

State-of-the-art humanoid with an eye for goal taking sports technology to next level

With one, Lionel Messi, ARTEMIS is shown. Standing at 1.8 feet tall (54 centimeters) and weighing 45 pounds (20 kilograms), ARTEMIS is a free-flying humanoid robot that University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) mechanical engineers developed, and it is ready for the pitch.

Using cutting-edge technology, ARTEMIS, which stands for Advanced Robotic Technology for Enhanced Mobility and Improved dexterity, can maintain its balance against heavy kicks and shots, avoid collisions during the match and is capable of running. This what the engineers hope to see in ARTEMIS soon is its ability to kick a ball.

“Your robot cannot play a game of soccer, how would you be able to see these robots for more important things, such as saving people’s lives?” said Dennis Hong, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and director of the Robotics and Mechanisms Laboratory (RoMeLa) at UCLA, which developed ARTEMIS.

The technologies used for soccer-playing robots are also being used for other applications—like firefighting and disaster relief, said Hong.

In ARTEMIS may not be at the next FIFA World Cup, Hong’s team will be unveiling its full soccer capabilities at RoboCup in Beijing, China, in July.

The robots’ major innovation is that the engineers custom-designed its actuators—that devices that generate motion from energy—so resemble biological muscles. They are springs and force-controlled, rather than the现有 position-controlled actuators that most robots have.

ARTEMIS actuators are also unique in that they are electrically driven, rather than controlled by hydraulics. That means it is quieter and operates more efficiently, while also being cleaner because hydraulic systems are notorious for leaking fluids.

Robo-naldo, the name given to ARTEMIS by some fans, is the personal goal in engineering robots that improve people’s lives.

“Swing these robots helping push the robot technology to that next level is really rewarding because you’re like, oh, the dream, it gets closer,” said Hong.

Southeast playing robot ARTEMIS is capable of withstandng rough stuff on the pitch, as demonstrated by Dennis Hong, a professor of mechanical & aerospace engineering at UCLA. Source: XINHUA

Team China hotshot Wu raring for World Cup challenge

Wu Chuanghui hopes her recent playing stints overseas can help Team China emerge from a tough Women’s World Cup group that includes European champions England.

The midfielder completed a season in Australia’s top-flight earlier last month, playing 15 matches for Canberra United after arriving last November.

During her five months Down Under, the 20-year-old missed eight club matches due to injury and international duty but still held down a regular starting spot across a variety of positions—midfielder, second striker, and winger—and scored two goals.

Canberra United narrowly missed out on a top-four spot and a place in the league’s finals after ending the regular season in third place.

This meant Wu was consoled for missing out on the league’s finals after ending the regular season in third place.

“The team was very, very exciting,” Wu said.

But a month later, Wu was at home in China as she took part in the Chinese national team’s training camp in Europe.

For the 19-year-old, it was a major step towards her dream of playing for her country at a major tournament.

Beijing-based Wu said her performance on the field helped her secure a place in the national team’s squad for the World Cup.

“I felt comfortable and confident on the field, and I think I made some progress, at this is a physically tough league,” Wu said.

Fu Chenghui was on target for the Australian team.

“Wu has made good progress in recent years. We can see her growth,” said Wu.

For Team China, the important thing was to be able to compete with the best in the world.

“Winning a World Cup is a dream for us. We are really trying our best to achieve this,” she said.

The group stage, however, is a different challenge. The team will be looking to win each game and stay in contention.

When asked if she was ready to face the best teams in the world, Wu said: “Yes, we are ready and confident.”

Source: Reuters

Wu Chuanghui/Reuters

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Wu said the club praised her contributions to the team and her success in another Chinese player next season.

The 19-year-old midfielder has scored two goals in her career, and her match-winning strikes have earned her a place in the national team.

“Playing overseas means you have to look after yourself in daily training, which was difficult for me before,” she said.

For Wu, it was a dream come true.

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**TABLE TENNIS**

Team China star an inspiration – on and off the table

Sun has been in sensational form this season, notably winning the women’s singles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles gold medallist at the 2023 Singapore Open, a WTT Grand Smash event, in March.

In doing so, she became the first player in the tournament’s history to win three gold medals in a single edition of the event. It also secured her position as the world No 1 in each discipline.

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Sun has plenty more targets in her sights, especially winning an Olympic women’s singles gold. She made her Olympic debut at the Tokyo Games two years ago, when she pocketed a silver in the singles and a gold in the women’s team competition.

Clearly, that singles runner-up finish still stings, and she determined to go one step further on the podium at the 2024 Games in Paris.

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“I was not mature enough. I’m now 20, and looking back at those issues, I feel that I have learned a lot from them. Since the Olympics, I’ve also experienced many other difficult in other competitions, but I have never given up. Life is never smooth, and you always face ups and downs. Determination and courage are what make an excellent athlete.”

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**SPORTS**

"Fierce your passion and stay focused!" That’s the message that Chinese table tennis teacher Sun Yingsha wants to convey to her young students.

As a Gen Z-era benefactor, the 30-year-old already tops the world rankings in women’s singles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles, with her training skills at the table and entertaining personality in front of the camera propelling her to global stardom.

Sun is especially admired by the younger generation of table tennis lovers, and she is gifted to see her popularity is encouraging more kids to pick up paddles.

“I have seen an increasing number of people, including children, getting into table tennis. Table tennis, I think, has gained a growing influence," Sun told China Daily online show On Your Marks.

“If you truly love it, I hope you can persevere no matter what difficulties or setbacks you encounter. These experiences will be the most precious ones of your life, so I hope that in table tennis you give your all and pursue your dreams.”

Sun believes, players and kids must have their own unique styles, qualities that set them apart. Whether they are young athletes who started earlier, or who have just joined the team, we all have our own that add beauty.”

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