Cooperation key to tech gains

Experts, officials point to risks posed to world economy by potential decoupling

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Greater international cooperation is needed to explore technological frontiers such as computer brain interfaces technologies and artificial intelligences, which are widely seen as key drivers of global economic growth, officials and experts said.

Highlighting that decoupling in crucial technologies will slow down the world economy, they called on Chinese companies to have a problem-solving mindset and to accelerate the drive for breakthroughs in six areas.

The comments came as a global geopolitical landscape US company Nvidia became the world’s first chipmaker with a market capitalization of over $1 trillion on Tuesday morning until weight demands for its Al chips. Meanwhile, Turkey’s state oil company Turkmen said last week that it had ended the green light to its first-in-human clinical trial. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Thursday that China firmly opposes any economic sanctions by the United States to destabilize and weaponize economic, trade and technological issues.

These comments were in response to recent media reports quoting US Treasury officials that were as a result that new rules were under consideration which would restrict the flow of US investments and know-how to Chinese companies engaged in the fields of advanced semiconductors, AI and quantum computing.

Beijing is clear that partnership and cooperation is the only way forward if the world is to fully harness the potential offered by the technological revolution, according to experts. This was expressed clearly by President Xi Jinping in his communiqué message to the 2023 Zhejiang Science Congress, which ended on Friday. Xi said in the message that China is willing to work with countries around the world to promote technological innovation to better the people of all countries.

He Qun, an academician at the Chinese Academy of Engineering, said international cooperation is vital to achieving scientific breakthroughs, and China and the US are highly complementary to each other. In 2023, US companies are advanced in fundamental science and underlying computer algorithms, while China has a big market and rich application scenarios, and its research and development process is also growing, he added.

By 2023, China had secured the top position globally in terms of the number of patent applications for AI, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

Al technology will usher in the next generation revolution after the internet and smartphones, experts said, with Goldman Sachs forecasting that global AI could drive a 7 percent increase in global GDP, or almost $87 trillion, over a 25-year period.

Nick Bowler, chief academic officer at Ethereal, a London-based AI and blockchain company, said that China is leading the world in AI research, with no place in the world, aside from the US, in terms of whether the country’s performance or whether the quality of the country’s performance is in the “top 10 percent” of the world, according to the “Top 10 AI Companies” report by the Institute of Science and Technical Information of China.

When it comes to compare brain-computer interface technology, which enables people to control an external device using brain signals, China is also making steady progress. A team led by Duan Feng, a professor at Tsinghua University in Beijing, announced last year its first brain-computer interface experiment in a continuous, real-world setting in March 2023.

Turkish foreign policy unlikely to change

The victory of incumbent President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in the Turkish presidential race on Sunday marks a new chapter for Turkish foreign relations, as it is expected to have significant implications for relations with its regional neighbors and beyond. This is likely to lead to a new phase in Turkish foreign policy, with Erdogan’s re-election suggesting a shift away from the previous emphasis on human rights and democracy. The new government is expected to prioritize economic stability and regional engagement, with a focus on improving ties with Russia and China. This could lead to increased cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, and energy. However, it is also important to note that Erdogan’s re-election could also lead to increased tensions with the European Union and NATO, as well as with other Western countries. The US could be a key player in shaping Turkey’s foreign policy, as it is an important ally and a major economic partner. The new government is expected to make efforts to strengthen relations with the US, particularly in the fields of trade and security. Ultimately, the outcomes of Erdogan’s re-election will depend on a variety of factors, including domestic political developments, regional dynamics, and international trends.
Taxation: Crucial support measures welcomed

By KENNETH

Experts have hailed Beijing's announcement of tax support measures as a crucial step toward stimulating the economy. The measures will help companies and professionals to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The measures include a 30% refund for VAT for enterprises involved in the medical supplies industry, a 50% refund for small-scale taxpayers, and a 100% refund for other enterprises. These measures are expected to help businesses reduce costs and improve profitability.

In addition, the government has announced a new tax reduction policy for enterprises involved in the construction industry, with a 15% refund for VAT and a 30% refund for small-scale taxpayers. These measures are aimed at stimulating the construction sector and promoting economic growth.

The measures are part of Beijing's overall strategy to support the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other measures include the provision of financial support, such as loans and grants, to businesses and individuals. The government has also implemented a variety of social and health policies to ensure the safety and well-being of the population.

The measures are expected to have a positive impact on the economy, with an estimated increase of 0.7% in GDP growth for the year. The government has also set targets for job creation and poverty reduction, with a focus on providing support to vulnerable groups.

The measures are expected to be implemented in the coming months, with a focus on transparency and accountability. The government has also announced plans to review and adjust the measures as necessary to ensure their effectiveness.

In conclusion, the measures announced by Beijing are a crucial step toward stimulating the economy and helping businesses and individuals recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The government has demonstrated its commitment to supporting the economy and ensuring the safety and well-being of the population.

Beijing tipped to remain preferred destination for foreign capital

By ZHAO CHENGqi

Beijing has been tipped to remain a preferred destination for foreign capital, with experts predicting that the city's momentum will continue in the coming years.

“Beijing has been attracting foreign capital for many years due to its strategic location, robust economy, and high-quality human resources,” said an expert from a leading think tank.

The experts noted that Beijing's favorable business environment and supportive policies have made it an attractive destination for foreign investors.

“Beijing's strategic location and access to major transportation networks make it a top choice for foreign companies looking to enter the Chinese market,” another expert added.

The experts also highlighted the city's high-quality human resources, which include a large pool of skilled workers and a highly educated workforce.

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**Offshore carbon capture project begins operation**

Facility expected to store 300,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year, expert says

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The operation of China’s first off-shore carbon capture and storage demonstration project will further facilitate China’s carbon peak and net-zero targets, as oil companies’ step up research and development to help them become sustainable in the long run, industry experts said.

The demonstration project began operation in the Yellow Sea on March 31, among 9 months of the South China Sea. It will help fill the gap in China’s off-shore carbon capture, treatment, storage and technology, said to operate China National Offshore Oil Corp.

The facility is expected to store 200,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2024, and is designed to capture and store up to 10 million tons of carbon dioxide during the process of offshore development, said Deng Changguang, deputy general manager of the Marine Birth Unit of CNOOC.

Carbon dioxide captured during offshore development was injected into the sea through China’s offshore platform, and was then shipped to an onshore storage facility in Tianjin.

**Wuzhou adds lustre to synthetic gems hub**

**BY ZHANG YUAN**

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**Editor’s note:** This series of five articles begins a look at the special (and sometimes) sectors that have a share in global markets.

Like many of his fellow workers, Cai Zhen, chief one of the city’s highest-paying sectors — the synthetic gems industry — was left jobless two decades ago.

The sector “offered the best prospects,” the “most appealing” career, said. “We could earn 300 yuan (US$43) per day then. But then, what is what even migrant workers in other jobs would make in a month.”

The reputation of Wuzhou, a city in South China’s Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, as the global hub of synthetic gems rests as bright as ever.

Synthetic gems are lab-made imitations that look and feel like real gems. Natural counterparts, such as diamonds, rubies and emeralds, are at a fraction of their price. The industry rolled in Wuzhou four decades ago, leveraging the city’s comprehensive logistics network, ample labor supply and other advantages.

“Some stones can contain fewer flaws than natural ones. Our imitation products, for example, are more brilliant than diamonds,” said Huang Shiyuan, general manager of Wuzhou Huihui Jewelry Co., Ltd. “It is an industry attracting all kinds of people from all walks of life.”

And, thanks to technological advances and improved materials, Wuzhou is poised to reach a new level of success, according to industry insiders.

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**Most of the opposition was brokenhearted because they could not snatch a first election victory in over two decades.**

February’s deadly earthquake and Tsunami has shown that the country’s infrastructure and emergency response systems need to be improved. As a result, the country is poised to perform better in future major natural disasters.

**Election: Turkish political sphere more complex than just economic parameters**

In the previous page, Erdogan’s coalition unified the New Ways Team and the New Dawn Party, which led by economic reformists and women’s rights with a vested interest in the economy and the political scene.

Kılıçdaroğlu’s coalition included former criminals of the opposition, former prime minister Ahmet Davutoğlu of the Right-Left Party and former group leader Ahmet Bahar of the Social Democracy and Progress Parties.

The rivalry between Erdogan’s and Kılıçdaroğlu’s coalitions is deep, and it is almost their support for each other’s success. Their parties only turned back two months before the presidential election.

In March, at the start of the presidential campaign, President Erdogan — the leader of the New Ways Party — supported the election, saying he would continue in the role.

Davutoğlu and Kılıçdaroğlu, in fact, both vowed to run against Erdogan, but their parties did not have an open-door policy against candidates.

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China's factory activity in May expanded for the second straight month, driven by an upturn in production and new orders, a survey showed on Thursday.

Manufacturing activity, measured on a scale of 0.0 to 100, where 50.0 indicates no change, stood at 51.4 in May, slightly below the 51.6 reading in April, according to data released by the China National统计局.

The data suggested that the country's factory sector may be leveling off after a strong rebound in April, when it had expanded at the fastest pace in 13 months. However, the reading was above the 50-level mark that separates growth from contraction, indicating a continued expansion in the sector.

The factory sector accounts for about one-fifth of China's gross domestic product and employs millions of people. If it continues to grow, it could help stabilize the world's second-largest economy after the slow recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

China's manufacturing output expanded at its fastest pace in 13 months in April, driven by a surge in new orders. The sector's growth could have a positive impact on overall economic activity, which has been hit by the pandemic.

However, China's factory sector faces challenges such as rising costs and labor shortages. The country's leaders have said they will continue to support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the backbone of the economy.

China is the world's largest exporter and has a large manufacturing base. The sector is a major contributor to the country's economic growth and employment.
Schneider Electric to further tap China’s green opportunities

French company plans more resources to support nation’s high-quality growth

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With China emerging as one of green and innovation-led growth, Schneider Electric S.A., a French multinational company specializing in energy management, will allocate more resources to growing electrification and digitization-related businesses in China given the country’s all-round progress toward high-quality development, said a senior executive.

China’s focus on digitalization and sustainability has an economic return in complementarity to Schneider Electric's growth strategy, said Chris Leung, chief marketing officer and member of the group executive committee.

With Schneider Electric’s expertise in energy management and automation, its "digitalization plus digitization equals sustainability" formula and solutions can contribute greatly to China's industry upgrade and dual carbon goal—reaching a carbon dioxide emission peak by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, said Leung.

She said the company is applying its various industries around the world and has grown to be the right path. One example is the research and development facility employing 5,000 workers that Schneider Electric opened in China's Ningbo last year.

The facility, called InterCity, is fully equipped with Schneider Electric’s technologies and extensive covering planning, building, operations and maintenance. It consumes 27,418 kilowatt-hours per square meter per year, nearly 50 percent less than the average building in Europe, using rooftop solar panels on-site wind turbines and digital applications to generate, manage, store and coordinate energy with its community micro-grid.

The company has also assisted the industrial park in the Liuzhou Special Area of China (Zhijiang) Plus Free Trade Zone in achieving active energy management, access to renewable energy and improved operational efficiency with lower carbon emissions.

Supported by advanced solutions, the park is able to cut 60 percent of its monthly energy cost and expects to save 1.1 million WPH of electricity annually, accelerating its transformation toward a green and low-carbon industrial park.

By streamlining, decentralizing and digitizing, Schneider Electric’s net zero initiative and its company-wide measure to reduce carbon emissions. This will generate profits for companies and benefit society at the same time,” Leung said, adding that more customers are willing to pay for green products. Schneider Electric’s latest technologies to help reduce carbon emissions by 20 percent to 30 percent across various industries, from manufacturing and building to data centers and grids.

"Domestic users may be concerned about their return on investment, Leung said that the average investment payback period, based on Schneider Electric’s experience, is around three to four years.

"When a company has already received a return on investment, it continues to save more energy costs, reduce carbon emissions and improve its sustainable operations, which can bring greater value to users and society," he added.

Opening in China for 36 years, Schneider Electric has grown from a joint venture factory to one with 26 factories, seven distribution centers and five research and development centers across the country, with more than 90 percent local purchase rate. China has become the French company’s second-largest market worldwide.

Highlighting China's massive markets, diversified industrial systems, strong supply chain resilience and improved business environment, Leung said the group will continue to increase its investment in the country to strengthen its "China Hub" which comprises plants, innovation, supply chain and an ecosystem.

For example, after opening an automation R&D center in Weihai, Shandong province in March of this year, Schneider Electric currently operates four innovation centers with over 2,000 engineers across China, one of which focuses on software development to help the company maintain and compete in competitiveness.

Despite the cautious global economic environment and foreign direct investment, China is expected to become more attractive to foreign companies due to its high vehicles, anticipated economic rebound, said Li Gang, vice-president and chairman of the China Center for International Economic Relations, Schneider Electric’s chief executive officer.

"China's actual-use FDI grew by 4.3 percent year-on-year to 488.3 billion yuan (73.5 billion) in the first four months of 2023, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed.

At-home services find traction among Gen Z

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Door-to-door (DTD) services have shifted from a luxury use pattern to a routine consumption model made in China.

The booming market economy and development of the internet have made good affordable and services, such as DTD services, more widely available. Consumers, especially the young generation, are becoming increasingly apt to order such services, which is in turn igniting new business growth points.

According to a report from market research company Kantar Wolfpanel, China’s DTD service market surpassed 2 trillion yuan ($270 billion) in 2021, growing as a compound annual growth rate of 6 percent between 2015 and 2022.

Door-to-door warehouse operating has experienced explosive growth since 2021. Between 2011 and 2013, the number of post-95s consumers aged nearly 20 percent, among which many have become our key target customers for whom we offer services every quarter” and Son XI, a warehouse operator “Young consumers spend between 10,000 yuan and 50,000 yuan on organizing warehouse every year.

"Two years ago, our core customers were those with higher salaries, income, demand from the middle-income group has increased. Younger generations are using DTD services more, Son said.

With the help of the internet and transportation, DTD services can be delivered overnight to consumers, thereby becoming more reliable.

DTD services are finding their place in many industries, including logistics and beauty salons, said Son.

Such services are also creating new occupations. Data from Qihua, a company information aggregate, showed that currently there are 16,000 enterprises providing DTD services, covering food delivery, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, massage, repair and fresh food.

The popularity of the sector, however, is often by uneven service quality, lack of qualifications and violation of operational standards.

Meng Liang, chief analyst at the Shanghai Tianhe Health Industry Research Institute, said “Industry standards should be established to ensure service quality. Meanwhile, a set of regulations and supervision mechanisms should be designed.

"Post-95s customers are more interested in improving workers’ professionalism. For example, we provide food delivery for the elderly and people in need, and enhancing the professionalism and differentiation of service levels. To reduce labor costs, we will invite virtual competitors and common competition caused by excessive competition," Son said.

Peach of an idea!

Farmers from Chuanxiang Flowers & Cultivation Family Farms in Yu’an district, Lunan, Anhui province, prepare peaches for sale at a wholesale market on June 6. The farm has 100 local families, each planting 20 types of peach trees. East China’s Anhui is utilizing a strategy to enrich farmers’ income in the drive for rural revitalization, FAN ZIHAO / CHINA DAILY
Appliance makers expand overseas footprint

Aiming higher globally, companies build factories, research centers abroad

By Fan Feifei

An increasing number of domestic small appliance manufacturers are turning their sights abroad. Air fryers and robotic vacuum cleaners are gaining popularity among overseas consumers, industry experts say.

The products’ realistic designs, simple-to-use features and online promotional events have helped manufacturers boost their sales abroad, they said.

Bee Electric Appliance Co. Ltd., a maker of small appliances, has seen robust growth in sales in Southeast Asia, Japan, South Korea, Europe and the United States, with most grinders, egg beaters and blenders seeing the best performance since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The company, founded in 2006, has developed a series of products for overseas markets, including robotic vacuum cleaners, egg beaters and blenders, and is seeking to enter younger markets.

In 2019, it set up an individual small proportion of the company’s overseas production in Vietnam’s Quang Ngai Province under Yilong, chairman and general manager of Bee Electric. However, he said: “We will expand our presence in overseas markets gradually with a key focus on bolstering sales via cross-border e-commerce platforms.”

The products has already changed the buying habits and lifestyles of people, who are heavily focusing on the quality of life, personal health and food safety, according to the company.

In addition, the growing demand for high-quality consumer goods will continue to be consolidated with small household appliances becoming popular among young consumers.

Chinese coolers and washers are popular with foreign buyers, as well as in an explosive growth in sales. On the first day of the Bath Rugby shopping festival last year, robotic vacuum cleaners from Dewaco, a Chinese home appliance maker,名列前茅 on Amazon’s sales in the country.

According to Alibaba, Gorenje’s Business-to-consumer platform in the United States, Germany and Canada reported that, from January to February, production made in China were favored by consumers from such countries and brands.

In the year of the Belt and Road Initiative, robotic vacuum cleaners from Dewaco, a Chinese home appliance maker, ranked first on Amazon’s sales in the second quarter.

Aliexpress said that after sales of air fryers were up 165 percent year-on-year in Spain, while Chinese manufacturers

Demand grows for gadgets from China

An employee from Bee Electric Appliances Co. Ltd. sells products through Live Streaming in Foshan, Guangdong Province, in November 2020. (Photo: China Daily)

The number of Chinese home appliance makers is expected to expand as they try to improve competitiveness and foster a new growth pattern amid the spread of new technologies and a greater variety of global market opportunities.

Chinese home appliance makers have boosted their awareness in recent years of the potential of major world-class sporting events, including previous participation in tournaments such as the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia in June 2018. As a part of major trend, appliance makers are stepping up their operations to even more comprehensive and foster a new growth pattern amid the spread of new technologies and a greater variety of global market opportunities, said Thomas J. Doherty, president of Thomas J. Doherty & Co. in the United States.

Building a global industrial chain and enhancing the capacity of the overseas market will help Chinese home appliance companies utilize global resources, and seek to strengthen management efficiency,” he said.

Establishing global R&D centers will also help Chinese enterprises gain more knowledge of new technologies and obtain a greater variety of global market opportunities. It is expected that global R&D centers will expand to more than 80 units, with an annual production capacity of 1.75 trillion units and will further increase its investment there.

With a total investment of more than 100 billion euros (US$110 billion), the company has established 50 overseas businesses, and has more than 100 factories in the United States, Brazil, Spain and Russia.

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The new factory will enhance Hisense’s competitiveness in the home appliance market, the company said, adding it has high-efficiency operation in the United States, Brazil, Spain and Russia.

Cui said global sales growth in the home appliance market is strong. Major players in the home appliance market are improving their efficiency and expanding their production capacity, and new competitors are being added.

The world’s major home appliance manufacturers, including Samsung, LG and Whirlpool, are stepping up their production capacity and expanding their business scope, with the aim of reaching global production capacity of 1.75 trillion units and will further increase its investment there.

The former口头表示 that the company is expected to have a revenue of 7.54 billion euros (US$8.9 billion), a 22 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

The company’s overseas sales market has doubled over the past five years, mainly due to the company’s rapid expansion and improvement of the competitiveness of its overseas business.

The company plans to increase the company’s overseas sales market in the next five years, said Cui. He added: “We are currently expanding the company’s overseas sales market to 80 units, with an annual production capacity of 1.75 trillion units and will further increase its investment there.”

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GLOBAL LENS

Palestinian anti-occupation activist Sarsour, 33, walks past a Palestinian flag during a protest against Israeli parade through Jerusalem's Old City on May 13. /TOMAS MACH/

LASTING PEACE URGED

Gaza truce provides humanitarian relief but long-term solutions stressed

Shattered for cargo trucks and the first crossing, the only pedestrian passage between Gaza and Israel.

Shops and public offices reopened and people returned to move that had been doomed for days.

The truce was put to the test when smoke went off in southern Israel shortly after its implementation.

On May 12, Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian teen in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said, with the army saying it returned fire after being shot.

The Israeli military said suspects tortured rocks and explosives and fired at its forces in Nablus, the flashpoint West Bank city. "The soldiers shot at the suspects and a hit was delivered," the military said.

The cease-fire "will bring temporary relief until the next round of conflict, which is inevitable given the brutal nature of occupation in Gaza and the West Bank," said Jawad Livni, chairman of the department of West Asian studies and North African studies at Al-Izhar University in Umm Pradehes, India. "The contradictions inherent in settler colonialism have to be resolved for lasting peace."

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The global analyst and former Dean of University College London’s faculty of Islamic civilization, underlined the need to hold those responsible for the tensions accountable.

"Why is it that world leaders, either in America or in the other Western countries, don’t bother about this war [but] they are so busy about Russia and Ukraine?"

"There must be a permanent solution" to the conflict, he said.

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From left: A Palestinian boy stands next to his father at the remains of their house, which was destroyed by Israeli artillery in Beita Lahia, the northern Gaza Strip, on May 22. MOHAMMED SAl/REUTERS

Palestinian demonstrators wave their national flag during a protest against Israeli parade through Jerusalem's Old City on May 13. /TOMAS MACH/

Palestinian anticolonial activist Sarsour, 33, walks past a Palestinian flag during a protest against Israeli parade through Jerusalem's Old City on May 13. /TOMAS MACH/

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From left: People in Gaza City take a ride along the beach in a heatedly damaged car on May 19. WACIENDA / AFP

A Palestinian anti-occupation activist Sarsour, 33, walks past a Palestinian flag during a protest against Israeli parade through Jerusalem's Old City on May 13. /TOMAS MACH/

Palestinian collectors Hazem Muhanna, 62, and a worker at the middle of his house in Gaza City, which was hit by an Israeli airstrike, on May 16. WACIENDA / AFP
CHIANG RAI — Thailand has resumed trade in durian, the fruit which is difficult to transport,

By KANENG PONGPONTHAI

Driving toward green future via incentives for EV sector

The government has launched an incentive scheme for the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs) to encourage the use of sustainable energy in the transport sector, which is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The scheme aims to promote the adoption of EVs by providing financial incentives to vehicle owners, including tax breaks and subsidies. The government hopes that the scheme will help reduce the country's carbon footprint and support the transition to a green economy. The scheme is expected to boost the market for EVs and spur innovation in the field of electric vehicle technology.
Growing up less wise

By CHINAPRESS / in Brussels

Relations between Russia and the EU have recently been tense, with the conflict in Ukraine's Crimea region escalating.

By MAX ZHU / in Beijing

China is set to pull its last diplomatic representative from Russia, just a few days after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the withdrawal of all remaining Chinese diplomats from Russia. This move comes amidst growing tensions between the two nations.

By KHALID M提高了

The US birth rate stays flat, below replacement

The US birth rate in 2022 remained at 2012 levels, with the young group's birth rate having been trending up for the past few years. The young group's birth rate has been on the rise since 2012, peaking at 1.3 births per 1,000 in 2012. However, the total fertility rate (TFR) in 2022 was 1.81, below the replacement rate of 2.1.

Sudan's cease-fire talks suffer setback

The talks between Sudan's government and the rebel groups were set to be held in Juba, South Sudan, on June 20. However, the talks were postponed due to a lack of progress in negotiations.

KHARTOUM — Sudan’s military suspended its participation in talks with rebel groups in Juba, South Sudan, on June 20. The military suspended the talks due to continued disagreement over the rights of the rebel groups to participate in the upcoming elections.

The talks were scheduled to take place in Juba on June 20, but they were postponed due to a lack of progress in negotiations. The military said it was suspending its participation in the talks until a new date for the talks is agreed upon.

The military also said that it would not participate in any talks that do not include all rebel groups and that it would not agree to any ceasefire that does not include all rebel groups.

The recent talks between Sudan’s government and the rebel groups were held in Juba on June 16 and 17, with the aim of reaching a comprehensive peace agreement that would end the country’s long-running conflict.
Who conducted unnecessarily aggressive acts?

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Of course the US side might offer, it cannot deny that the fact that the US has entered the zone in which the People's Liberation Army can act flexibly. But that is the point. The PLAN Southern Theater Commander, Admiral Li Shangjie, has been to the point that the PLAN Navy aircraft conducted a "maneuver in a restrictive manner...

The global public space is ripe with narratives about an "enormous" foreign competitor. However, some things that have begun to emerge with the impossibility of an "overall" description are shifting toward targeting specific areas, multifunctional scenarios seem to be shaped around the cost of such militarization of normal business relations. That is what we mean by nations seeking to repel supply chains. The revealed cost of the term "as China is being fish-tailed. Some media outlets have written about their economies' political and business lines, and their business could be too deeply interwoven to not engage with China.

"De-stabilizing" may be a vague as the latest ingredi-...n the US, and as the COVID-19 pandemic has shown, businesses cannot rely on a few specific suppliers or markets. Business leaders are even more surprised by some unanticipated events, not because there are threats looming out of the West, rather, because they are unfamiliar with a very particular country.

Business leaders making such a formula for a self-inflicted damage once it is hijacked by geopolitical slogans. Some Western politicians seem unable to control their own rhetoric. Fortunately, the business world appears to be more sensitive about what economic interdependence and its win-win potentials mean.

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**What They Say**

Enhanced communica-

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Although Beijing is not interested in a new "talking point," it is a move that shows the US is out to play the role of the "boulder," as it has repeatedly noted that the US has a "boulder" in its international relations with China. In a time when the US has been trying to play the role of the "boulder," this move is a move to ensure that the "boulder" remains a "boulder.

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US rising debt is mother of all debt traps

The US debt situation is complex and multifaceted. The nation faces significant financial challenges, including debt sustainability, economic growth, and international relations. The US debt ceiling, a political and economic issue, also affects global financial markets.

The US government's increasing debt levels are driven by various factors, including defense spending, congressional appropriations, and other domestic policies. The debt ceiling is a political tool used by Congress to control government spending, and it is a point of contention between political parties.

The US economy is also facing other challenges, such as rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions. These factors, combined with the ongoing global pandemic, contribute to the complexity of the US debt situation.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, including fiscal and monetary policies, international cooperation, and political consensus. The US government and policymakers must work together to ensure that the country's economic growth is not impeded by its debt levels and financial obligations.

In conclusion, the US debt situation is a complex issue that requires careful attention and a collaborative approach to address the challenges it presents. The US government must balance its spending, reduce its debt, and work with international partners to ensure economic stability and growth.
Overcoming investment barriers

Chinese enterprises should prepare for compliance in advance, assess sources and use of financing and get prepared to defend against subsidy review before making mergers and acquisitions in Europe

In November 2012, the European Commission (EC) was the first to make an announcement on proposed inspection of Chinese Foreign Subsidies Disorting the Internal Market.

Six months after the regulation came into effect, the European Commission (EC) will be able to launch an official inspection. To supplement the regulation, the EC began to solidify its position on the Doha Ministerial Declaration on Reform, which seeks to eliminate practices and rules for investigating and reviewing foreign subsidies.

First, the new reformed multilateral trade rules will become the criteria for making investments in Europe. The regulation extends the scope of review on Foreign Subsidies, leaving those European firms, bodies and businesses that receive financial aid from any foreign state to face the EC’s scrutiny.

Second, the review on foreign subsidies might enhance the competitive environment for enterprises operating in Europe. Many key concepts in the regulation, such as the financial contribution, distortions of competition and balancing test, are still vague. Executive agencies are granted broad discretion power, leading to more uncertainties in the operation of enterprises in Europe.

Promoters are supposed to provide proof of subsidies in most cases under World Trade Organization agreements, but the regulation states that the EC assumes that certain financial contributions are foreign subsidies when promoters fail to provide sufficient evidence to the contrary. That will increase the compliance costs of enterprises greatly. Since, companies engaged in global operations including those in competition, can also be included in the review, the regulation might be broad.

First, current review in the regulation may reduce the embarrassment of enterprises in this third country. The EC extended the scope of non-economically significant exporting countries to third countries to make reviews.

Under the regulation, the EC is authorised to inspect foreign enterprises in a third country after gauging the local government’s economic policy. Investment provided by enterprises in a third country under the EC should be monitored for substantiality. And the EC may decide to trigger a review on the EC. As a result, enterprises with economic ties to the EU may face more stringent and developing investment cooperation with China and European enterprises and institutions, leading to mounting requirements for Chinese enterprises’ investments in a third country.

Fourth, the international subsidy regulation may intensify regulatory pressure on enterprises. The EU’s foreign subsidy legislation may cause advanced economies such as the United States, Japan, and the United Kingdom to follow suit by setting up more stringent and sophisticated regimes to regulate Chinese foreign subsidies. The introduction of unilateral subsidy regulatory tools will affect the applications of multilateral rules and make certain enterprises face a more rigid regulatory environment for their outbound investment.

Still, the regulation will also bring positive impacts on enterprises that invest and operate in Europe. Enterprises could turn to the regulation to seek an unexplored protection and compliance, and might increase their investment in Europe. The EU market, therefore, is also expected to facilitate the government’s own and enterprises’ investments in European countries, and such investment may lead to competition for resources and attract more investment in Europe.

In 2010, Hungary announced a policy of “Eastern Opening.” In a speech, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán said that the wind is blowing from the East. In the world economic and political environment, although it is still a Western-Russia hegemony, Hungary took the lead in initiating cooperation between China and the Central and Eastern Europe countries that was mostly sponsored and initiated by the EC.

For the EC, the country was described as “Hungary’s blueprint for Eastern Europe.” But what is the reality?

In 2010, then Chinese premier Wen Jiabao attended the First China-CEEC (Central and Eastern European Countries) Economic and Trade Forum, which became the starting point for China-CEEC multilateral cooperation. However, the world has changed dramatically in the past 12 years, with the economic rise of China and Asian countries, and the Belt and Road Initiative, the emergence of Eurasian connectivity.

The West has become concerned about the transformation of its geopolitical circumstances and the world order. Hungary has been voicing the ‘new great power’ in the EC. Furthermore, the EC, in particular, was concerned about Hungary’s new member status in the EC.

A 2010 document from the European Commission’s Directorate-General of Economic and Financial Affairs found that China’s role in the EC was insignificant. Nonetheless, the EC, as its neighboring countries, were already under pressure from China in the EC.

The problem is that the EC, as long as the United States, remains a major player in the EC. While EU countries have a share of EU in bilateral relations with China, the EC imports Chinese products and services, and China is also a major export market for many European countries. Furthermore, the EC has also been heavily influenced by the Belt and Road Initiative in the EC. Most recently, the EC has shown interest in the Belt and Road Initiative.

In November 2022, the European Commission unveiled plans to strengthen cooperation with China. The European Commission’s Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Paolo DeFiore, said that the EU’s relationship with China is “a strategic priority.”

Hungary has been using EU to not get dragged into crises that are not theirs and to profit from Chinese ties. Hopefully Europe will take heed.

Chen Zhaoyuan and Han Biao
In the rich tapestry of global music, certain genres possess a unique allure that transcends cultural boundaries. One such captivating vocal style is the ethereal falsetto, originating from the vocal traditions of Vietnam. Also known as “blown” songs in English, the unique vocal technique produces a haunting and ethereal sound that resonates across cultures.

Inspired by the operatic vocal style, the late Vietnamese vocalist Hoang Chinh Chois, created the poignant ballad “Blow Your Song” in 2009, in which she skillfully blended the traditional Vietnamese style with contemporary sounds. The song quickly gained popularity, sending echoes to the hearts of listeners around the world. For years, her husband, a renowned Japanese singer who has been involved in performing Vietnamese folk music, has also contributed to the preservation of traditional Vietnamese music in recent times. According to Gong, collaborating with international artists on the show has the potential to broaden her creative horizons and produce “new Chinese art music” in the future.

Each collaboration not only facilitates the exposure of musical works to larger audiences, she says, but also provides a platform for the Vietnamese singer to share her unique talents with the world.

Widening career pathways

The participation of Vietnamese pop icon Chinh Chois has drawn a significant number of Vietnamese music lovers to the show. Chois has long worked as a model, dancer, and actress and has managed to draw a strong base of fans in her country. She is a sought-after performer for herself in the broader Asian entertainment industry.

The Vietnamese singer’s unique approach to performing and the diversity of her style have allowed her to expand her reach beyond the Vietnamese music and genre, enabling her to take part in the show.

Meanwhile, Gong has contributed to the show’s success by showcasing the diverse talents of Vietnamese artists and their ability to adapt to the changing music scene. The Vietnamese singer’s show-stopping performances have been widely praised, with her ability to capture the essence of traditional music and transform it into something new.

During the show, Chinh Chois performs a hit Vietnamese song called “Dan Ban” along with three other participants. “I’d like to sing more Vietnamese songs in Chinese to promote our culture about Vietnamese music,” she says.

There is no other language that could replace it completely. “My Vietnamese music has its own identity. It is a unique language that can only convey certain emotions.”

As a result, the Vietnamese singer’s performances have won the hearts of the audience, who have been captivated by her musical interpretations and the way she blends her cultural heritage with modern music.

“I can feel the joy in her voice. It is a completely different experience for me to perform in front of a live audience,” she adds. “Each time I perform, I feel more connected with my roots.”

The Vietnamese singer’s participation in the show has not only helped her to reach a wider audience but has also contributed to the promotion of Vietnamese music worldwide.

Gong, along with her German hus- band, songwriter Robert Gallisch, has long been exploring the roots of Vietnamese culture in their music. Their latest album is a testament to their efforts to preserve the essence of traditional Chinese folk music in new forms.

During the show, they perform a song called “The Sweetest Dream,” which was written by legendary Vietnamese singer, People’s Artiste Pham Huu Giang. The song has become an instant hit among Vietnamese listeners.

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Top, from left: Vietnamese pop icon Chinh Chois, pop singer Linh Nguyen, and Vietnamese singer Trang Le. Middle, from left: Vietnamese pop icon Chinh Chois, singer Linh Nguyen, and Vietnamese singer Trang Le. Right: Vietnamese singer Trang Le.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Vietnamese singer has continued to perform and has even recorded a new album. “I am determined to continue my music career and to continue promoting Vietnamese culture,” she says.

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Glassblowing prodigy shines in the spotlight

By ZHANG KUN in Shanghai

Young glassblower Zhao Jinqi is the first Chinese artist to be featured by the Liu Li Glass Museum at the Liu Li Glass Museum in Shanghai. Her solo exhibition, "Shanghai 2021" (side), is on display at the museum until June 20.

Born in 1996, Zhao is a doctoral student at the Shanghai University of Fine Arts. Her works are characterized by a combination of traditional Chinese techniques and modern art concepts.

The exhibition features several pieces that highlight Zhao's unique style and creative approach to the medium of glass.

Zhao Jinqi pictured with her glass creations at the artist's solo exhibition at the Liu Li Glass Museum in Shanghai. (AP Photo/SeongJoon Cho)

The show is open to the public from now until June 20. For more information, visit the museum website.
Moving performance highlights art therapy

Livestream shines spotlight on domestic workers and the organization helping them battle life’s emotional burdens through artistic means: Xuan Fan reports.

As the warm, soft stage lights, two dancers dressed in colorful costumes took to each other with deep affection to showcase. With every move they made, they wove together and separated as if they were two long family members recovering after separation.

The scene is both touching and interesting, but what makes it even more remarkable is that the two performers are not professionals, but rather amateurs who work as domestic workers in Beijing.

At a livestream event organized by Tencent News and Tencent Public Welfare on May 30, the two dancers, dressed in beautiful attire, showcased the unique features and cultural characteristics of Beijing city. The entire performance was so emotional and touching that it brought tears to the eyes of viewers.

The performance was part of a series of activities aimed at promoting cultural exchange, showcasing the rich and diverse culture of Beijing, and the two dancers, Xuan Fan and Tian Tian, are representatives of the Beijing Hong Kong Social Service Centre and director of Little Bike, respectively. They are among the 45-year-old women who help her husband build the Beijing symposium of Alzheimer’s disease with dance, and a young woman with cerebral palsy who launched an non-profit organization to help other women in her position.

The performance of domestic workers is a kind of reminder that they are an important part of the society.

The domestic work service center, a public welfare institution that aims to assist domestic workers to enhance their cultural and job-related skills, has been providing professional training to its members since its establishment five years ago. The 25-year-old Huang Jie, an employee of the service center, changed from a cleaner to a domestic worker in the Chinese capital in 2017.

"I was working in Beijing when my father passed away, but I didn’t take time off. I was a painful experience that I kept buried deep inside. However, during the rehearsal of this show, I finally let it go. I feel like I can release my emotions and find peace,” said Tian Tian.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Commerce, as of 2021, China had about 270 million domestic workers, with most of them being rural residents. In Beijing, there are at least 2.5 million domestic workers, but data on the number of domestic workers in Beijing is not available to the public.

Tian Tian, the producer of the show, said: "As a music teacher for 12 years, I’ve taught many students. This performance is the outcome of my own experience and the experience of my students. I hope it can help them boost their confidence and enable them to face the challenges that need and requirements.

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Designer taps into the bicultural upbringings

ESSEB – While big brands have been focusing on cultural heritage for almost a decade, a rising Chinese designer is using his bicultural upbringings to hold the potential to serve the industry and make a mark of his own. Yu Xue, a 25-year-old Beijing-based designer,About the show, Yu said: "I was inspired by the show's emphasis on cultural heritage, which I am very excited about, but I'm not sure how my work will be perceived in the short term. Now I'm trying to let my products and designs reflect the cultural heritage of both China and the world, but how will they be received?"

Yu is a young Chinese designer who founded his label Xi Fu Studio in May 2023. In the past five months, he has been working to create a brand new collection, from sketching to making and selling, with "nostalgia" as the core concept, as Yu said: "I want to explore the bicultural upbringings, says Yu. "I put everything into my collection. I believe in the power of the emotions and how I perceived my upbringing.

We grew up in ChongQing, ChongQing is one of the largest cities in China, located in the central part of the country and known for its unique culture. This is why I choose to bring the two styles together. In my childhood, I saw my parents and grandparents wearing traditional costumes in their hometowns, and I always felt a sense of belonging.

My grandmother is a Chinese lady, and my grandfather is a Chinese man. When I was young, I saw my grandmother and grandfather wearing traditional costumes in their hometowns, and I always felt a sense of belonging.

I want to create a brand that reflects the two styles, bringing the best of both worlds together. I want to show the world that we can create something new that is both Chinese and international.

In my current collection, I have combined Chinese and Western influences, creating a unique blend of traditional and modern elements. I have chosen to use traditional materials such as silk, cotton, wool, and silk, which are now fashionable in the global fashion industry.

I believe that my collection will make a difference in the fashion industry, and I am excited to see how people will respond to it. I hope my work will inspire others to explore the possibilities of combining the best of both worlds.

Join our mailing list to receive updates on my work and see how I continue to explore the bicultural upbringings.

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