**Space crew meets in station Six astronauts scheduled to stay for about five days to complete joint tasks**

By BOHUI YUAN

Shenzhou XVI and Shenzhou XV astronauts met in the Tiangong space station, marking the start of the two crews' joint mission.

The Shenzhou XVI mission, which includes the first Chinese citizens astronaut, marked out on Tuesday and started work in the Tiangong space station.

**Inside**

About the Shenzhou XVI mission, commander of the crew, Major General Jiang Zhongyi, and Professor Guo Huchao, the mission's spaceport project specialist, and the first Chinese citizen in space were launched on a 29-story tall Long March 3F carrier rocket, which blasted off at 9:30 am from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center to northwestern China's Gobi Desert.

After a short flight, the astronauts' spacecraft was powered into a low orbit about 500 kilometers above the planet and then arrived at the nominal rendezvous point to approach the Tiangong space station.

On the ground station, each module was connected with the radial port on Tiangong's Tianhe core module.

About two hours of preparatory work followed as the Shenzhou XVI opened a hatch on the Shenzhou XVI spaceport and Shenzhou VI module. The module's control cabin is expected to be launched at 5:30 pm.

He was welcomed by Major General Fei Junlong, leader of the Shenzhou VI mission, who had been waiting inside the cabin.

"I feel so happy!" said the astronaut as he entered the module.

Following Jiang, Zhai and Liu moved into the connection module and then entered the Shenzhou XVI module.

"I believe we will work together very well and friendship will also have been created between us," Zhai said.

The Shenzhou XVI mission has been moved into the Tianhe module and brought the other Shenzhou XV crew members - Senior Colonel Dai Qingjun and Senior Colonel Zhang Liang - who were waiting there andwording the emotional moment on a smartphone.

Jiang expressed wishes for a safe and smooth mission.

The two teams are scheduled to stay together for about five months, and the Shenzhou XVI crew will then take over the mission until October after the crews have been in orbit for six months and will return to Earth as scheduled.

Jiang said his crew will spend time in Tianhe for about five months and are scheduled to return to Earth in November.

They will carry out several missions during the mission to reposition equipment, control the station and other missions, lead by Commander Liu Xiaoping, deputy director of the China Manned Space Agency, and a news conference on Monday. The的任务 will include assisting with the docking and departure of visiting spacecraft such as cargo ships and the Shenzhou X spacecraft, conducting scientific experiments and demonstrations of technology, and testing space systems.

The official said he plans to lead two astronauts into a wide range of research fields such as general relativity and the origins of life to be obtained during the Shenzhou XVI mission.

The journey is the debut flight of China's third generation of spacecraft, and the first time a Chinese spacecraft will rendezvous in space.


down and Zhang are members of the International Astronautics Federation Division, while Gil is a doctoral supervisor at the Department of Spacecraft and Launch Vehicle Technology of Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Beijing. Three crew members are doctors.

Zhai and Gil are the first members of China's third generation of astronauts to enter space.

Liu said that the three astronauts will be on a 15-day mission, all of the third-generation astronauts have passed qualification tests and have been cleared for space mission.

Moreover, the Shenzhou XVI mission is in England's fourth space-flight, making China's most experienced astronaut.

According to Liu, China now has all communications for designing autonomous systems in space - a well-structured space station, a reliable autonomous transportation system, and a reliable mission for the "most experienced astronaut".

To this day, China has not been able to reach the international space station, but the Conference on the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) will be held in the next few years.

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**Challenges and solutions**

By JIANG JINCHENG

The attendence of China's defense minister at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore will be vital to expanding China's vision of global and regional security, experts say.

It will also offer an opportunity for two leaders to seek security proposals that serve the common interests of regional countries, instead of the self-interest of the United States that aims to maintain military hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region, they say.

State Councilor and Minister of National Defense Li Shangfu has been invited to attend the 2023 Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore from Wednesday to Sunday, the Defense Ministry announced on Monday.

During the international security forum, Li will deliver a speech on China’s security proposals and meet with the leaders of some 50 countries and international organizations.

Li will also conduct meetings and talks with leaders of countries and international organizations, and China’s defense department and state security department.

International Relations Council Chairperson of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore will be scheduled together with Li on Wednesday to Sunday, to be the main forum for talks and meetings.

The fourth Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore has been held in Singapore since 2002. Sino-US dialogue will be the main topic.

According to the Pentagon, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin will also attend the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

"The United States military and China’s military have long been a global force but it has surged through serious difficulties in recent years. The US side has been engaging in the international community," said Yu Baihong, deputy director of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences’ Institute of International Relations.

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Organizers: Wider audience reached

Left and center: Tugong, a home organizer, teaches primary school and college students in Zhejiang, Hangzhou province, how to arrange their possessions.

Right: Home organizer Han Yi in her home in Shanghai.

There is usually a vast disparity between the wife's possessions and the husband's. For example, the man's clothes typically occupy only one-fifth of the space, or even less, in a closet.

Han Guo (left), a home organizer in Hangzhou, works at a client's house with a colleague. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

My career change provides a welcome sense of order and happiness

Guo Zhenhua, 36, a home organizer in Shanghai, said she had been working for two years, a job she got after changing careers from a businesswoman to an academic researcher.

My career change provides a welcome sense of order and happiness, as well as a new sense of professionalism. I now enjoy keeping things tidy, which is a change from the chaotic environment where I was brought up. I've learned to appreciate the value of having a clean and organized space.

But I'm still learning how to best arrange things in my home. I'm constantly experimenting with different methods to find what works best for me.

In my new role, I've learned to appreciate the importance of decluttering and organizing. I've discovered that a tidy space can improve my productivity and overall well-being.

I've also learned how to better manage my time and prioritize tasks, which has helped me become more efficient in my work.

But the most rewarding aspect of my job is seeing the positive impact it has on my clients. Seeing their satisfaction and happiness when they see progress in their organized space is what makes me feel fulfilled.

In conclusion, becoming a home organizer has been a life-changing experience for me. It has allowed me to develop new skills, pursue my passion for organization, and make a positive impact on others' lives.

I hope to continue growing and learning in this field, and I encourage anyone who might be considering a career change to explore the possibilities of becoming a home organizer.

I believe that a well-organized space can lead to a more fulfilling life and a sense of accomplishment.

Guo Zhenhua was allotted a new life. Zuozheng. CHINA DAILY
NDB plans to raise funds in diverse markets
Financing projects in local currencies to drive sustainable development, bank president says

By ZHANG YUNSHI in Shenzhen

The New Development Bank (NDB) should diversify its financing channels and focus on developing of emerging economies, which will help the bank achieve its sustainable growth, said Jiang Zengwei, the president of the bank, at a meeting in Shenzhen Tuesday.

Banking on diverse currencies, and different in currencies, including the yuan, the RMB, will be among the NDB’s priorities.

Mauricio Vila Dosal, the newly appointed Mexican president who was elected in March 2021, attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, the NDB will seek to fund a greater share of projects in local currencies. As many infrastructure projects stand as collateral for sustainable development projects in local currencies, the NDB will offer more alternatives for self-financing, said Jiang.

The move will boost the bank’s ability to reduce the risks of currency fluctuations. This is especially important as the Chinese currency market is complicated by multiple uncontrollable factors, such as geopolitical conflicts, fluctuation of supply chains, high interest rates and monetary policies leading to rising interest rates.

By the end of the first quarter, local currency financing represented approximately 23 percent of the NDB’s total assets. This proportion stood at 20 percent in 2020, according to its annual report.

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Financial incentives to encourage births have been a hot topic recently, with one affluent region in Zhejiang paving the way for other provinces to follow. The incentive, which allows couples to be eligible for a one-time housing coupon worth 100,000 yuan (US$15,000), is aimed at encouraging young couples to have children. The policy was announced last month that families with three or more children will be given a maximum of 20,000 yuan when they purchase a new home. While lacking the benefit of financial incentives, experts and parents have noted that the measure will influence young couples. Ms. Li, who is expecting her first baby in December, said that a subsidy of 50,000 yuan will help her family afford to buy a new house, according to The Guardian, a local newspaper.

Shanghain announced the policy as part of a package of measures to reduce the cost of raising children and encourage the birth of more children in the city. The government said that it would introduce more incentives annually to the plan. Overall, the China highlights include discounts and prioritization of the allocation of affordable housing for families with two to three children. The government has also put in place a policy to provide housing benefits to married couples. The government has also put in place a policy to provide housing benefits to married couples. The government has also put in place a policy to provide housing benefits to married couples.

Little policies to reduce the cost of raising children are not only being implemented in Shanghai, but also in other cities. In Shandong, the local government has taken steps to release the pressure of childrearing for families with children. In the province, the government has launched a policy to provide subsidies to families with two or more children. In addition, the local government has also launched a policy to provide free private tutoring services for children in kindergarten and primary school.

By YANG XIAOYU

In China, the government has rolled out incentives to encourage births. District offers coupon worth 15,000 yuan, but parents, experts doubt it will be effective.

By BY DU JUAN

The China Science Fiction Convention 2023 kicked off with a grand opening ceremony in Beijing. The convention is one of the most significant events in China's scientific community, attracting hundreds of scientists, engineers, and fans from around the world. The convention, which runs from February 22 to 24, aims to promote the popularization of science and technology, and to encourage creative thinking and innovation.

By WANG YAN

Wuxi offers incentives to lure new graduates

By GAO WEI

Wuxi, which hosted a comprehensive graduation ceremony for more than 10,000 college graduates in Jiangsu province on January 8, has announced new graduation incentives and offered preferential policies in a bid to retain more “talents of the city”.

Du Xianwen, secretary of the Wuxi Committee of the Communist Party of China, said at the ceremony that the graduates and students who choose to work in Wuxi “are the best, the most precious.”

The local government has been working to attract more young talent to the city, and has launched a series of initiatives aimed at promoting the development of the city’s human resources.

By LI HONGYANG

The forest sinks have become increasingly popular in the country, but also an enthusiast who has been working to promote international communication in the sector.

“Forest sinks are a fantastic tool to combat climate change, and I’m really excited to see how it can be used to make more Chinese cities look beautiful and make them rich,” said Francesco Visone, an Italian expert on the topic.

“Forest sinks have been developed in several countries, and they are a great example of how science and technology can be used to combat climate change,” he said.

With the increasing popularity of forest sinks in the country, more Chinese cities are looking into their potential to mitigate climate change and promote sustainable development.
Measures to help heat up foreign trade

By ZHANG YUE

A recently issued guideline containing a raft of detailed and concrete policy incentives aimed at maintaining China’s foreign trade and optimizing trade structure came out at a critical time, as it should help revitalize confidence in foreign companies looking to do business in China and spur foreign trade development broadly and minimally, experts and company leaders said.

On April 5, the General Office of the State Council, China’s Cabinet, published a guideline containing specific policy measures, including facilitating the recognition of the trade exhibitions in China, facilitating visas for business persons and continued support for international trade and exhibitions, and enhanced consensus of governments and commerce chambers to jointly efforts to encourage domestic foreign trade companies to participate in overseas exhibitions and to organize their own overseas events.

The measures are seen as “much needed” by many foreign trade companies operating in China. As much of the world’s goods have been repositioned during the past three years, pent-up demand for trade exhibitions and international travel have driven. Though numerous barriers in the past, business owners still feel the need to attract clients, shows their products and broaden their own perspectives.

"Professional exhibitions serve as an essential connection between supply, demand and demand-side in industrial and supply chains,” said Dong Danghui, president of Wuxi Kanger Customs Co., Ltd., a shipping services provider of glass and ceramic ware manufacturers that employs more than 1,000 people.

"Besides offering products to sea, touch and feel products before placing orders. Participating in trade shows will clearly help us to better understand consumers want and gain some insights into their buying behavior and function,” he said.

After all, new technologies and trends are being developed via cross-border e-commerce channels.

Addressing problems

From a macroeconomic perspective, the measures seem to help foreign trade in foreign trade and the trade deficit of the year this year was critical yet urgent, economists and companies concerned and economists witnessed the lack of temperature in the world economy and global trade.

The central government has repeatedly noted that foreign trade has dimmed in the past years, more comprehensive. Experts said the easing of the specific steps in the new policy document will not only help understand some foreign trade companies, but will also be conducive to improving China’s foreign trade structure in the long run.

"The measures for developing foreign trade development have been one of the major driving forces behind China’s growth. This year, with China’s foreign trade growth currently evolving, the new guidance has addressed some of the most pressing issues to help foreign trade companies participate in and place orders at trade exhibitions, to optimize the exchange of cross-border business partners,” said Ma Hong, a professor of economics at the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University in Beijing, whose research interest focuses on trade and tariffs.

The guideline also proposed several measures that could spark innovation in foreign trade development. These include facilitating trade digitization, cross-border e-commerce, green trade and border-free, the gradual standardization of processes to better develop central and western regions of the country.

Efforts will also be made to stabilize and expand the import and export volume of key products, including automobiles.

The guideline urged local governments and business associations to set up direct interaction with automotive and shipping companies, and coordinate actions to move medium- to long-term agreements. Build and return overseas facilities are also encouraged to create financial instruments and efforts to support automotive overseas expansion.

The guideline also underscored the importance to expand imports of advanced high-end equipment.

"These will contribute to stabilizing China’s trade momentum and to achieving optimization of its export structure in the medium-term," Ma said.

Improving structure key

The latest trade figures from the General Administration of Customs show that China's exports grew 5.6 percent year-on-year in April – surprisingly strong despite continued global trade. Exports to Europe grew by 20 percent, while a slower pace compared with that of March.

Ma remains optimistic and said that most efforts should be focused on improving China’s trade structure, which is more controllable than the volume of exports.

"Despite the strong year-on-year growth at the end of April, in foreign trade has been moderate since 2018," he said. "The growth rate was mainly underpinned by positive factors from the south, with the base effect of the trade war between the dominant powers and the ongoing impact of initiation of advanced economic. These factors are only temporary, and the market will eventually be affected." he added.

He said that among them there are several major issues with China’s trade structure that need to be addressed.

First, trade in goods and services has been uneven, with the latter being weaker. Specifically, China still lacks an advantage in digital and related services and products that come with high value-added services.

Second, domestic traders aren’t fully exploiting their advantage in high-end and high-tech products, and the wholesale of overseas brands has been strengthened in recent years, which threatens the development of China’s domestic brands.

Third, the export growth is not stable, with both growth rates and the value of shipments growing at different rates.

Fourth, the export growth of China’s high-tech products is relatively low compared to other countries, which limits the country’s ability to compete in the global market.

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Policy Digest

Agencies to help SMEs market and find facts

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and other central departments have agreed to plan to improve the ability of small and medium-sized companies to market their technological achievements over the next five years, according to a document issued on Thursday.

Noting that SMEs play an important role in promoting innovation, creating jobs and improving lives, the document said that the government will need to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs so that they can become more specialized and competitive, and actively support the production of innovative products.

The guideline urged the acceleration of the accumulation of relevant policies and measures to facilitate the integration of industries and research.

The document said that a repository of sci-tech achievements will be created to enable SMEs to access scientific resources from institutions and research and development centers to help them to develop their own technologies.

It also encouraged large companies to share their data and laboratories with SMEs.

Expansion of mortgage, divorce registries

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Nepal marks day to honor climbers of Qomolangma

By DHU WUWALI in Hong Kong

May 20 is a special day to mark the remarkable achievements of those who have faced challenges to successfully scale the world’s highest peak, Mount Everest in the West. It is also a call for global tribute to the mountaineers, guides, and expedition teams that have been lost while climbing.

Nepal commemorates the 70th International Everest Day on Monday. The Minister of Culture, Tourism, and Civil Aviation of Nepal celebrated the occasion by visiting the community participating in the event, according to Xinhua.

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## SPORTS

### NEW BREED THROWS DOWN GAUNTLET

China's exciting young hotshots prove their mettle at world championships

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China has sound to prominence this season, with the 23-year-old topping the chart at a number of WTT events — including an impressive harvest of titles singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles at the Singapore Open in March.

The momentum in Durban, partnering two golds (singles and mixed doubles), as well as a bronze in women's doubles.

"I'm happy to win the women's singles gold and the two bronze medals in women's doubles. We fought hard to reach the final, and I'm glad to have learned a lot from them," said Su.

"I have grown a lot over the past two years," said Su. "I think the top places in the world aren't that far away from me. This is my moment to challenge for the top spots in my heart."

"I just told myself to keep trying and finish my job step by step. I need to keep focusing on the details and in the hard work every day in training."

Next on the horizon for the all-rounders from China are September's Asian Games in Hangzhou and next year's Paris Olympics.

"Our young players and our veterans will have the chance to work on and challenge to deal with. They need to learn to win with the mental combat with themselves. The World Championships is one of the biggest tournaments in the world, and we need to find the best way to win," said Su.

The rivalry between Sun and Table Tennis Olympian Chen is on course to breathe new life into the sport, with world No. 1 Chen having come under the title for the first time.

### Top-ranked Sun Yingsheng and Fan Zhendong are dominating this season's singles events at the WTT circuit.

**TABLE TENNIS**

**CHINA DAILY**
Zeiss Group plans massive investment in Chinese mainland

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Zeiss Group has announced plans to increase investment in China, the Getty Images largest single scientific instrument company, that is manufacturing operations, with a vision to the Chinese market.

The company, which has a strong presence in China, where it has a tradition of innovation and development, said it will make four new investments, including a $100 million expansion of its plant in Shanghai.

Given the strategic importance of China as the Group’s long-term goal, the company has set up a new company in Shanghai to focus on the development of its technology and products.

The new company, which will be known as Zeiss China, will be headquartered in Shanghai and will focus on the development of its products in the country.

The company said that it has already started the process of setting up the new company and is looking for a site for its new plant.

The company also said that it is looking to hire a new CEO for the China subsidiary, and that the new CEO will be from China.

“China is a key market for Zeiss, and we have been working closely with the Chinese government to support the development of the technology industry here,” the company said.

The company said that it was committed to investing in China, and that it was looking to develop new products and technologies that would be of interest to the Chinese market.

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**BUSINESS**

**Builders ramp up infra push**

Local special bond issuance project liquidity, boosting projects for early completion

By ZHOU QINGANG

The nation’s massive infrastructure investment drive is showing signs of slowing, as State-owned builders areropsening major projects to the national interest, which experts attribute to efforts to demonstrate political and economic stability amid episodes of local fiscal distress.

The National Development and Reform Commission, the country’s top economic planning body, said recently that infrastructure investment in January-September increased 0.7% year-on-year, declining from a 5.8% rise in the first eight months of the year. The figure fell 5.3% in September.

The commission said the slowdown was amid efforts to improve the construction environmental governance and eliminate hidden dangers.

"While the necessary conditions for infrastructure construction have improved, the efficiency and quality of construction and renovation projects continues to be improved." the commission said.

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Thailand and China share strong bonds not only in investment but also people-to-people exchanges.

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In 2023, China’s investment in Thailand is expected to rise significantly, driven by the country’s growing demand for infrastructure projects, as well as the efforts of Thai policymakers to attract foreign investment.

According to data released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China’s direct investment in Thailand reached $2.8 billion in the first nine months of 2023, up 32.4% year-on-year.

The ministry said that China’s investment in Thailand is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, driven by the country’s need to improve infrastructure and boost economic growth.

"China’s investment in Thailand is expected to continue to grow in the coming years," the ministry said. "This is particularly true for infrastructure projects, as Thailand aims to boost its economy and improve the living standards of its people."
China became a major powerhouse in building LNG (liquefied natural gas) carriers after it received orders for 55 vessels — more than 30 percent of the world’s total — in 2022. The LNG carrier market was previously dominated by Japanese and South Korean shipbuilders as Chinese shipyards were not capable of building such vessels before 2008, when the first China-made LNG ship was delivered.

The fourth-generation large LNG carrier has a service speed of 9.5 knots and utilizes the latest dual-fuel low-speed propulsion system, resulting in a fuel consumption of less than 100 metric tons per day.

The fifth-generation large LNG carrier, which is now under construction, moves faster, weighs lighter, consumes less fuel, carries more cargo and has better performance in low temperature conditions.

**TIMELINE OF LNG CARRIER CONSTRUCTION**

1998
In response to the central government’s call for made-in-China vessels, China State Shipbuilding Corporation’s Stavanger-based subsidiary Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Singapore) Co Ltd launches its LNG carrier project which features patented technology for liquefied cargo containment system from Gaztransport & Technigaz (GT&T) of France.

2005
After seven months of research and development, Hudong-Zhonghua successfully builds a prototype for the No. 1 generation LNG carrier. The results are certified by DNV and classification societies in the UK, US, France, Norway, and Japan.

March 2002
Hudong-Zhonghua wins a bid to construct two AP2000 cubic-meter LNG carriers.

December 31, 2004
The construction of China’s first domestic built LNG carrier begins under Hudong-Zhonghua. It is not only the first in China, but also in the South Korean shipyards.

April 3, 2008
Delivery of the first domestic-built LNG carrier (174,000 cubic meters) is delivered by Hudong-Zhonghua, ending the domination of Japanese and South Korean shipyards in building LNG carriers.

2008 to 2022
Hudong-Zhonghua develops five generations of LNG carriers, the Changdong series (2008), the Changjiang series (2009), the Changxin series (2010), the Changhai series (2011), and the Changyue series (2012). On December 16, 2022, Hudong-Zhonghua signed the fifth-generation LNG carrier (274,000 cubic meter LNG) with the Shanghai Dongke Shipping for delivery in 2023, surpassing the previous record of 250,000 cubic meters.

**WHAT IS AN LNG CARRIER?**

Along with aircraft carriers and luxury cruise ships, LNG carriers are regarded as the most difficult vessels to build in shipbuilding industry. An LNG carrier is a tank ship designed for transporting liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Due to the special characteristics of natural gas, shipping the energy in a liquefied state, or at the temperature of below -163°C, is the most cost-efficient. The size of the liquefied natural gas is merely 1/620 of its gaseous state, greatly reducing transportation costs.

**GLOBALLY DELIVERED LNG VESSELS / YEAR**

For more information about China’s LNG carrier industry, please refer to the China Daily newspapers and the website.

**FACETS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE 2022 150-METER LNG CARRIER**

60,000 Tonnage
60,000 cubic meters of total ballast water for the largest ship

180 tons
210 metric tons of deadweight for each cubic meter of LNG

150 kilometers
150 nautical miles of LNG shipping per day

108 million cubic meters of natural gas equivalent by UFC LNG company

16 days
Number of days the gas lasts by the carrier can be used for daily consumption of all residents in Beijing
Editorials

Tokyo and Seoul should reflect on how costly it is to go all in with Washington on decoupling

In East Asia, the economies of the Chinese mainland, Japan, the Republic of Korea and China’s Taiwan Province are an increasingly mature system of division in the global semiconductor supply chain. The Washington approach to decouple that supply chain, however, is threatening to turn all that upside down. Having imposed its own restrictions last year aimed at stifling China’s tech progress, Tokyo has added a layer of regional economics to the same.

In this context, US Foreign Minister Yoon Jeong-hyeok and Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu in a joint TV interview on 23 June will doff their caps to the 19th anniversary of the US-Japan Security Treaty. Tokyo and Seoul together form an essential part of Washington’s global decoupling strategy. If both Tokyo and Seoul follow through on their promises made before and in Hiroshima, fundamental changes will take place in East Asia’s economic and trade landscape, inflicting irreparable losses on the three economies.

According to BOK trade ministry data, about 60 percent of South Korea’s chip exports go to China and Taiwan. And Foreign Ministry spokesperson Noh Se-Heon said that the Chinese market has been the largest export market for Japanese semiconductor suppliers, with an over 90 percent share for China and Taiwan accounting for one-fourth of all Japanese semiconductor exports.

Criticizing the Japanese trade restrictions as a wolf in sheep’s clothing, the Chinese Semiconductor Industry Association argued in an appeal letter to the Japanese government that the restrictions are a formula for mutual harm. Chinese and Japanese semiconductor industries have been mutually dependent and cooperation very strong. Seriously interfering with the Japanese industries that have emerged in the free market will force both countries dearly.

It’s time for Tokyo and Seoul to redeploy the regional semiconductor supply chain to emulate the Chinese model as a part of broader decoupling campaign, which is now increasingly called decoupling, in a fragmented and divided world. As the 2020 European Union strategy puts it, "The EU attempts to adapt the regional semiconductor supply chain to emulate the Chinese model as a part of broader decoupling campaign, which is now increasingly called decoupling, in a fragmented and divided world."

The US and US-led blocs have a fragile and uncertain foundation to solve the disputes thanks to the fact that the two nations have few蕁hechnological exports of potential economic value and mutual assistance. They were also plagued by the US-led developed countries campaign to strive for national independence, Thermonuclears and development in the global supply chain.

What Washington is doing is eroding the supply chain to attack the Chinese mainland’s semiconductor sector and to no avail. Tokyo and Seoul should reflect on the vision of being a part of such a scheme.

Comment

Sino-Indian relations shall not be defined only by border disputes

In a speech at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit last week, the Indian Prime Minister has underlined the need for a "new chapter" in the relationship with China. He has said that the two countries have much to gain from each other and that their relationship is "closer than ever before." The prime minister is said to have offered a "new chapter" in the relationship with China. The two countries have much to gain from each other and that their relationship is "closer than ever before." The prime minister is said to have offered a "new chapter" in the relationship with China. The two countries have much to gain from each other and that their relationship is "closer than ever before."

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What They Say

C919 can raise domestic industry to new heights

Airbus and Boeing offered their congratulations on the occasion of the first flight of the C919, China’s domestically manufactured passenger plane of a similar size as the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320, from Shanghai’s Hongqiao regional airport. And the voice of some is high as home. "The C919 is a milestone in China’s aviation industry," the executive director of the European and US aviation authorities said. "It makes China a more important player in the global aircraft market.

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Asia: A constructive growing story

From demographic dividend to talent dividend

Population aging is a distinct demographic phenomenon in the 21st century, with declining fertility and increasing life expectancy offering an opportunity to raise the share of older people in the population of many countries. But unlike in Western developed countries, China’s total fertility rate in 2023 is projected to be within a short period to about 1.051-1.075, and in 2024 it is expected to be 1.07 (China’s total fertility rate in 2020 was 1.73 per woman). However, the age structure of the population is still relatively young, and the share of the elderly population is increasing, while the share of the working-age population is decreasing. The old-age dependency ratio will continue to rise, and the elderly population will become a significant proportion of the total population in the future.

China’s unique demographic characteristics present the potential for an unprecedented talent dividend (a kind of demographic dividend). The unique demographic dividend is the result of the unique demographic structure of the population. While the number of people aged 0-49 years old was about 900 million in the end of 2020 and 300 million in the early 1960s, the share of working-age people and children (aged 0-14) in the total population was about 33% in 1965 and 16% in 2020. Therefore, the unique talent dividend is a result of the unique demographic structure of China’s population, and it is a unique phenomenon in the history of China and the world.

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G7 ‘de-risking’ policy risky for Stro-US ties

The recent G7 summit in Hiroshima, Japan, was marked by a declaration of a "Leader’s Communiqué" which described the "new power dynamic" of the "open world system". This was seen as a harbinger of change for the Asia-Pacific region, as China, the world’s second-largest economy, is increasingly influential. The G7’s declaration of a "new power dynamic" was seen as a move to challenge China’s rising influence, particularly in the face of territorial disputes in the South China Sea. However, the declaration was met with mixed reactions, with some analysts viewing it as a step towards strengthening the global order, while others saw it as a move to contain China’s growing influence.

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The African debt issue is an important topic in global governance and international development cooperation. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 exacerbated the liquidity crisis and development challenges faced by African countries. Financial shocks such as the Chinese crisis and interest rate hikes by developed economies have further complicated the African debt crisis. The Debt Service Suspension Initiative proposed by the G20 and the Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the Service Suspension Initiative provide a solution for the international community to address the debt issue of countries developing countries.

The ongoing changes in the international development finance environment in Africa have encouraged new dynamics in international debt relief efforts. With changes in the international environment, global debt hidden to African countries, emerging economies such as China and private creditors have piled up significantly, posing a significant risk to African debt relief, while the resources for debt relief are still inadequate and limited from international debt governance mechanisms, so they significantly dropped.

In 2015, the Paris Club creditors accounted for 21 percent of the long-term official external debt of sub-Saharan Africa. By the end of 2017, the club’s claim dropped to 15 percent. Meanwhile, the share of private financial creditors has increased from 19 percent of the commercial banks, from the Paris Club to 22 percent. Therefore, if we want to make our claim, future generations will need to find new measures to deal with the huge external debt outstanding to African countries and how to continue pushing the development of international debt governance systems. Beijing has gradually become the main source of solvency in external debt relief, and has been pushing the development of the international debt governance system in more comprehensive and complex challenging situations.

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China is becoming more and more involved in international practices as it learns from experience.

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The participation of young people has become a vital force for Belt and Road cooperation, Wang Lin, deputy director of the Institute of China Studies at Tsinghua University, said in the opening remarks at Youth Voices from the Belt and Road forum 2023, held on May 21 at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Co-sponsored by China Daily and Tsinghua, the forum followed the China-Central Asia Summit, held from May 19 to May 20 in Xian, Shaanxi province, which sought to deepen friendships between China and countries along the Belt and Road and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, according to Wang.

This year marks the 10th anniversary since Chinese President Xi Jinping first proposed the Belt and Road Initiative. The Report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China noted, “The Belt and Road Initiative has been welcomed by the international community as a platform for cooperation as well as public goods.” To give full play to the exemplary role of young people involved in Belt and Road cooperation, Wang raises three points: the importance of quality education, that genuine knowledge comes from practice, and communication platforms are key.

Marta M. Iwaszczuk, Polish ambassador to China, also stressed the strength of youth in her speech at the forum, calling young people “the future of both countries and of the world.” She also stressed the Chinese proverb “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step” to compare the positive changes that the Belt and Road Initiative has brought.

“We are all eager to hear how this great initiative has transformed the lives of the young people of both regions, not only in China but also elsewhere,” said ambassador Iwaszczuk.

At the forum, young speakers from China, Iran, Russia, and Belarus shared their stories and perspectives. They talked about visiting and living in different countries, the role of international communication, and the responsibilities that their generation is肩负ing in Belt and Road cooperation.

Wang Tiantian from Russia, a student ambassador for global communication at Tsinghua University, shared her experience of participating in China Daily’s video program “Young People from across the world discuss global issues, including education and sharing ideas.” She found that their discussion prompted the interest of viewers and promoted a common understanding of some key global topics.

“When I read the ‘Generation Z’ column, I choose to make the meaning of building such youth activities,” said Tianhao. “We need common knowledge and understanding of each other’s culture to communicate better.”

Borutina Kalajdzic is the champion of the Belgrade Division of Chinese Bridge (a Chinese proficiency competition for foreign students), a Journalism and Communication graduate of Tsinghua University, and now a lobbyist. With rich experiences in cross-cultural communication, she shared her methods for promoting Chinese culture to the world.

To better introduce China to friends from other countries, she translated some of the President’s speeches from the first person view of world leaders, the “public persona and the viewpoints of the President.”

She took the work of bloggers as an example, explaining that they were aiming to make a video to introduce Sinophone countries, share their views about the food and daily life there, like the Zhejiang rice, which has been recognized on Chinese social media.

Although young people are not diplomats or spokespersons for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we can still bring the people of two countries closer in our own ways and help them realize that we have more commonalities than differences,” she said.

Then Thierry, a Chinese student at Tsinghua University who led a research team to Saudi Arabia, shared her notion of making friends with local people and their thoughts on international communication. We remembered she used to worry about the language barrier between her and the Saudi Arabs she met, as they didn’t speak each other’s language and sometimes not the same or their English wasn’t fluent in English. But when a local person said to her, “Tell the princess,” all her worries and hesitations disappeared, and they became instant friends.

“Everything can be your ‘language’ sports, music, a Saudi Arabian once told me, ‘you guys need to promote your country and talk about your country.’ Yes, knowing is important, but as important as the will to communicate cross-cultural, to talk.”

The young spokespeople echoed the words of Wang Lin, deputy director of the Institute of China Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing and during the forum’s opening remarks, “Youth across the world share common aspirations and contributions, which contribute to the progress and development of mankind.”

“I hope our young friends from countries along the Belt and Road can give full play to their passion, sincerity, wisdom and strength,” said Zheng.
Esports aiming for gold
Esports popularity could one day see it shine on the Olympic stage.

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When asked whether an esports player would ever be a gold medalist, Tsai Hsien-hung, a member of Taiwan’s Olympicodic, said “I believe it could happen.”

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Chinese League of Legends gamers works hard to stay on top

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I wanted to be known by more people,” said Bai Jiahaoyu, 21, a professional League of Legends (LOL) player six years ago. He is now rising to be the best LOL top laner of 2022 by game site Inven Global.

With his studies falling behind in junior high school, he decided to attend a vocational school to at least “learn a skill.” By then, he was already playing LOL and was even paid to play the game for others.

“I had little interest in other games, but the game gave me confidence,” Bai said.

“Ever since then, the desire is a natural desire to become a champion,” Bai said.

However, the first two training teams he attended didn’t do well. Bai felt that he wasn’t fully inspired. In the third team, Bai set goals and was consistent with himself. Luckily, his family were very supportive.

“My grandparents were happy and proud to take care of me and happy no matter what,” Bai said.

Training takes up almost all of his time. “Usually we get up at 1 pm in the afternoon, and the training ends at 3 to 4 am the next morning,” Bai said. These are usually intense practices. In the evening and at night, which provides esports players with a better gaming environment for training.

During the competition season, players won’t have days off. “This is because the matches are intense and we need to train,” Bai said. They may have longer vacations after a season.

Apart from being good at playing the game, in Bai’s mind, the most important requirement for sports players is perseverance. “A player needs to have strong self-discipline. This helps a lot in the training,” he said.

When he was asked about his greatest moment, Bai quickly responded. “The moment when I became the champion,” he said. It was referring to the League of Legends Pro League 2020 Spring Finals Championship, which was the most recent award his team won. He was interviewed at the time of the interview. “My grandparents always watch my competitions, and I feel proud by just thinking that they are watching,” Bai said.

With this pride, Bai is motivated and hopeful for the future. “I wish to win all championships abroad,” he said.
Building out of adversity

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Fifteen years ago, on May 12, 2008, an earthquake struck Wenchuan county in Sichuan province, bringing sudden end to the lives of over 60,000 people. An Amoy-educated, US-born writer, Li Anqiang, who was then a high school student at Beijing No.2 Foreign Languages High School, was among the victims in his class. The school building collapsed, tearing him in the midst. Li was rescued by 24 hours, but his legs, severely crushed, had to be amputated. For months, Li was overpowered by depression, willing to end his life. But his parents forbade him to quit his life. "I had no idea what I would do for the rest of my life. My parents wouldn't let me get anything and they couldn't bear to watch my wheelchair every day," Li said. So he planned to go out and spend the following five months in rehabilitation and learned how to get around with a wheelchair. 

"I was trapped under the debris of my school and gas-admitted in Anqing Union Hospital. Undergoing surgery, he got the opportunity to interview the famous writer Eco. I was grateful for every chance the writer gave me," he added. 

"I entered into the medical school to train with professionals and rehabilitation workers," Li said. "While patients are divided, people also get out of their troubles by "Liaoning Rehabilitation Hospital". They could not imagine my story was being told. That is what shows how the stories of the disabled people and the doctors related to them." 

On his leg being removed, a video on social media about his leg with prosthetic limbs and received many comments from fellow amputees. He wondered how he could walk or sit well with such a leg. 

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low triangle between family members, parent-child, is the main pivot around the problems. The communication is cross-cultural and generation-specific, and becomes more difficult as the generations get further and further apart. While parents and children are searching for the ways to reach and understand each other, the "š‹[…]š•š•š‘š• shuó shù" trilogy throughout the three countries in The City of Dragons trilogy. The first time I read the whole story from start to end, even I myself thought, "What a family!" she said. Even now, the second edition of the book is published in China, young people can still see themselves in the three stories. "I worry about them when I watch the story, but now I appear to you as a true generation gap will occur more or less in family communication or problems," said Duan. 

The trilogy begins an ironic hit right after its publication, which is much in Li Anqiang's surprise. His initial intention was simply to write a characteristic family story in his spare time. "Every week, I would receive calls from the publishing house, telling me how many additional copies they had ordered," Duan noted. 

But it happened that last May Anqiang said he was unable to wear his headband at that time. In fact, she was doing her master's degree in Paris. Instead of using the time to enjoy her overtime at home, she stayed up all night for feedback on her thesis from her supervisor. No one in France knew of the connection she had stired up in China. 

"At a 25-year-old postgraduate, the only thing I cared about at that moment was my graduation thesis, the same as other students," she said. 

Looking back, Li Anqiang said that being abroad at that time and staying away from the spotlight was a good thing for her. It allowed her to keep a clear head when dealing with important figures like finishing school and making the decision to pursue a career in writing. Over the years, the career door has taken her far. She has attended many literary events and literary awards, including the People's Literature Award, under her belt. 

In 2017, Li Anqiang successfully published another book titled Sour Zeryng. From the perspective of a little girl raised by her single mother, the book depicts how the girl interacts and finally accepts her mother's friendship, leading the mother to rethink the way the world sees her. 

Some readers say that Li Anqiang's trilogy is an extension of her previous novels, especially when compared with The City of Dragons trilogy. To achieve the trilogy, Li Anqiang revised and adapted the script for her first novel, The Telephone and the Telecable, a story about a 17-year-old girl finding the way to communicate with the other side in China.