China, Russia vow to boost cooperation

By CAO ZHENGCHENG

President Xi Jinping reiterated on Wednesday China’s readiness to work with Russia to support each other on issues concerning core interests and work toward enhancing all-round bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Xi made the remarks during a meeting in Beijing with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and he praised the “golden spring” between Russia and China in March, when the two presidents jointly committed to the development of China-Russia relations and bilateral development of various fields.

Coordinating and developing China-Russia relations is not only the shared aspiration of the two peoples, but also the corresponding trend of the times, Xi said.

He emphasized that China is willing to work with Russia to firmly support each other on issues concerning their core interests, and strengthen mutual coordination within multilateral frameworks, such as the UN system, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and BRICS.

Both sides should continue to tap opportunities for economic partnership consolidation and expand frameworks of cooperation in the fields of energy and mutual connectivity, Xi added.

China has a close relationship with Russia and other countries of the Eurasian Continental Bridge to jointly promote the Belt and Road Initiative and the connection between the Belt and Road Initiative in China and other countries of the Eurasian Economic Union, advance the building of a more open, equal and responsive global governance system stable and unstoppable global governance system.

Inside Industrial and supply chain, Xi says

Trade: Between China and Russia hit a record high of $80.37 billion in 2022. Between January and April, bilateral trade exceeded $38.53 billion, up 46.3 percent over the same period last year, according to data from the General Administration of Customs.

Further, energy cooperation continues to make a marked difference for the bilateral ties.

During the meeting, Putin conveyed his warm greetings and best wishes to Xi, saying that Xi has always visited Russia in March opened a new era of the Russia-China strategic partnership of comprehensive cooperation.

Xi is willing to work with China to implement the important consensus reached by two leaders of the two sides, Xi said, referring to the regular meetings between the two prime ministers and relevant cooperation mechanisms, and deepen pragmatic cooperation in various fields.

The prime minister added that Russia stands ready to work with China to promote the multipolarization of the world and consolidate the international order based on international law.

Prentier Li gave Putin a grand welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Wednesday before they held official talks. They also witnessed the signing of an array of cooperation documents.

Noting that strong resilience, great potential and broad prospects in pragmatic cooperation between the two countries, Li said that China is willing to work with Russia to optimize the trade structure, further enhance trade relations, expand cooperation in the fields of agricultural service trade and digital economy, cut-edge trade and financial cooperation, and improve economic efficiency.

Xi also said for strengthening bilateral cooperation, promoting people-to-people exchanges, and expanding cooperation in such fields as education, science and technology, culture, tourism, sports and health.

Mikhail called for the fruitful cooperation between the two countries, agreeing that the Russia-China friendship should always accompany special significance in international relations.

“Against the backdrop of the turbulence and instability of international relations, China is willing to work with Russia to effectively respond to the new challenges faced by both countries,” Putin said.

New envoy set to enhance exchanges

By ZHANG YUNHUI

As Zhao Feng arrived in the United States to assume his new post as China’s 12th ambassador to the world’s largest economy, observers said that China’s mission in the new envoy would not just be hospitality, but also more security for repairing the small bluster’s face.

Zhao has shown a willingness to stop up exchanges between the two countries and to help their back in track on the new ambassador’s ride, a number of months and issuing messages and letters upon his arrival in New York and in Washington, analysts said.

He was formerly the vice-foreign minister in charge of foreign affairs North America and Hawaii. His predecessor in Washington is current Chinese Counselor to the US Fange Baoqian, who completed his ambassadorial tenure and returned to China in January.

Speaking to the media on John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on Thursday, Zhao said he will “safeguard the interests of China” and “enhance China-US exchanges and cooperation” as a representative and envoy of the Chinese people.

After arriving in Washington on Tuesday night, the new top-up to the US spoke to media from both nations, noting that “absolutely there are profound differences between the two countries,” and that “there have been two new aggressors in the historical course.”

“China could make the two peoples feel assured and set the world at ease,” the Chinese diplomat said, vowing extensive engagement, consultation and communication with all walks of life in the US.

In a letter to follow cooperation in China and US, Zhao said, “We are committed to the three principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and mutual cooperation, put forward by President Xi Jinping, and wish to work with the US to explore the right path for the two countries to get along in the new era.”

Matthew Miller, a spokesman for the US State Department, said at a press briefing on Tuesday that “the United Nations welcomes the arrival of Ambassador Zhao Feng.”

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said on Wednesday, “The ambassador is an important bridge and bond for communication and cooperation between China and the US, and it is hoped that the US would offer support and cooperate with China in the future.”

Mao added that the US has launched a range of sanctions against China, and that the US could not hope to “work toward the same goal with China, disrupt dialogue, manage and control differences, advance cooperation, and push the US-China relationship back to the track of sound and steady development.”

NATION OPENS DOOR WIDER TO FOREIGN GAMES COMPANIES

By OUYANG SHIXI

Foreign companies are seeking opportunities in the online games market as China implements economic policies and provides a better environment for global stakeholders.

In-depth

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In contrast with moves by the United States to restrict Chinese technology products and apps such as TikTok, the study said China is committed to opening its market and providing a positive signal for foreign enterprises to operate and establish themselves in China.

"Many of the fears that have been raised in recent years about the Chinese market are unfounded," said a spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce.

The report found that despite some setbacks, China's market continues to attract foreign investors, with the number of applications and approvals for foreign investments increasing year over year.

"Chinese companies have been very successful in developing their own apps, but there are still opportunities for foreign investors to benefit from the Chinese market," said the spokesperson.

Domestic enterprises see their sets on overseas expansion opportunities

By CHEN XUE

Chinese companies are looking to expand overseas, betting big on rising growth opportunities in global markets, business executives and experts pointed out.

"Despite the challenges, China's market remains an attractive destination for foreign investors," said Li Xiaoyan, a senior analyst at a leading market research firm.

The report noted that China's market is expected to remain strong in the coming years, with the country's GDP growth rate expected to remain steady.

"With the Chinese economy's steady development, there is a strong desire among foreign investors to enter the market," said Li.

However, the report cautioned that foreign companies need to understand the local market and regulations, and be prepared to face challenges such as language barriers and cultural differences.

Despite these challenges, the report concluded that the Chinese market remains a promising opportunity for foreign investors.
Tibet set for more growth based on its advantages

By YANG ZERUN

The Tibet autonomous region has made remarkable achievements in economic growth over the past decade and will further improve the living standards of local residents by improving the quality of life and other aspects.

Tibet has maintained rapid economic growth in recent years, driven by significant investments in infrastructure and poverty alleviation. The region also has a rich cultural heritage, which has attracted more tourists, contributing to the local economy. The government has been working hard to improve living standards, enhance infrastructure, and promote sustainable development.

The region has gained vitality – Tibetans are living in much better conditions and their traditions, culture, language, and beliefs are being respected and preserved.

Maria, an ambassador of Bloomberg to China, said:

"It's an important channel for China to deepen its Belt and Road, and it will vigorously implement measures to accelerate border trade and enhance ties by upgrading infrastructure, public services and industrial development, improving port clearance capacity, expanding trade and further deepening cooperation with neighboring countries and regions, said Maria, ambassador of Bloomberg to China, said that during the recent business trip to Tibet, she was moved by Tibetans’ strong commitment to development.

She also praised the philosophy of interconnected development, saying that cooperation and collaboration are a key factor in achieving sustainable development.

From a political-economic perspective, Marissa Linton, a Tibet expert, during the 2023 Forum on the Development of Tibet, said as the platform不断提升，西藏各族人民正以更加自　信的姿态，迈向社会主义现代化的宏伟目标，为全面建设社会主义现代化国家而团结奋斗。西藏各族人民正以更加自　信的姿态，迈向社会主义现代化的宏伟目标，为全面建设社会主义现代化国家而团结奋斗。"
Asian locales on rise as overseas study options

Survey attributes changes to students favoring more friendly destinations

By FENG WEN
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A growing number of students from China are choosing to study in Asia, in places where they can enjoy familiar environments with similar cultures to their own, while at the same time the United States, though still the most favored destination, saw a significant drop in the number of students pursuing a higher education in China.

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For students pursuing postgraduates or higher education in the US, Japan, and Singapore, both studies and life have remained relatively unchanged over the past decade.

The survey shows that students, who are the most popular overseas study destination for postgraduates in 2023, surpassing the US for the fourth consecutive year.

The report was based on a survey conducted by the China University of Political Sciences in conjunction with the National Educational Research and Development Group, which plan to go to study in the US.

The report found that students expected to go to the US for higher education.

The student's preferred destination is the US for the fourth consecutive year.

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Sino-German cooperation promoted

By HE WENMING in Fuxin

Sino-German cooperation is enshrouded in the mystique of China and Germany, which are known as the current and complex and changing international environment.

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The First Sino-German Science Forum was held in Berlin in 2019, and the second in 2020.

Garbage sorting practices to be further intensified

By XI CHUANZHAO in Qingdao

China has intensified nationwide initiatives to promote trash sorting practices, aiming to enhance civic hygiene and encourage environmentally-friendly behavior among citizens.

Speaking at a national-level conference held in Qingdao, Shandong province on Tuesday, Ni Jun, minister of housing and urban-rural development, emphasized the need for comprehensive guidance to raise awareness and understanding of trash sorting practices.

He highlighted the active and diverse initiatives in trash sorting activities, the acquisition of widespread support, and the integration of trash sorting into school curriculums to inspire younger generations.

Students have been encouraged to take part in trash sorting practices, which have gained significant popularity.

Official data revealed that by the end of 2019, trash sorting had been implemented in 342 cities across China, with participation rates reaching an average coverage rate of 58.6 percent.

The grad for this year is scarce due to the ongoing pandemic and the need to complete nationwide coverage of trash sorting practices, according to the working conference.

Significant progress has also been made in promoting trash sorting, with a disposal rate of 56.2 percent and a recycling rate of 35.8 percent, which is a significant improvement.

Officials stressed the importance of further intensifying trash sorting practices with legal support, public awareness, and technological developments in future endeavors.

In Beijing, trash-sorting management has been closely monitored by the city's property management department, setting new standards of cleanliness.

In response, the city's conglomerate of urban management and service has implemented comprehensive trash sorting procedures in various areas, including neighborhoods, schools, and urban-rural environment.

Qingdao, which initiated city-wide trash-sorting efforts in 2017, has adopted big data technologies to monitor and evaluate trash sorting practices at different stages.

Additionally, waste bins are equipped with chips that allow tracking and monitoring system developments.

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Investment, innovative policies benefiting startups in capital

By DING JIE

Beijing's West Coast New Area, also known as Haidian district, urban management workers utilize data collected from smart waste bin equipment in real-time, monitoring waste classification and capacity.

According to the local government, the capital in recent decades has attracted investment for new sectors — startups — valued at more than the US$15 billion, a figure that has not been based on a public exchange.

These wealth-creating microorganisms are rapidly rising in Beijing, and half of them are expected to be in the top ten fields, a new report concluded.

Zhang Jianmin, the director of the Beijing Science and Technology Commission, and the Administrative Commission of Zhongguancun Science Park.

In recent years, a group of young universities that have been established in Beijing since 2012 has emerged as a major driver of new growth and development, both in terms of talent attraction and economic growth, said the report.

Zhang Xianji, the founder and chairman of Beijing-based Sino-Science Park.

The report attributes the rise to China’s science and technology innovation, a prominent driver in the country’s economic growth.

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Policy aims to rev up rural NEV sales

**Measures call for promoting green vehicles, charging infrastructure**

By Xu Wei

China Daily

The latest policy measures to bolster the development of new energy vehicles (NEVs) and charging infrastructure have been announced by the government, highlighting the immense potential of rural areas in supporting the growth of the sector.

The move was unveiled at an executive meeting of the State Council, China's Cabinet, and outlined in a policy document issued by the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration.

Key steps include strengthening the final disposal of NEVs and charging facilities and providing greater support to operators of rural charging stations.

Among the targets, China has set to further boost the government's promotion of charging infrastructure in rural areas, and the government will improve charging stations with better combos in the next five years.

The policy also indicated that the number of NEVs will reach nearly 60 million by the end of 2025, with more than half of the total.</p>

**NEV makers hopeful**

Jiang Wenhui, a spokesperson for the National People's Congress, expects a major boost to the development of new energy vehicles, particularly in rural areas.

"So we sought to solve the problem through three key measures: to promote the building, operation, and maintenance of charging infrastructure in rural areas," she said.

Official figures showed that in 2032, rural sales of NEVs were up 36 percent from 2022, and in 2035, sales increased 82 percent year-on-year.

Moreover, Jiang pointed out that the NEV market in rural areas is still nascent, with relatively fewer owners, a lack of charging networks, and fewer sales services, constraining the growth of the sector.

**Government support**

According to the latest policy document, the central government will use special bonds issued by local governments to expand the coverage of charging stations at service stations and service areas.

It also sets out goals to build more charging and battery swap stations in government buildings, public institutions, corporate campuses, and transportation hubs, with a focus on the needs of tourists, travelers, and gas stations.

The government will encourage NEV manufacturers to further develop their service networks and support vocational schools in efforts to offer maintenance training for NEVs in rural areas, the document said.

Cui Dongshu, secretary-general of the China Passenger Car Association, said there is still immense potential to promote NEVs in the rural market.

"It is a huge market and represents a major opportunity for automakers. It will also help China's consumption structure and lead to more accolades for consumer spending," he said.

Cui highlighted the need to promote the development of home chargers for rural households and to contribute to the development of public charging infrastructure.

With the majority of vehicles in rural areas currently powered by fossil fuels, the shift to NEVs would undoubtedly contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable economy.

To boost sales of NEVs in rural areas, the government is planning to equip autonomous driving, develop charging facilities, and promote the final disposal of NEVs in rural areas, and the government will improve the charging infrastructure of rural areas.

The NEV market is seen as a key driver for economic development, with the government aiming to promote the development of NEV manufacturing in rural areas, especially in the green and digital economy.

Xu Wei, a spokesperson for the National Development and Reform Commission, said the NEV market is expected to continue its rapid expansion, with rural areas expected to become a major growth driver.

The government will adopt measures to encourage the use of NEVs in rural areas and promote the development of charging infrastructure, including the establishment of new energy vehicle service networks and the improvement of charging facilities in rural areas.

The development of charging infrastructure is expected to be a key area of focus for the NEV market, with the government aiming to accelerate the creation of a comprehensive charging network.

**Policy digest**

- **NEV promotion policy**

   The National Health Security Administration has unveiled a series of measures to promote the use of NEVs and reform the market over the past few years.

   The administration's head Liu Zizhong, during a recent meeting, emphasized the importance of NEVs in improving the supply chain and meeting the growing demand.

   He noted that the administration has carried out a number of measures to support the NEV market, including policies to encourage the use of NEVs, promote the development of charging infrastructure, and increase the purchase incentives for NEVs.

   Moreover, the administration is taking steps to enhance the NEV market's sustainability, including policies to promote recycling and disposal of NEVs.

   Liu Zizhong also highlighted the government's commitment to promoting the NEV market, stating that the government will adopt measures to encourage the use of NEVs in rural areas and promote the development of charging infrastructure, including the establishment of new energy vehicle service networks and the improvement of charging facilities in rural areas.
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US aircraft carrier docks in Turbo

GIBRALTAR – The world’s largest aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz, arrived in port here on Wednesday night, as a show of NATO muscle amid rising geopolitical tensions between NATO and Russia over the latter’s war in Ukraine.

Nimitz was deployed on patrol about 500 miles off the coast of Spain. It is the first time the Nimitz has sailed into waters near Spain.

The move is seen as a rebuttal to Russia’s claims that it possesses no “nuclear”* aircraft carriers, after Washington announced it was sending a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to the region.

The Nimitz is expected to remain in port for the next few days, before heading to the Black Sea.

In recent months, Russia has increased its military presence in the region, including the deployment of a new missile cruiser to the Black Sea.

The move comes amid tensions between the US and Russia over the latter’s support for the separatist conflict in eastern Ukraine.

US Navy officials said the Nimitz’s presence was a “show of force” aimed at deterring Russian aggression.

The ship will be joined by several other US military vessels, including the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, which arrived in the region earlier this week.

The deployment is part of a broader effort by the US to increase its military presence in the region, as Russia continues to expand its military capabilities.

US officials said the move was a response to Russia’s actions in the region, including the annexation of Crimea and the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The Nimitz is expected to remain in port for several days before returning to the US.

*The Nimitz is not a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.
Leaders express confidence in elevation of China-Eritrea relations

By MIKE JINGKE
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Chinese President Xi Jinping has received his Eritrean counterpart in Beijing, an official in Addis Ababa said today. "It is the first visit of a Chinese president to Ethiopia, marking an important milestone in bilateral relations."

Eritrea has established a strategic partnership with China, and the two countries are expected to work closely in various fields. "This visit will further enhance the China-Eritrea friendship and cooperation and negotiate the terms of a new chapter in bilateral relations," said the official.

Eritrea's President Isaias Abyad, who is visiting China, was received by President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The two leaders exchanged views on the current situation in the world and the region.

President Xi said that China is ready to strengthen cooperation in various fields with Eritrea and support Eritrea in safeguarding national sovereignty and dignity.

President Isaias Abyad expressed his commitment to further strengthen cooperation with China and develop bilateral relations.

Later, the two leaders attended a signing ceremony at the Chang’an Palace. Following the signing ceremony, they held a meeting.

Eritrea has been a key partner of China in the Horn of Africa region, and the two countries have maintained close and friendly diplomatic relations.

Millions died from wars waged by US

Washington has brought to light new evidence that the US has caused massive death and destruction in many countries over the years.

According to the report, the US has been responsible for the deaths of millions of civilians in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries. The report also highlights that the US has engaged in a policy of ''surgical strikes'' which has resulted in the deaths of many innocent civilians.

The US government has denied these allegations, stating that it has been acting in self-defense.

However, human rights organizations have condemned the US's actions, stating that it has violated international law and has caused immense suffering to the civilian population.

The report calls for an end to the US's military interventions and for a peaceful resolution to conflicts.

Rainfall flood

Washington, DC - A heavy rainfall on Wednesday has caused widespread flooding in the area. The city's emergency management center has declared a state of emergency.

At least 10 people have been reported dead, and several hundred people remain stranded.

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for the region until Thursday. Residents are advised to stay indoors and avoid driving into floodwaters.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has activated its emergency operations center to coordinate response efforts.

World leader visits China

Moscow, Russia - Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing on Thursday for a two-day visit. The visit is expected to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

During his visit, Putin is expected to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping to discuss a range of issues, including trade, energy, and security.

The visit comes amid growing strategic cooperation between Russia and China in the face of increasing US pressure.

Putin's visit is also seen as an attempt to counter US influence in the region, particularly in the wake of the US's withdrawal from the INF Treaty.
Dedicated craftsmen and women battle against time itself, breathing new life into China’s precious ancient artifacts, report Wang Kaihao, Zou Hong and Shi Ruiheng.

W hen a huge bronze bell, for example, is damaged during excavation or is broken due to corrosion or earthquakes, it is the duty of ancient cultural relics restorers to mend it to the best of their ability, to ensure that this precious cultural relic can be passed on to the next generation. This is not only an important contribution to the protection of regional culture but also one of the important missions taken by cultural relics restorers. For them, time is as precious as life, and they are always trying to save time in order to save more precious cultural relics.

Take the Dunhuang Grottoes, for example. For over 1,000 years, its walls and over 500,000 murals had been damaged and lost quite a lot of details. Thanks to the efforts of Dunhuang Dunhuang’s restorers, at least 30% of these murals have been restored. This is also a great mission undertaken by Dunhuang Dunhuang’s restorers. They work hard and have been engaged in their missions for more than 50 years.

Apart from repairing damaged cultural relics, the Dunhuang Dunhuang’s restorers also work hard to prevent the further damage of cultural relics. They do a lot to ensure that cultural relics are saved for the future. This is why the Dunhuang Dunhuang’s restorers have always been active in the protection of cultural relics.
Oklahoma fiddler makes his mark in music

Danny Dillingham, a fiddler whose band has taken Oklahoma by storm, is a musician who has always taken pride in being an Oklahoma fiddler. He was born and raised in a musical family, where music was a central part of life. Dillingham's father, a fiddler himself, passed down his love for the instrument to his son, and Dillingham began playing at a young age. He started his musical career by playing in local fiddler contests and quickly gained a reputation as a prodigy. Dillingham's talent and his passion for the instrument led him to become one of the most respected fiddlers in the state. He has performed at many music festivals and events, including the Oklahoma State Fair, the Tulsa Folk Festival, and the Oklahoma City Trotter's Trot. Dillingham's music is characterized by a blend of traditional and contemporary elements, showcasing his ability to connect with his audience and captivate them with his performance. He is a true Oklahoma fiddler, embodying the spirit and culture of the state in his music.
**Comment**

Escalating its tech-trade offensive another self-harming action of US

Shortly after China banned the sale of some chips by US-based Microchip Technology, the United States is seeking to escalate the tech-trade offensive by targeting China, the world’s second-largest economy. The US has also threatened to suspend the exclusion of Chinese telecommunications equipment manufacturer Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and ZTE Corp on the grounds that they pose an “unacceptable” national security risk to US national security. Other Chinese companies on the blacklist are surveillance equipment maker Zhejiang Dahua Technology Co Ltd, video surveillance firm Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co Ltd and telecoms company Huaxin Communications Co Ltd.

The construction of 5G networks across the region is crucial to China’s economic development and job creation. Huawei is the leading supplier of 5G equipment in the world, and the US ban could have significant implications for China’s economic growth.

In response, China has announced plans to increase the production of domestically made chips and to develop its own 5G technology. The US action is likely to escalate tensions between the two countries and could lead to further trade disputes.

**Opinion Line**

EU fines on Facebook owner expose data privacy loopholes

The European Union’s data privacy watchdog, the Irish Data Protection Commissioner, imposed record fines of 1.2 billion euros on Facebook owner Meta on Monday for ‘systematically’ breaching user data for two years.

The regulator said it had found “systematic and ongoing breaches” of EU law, which had enabled the social media giant to “systematically and over a period of two years collect and process the personal data of millions of Facebook users in Ireland.”

The fines were a significant escalation in the EU’s enforcement of its data protection regulations, and come as the EU is set to introduce new rules on data transfers between the US and EU.

The fines are a warning to other US tech giants that they risk being hit with similar fines if they fail to comply with EU data protection laws.

**Western media need to report truth about island**

Tokyo should search its soul for sowing discord

The Japanese government announced on Monday that it would proceed with the contentious plan to construct a new military base in Okinawa. This move is likely to further escalate tensions between Japan and China, which have been simmering for decades.

China has repeatedly expressed its determination to maintain its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The construction of the military base is likely to be seen as a provocation by China, and could spark a new round of tensions.

The Japanese government should reconsider its plan and engage in dialogue with China to resolve any differences peacefully.

**What They Say**

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Win-win plans bind China, Central Asia

China and Kyrgyzstan have signed an agreement on a number of cooperation projects, including the construction of a highway connecting the two countries. This agreement is seen as a significant step towards deeper regional integration and mutual benefit. The projects will not only improve the transportation infrastructure in the region but also stimulate economic development and trade flow. This will contribute to the stability and prosperity of the region.

President Xi Jinping emphasized that China and Kyrgyzstan have a long history of cooperation and friendship. The agreement on the highway project is a testament to the growing strategic partnership between the two countries. The project will be implemented in a phased manner, with the first phase focusing on the construction of roads in the border area.

The agreement is expected to enhance the connectivity between China and Kyrgyzstan, promoting bilateral trade and investment. It will also facilitate the implementation of other joint projects, such as the construction of a power transmission line and the expansion of the China-Kyrgyzstan border railway. These initiatives will further strengthen the economic and political ties between the two countries.

President Xi Jinping also highlighted the importance of the Silk Road Economic Belt in regional development. He emphasized that the project will not only benefit the two countries but also contribute to the regional and global economic stability.

In conclusion, the agreement on the highway project is a significant milestone in the strategic partnership between China and Kyrgyzstan. It will not only enhance the connectivity between the two countries but also contribute to the regional economic development and stability.

**Ching Keat**

**Time to treat illness in global health governance**

The world is facing a critical moment in global health governance, with the COVID-19 pandemic highlighting the need for a more equitable and effective health system. The pandemic has underscored the importance of international cooperation and solidarity in addressing global health challenges.

While China and other countries have made significant contributions to the global response to COVID-19, there are still challenges to overcome. The pandemic has exposed the need for better preparedness and response mechanisms to address future pandemics.

The upcoming 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA) is an opportunity to reflect on the failures and successes of the past year and to discuss the way forward. It is crucial that the WHA not only addresses the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic but also sets the agenda for future global health governance.

President Xi Jinping's proposal to establish a new framework for global health governance is a significant step towards a more equitable and effective system. The framework aims to address the challenges of future pandemics by promoting solidarity, transparency, and accountability.

The proposal includes measures such as strengthening international cooperation, improving global health security, and building a new global health governance system. These initiatives will not only strengthen the health security of individual countries but also contribute to the global health security of all.

The world is facing a critical moment in global health governance. It is essential that countries work together to address the challenges of the pandemic and build a new framework for global health governance that is more equitable and effective.

**Zhu Songning**

**DPP’s shrinking global space of its own making**

Hitting a growing number of international bodies since 2016, the Taiwan authorities are still struggling with the reality of engaging in international society, as evidenced by the Democratic Progressive Party administration’s efforts to join the World Health Assembly (WHA).

Taiwan’s attempt to join the WHA is a prime example of the DPP’s coercive tactic to force the world to recognize the so-called “Taiwan independence.” But the world is not clueless, nor can it be taken for granted. Countries around the world, especially those with a strong sense of justice, have remained firm in following the principle of one-China, which is also a core principle of the United Nations.

Taiwan, which is in the same situation as the “Taiwan independence” forces, is guilty of and should be held accountable for the unlawful and self-serving pursuits of engaging in international bodies. The DPP authorities’ attempts to join the WHA or any other kind of international bodies only run contrary to the principle of one-China and the international consensus on the Taiwan issue.

According to the provision of the arrangement, if Taiwan faces an epidemic, it can only report to the WHA after the epidemic is under control through WHO channels. The Taiwan authorities’ actions in recent years do not follow this arrangement.

Taiwan authorities have not yet been admitted to the WHA since 2016. Taiwan has not been invited to WHA meetings since 2016. The Taiwan authorities have no right to participate in the WHA or any other kind of international bodies.

Taiwan’s authorities should not continue to mislead the world, and the United Nations and the World Health Organization should strictly follow the one-China principle and adhere to the UN Charter and the World Health Assembly Resolutions.
Africa and China will continue to uphold the principle of consultation, joint contribution and sharing mutual benefits for the well-being of the two peoples, and advance sustainable, high-standard, people-centered Belt and Road cooperation.

The Belt and Road Initiative is unlocking new opportunities for cooperation between Rwanda and China.

The Belt and Road Initiative is playing a positive role in fast-tracking Africa’s development and lending support to sustainable development on the continent.

The Belt and Road Initiative has generated numerous funding opportunities in key priority development areas of infrastructure development, industrialization, energy, housing and intra-African trade, which are all reflected in the IDA’s Agenda 2018, as well as in regional and national development strategies. In African countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria, the Belt and Road projects have resulted in job creation, economic growth and the transfer of China’s technology, as well as opportunities for African countries to learn from the rich experience of China in infrastructure development and other challenges. "We need to invest in and develop infrastructure in Africa, which is the backbone of China’s Belt and Road Initiative," said the president of the China-Africa Studies Center.

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Economies to benefit from energy ties

Low carbon investments in involving BRI exceed those of traditional fuels

By LEI YUEMING

The integration of economies in the Belt and Road Initiative will be strengthened through greater energy cooperation – especially clean energy cooperation, which will bring greater benefits to the countries involved. The integration of energy will make the initiative more sustainable.

According to a report released by the Belt and Road Initiative Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in January, the BRI-funded energy projects are expected to attract investments of over $300 billion, a figure three times higher than the $90 billion invested from 2013 to 2018. By the end of 2018, China had invested a total of $90 billion in 150 energy-relevant projects in 37 countries. The report said that China's investment in the Belt and Road Initiative will continue to grow in the coming years.

In addition, the Belt and Road initiative will improve the ability to access energy resources and enhance energy security. "China's economic growth and development drive the demand for energy, which will also drive energy cooperation involving the Belt and Road Initiative," Ren said.

According to Ren, BRI will continue to strengthen energy cooperation. "With the Belt and Road Initiative, major countries will gradually improve cooperation mechanisms and the process will also actively facilitate cooperation," he said. In the energy infrastructure areas such as hydrogen and power systems, energy cooperation will continue to make progress.

The recent meeting of the World Bank China Country Director for Infrastructure, Ingmar Schwenk, with the Belt and Road Initiative, in the terms of investment, trade, technology and production capacity, which is conducive to the establishment of a new type of international economic and trade relations, will contribute to the economic and social development of the countries involved.

China and Japan have long enjoyed close economic and trade relations. In 2022, the bilateral trade volume reached a record high of $374.4 billion, according to Chinese customs data. Meanwhile, experts believe that the economic cooperation between the two countries can continue to grow and benefit both sides.

Cloud players face off after price cuts

By YAN FENG

Cloud computing is one of the fastest-growing fields, with major players from around the world looking to gain a competitive edge. In recent years, major cloud providers have been lowering prices to attract new customers and increase market share. This has led to increased competition and a focus on innovation to maintain a competitive edge.

Cloud computing is a key part of the digital transformation strategy for many companies, and competition for cloud services is intense. Major players such as Amazon, Alibaba, and Microsoft have been offering incentives to capture new customers.

In recent years, cloud computing services have experienced significant growth in the global market. The market is expected to continue to grow as organizations increasingly move their operations to the cloud due to the benefits of scalability, cost savings, and increased productivity.

In the global market, cloud computing services are expected to grow by 8.9% this year, according to the latest report by Research and Markets. This growth is driven by the increasing adoption of cloud services by businesses of all sizes, from small startups to large enterprises.

In China, cloud computing is also seeing rapid growth, with major players such as Alibaba Cloud and Tencent Cloud leading the market. The Chinese government has been actively encouraging the use of cloud computing, with a focus on promoting innovation and sustainability.

The global cloud computing market is expected to reach $448 billion by 2027, according to another report by Markets and Markets. This growth is driven by factors such as the increasing adoption of cloud services by businesses, the growing need for agility and scalability, and the increased focus on data security and privacy.

In conclusion, cloud computing is a key part of the digital transformation strategy for many businesses. As the market continues to grow, competition will remain intense, with major players offering incentives to capture new customers. The focus will be on innovation to maintain a competitive edge and meet the needs of customers in an ever-evolving market.
**BUSINESS**

**Freebies gain popularity among consumers as marketers hit sweet spot**

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Consumers are going all out to grab freebies, a marketing tactic that is generating new business growth points for brands by boosting consumption levels and a booming tourism sector.

During this year’s May Day holiday, a freebie given by Chinese mountain maker Huya was in high demand.

Huya launched city-themed digital magnets, joining hands with its tourism hot spots, such as Guangzhou and Angkor in Cambodia province, Longhui in Hubei province and Wenchang in Hainan province. When Heyun kicked off on the magnet at some scenic spots and in other areas, containers land up and the magnets were all taken away soon.

The freebies — in the form of a fridge magnet — help promote Huya’s Live app.


**Airlines seek fresh faces as international travel recovers**

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Domestic carriers have ramped up efforts to recruit more employees to revitalize the economic recovery of the international travel market, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

So far this year, Hainan, Beijing-based China East Air, has recruited more than 60 international and regional routes, and plans to recruit more in the next few months under the guidance of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the company said.

With the COVID-19 epidemic and the resumed quarantine-free international travel, the Civil Aviation Administration of China has more than 30,000 offshore flights and with the group, including Hainan Airlines, China Airlines and China Eastern.

During the May 1 holiday, HNA Group had 26 domestic and international routes to meet the growing travel demand. The flights connect Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Chongqing, Chengdu, Kunming, Wuhan, Changsha, Yinchuan, Osaka, Tokyo, Beijing and Tokyo, among others.

The company’s operational logic is more marketing and ground service support for offshore routes, and marketing and customer service employees that will be responsible for international business in the company.

Owing to the challenges of the last three years, many employees who worked in the aviation sector left for other, more stable industries, or started new businesses, according to the company.

The flight crew members, according to the company, are still working, and the company continues to prepare for the gradual recovery of the international travel market.


**Listed companies win more projects in major build on robust investment pipeline**

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Supported by the qualitative effective investment in the country, more listed companies along the infrastructure industrial chain recently saw the winning of major project awards.

On Friday, Shanghai-listed China Railway Group Ltd (CIRG), said it recently won several major projects with a total bid of around 23.6 billion yuan (3.12 billion US dollars), accounting for about 21 percent of its revenue last year.

Among the bids, the largest is located in Xiong'an, Hebei province, with the value reaching at 6.8 billion yuan, CIRG said in an announcement.

According to a security Daily report, and Tsinghua, China has been boosting the role of the BRI in the country, and promoting the circular economy. CIRG is expected to be the main company to achieve such a goal.

In 2022, the Chinese railway construction industry is expected to see a strong recovery. The company has already received more than 120 billion yuan in new business, with a 43 percent increase year-on-year. The new business includes major projects in the construction of railways and highways.

The listed company bid reports revealed that the company has won major projects, which will help the company contribute to the national economy and support the local economy, said Liu Xiangdong, a researcher at the Beijing-based China Center for International Economic Exchanges, quoted by Xinhua Daily.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, China’s infrastructure investment increased by 8.9 percent year-on-year in the first four months. Among the total, investment in railway transportation increased by 14 percent year-on-year, investment in water conservancy management by 31.9 percent, and fixed asset investment by 23 percent, despite the relatively high inflation rate.

Looking at the intense promotion of infrastructure construction, major enterprises, especially state-owned enterprises, are expected to be the main pillar for the national economy.

According to the fixed asset investment plan announced by local governments, expanding effective investment will continue to be a major task in boosting the economy in the next six months. In terms of project completion, the report predicts the completion of the projects within the year, according to the annual work report of 2023 of CIRG.

In addition, the company said that it has won a few big projects this year, such as the high-speed railway project in Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong, with the construction of the project expected to start in the first quarter of this year. The company expects the completion of this project will help to bring the revenues of CIRG to the next level.

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Green bond with CEECs a big opportunity

Potential exists for cooperation in China with public goods domains such as waste disposal, transport, and ecological development, so there is broad space to tap into for cooperation.

Desislav Derinov, a Bulgarian company specializing in plastic packaging solutions

European exhibitors embrace nation’s consumption trend

Ningbo — Around 20,000 types of new products, ranging from agricultural products, wine, and cosmetics to high-end manufacturing and services products, were showcased at the China-CEECs Central and Eastern European Countries Expo & International Consumer Goods Fair (CEEC Expo) held in Ningbo, Zhejiang province, from March 24 to 27.

The fair, which is the first CEECs expo in China, was attended by more than 100 companies, including those from 20 countries, showcasing their latest products.

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