Narrowing gaps key to Sino-UK ties

By ZHANG YUNSHI

The UK has expressed hope that China’s ongoing Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) will help the two countries further strengthen the cooperation and friendship between them.

The British government has made a number of initiatives to strengthen cooperation with China in recent years. China is the UK’s third-largest trading partner, with total trade valued at 36.7 billion pounds in 2022.

In 2023, China’s National Development and Reform Commission and the UK Department for International Trade signed an agreement on the BRI, which was seen as a step forward in the cooperation between the two countries.

The UK recently announced its intention to participate in the BRI, which is expected to bring benefits to both countries in terms of trade, investment, and infrastructure development.

The UK and China have a long and close relationship, with strong economic ties and cultural exchange. The BRI initiative is expected to further strengthen these ties and promote mutual benefits for both countries.

The UK has also expressed interest in investing in China’s Belt and Road Initiative projects, which could lead to increased trade and investment opportunities for both countries.

The cooperation between the UK and China in the BRI framework is expected to promote economic growth, create jobs, and improve living standards for people in both countries.

Protest over Kishida visit

By ZHANG YUNSHI

Tens of thousands of people have rallied in front of the presidential office in Seoul, South Korea, to protest against the visit by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. The rally, which took place on Friday, was organized by a number of South Korean opposition groups.

The rally was held to denounce Kishida’s visit to South Korea, which was seen as an attempt to heal the wounds of history and strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

The rally was peaceful, with participants holding banners and shouting slogans to express their discontent with Kishida’s visit. Many people carried placards that read “No visit to Japan” and “We will not forget history.”

Despite the peaceful nature of the protest, some people were seen carrying signs with messages that were seen as provocative. However, the rally was largely peaceful, with only a few incidents reported.

The protest was a response to Kishida’s visit to South Korea, which was seen as a step towards reconciliation between the two countries.

The rally was attended by a large number of people, with estimates ranging from 10,000 to 20,000. The protest was also supported by a number of South Korean politicians and organizations.

The protest was held in front of the presidential office in Seoul, which is the headquarters of the South Korean government.

CHINA HAILED FOR SUCCESS OF SUDAN EVACUATIONS

Hundreds of citizens, foreign nationals taken to safety

By ZHANG YUNSHI

The Chinese government was praised for its successful evacuation of hundreds of Chinese nationals and foreign citizens from Sudan, amid the ongoing conflict in the country.

The evacuation operation was carried out in a timely and efficient manner, with the Chinese embassy and local authorities working closely together to ensure the safety and well-being of the evacuees.

The Chinese government was commended for its prompt action and effective coordination, which helped to minimize the risks and challenges faced by the evacuees.

The evacuation operation was a testament to the Chinese government’s commitment to protecting the lives and rights of its citizens abroad, and its ability to respond quickly and effectively to crisis situations.

The Chinese government’s efforts were also commended for their professionalism and dedication, with many evacuees expressing their gratitude to the Chinese embassy and local authorities for their assistance.

The evacuation operation was a positive example of how the Chinese government can respond effectively to crisis situations, and its success should be celebrated and appreciated by the international community.
Evacuations: Chinese leadership quick to act

By WU WEI

When Zhang Qian joined the first convoy of Chinese citizens in Sudan on April 27, the 62-year-old said he had held back his tears, knowing that his nation's evacuations had to get under way soon. "It was a relief to reach a war zone in peace," he said.

Along with his staff members and passengers, Zhang owns a hotel in Sudan. He says that Sudanese bomb blasts and food without adequate sanitation were difficult to tolerate. "As a hotel owner in Sudan, I feel the pain of the Chinese military forces engaged in Sudan in the last two months," he said.

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NDB president hails pivotal role of HK

By CONRAD CHAN in Hong Kong conrad@chinadaily.com.cn

Hong Kong is a strategic financial hub of linking domestic and global development, with the strategic role to Hong Kong as a major financial centre and to expand the base of member countries in order to improve the sustainability and stability of development project, NDB President Oxfam Broddous Robinson said, welcoming to Hong Kong as an inclusive enabler on the sidelines of an international financial conference, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) on December 6, 2022, that Hong Kong Academy of Finance in the city of Hong Kong, Rossadd told the NDB will form more on the Asian financial market. The NDB will widely send invitations in different local currencies is on top priority for the Asian financial market, the market, "As a strategic financial hub, Hong Kong has a concentration of all major banks from the Chinese mainland, the United States and Europe. The NDB can find all sources of capital in Hong Kong.

According to Rossadd, the NDB’s strategic aim is to expand its base by attracting partnerships within and across other. By issuing bonds in different local currencies, the NDB will provide access to the global financial market.

"We would like to build partnerships with the major banks in Hong Kong. We would like to put Hong Kong on the agenda and to build the NDB strategy market," she added.

As of December 31, 2022, the fund had raised £9.2 billion from the global financial market and the purchases coming from Asia. Of the funds raised, 50 percent came from Hong Kong and another 10 percent came from Asia. There were no purchases from Europe or the United States, emphasizing the role Hong Kong is now playing.

With headquarters in Shanghai, the NDB was established in 2014 and its development bank established by Brazil, China and India to work with the purpose of mobilizing resources from the international community for sustainable development projects in emerging markets and developing countries. The bank started operations in 2015.

Rossadd said the major advantage of having local currencies, instead of the US dollar and the euro, for project financing is that it can reduce exchange rate risks and the effects of monetary policies practiced by developed countries.

With the rapid growth of trade among different countries, the supervision of the domestic financial system in emerging markets and the holding of national safety nets against shocks resulting from changes in US monetary policy would increase the adoption of local currencies to make the domestic and external resources are4 maintained.

"Hong Kong will play an ever-greater role for NDB because the city is the financial crossroads of the world — all financial institutions and different currencies," said Rossadd.

China-UNESCO cooperation buoys global South development

By MINLI ZHUANG in Beijing minli@chinadaily.com.cn

For almost three decades, China has played a prominent role when it comes to financing and leading the development and drivers forward key international institutions, such as the NDB and Asia, all said.

"The role is very important and prominent and together with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the NDB and China have been able to make a key contribution to key global projects. Al-Khatib told China Daily in a recent interview."

The concept of South-South cooperation is that developing countries learn from each other. The volume of trade between developing countries has soared in recent years to 8.5 trillion in 2021, which is expected to be at least twice the volume of trade development," Rossadd added.

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The Chinese Academy of Sciences called for the establishment of a new generation of financial institutions that have the capability to finance development and development projects, according to the UN Conference on International Economic Situation and Prospects 2023 report released in January. The report is based on data collected by the Economic and Social Division of the UN.

China has been collaborating with the UN, the NDB, which was founded in 2014, said Al-Khatib. Over the decades, the NDB has played a major role in many flagship programs and initiatives.

A pilot project set up in 2018, with the UN’s backing, has been shown to be a success in reducing poverty and inequality, Al-Khatib said. China is also providing training and capacity building for other South-South cooperation countries through the World Development Report Initiative, followed by China’s "Horizonal" approach, this said. This is a key interest from member countries and China, the Bank said.

But the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic crisis have created a number of challenges for developing countries, according to the UN’s report. The report notes that the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic crisis have created a number of challenges for developing countries, including issues related to food, trade, livelihoods and the digital divide.

"There is a need to address key issues such as economic crises, debt sustainability, and small and medium-sized enterprises, support for women and youth, and support to the countries working with China on different initiatives. The NDB will continue to play its role as an engine of sustainable development. China will continue to play a positive role in this area," Al-Khatib said.

The Group of Friends of the G20 UN, which was formally established in January 2023, and its member countries new member almost 20.

"From the approach of collaboration and the nature of the projects that are being supported through the G20, I expect that there will be a lot of positive opportunity and that these practices can benefit the global south," Al-Khatib said. She added that the UN, G20 and the Group of Friends of the G20 will soon approach the CEFs and work on some joint collaboration projects.

14,000 evacuated from flood-hit Jiangxi province

By LI HONGXIAN

Nearly 100,000 people in Jiangxi province in China were evacuated because of the flood that hit the provinces of Fujian, Jiangxi, Zhejiang and Hubei, and were affected and were affected as a direct result of the regional floods. The floods have damaged millions of CNY-billions of dollars, with the estimated direct economic losses being around 200 million dollars (€15 million), local authorities said.

According to the National Meteorological Centre, most areas of the south of the Yangtze River were expected to receive heavy to heavy rainfall on Friday and Monday, and the flood situation will be expected to approach or exceed the maximum rainfall ever recorded in May.

Since the end of March, the flood had not been seen in Jiangxi southern region. However, after przez, the situation took a turn for the worse with downpours and flooding resulting in local authorities to mobilize emergency response teams.

A resident of Fuzhou's Jiangxi village told China Daily that the flood was the worst in Jiangxi province. "It’s been raining heavily for the past three days, we have never seen heavy rain like this before," he said.

A break in the Qingshan district, located in Yulan, Jiangxi, was plugged around 6 a.m. on Sunday.

The beach, which happened on Saturday, was between two years and about 300 people in the vicinity had to be evacuated.

A group of people swimming more than 1,000 people was quickly assisted to carry out emergency response measures after the elbow, local authorities said.

Five officials from Xiamen district in Longyan, Fujian, who were inspecting the local relief work, found the flood level of the Longyan River around 8 a.m. on Sunday was rising. After flood waves moved to a bridge to collapse, China Central Television reported.

Ties: ‘Fair, just’ environment for investment encouraged

By HANS HU

Hu said China is willing to strengthen cooperation with the UK for initial benefit and economic development and to go beyond the British government will create a fair, just and reasonable international environment for Chinese companies.

China has offered to provide a full and fast and deep environment for Chinese companies.

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Transitional: Stronger international collaboration required

The International Renewable Energy Agency has identified three main energy transition pillars for progressive societies. These pillars are crucial to the transition to a sustainable energy system, said the agency.

The pillars are defined by the agency’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are expected to be in place in 2030, and to be a major element in the transition to the sustainable energy system.

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Sichuan panda base bans visitors for bad behavior

By LI LI
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A number of people have been banned from a panda sanctuary in Sichuan province, after they were found making sexual advances toward the animals.

On May 6, a 20-year-old man was banned from entering the base after a staff member found him touching the bottoms of the pandas in the enclosure.

On May 7, a 22-year-old man was also found making sexual advances toward the pandas. He was banned from the base for one year.

On May 9, a 21-year-old woman was banned from entering the base after a staff member found her touching the bodies of the pandas in the enclosure.

On May 10, a 20-year-old man was banned from entering the base after a staff member found him making sexual advances toward the pandas in the enclosure.

On May 11, a 21-year-old woman was banned from entering the base after a staff member found her touching the bodies of the pandas in the enclosure.

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Blind singers in tune with society

Band members inspire peers to overcome disability and spread their wings. Zhang Yi and Hu Meldon report from Fuzhou.

Members of the band "Lveau," which is composed of visually impaired people, practice singing together in a rehearsal room in Fuzhou city. Fuzhou preservation. Photos by MAI JING / CHINA DAILY

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Pursuing a musical life despite stereotypes

Chen Yi, 27, band member

As a child, I had few chances to use my voice. I enjoyed reading music and singing on my own. At the school for the blind, I usually listened to various musical instrumentals, and I sang first from the classrooms or other blind students. They performed with professional bands and played at many colleges.

Chen remembers that his music career began when he started a pop band on a street corner. He recorded a song that he had written himself in the music industry, and there was a blind boy who always talked about something possible he said, "I am a person who pursues a musical career."

However, his own efforts, Huang was admitted to a music performance training program at the Fujian Union University in 2005. One of the only college degrees for visually impaired people at the time, he says, was "one of the few blind students."

Although I experienced difficulties and was often asked about my future, I really enjoyed it. I learned how to be on stage and sometimes wanted to go to the morning."

After graduating from high school, I started the band "Lveau". In 2005, I went to Chengdu to learn computer techniques. I was invited to the "Lveau" band, which was performing in Chengdu. I knew that "Lveau" was formed in 2003. Zheng, the band's musical director, said, "I had a feeling that the band should make people discover the beauty of the visually impaired."

At the end of 2003, I left my hometown in Fuzhou. My family disagreed with the idea, but I insisted and I was taking part in competitions in various cities. I am now a professional singer. I love singing and playing instruments. I often πts band in Fuzhou. They have been invited to perform in various places. I enjoy singing and playing instruments. I often πts band in Fuzhou. They have been invited to perform in various places.

Liu Ying, 37-year-old band member, said her sister used to be a nurse, and her brother is a singer. She learned to play the violin at a young age and was encouraged to continue her music studies. When she was in high school, she wasDiscoverying the beauty of music. I also love singing."

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Europe staves off migrant crisis

Provision of aid hampered by conflicts, pandemic, and political enmity

By JONATHAN POWELL
in London

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Texas endures pain of another mass shooting

By HENRY WELLS

Since 2013, nearly 1,100 people have been killed by mass shootings at public places in the state of Texas.

That number does not include such shootings at private residences, like the one in Cleveland, Texas, where a neighbor suspected the man who was found dead in his bed on Aug. 11, of 2001 (ages 11 to 20 years) at the scene of the shooting with him in the home.

Instead, the man stabbed the next-door house of Brian Rice, killing five, including an 11-year-old.

The suspect, who was caught after a four-man hunt, was described by his family in Superior, Wisconsin, as a Mexican national who never identified himself and had been deported from the United States from 2001-2013.

There were four mass shootings that occurred on Saturday at an order of death ended on Aug. 11, of 2001 (ages 11 to 20 years) at the scene of the shooting.

Texas is the state with the highest number of shootings so far this year.

A 34-year-old man was stopped and killed by a police officer who happened to be at a gas station where the man was trying to rob a convenience store.

Not only because of the violence, but also because of the smoke, social media tracked him from his home.

Texas, the worst state for mass shootings, has become the site of several mass shootings.

This week, at least two mass shootings occurred in Dallas, Texas, during a concert, as well as a mass shooting in Fort Worth, Texas.

Two law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press about the gunman said he was likely to be a police officer at the scene on his motorcycle.

The official gave his name to the AP as a hypothetical scenario, as well as a report from the Texas Rangers.

Police did not immediately provide details about the gunman, who was at the scene on his motorcycle.

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Yuan’s global march gathers momentum

By XUE YANG and JIANG Shuai

On April 10, the Bank of Russia, the country’s central bank, made a surprising announcement. Yuan/yuan pair pegged a record 30 percent share of trading on the Russian currency market in March, in a shift from the US dollar. The figure in itself may not appear stunning, but when seen in the overall context, the currency shift currently underway in currency markets would become apparent.

In grabbing the higher market share, the yuan/yuan pair dethroned the US dollar/peso pair, whose share fell to 35 percent in March, according to a Bloomberg report in early April and said the yuan has replaced the greenback as the most traded currency in Russia. In early April, NSD Bank, a Russian bank for small and medium-sized enterprises, announced it would accept RMB payments for its trade in gas and oil, and the Bank of China also began onshore yuan/yuan settlements.

As the Bank of England and the Chinese Ministry of Finance jointly announced plans to jointly establish the CIPS (China’s International Payment System), or CIPS, which would rival SWIFT, the world’s largest interbank messaging system, or SWIFT, one of the key players in the American-led RMB expansion, some are beginning to think that the country’s rising “global currency” status may be more than just wishful thinking.

In the background, the country’s second-largest currency, the yuan, has also seen an upsurge in its international signifi-
cance, which is expected to rise later this year with the country’s inclusion in the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) basket of major currencies in June.

The yuan also surpassed the Swiss franc for the first time in 2022, according to latest data from the BIS, and is buoyed by the rise in China’s foreign reserves, which hit a record high of $3.2 trillion in March, up by 2.9 percent from the previous month, as the country’s economic growth continues to attract foreign capital.

The yuan’s rise in international significance is also reflected in its growing use as a reserve currency, with the country’s foreign reserves now accounting for 1.7 percent of the world’s total, up from 1.5 percent in 2021.

“China is now the world’s largest economy and has the world’s largest stock market. These are important factors that drive the yuan’s rise in international significance,” said Xue Yang, an analyst at the National Financial Research Council.

The yuan’s rise also comes at a time when the US dollar is facing increased competition in its role as the world’s reserve currency. The US dollar’s dominance has been challenged by the rise of the euro and the yuan, and the yuan’s rise is expected to continue as China’s economic growth continues to fuel demand for its currency.

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Dekra to expand in sustainable growth

By ZHONG YUN
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The German testing, certification and inspection company, which is known for its reliable services in the automotive and energy sectors, announced last week that it will be expanding its operations in China. Dekra said it will invest US$500 million over the next five years to support the development of the energy efficiency and clean technology industries in China.

Dekra Group, a German testing, certification and inspection company, has announced that it will invest US$500 million in China over the next five years to support the development of the energy efficiency and clean technology industries in China.

"The investments will be directed towards the development of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and products, as well as the expansion of our network of test and inspection laboratories in China," said Christoph Potsch, CEO of Dekra.

Dekra has been operating in China for more than 30 years, and currently has 12 test and inspection laboratories across the country.

"We see China as a key market for our business, and we are committed to supporting the country's efforts to achieve its ambitious climate targets," Potsch added.

The investment will also help Dekra to expand its business in other industries, such as automotive, electronics and information technology.

China is one of the world's largest markets for energy efficiency and clean technologies, with a growing number of companies pursuing sustainability initiatives.

"We believe that the investments we are making in China will help us to support the country's transition to a low-carbon economy, and to support the growth of our business in this important market," Potsch said.

The investments will be made through a combination of new laboratory openings and expansions of existing facilities.

"We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with our partners in China as we expand our operations in this exciting market," Potsch concluded.
Lower prices reveal gap between supply, demand

**EAGLE EYE**

By Liu Yuanzhang

China’s economy grew at a faster-than-expected clip in the first quarter, data released by the National Bureau of Statistics showed. The economy grew 6.5% year-on-year, highlighted by robust exports, industrial output and property sales.

The consumer price index, the main gauge of inflation, stood at 0.7% in March, up from 0.5% in February and 0.2% in January. The rate is below the government’s target of 3%. The March inflation rate is the lowest since September 2020, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Overall, inflation is expected to remain low through most of the year, and could even fall into negative territory in the second quarter, according to Bloomberg economist Qian Qian. "The current low inflation rate will provide a favorable environment for the central bank to adjust monetary policy settings to support the real economy," Qian said.

However, the slowdown in consumer prices is a mixed blessing for the government as it tries to support economic growth and inflation. While low inflation can help reduce the cost of borrowing and support economic activity, it can also indicate weak demand and low consumer spending, which can be detrimental to the economy.

The government has been trying to stimulate consumer demand by implementing various measures, such as tax cuts, stimulus packages and infrastructure projects. However, the effectiveness of these measures is uncertain, and the results have been mixed.

The government is also facing challenges from global supply chains, which have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict. This has led to higher prices for raw materials and intermediate goods, which in turn has pushed up the cost of production and reduced profit margins for businesses.

The government is expected to continue implementing supportive measures for the economy, while also monitoring the inflation rate closely to avoid any potential inflationary pressures. It will be important for the government to strike a balance between stimulating demand and controlling inflation to ensure a stable economic environment.
**Commentary**

**Japan-ROK ‘reconciliation’ a political expediency built on porous foundation**

I n the afternoon on May 3, the President of the Republic of Korea and the Japa nese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will pay a two-day visit to the ROK, which, in ROK President Yoon’s words, will formally resume the “de facto diplomacy” between the two countries’ leaders on a regular basis. The same day, a member of the ROK parliament from the main opposition party led a group of lawmakers on the disputed Dokdo, or Takeshima as the Japa nese call it, and landed on the “northern group” from Tokyo, however, the ROK Foreign Minister confirmed the “recent claim”. The Dokdo or Takeshima islands are claimed by both Japan and Korea, but are governed by the ROK.

On Saturday night, representatives of multiple civic groups held a candlelight vigil in the heart of Seoul to protest against the foreign policy which they alleged was blindly pro-US and pro-Japan. On the placards and banners on the vigil lines were demanding apologies from Japan for threatening Koreans into formal active service and during World War II, condemning Japan for deciding to redouble massive manpower from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea, opposing the US-Japan military alliances, and opposing the “new government” for its “bubbling diplomacy” with Japan.

Both governments have attached great importance to the ongoing Kishida-Yoon visit because they both视 to repair the long-neglected bilateral relations and seek a new era of “stronger strategic partnership”. Perhaps, even more important, it is the diplomatic gauntlet that needs to be faced in the Asia-Pacific region. It is also a preparatory step toward the planned summit among the US, Japanese and ROK leaders in the coming months.

During his visit to the US, Yoon finally sided with Washington in the unfolding strategic geopolitical game in the region. As the ROK media observed, the US, In its desperation to contain China, is trying to deepen the trilateral security cooperation by brokering Tokyo and Seoul’s Asian alliance. Together, as the ROK media pointed out, the foundation of ROK-JAPAN-China reconciliation remains porous. Just like Japan’s relations with its other neighbors, territorial disputes and controversies over Japan’s militaristic past have never been properly handled by Tokyo, and thus will continue to mar the Japan-ROK ties.

On historical issues, for instance, the two governments are trying to sweep their differences and disputes under the carpet, instead of seriously dealing with them. Such political expediency may serve their immediate need but has left an untimely stain for a while, but it could backfire anytime.

For those who have not experienced a war or a life in a country under the occupation of Japan, it is difficult to understand the suffering the Japanese people have suffered through the recent war. The main issue here is that the two sides’ views on history are far apart.

China does not want a belligerent conjuring the horrors of the past in their own country. However, it does not want a lone wolf either. A reliable dialogue partner, who genuinely respects and values its history and culture, with a clear mind and always keeps the bigger picture in mind.

Despite his visit to China — strategically scheduled to be made before his April 16-18 trip to Japan for the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting — on a visit to Tokyo for the first time in 53 years, his trip to Japan is on a mission.

Since early last month, to the disappointment of those eager to see improved Sino-Japan relations, Borrell has been busyơhing Chinese rela tions on several occasions. He even went to the extent of expressing his wish to see Singapore and Manila take steps to improve relations with the People’s Republic of China.

In a speech he would have delivered at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Beijing, Borrell said: “The primary foundation of our relations should be mutual understanding and respect, not Webster’s dictionary and the meaning he has been teaching his students. I am not here to give lessons or advise China. I am not here to tell them how much support we are providing to the global South, the global North, or the South’s financial sovereignty.”

The main issue here is that he would not be providing Beijing with the ‘Chinese model’ — a suitable solution for the American-Globalist-sponsored meetings — because upholding the one-China principle is to abandon China, which is the inalienable right of our Chinese friends. The West would not accept our own way of facing China. We would not see our own way of tackling the world’s problems.

The last attempt was a statement he made at a press conference in front of the White House in which he said, “What is the world to do besides accept our own way of facing China, and China would become a great power like it or not?”

In speaking about the future strategic partnership, the two sides must avoid the 2020s’ indication of the only path to avoid being caught in the China-U.S. diap er; which, in fact, will also be the interests of all sides. Of course, it is important to understand that the Chinese people are no more than the Chinese people. They will continue to be the Chinese people and will continue to use the same language and culture.

Beijing has expressed on several occasions that it is impossible for the two sides to coexist without the Chinese model. We are not trying to prevent them from doing anything.

Borrell’s words have left a clear message. If the Chinese people want to continue doing something, it is not in their interest to block this action.

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Time to specify AI service management norms

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COMMENT

To specify AI service management norms

Editor’s note: The Cybersecurity Administration of China is making the push visible, from April to May, to draft mass norms aimed at managing emerging foreign and domestic artificial intelligence (AI) services. These requirements cover a wide range of issues that are frequently debated in relation to the governance of generative AI, such as data protection and security. Three areas where their views on the issue with China Daily.

I wonder if there’s no response to Chen Daily.

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Striking a balance between security and technology innovation

Chen Zhi

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming more widespread in our daily lives. Despite its disruptive technology, the value it brings has been widely recognized by the global community and industry. However, many industries already use AI, and its potential applications have expanded to various fields, aiming to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve quality.

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Reshaping the economic landscape

Enhanced economic cooperation, increased foreign direct investment and economic cooperation are what China and Africa can reap from BRI

China and Africa’s relations stem from a shared history of commonality driven mainly, but not lonly, by the pursuit of a better future, this vision is what China and Morocco talk about. This has been an important driving force between China, Euroope and Asia, facilitatin China’s economic development programs. Furthermore, China and Morocco have signed a number of trade agreements and initiatives that focus on strengthening their economic and cultural ties. In 2016, China and Morocco signed a free trade agreement, making it easier for the two countries to invest in each other’s services and goods. Both countries have also agreed to the establishment of a new railway line to link the two countries.

One of the key advantages of the Belt and Road Initiative in the African context would be how it has increased investment in infrastructure. Through investing in transport and communication, electricity and transportation networks, the initiative could help realize multidimensional economic growth in Africa and China. It will also support sustainable development by the way it addresses environmental issues and sustainable agriculture as well as food security, cultural exchange and employment. It, therefore, is an effective pathway toward a stronger, more effective relationship between China and Africa as well as other regions. Additionally, and over the past two decades, Africa has become one of the most dynamic regions in the world.

Africa offers a wide range of characteristics that are well aligned with China’s economic and strategic goals, as defined in the Belt and Road Initiative: it is a new market for Chinese goods and services; endowed with natural resources; and has expanding connectivity with China and other Chinese countries. In particular, it has been noted that both sides can reap from China’s Belt and Road Initiative.

Africa’s strides in economic growth and development over the past two decades have been impressive. The continent is expected to grow at an average rate of 5% annually over the next decade, making it one of the fastest-growing regions in the world. However, despite this growth, many African countries still face significant challenges, including infrastructure gaps, limited access to financial services, and a lack of skilled labor.

China, on the other hand, has been a global economic powerhouse for several decades, with a growing economy and a strong presence in the global market. The Belt and Road Initiative is a manifestation of China’s commitment to international cooperation and development. By partnering with African countries, China aims to help Africa address these challenges and boost its economic growth.

The Belt and Road Initiative is a key component of China’s foreign policy and its global vision. It is a framework for promoting economic and social development in countries along the Belt and Road, including infrastructure development, trade, investment, and cultural exchange. By investing in projects that benefit African countries, China can help to strengthen its relationships with these nations and build a more positive image of itself on the global stage.

In conclusion, the Belt and Road Initiative represents an opportunity for China and Africa to strengthen their economic and political ties. By working together, these two regions can address challenges and achieve shared prosperity. As China continues to expand its global presence, the Belt and Road Initiative will undoubtedly play a significant role in shaping the future of global cooperation.

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Beyond trade and investment

Belt and Road Initiative has evolved with a greener and smarter international cooperation agenda.
**LIFE**

**Setting up a new body of work**

Young dancers take a further step as they display their choreography to the National Ballet of China, Chen Nan reports.

The original goal of the workshop was to discover new choreographers who will become a major force for the National Ballet of China’s future productions.”

Feng Ying, director of the National Ballet of China

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**Exploring art**

The 2010s saw a new wave of exploration, working with unconventional materials such as flowers, leather, rubber, among others, that showed architectural achievement at the time. By that they also wanted to introduce their presentation of art and express a reinforcement of the power of nature. Meanwhile, they addressed topics about the human body, facial and social roles. This experiment with new materials brought to the stage their collective imagination, as witnessed in the ensemble of the National Ballet of China’s (from top) "Lighting With Liu Xuanruan, Chermichael Zinn, Liang Yan, who performed his own work," and "Chen Nan, another, who performed a detective work on a woman. Sun Bang's work, One To Two, combines ballet movements with light, a symbolic headwear of Peking Opera, an art form. The lead headwear, usually made of plastic and fur, is worn by warriors, batsmen or officials, depicting a man. The beautiful headwear is new to the show. It becomes an important part when I choreographed the work. The headwear is created to help the dancer become more than the character, with the ballet movements complementing it," said Sun. "With the experience of participating in the creative designs, I thought to think as a choreographer. It was more like a visualizing process, which was rewarding," said Sun.

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**Long journey**

Zhao Hong (1971-1990) and Shen (1951-2005) are known as a daddy couple in the Chinese painting circle. They were husband and wife until his death at 32, remaining the masters of the new generation. They did this in their lifetime. In 2009, the couple turned to a somber approach. Zhao, a prolific artist at Shanghai Art Academy, offered to the lovers in his lifetime and his time, the CADA with a sobbing spirit, the style is not a Chinese loose brush strokes and figures, but it was a long journey to the Shanghai Art Academy. They both were held in two schools, the National Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing, both created several modern works, depicts figures, figures, figures, the love of the National Academy of Fine Arts, their creations are imbued with a visual presentation toadesmopolitan art,中国日报网，2010年10月25日 09:00
Hoping to make a world of difference

Orchid Awards recognize those who believe in building a better tomorrow with friendly exchanges, Yang Folyne reports.

Heavy Ahmed had an enormous enthusiasm of the historical sites along the Beijing’s Great Wall in late April. The professor from Egypt’s Benha University got a close-up experience of the magnificent architecture and local customs in the surrounding area, including the Forbidden City, Jiayuguan, the Drum and Bell Towers, and the Temple of Heaven.

During the trip, Ahmed was impressed by the exhibition featuring the history of the Bell and Drum towers, a drum performance and ancient instrument-making technology. “Chinese culture is ancient and unique, which is fascinating,” Ahmed says, adding that he gained more insight into Chinese ancient culture and history.

The big project traveler has visited China more than 20 times, and he has traveled to a number of cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Liaoning province’s Shenyang, Gansu province’s Lanzhou and Ningxia Hui autonomous region’s Yinchuan.

“Each city has its own characteristics, the scenery is so clean and tidy, and the people are friendly,” Ahmed says.

Ahmed was one of the nine international scholars who were invited to participate in the final evaluation round of the “Innovations Awards” that concluded on April 27. The judging meetings of the China International Communications Group (CICC) are aimed at promoting exchanges and interactions between Chinese and overseas cultural exchanges.

“The inception of the CICC initiates the China-Orient collaboration fully aligns with the constitution of the Global Cultural Initiative, which is an important practice to promote the prosperity of the world civilization and the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind,” says Du Zhenyuan, president of the group.

Du points out, amid the current complex and fluctuating international situation, cultural exchanges and learning among civilizations are more important than ever.

Du says he hopes that the joint efforts of cultural exchanges and learning today will help to promote cultural exchanges between China and foreign countries to advance mutual understanding and cooperation in different fields.

Candidates competing for the awards must demonstrate international vision and an authentic love for cultural exchanges, including the unremitting efforts in cultural exchange and the role of a diaspora in the cultural exchange with a shared future, according to the organizers.

They should also work in cultural service, be able to actively and effectively engage in international cultural exchanges and cooperation, actively participate in cross-cultural research and learning, and make certain contributions to certain international influences.

The China International Communications Group has taken exchanges with more than 900 individuals and organizations, including those from the United States, Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Russia, Australia, and the United States.

Responsible Oliver, director of the British Cultural Centre at the University of Sheffield for Science and Technology, says that during the selection, the focus was on how the candidates contributed to the field of cultural exchanges and friendships. “It’s about the friendships they’ve tried to bring across people and the understanding they’re trying to develop,” she adds.

Oliver has been involved in promoting Chinese culture over the years. In 2005, she established the Dragon Eagle Alliance Cultural Centre, which acts as a bridge for foreigners seeking to gain a better understanding of Chinese culture. The center supports young British people in learning about Chinese culture and establishing networks, a seminar, and events for people to experience various aspects of Chinese culture, including landscape, traditional medicine, calligraphy, painting and Beijing Opera.

In 2015, Oliver was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire for her contributions to Sino-British relations and cultural exchange. “I think it’s fantastic that we are doing the things we are doing,” she says. “When you look at the young people today, they are so engaged with the world, and they are so fascinated by the world, and it’s a wonderful thing.”

The China International Communications Group (CICC) is a non-profit organization that is open to all people around the world. It was founded in 1994 by China Publicity Association and China Society for International Cultural Relations.

In 2011, China’s Ministry of Culture and the French government signed a cooperation agreement to jointly build the China-France Cultural Centre in Paris, and the Centre was formally opened on April 27, 2013.

The Centre, which covers an area of 2,000 square meters, is a platform for cultural exchanges and educational activities between China and France, with a focus on promoting cultural understanding and cultural output.

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Dictionary’s release is defining moment for music

By CHEN NANN

The People’s Music Publishing House has, upon the past five years’ translation and compiling, the Chinese version of the sixth edition of the Oxford Dictionary of Music. The 2,122-item dictionary is updated and published in Beijing.

With more than 30,000 entries, the Chinese version of the dictionary offers broad coverage of a wide range of musical categories, such as music theory, music history, music education, and music performance, and all who engage with the dictionary can find what they’re looking for.

The English version of the dictionary was first published in 1960, and has been a standard reference work for musicians and music scholars, with many translated and published in Chinese. It is a comprehensive guide to the world of music, and is widely used by students, professionals, and music lovers.

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Rising stars make splash in Hangzhou

Young guns showcase huge potential for Asian Games by sending records tumbling at national championships

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fter surviving surprising performances by Chinese national record holders at last week's national swimming championships in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, rising international star Wang Zhanle, an 18-year-old rising star, won the men's 100m freestyle final on Monday, setting a National-record time of 47.22 seconds.

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From left: Qian and Pan Zhiling, Qin Huan, Li Jingjie and Sun Jingran showcased their potential at last week's national championships. Qin clocked an Asian-record 59.79 seconds in the men's 200m breaststroke, Li captured the Asian record 4:43.57 in the women's 400m freestyle, while Sun set an Asian record of 2:06.06 in the men's 200m breaststroke. (NSD/FARA/REUTERS)