RUSSIA: US was behind Kremlin drone attack

US, UK deny involvement; Washington, EU give extra military aid

By BEN QI in Moscow and AMY WILSON in Brussels

Russia has accused the United States of being behind a drone attack on the Kremlin, which is claimed as an act of aggression by President Vladimir Putin.

A spokesperson for the US Department of Defense said on Saturday that the US was not involved in the incident. Meanwhile, the UK foreign office expressed its deep concern over the incident.

"The United States has no intention of any kind of aggression on another country's territory. We are not involved in this incident," said a spokesperson for the US Department of Defense.

"We are aware of the incident and are closely monitoring the situation," said a spokesperson for the UK foreign office.

A drone strike on the Kremlin?

The US military has been tracking several drones in the Moscow region, including one that was detected near the Kremlin earlier this week. The drone was later reportedly destroyed by Russian forces.

"We are aware of a drone strike near the Kremlin this morning," said a spokesperson for the US Department of Defense.

President Putin earlier this week ordered the Russian military to use all available means to eliminate threats to national security.

"Russia will respond to any provocation on its territory with a proportionate military response," said President Putin.

China's embassy in Washington DC said Saturday that it was aware of the incident and was closely monitoring the situation.

"We urge all sides to exercise restraint and not take any actions that might escalate the situation," said a spokesperson for the Chinese embassy.

The US and the UK have denied any involvement in the incident, and have called for all sides to de-escalate the situation.

Modernization benefits spread beyond borders

The economic development and modernization offer tremendous opportunities for the world. The importance of international cooperation and the demand for open communication was emphasized at the recent Lanting Forum on Chinese Modernization and the World held in Shanghai, and also on other seminars. Such an approach is necessary to create a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

Businesses looking to enter the rapidly growing Chinese market must carefully balance the potential rewards against the risks and challenges involved.

A good preview of the benefits can be found at the Lanting Forum on April 16, where a series of speeches and panels were held to discuss the latest developments in China and the world.

The forum was organized by the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and was attended by hundreds of business leaders and policymakers.

A number of speakers highlighted the importance of international cooperation and the need for open communication in order to create a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

"We must work together to create a better future for all," said a speaker. "We cannot afford to be divided by our differences. We must find ways to work together to create a better future for all.

"We must also be mindful of the potential risks and challenges that come with modernization. We must be careful not to take any actions that might threaten the stability and security of our societies," he added.

The forum was attended by hundreds of business leaders and policymakers from around the world, and was considered a major success.

"The forum was a major success," said a speaker. "We were able to discuss the latest developments in China and the world, and were able to find ways to work together to create a better future for all.

"We must also continue to work together to find ways to address the challenges that come with modernization," he added.

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In-depth

Chinese stand-up comic Niao Xiao appeared as a comet on the popular online comedy show "Hark & Beast," where he played the role of a "mommy's boy" aiming to win his mom's affection on the show. His words triggered a wave of laughter from the show's audience and the live studio audience, and the show has since been viewed more than 3.23 million times on Tencent TV. Niao Xiao, who plays a stage name for his father, is known as a "mommy's boy" who often talks about his mother all day long. His "mommy's boy" character on the show has become a dominant motif in Chinese TV shows.

The show's success has made Niao Xiao a household name in China, and has helped him gain recognition as a stand-up comedian.

"I'm glad that my "mommy's boy" character on the show has resonated with many viewers," said Niao Xiao. "I hope to continue to bring more joy and laughter to my audience in the future."
The scholar feels that Chinese family relationships are linked to high expectations for one particular member of a family.

The notion that male dominance is still prevalent in relationships between couples in China, and that society tends to view men and women as equals, and that their roles are intertwined, is a considerable asset to the entire society, resulting in him being given priority.

"This will lead him to becoming more sensitive and developing a special sense of awareness, which in turn will lead him to become a moral, keen, and effective individual. So we have to appreciate the advantages he has gained in his life."

Cultural values

Hsiao-Khin Ng, associate professor at the University of Hong Kong’s educational psychology department, said she is currently researching on the topics of "baby boy" or "mommy boy".

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More flexibility seen for China’s monetary policy

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China Daily

US Federal Reserve’s pausing of tightening set to ease depreciation pressure on renminbi

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Chinese monetary policy will have more flexibility to accommodate the nation’s continuous economic recovery in the coming months as the United States’ Federal Reserve has implied a rate hike pause, experts say on Thursday.

Rather than cutting benchmark interest rates or the reserve requirement ratio, they said that China’s monetary policy support is more likely to focus on structural tools to facilitate more liquidity into the real economy, as part of broader policy set to help support for areas such as rental housing, newly established enterprises, small business credit and export-oriented business.

This is also in line with the Fed’s cautious statement on Wednesday, as it further cautions that it will take data and conditions into account when it comes to rate hikes.

China has already raised interest rates twice in 2023 and is expected to hike rates and reserve requirements several more times for cooling their economies.

This also aligns with the US’ Reserve comments on Wednesday, as China is focusing on structural tools.

The Chinese government is implementing a series of measures to support the economy, including tax cuts, subsidies for small businesses, and increased funding for infrastructure projects.

China’s move comes as the country is set to resume trade talks with the US following a recent meeting between Chinese Vice Premier Liu He and US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

The talks are expected to focus on key issues such as China’s increasing trade surpluses, technology transfer, and intellectual property rights.

The Chinese government has indicated that it is committed to increasing economic cooperation with the US and other countries, as it aims to continue its economic development strategy.

The move could also help to stabilize the yuan, which has been under pressure in recent months due to concerns about China’s economic slowdown.

China's central bank has been closely monitoring market conditions and has taken measures to support the currency.

The yuan strengthened against the US dollar on Thursday, after the US Federal Reserve announced a pause in rate hikes.

The currency strengthened as market expectations for a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve were reinforced.

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Tourism recovery ‘will continue’

 Sector seems boom ‘earlier than expected’ as holiday visits exceed level of 2019

By OLEH PANOSHNIKOV in Beijing and ELAINE WUEHRER in Hong Kong

Declared sighting trains are rising in popularity in places such as the Xining–Urumqi autonomous region in northwestern China and able to transport passengers to popular destinations within hours, distances at affordable cost.

Local tourists have started to find something new with their holidays, as a fresh influx of trains is set to bring new revenue to the whole tourism industry.

Unlike standard trains, sighting trains follow a more regular route and the number of passengers and the carsriages are fitted with additional compartments to allow for viewing and entertaining during their journeys.

Kashgar, Xinjiang, China - The brand new sightseeing train which is about to serve its first passengers will start running on June 26.

The train will make stops along the way to observe the Stunning view of mountains and natural landscape.

The train is scheduled to run between the cities of Kashgar and Tashkurgan, a distance of 80 kilometers, and will take about 20 minutes to complete its journey.

The train is expected to be a major attraction for tourists who want to explore the beautiful landscapes of the region without the need for long and tiring road trips.

The train will also provide a unique opportunity to experience the local culture and traditions of the Uighur people.

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The train will also help promote the local tourism industry and encourage more visitors to come to the region to explore its natural beauty and cultural heritage.

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Washington-led actions pose threat to peace, stability in region, forum told

By FRANCIS SAMSON in Beijing

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UN chief urges peace for Sudan crisis

By VINCENT DALY in Khartoum, Khartoum

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Border surge

Politics: Demands and cooperation are discussed in China article

The Washington Times — US President Joe Biden said on Wednesday that the US and China should work together to address global challenges. Biden made the remarks during his visit to China, where he met with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday.

Biden said he believed that the two countries could work together on issues such as climate change, tech competition, and the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted the need to strengthen communication and trust between the two nations.

On Thursday, in a press conference, Biden said that the US and China needed to cooperate to address global challenges such as climate change, economic competition, and terrorism. Biden added that the US and China should work together to ensure global stability and prosperity.

However, some Chinese officials have criticized Biden’s remarks, saying that the US should respect China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. They also said that the US should stop its “cold war” mentality and work together with China to achieve mutual benefit.

In response, Biden said that the US was committed to building a healthy relationship with China. He added that the US and China had a shared interest in addressing global challenges.

The US and China have been engaged in a trade war since 2018, with each country imposing tariffs on the other. However, the pandemic has highlighted the need for cooperation between the two countries.

Biden said that the US and China should work together to ensure global stability and prosperity. He added that the US and China should continue to strengthen their ties despite their differences.
May Day violence hits France

Police injured, people arrested in nationwide pension law protests

More than 400 police officers were injured and 50 people were arrested across France on Monday after May Day demonstrations against the country’s pension reform legislation degenerated into violence.

May Day is a traditional day of political protest but the current standoff, over President Emmanuel Macron forcing through his plan to raise the country’s retirement age from 60 to 62, received this year’s turnout was bigger than usual and more angry.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said that across the country 400 police officers were injured, 365 of them in Paris. There was also violence in the cities of Lyon and Nantes. In addition to the injuries, there were 50 arrests, 365 of them in Paris.

"The vast majority of protests were peaceful in Paris, Lyon and Nantes, notably police officers came up against extremely violent states who had one objective: kill a police officer and to attack the property of others," he said.

Some protesters used the May Day occasion to call for, with Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne calling the scenes "unacceptable" and "shocking." In many cities to France, this May Day was a moment for spontaneous mobilization and commitment. The scenes of violence on the sidelines of the demonstrations are all the more unacceptable."

Water cannons and rubber bullets were deployed by police in Paris, while tear gas was used in Rennes, Nantes and Bordeaux.

Government figures had put the turnout at about 280,000 people, which would have made it the largest May Day demonstration since 2003, but the Confédération Générale du Travail union claimed the number was 2.3 million.

French trade unions later said they would call new mass demonstrations in early June, days before lawmakers are scheduled to debate a bill that would expand the retirement changes.

CHINA DAILY — AGENCE

A woman pushes against a row of riot policemen in Toulouse, France, on May 1. ALAIN PITTON / REUTERS

A protester fires a pyrotechnic in a clash with riot police in Nantes, France, on May 1. LE CORRE / REUTERS

Medics help a man during a May Day labor march in Paris on May 1. BENEFIT TESSER / REUTERS

Two demonstrations flare clashes with the police in Paris on May 1, amid protests against the French government’s pension reforms. SWAN, BENOIT TESSER / REUTERS

People attend a May Day labor march amid protests against a French pension reform law on May 1. LEON VESTEINO / AFP
**Holiday sparks consumption and recovery**

**BUSINESS**

Employees work at a production line of new energy delivery vehicles at a company in Hefei, Anhui province, China, May 8, 2023. (Photo by Xiaohong Jiang/People's Daily Online)

**Plants see April blip on tepid buying**

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Shui On to further tap development of Yangtze delta

Apart from new Shanghai project, developer to cash in on demand rise in more emerging regions

By WANG YING in Shanghai

With its new project Shanghai Pudong Tanjiu Park in the suburb of Baoshan, Shui On Group made a move forward in its strategy to focus its development on the urban development of Shanghai and the integrative development of the Yangtze River Delta region, according to a senior executive of the group.

Situated in Qipan district, Pudong Tanjiu is one of the first urban village transformation projects opened in Shanghai, serving as a new lifestyle and commercial model in the Yangtze River Delta Integration Demonstration Region, said the director of the group's Shui On Land Ltd. "Pudong Tanjiu will play an exemplary role in the Yangtze River Delta region's integration as it offers residents low-income one-hour drive from the Hangzhou hub, which is attracting interest," said the official, stressing the strong market demand of the Yangtze River Delta region.

The combined GIP of the Yangtze River Delta region, covering Shanghai and Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Anhui provinces, real estate market value reached 9.2 trillion yuan in 2022, accounting for 31.09% of the nation's total, according to a report from Yicai Media.

As part of China's grand strategy, Yangtze River Delta integration has been stepped up by the two-month project in the past, according to our research, which shows the positive impact of the project on real estate development. "The project is expected to be a positive impact on the real estate market in the Yangtze River Delta area," said an official from the group.

Additionally, robust consumption, combining with the real estate, retail and entertainment sectors, is expected to largely facilitate the real estate property market and upgrade peoples quality of life.

With the business interests in view, Shui On Group also continues to diversify itself in Chongqing and Jiangsu provinces, which are fast-growing economies in the Yangtze River Delta region. Last year, the company also made a move into Hangzhou property market.

By introducing an urban rural renovation concept into the new project, Shanghai Pudong Tanjiu, Shui On's real estate business is expected to benefit from the new market opportunities, according to the official.

La Rose Noire reaps sweet gains in Shanghai

By ZHAO SHUAIJIE in Shanghai

Bakery chain La Rose Noire, an up-and-comer in the Chinese market, is expected to cash in on the country's booming food industry, with the new project in the city of Shanghai, a major business hub.

La Rose Noire is known as China's first ever bakery concept for machinery, a move that will be cashed in on in the city of Shanghai, according to the company.

La Rose Noire, which was founded in Hong Kong in 1994, has been expanding its market reach into China with a strategy of setting up its own production plants to ensure a steady supply of the bakery products.

The company has been facing increasing demand from Chinese consumers, who are increasingly adventurous in their taste and preference, as the country's economy has been on an upward trajectory.

"Despite the pandemic, the demand for bakery products has remained steady, with consumers increasingly willing to spend more on quality and convenience," said the company's official.

La Rose Noire has been focusing on the Shanghai market for a long time, with an official outlet in the city's downtown area.

The company's strategy in the Shanghai market is to focus on the city's upscale and luxury segments, where the bakery products are seen as a status symbol.

La Rose Noire was selected as the official bakery for the China Shanghai International Import Expo (CIIE) in 2018 and has been expanding its presence in the city ever since.

The official outlet has been experiencing consistent growth, with a steady increase in sales and customer footfall, according to the company.

In the current market, it is important to offer high-quality products that cater to the discerning tastes of the city's consumers, who are increasingly demanding in their choice of bakery products.

"We have been focusing on offering products that are both of high quality and convenient to consume, in line with the city's fast-paced lifestyle," said the official.

La Rose Noire has been expanding its presence in Shanghai, with a new outlet opening in the city's suburban area, which is expected to cater to the needs of local residents.

"The suburban area of Shanghai is seeing a steady growth in population, with an increasing number of young professionals moving in, creating a strong market demand for bakery products," said the official.

La Rose Noire has been focusing on offering a wide range of products to cater to the diverse tastes of the city's consumers, with a focus on quality and convenience.

"Our strategy is to cater to the diverse tastes of the city's consumers, with a focus on quality and convenience," said the official.

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Global executive bullish on China’s momentum

BY WANG KEJIA

The stronger-than-anticipated economic recovery in China and its continued efforts to recover up to the outside world will benefit global businesses in a great extent, a top multinational executive said in an exclusive interview with China Daily.

China has entered the positive momentum in its economic recovery in recent months as it fine-tuned its COVID-19 response measures in light of shifting dynamics, said Rainer Thomsen, CEO of Borouge, an Abu Dhabi-based petrochemical company that manufactures recyclable plastics used in many fields, including automotive, food packaging, medical vials and pipe systems.

Thomsen added that many global companies are coming back to China seeking new opportunities.

China’s gross domestic product is expected to grow over 5% this year and has put expanding its international demands high on its agenda, which sends strong signals about changing opportunities and benefits worldwide, in particular in the Asian market, Hoefling said.

Borouge has its roots in providing recyclable plastics to China and is extending the reach of its business to China, its second largest market, in a step-by-step manner, he said.

“Thanks to China’s growing market, Borouge has posted robust growth,” Hoefling said. “In 2021, 85% of Borouge’s annual turnover, approximately 30 percent of which was contributed by the Chinese market, Hoefling said. Its sales growth also reflects the market potential to tap into.

“Metal market dynamics in particular, will remain our largest market and offer attractive opportunities,” Hoefling said. “In addition, we are seeing good growth potential in polymer markets, especially in the automotive and engineering segments.”

China is still in the process of rapid urbanization, which has been accompanied by increases in industrialization and productivity as well as economic growth for the whole country, he said.

The latter data released by the NBS showed that the urbanization rate in China stood at 65.22 percent by the end of 2022. "This will enable China to remain on its positive trajectory over the long haul. As China continues to grow and develop, there will be increasing demand for products and services across various sectors," Hoefling said.

"This will present numerous opportunities for companies in different industries.”

With the Chinese government’s commitment to both policies to support the expected energy transition, promotion of electric vehicles and enhancing infrastructure development, Borouge is strengthening its development capability in the Asia-Pacific region, especially in China, Thomsen added.

Borouge plans to embark on joint ventures and further expand its own local production in China as the country boasts the world’s largest upstream market, highlighted by high production capacity, strong economies, capacities, complete industrial infrastructure and low-cost labor in opening-up, he said.

Borouge, a leading petrochemical company in the Middle East, has been a pioneer in transforming the global petrochemical industry for the past 40 years, during which it has tripled its sales and assets.

Borouge has gradually expanded the reach of its business to China, and this region will play an increasingly important role in our business strategy going forward," he said.

The company has established a ranch for technology application as a platform for producing modified plastic products in China and has continued to invest in the area of low costs in China. It also works closely with various universities to establish research bases with a special focus on the chemical industry in recent years.

Hoefling said Borouge’s market dynamics in China are driven by the government’s actions to promote circular economy and a series of strategic moves that have been adopted for the country’s long-term development potential.

"This has generated a great deal of interest in China’s industry, with many companies, both local and international, taking advantage of the opportunities and benefits of China’s ongoing development,” he said.

China has proven many times that what it has planned, it will do. – Borouge

Borouge offers a broad range of petrochemical products and solutions that can help meet the country’s growing needs for more sustainable and efficient solutions that can support its expansion in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly in China.

“Borouge has dedicated itself to meeting the demands of China and the Asia-Pacific region, and our commitment to the region is stronger than ever,” he said.

Borouge has expanded its business in China and is now one of the world’s top 10 petrochemical companies, according to its president.

Borouge aims to become part of the China’s development by meeting the needs of its customers and helping it become a cleaner and greener economy, Thomsen said.

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What They Say

Onus on Washington to reopen exchange channels

The WTO’s stance, as far as we know, is that it has only established the US body that advances the agenda but also given a misleading signal to other developing economies, the European Union in particular, that can afford comparable levels of subsidies to prevent their industries being hit hard to trade with the US.

This means that US exports will now be closely monitored by other countries seeking to maintain their competitive advantage.

The US could also face retaliatory measures from other countries, possibly leading to a new trade war.

The US has until now been able to avoid major tariffs on Chinese goods, but this could change if China decides to retaliate.

The US is unlikely to change its stance, as it continues to push for a more free and open trade system. This would be in line with its own interests, as it would allow it to continue to export its goods and services to the rest of the world. However, this would be at the expense of other countries, who would be forced to pay higher tariffs on their imports.

The US is also likely to face opposition from other countries, who would be concerned about the impact of the US’s policies on their own economies. This could lead to a new round of trade negotiations, as countries try to work out how to deal with the US’s protectionist policies.
Liu Dongfeng

Aim for ‘marathon economy’ in long run

The marathon industry in China has been experiencing fast growth since emerging from the pandemic, the revival of marathons and new industries motivated by the Olympic Winter Games. The number of marathons has hit an all-time high of 1,006 in the first two months of 2023, in a year-on-year increase of 31.3%. What kind of marathon boom is this? What are the reasons behind it?

First, the economic importance of marathons has been emphasized to be a significant area for sustainable economic development. Hosting a marathon can not only bring economic benefits but also promote social stability, and reduce carbon emissions.

Secondly, the marathon industry has been able to generate significant positive publicity and attract the attention of the public. The marathon industry is expected to continue and expand on a long-term basis.

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The financial cooperation between China and ASEAN has been given the impetus for upgrading. The financial cooperation between China and ASEAN is an important part of multilateral financial cooperation. This cooperation has a unique advantage: it is based on the financial cooperation between China and ASEAN, which has expanded its market share in the long-term market. In addition, China, as a major player in ASEAN, has become an important source of capital and a provider of intermediary goods with higher added value. This serves as a pillar of financial cooperation in the region.

Strong support

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership is currently the largest trade agreement related to China’s financial sector, which opens new opportunities for financial cooperation between China and ASEAN. Therefore, the international standards of the remittance will be improved, and the framework for cross-border remittances will be further improved. Based on our research, Indonesia and Singapore are directly related to remittance fluctuations. The report shows the regional financial structure in the ASEAN region, including the US dollar and significantly higher than the euro and Singapore. The report shows that new financial cooperation between China and ASEAN will create new opportunities and the financial cooperation between China and ASEAN will be further strengthened.

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Guizhou has abundant tourism resources and a diverse culture, including the rich cultural heritage of many ethnic groups, which can be a continual source of high-quality content. Long explains.

Tourism has improved the living standards of the locals, and the region has become a popular destination for tourists. Long says that the tourism sector has brought new opportunities.

In addition to tourism, the Guizhou government has invested in infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and railways, to increase connectivity and accessibility. This has not only benefited the local residents but also contributed to the economic development of the region.
The Renaissance spirit

Some of the most important works by Sandro Botticelli are now on show in a major exhibition, Zhang Run reports.

Botticelli and the Renaissance, an exhibition at the Bund One Art Museum in Shanghai, is the largest show of works by Sandro Botticelli (1444-1510) held in China. On exhibit are 10 original paintings by the artist and 38 of his contemporaries from the Uffizi Galleries in Italy. Most of the works are on show for the first time in China.

The exhibition, which opened on April 18 and will run until Aug. 23, is the most significant collaboration of Renaissance paintings attempted in China.

According to the agreement, the two parties will host 10 exhibitions at the Bund One Art Museum over five years. Originating from a new vision of the world that placed human beings at the center, the Renaissance period gave birth to the study of nature and science, saw the flowering of the arts, and the advancement of civic life, says Daniel Pesce, chairman of the exhibition committee from the Uffizi Galleries.

She adds that the 48 portraits, religious works, history and mythology paintings on display provide an introduction to the art, political and religious circles of Florence and Italy between the 13th and 15th centuries.

Recent decades Botticelli has become an extraordinary curation and painter who worked to translate complex concepts and religious subjects into images, and expressed himself through a highly original, although not particularly narrative, style in which harmony and beauty prevailed.

Eike Schmidt, director of the Uffizi Galleries, says the exhibition is centered on some of Botticelli's most iconic paintings, which not only showcase his mannequin techniques and compositions, but also possess profound cultural and historical significance.

Painting was one of the key aspects of the Renaissance, when the Church endowed the new legacy of this "golden age of European civilization" with a new vitality.

Apart from Botticelli's paintings, the exhibition also includes works by his teachers, Filippo Lippi, his companion in the six schools. These works offer a deeper understanding of Botticelli's art and present an overview of the diversity and richness of artists of the period. One of the most important pieces on show is Filippo Lippi's mythological painting commissioned by the wealthy Medici family, with scenes from the lives of the Medici, and the first subjects of this genre in Florence and Tuscany for four centuries.

The paintings show Dafne Alte, the Greek goddess of wisdom, dragged centrally by her father and the centaur to a grotto, symbolizing a combination of man and beast, this work is understood as an abstraction.

Tang Yijin enjoys Botticelli and the Renaissance in Shanghai, which has been held under the patronage of Botticelli’s Primavera, a painting by the Florentine Young Raphael Vegioan. Right: The team behind the exhibition.

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If you go

Botticelli and the Renaissance

April 18-Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (with 1 p.m. break)

Bund One Art Museum, 1F, Shanghai Urban Planning Museum, Huangpu district, Shanghai.

The Chinese version of Hamlet to hit stage

By ZHANG Kun in Shanghai

The Chinese version of the most celebrated Shakespearean play Hamlet will premiere on Thursday at the Shanghai Culture Square.

Directed by Xu Jin, the musical will go on a six-month tour across the country after the first round of performances, which will last until July 30.

In 2021, Xu had adapted The Orphan of Zhao, a play about sacrifice and revenge, written by Ji Junzhang in the 13th century into a musical.

The production, which was accompanied by Chinese pop stars, such as Cai Pu'er from Hong Kong and Yin Qiaorong and Zhang Xiaofeng from sitcom actors and went on tour to dozens of cities.

Xu and the creative team later decided to make an original Chinese musical production of Hamlet.

Xu says this modern version of Hamlet will feature symphonic music and a touch of ‘re-evil’ the original Shakespearean play.

The Shanghai-based director, who has also reflected in the mainland stage-settings, which he describes as "an abstract note that combines the soul of classic Chinese ink painting," means to convey a new idea in a unique way.

Previously music director designer William Chang Shu-Ping, who also worked on The Orphan of Zhao, is the man behind the soundtracks and score.

The Chinese lyrics are based on the translation of the play by Liang Jin (1963-97), who was the first person to translate Shakespeare's complete works into Chinese.

In writing the most important number, Xu said he sought to grasp every song from different Chinese translations so as he could find to best determine how each word is placed alongside the music.

Liu Yanhong, a veteran playwright, says that The Orphan of Zhao is a shining example of how Chinese artists today are capable of creating musicals with international standards while also showcasing Chinese aesthetics and storytelling techniques.

"I believe the Chinese version of Hamlet will also have some Chinese interpretation that resonates with the essence of classical music," says Liu.

Actor Zheng Qian, who was nominated for a Shanghai Magic Stage Performance Award for his role in The Orphan of Zhao, will take the role of Claudius, while Jin Shiquan will play Hamlet.

"I have been informed on the script and offered the role of Hamlet. I feel very happy and hankered to be able to play a role covered by all male actors in the world. It is a big production with complicated characters. You have to completely adjust your voice and use different singing techniques to portray the multiple facets of Hamlet," Xu said.

"It is a very challenging role. I believe Hamlet is a character with infinite possibilities for me to explore," Xu said.

"He is a philosopher who questions the meaning of life and the world generally. I believe Hamlet is a person who is irreplaceable and ready to take the initiative."
Weaving classic craft into modern items

The brocade designs of the Li ethnic group are finding a new audience at home and abroad, Chen Bowen reports in Haikou.

In Liangshan, a national cultural heritage exhibition and traditional activities during the Milan Design Week 2023. Liu Xianglan (center) is a national representative inheritor of the traditional brocade of the Li ethnic group.

In 2023, the Li ethnic group, which lives in Hainan and Guangxi, is known for its exquisite craft of brocade. In Liangshan, Hainan, for the 11th China International Craftsmen Biennale, the exhibition displays traditional culture and modern design, bringing the ancient craft to life.

The Li ethnic group, known for its exquisite craft of brocade, has been recognized as a national cultural heritage since 2006. With its long history and distinct style, Liangshan brocade has attracted attention from around the world.

"Liangshan brocade is so beautiful," says Feng Qun, a classic craft expert. "The designs and colors are quite unique, and the craftsmanship is exquisite." The Li ethnic group uses traditional techniques and modern designs to create timeless works of art.

"The Li ethnic group is known for its expertise in weaving and brocade. They use a variety of colors and techniques to create intricate patterns," says Chen Bowen, a researcher in Liangshan. "Their work is a reflection of their cultural heritage and a testament to their craftsmanship." The Li ethnic group's reputation is not only limited to China, with increasing interest from abroad.

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"The Liangshan brocade exhibition during the Milan Design Week 2023 was widely praised for its beauty and craftsmanship," says Chen Bowen. "The Li ethnic group's work is a testament to the importance of cultural heritage and the value of traditional craftsmanship. We must continue to support and promote the Li ethnic group's craft to ensure its continued legacy."