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 interface technologies and artificial intelligence, which are widely seen as key factors driving global growth, officials and experts said.

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

The comments came as a global gloom casts challenges on tech companies.

US company Nvidia became the world's first chipmaker with a market capitalisation of over $700 billion on Tuesday morning until seeking demand for its AI chips, Musk's Tesla (CEO) Tesla Motors' chairman company Musk said last week that it had been given the green light to test in a human clinical trial.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Thursday that China firmly opposes any economic sanctions imposed by the United States to prevent and weaponise economic, trade and technological issues.

These comments echo previous media reports quoting US Treasury official Paul Saffo as saying 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 of the technological revolution, according to experts.

This was expressed clearly by President Xi Jinping in his communiqué message to the 2023 World Economic Forum, which ended in Davos earlier this week. Xi said in the message that China is willing to work with countries around the world to promote technological innovation to better benefit the people of all countries.

Wu Hong, 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.

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 progress in AI is also growing, Wu said.

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

A technology will usher in the next digital revolution after the internet and smartphones, experts said, with Goldman Sachs forecasting that artificial intelligence could drive a 7 percent increase in global GDP, or almost $67 trillion, over a 20-year period.

Nick Bowler, chief academic officer at Sherex, a Netherlands-based asset management company, said the potential is huge.

The World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, said 5G and AI technologies are key to the global economy's future success.

When it comes to computing power and personal, technology which enables people to control an external device using neural signals, China said it is also making steady progress.

A man led by Duan Rong, a professor at Sunan University in Tianjin, configured the world's first full-stack brain-computer interface system in continuous science earlier this month.

Healthcare drive started for orphans in Africa

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Peng Liyuan, wife of President Xi Jinping, joined hands with the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development to initiate a healthcare campaign for orphans in Africa ahead of International Children’s Day, which fell on Thursday.

Under the initiative, representatives from Chinese orphanages in different countries and Chinese medical experts sent to African countries will work hand in hand with local orphanages and medical institution staff to alleviate the pain of physical disabilities and to better physical conditions.

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China is an overflowing friend and sincere supporter of African children, Peng said, noting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of China’s first medical aid team to Africa.

Peng said that Chinese medical aid workers have actively provided assistance to local people in African countries and become “messengers of white” for China-Africa friendship.

She expressed hope that the campaign will bring warmth and care to African children, promote their well-being and contribute to building a China-Africa community of shared future.

WorldWatch

Wuhan businesses in China rebounding from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic since the start of this year, the national economic situation has grown in strength.

Business owners from many catering to services are recovering, production, and consumption activities are back up and running again, with the economy growing by 4.8 percent year-on-year in the first quarter economic data show.

Many companies have been optimistic about the future, especially in the areas of tech, finance, and real estate.

The World Bank reported that 141 million people were living in extreme poverty in China in 2020, down from 820 million in 1981.

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Protests hit Morocco

The victory of current President Pierre Nkurunziza in the October parliamentary vote on the extension of the President's term has been widely condemned.

Prime Minister Edouard Belkacem faced criticism from the opposition, whose members staged protests before the vote to demand his resignation.

While opposition leader Kihlama Tshibaka of the Republicans Party, denied almost all of the votes, amounting to nearly 260 million francs, for the opposition bloc, القدماء is the third candidate in the presidential vote.

On Monday, the government announced that the country would become a hub for startups and entrepreneurs, and that the country was considering a new law that would allow companies to be established without a physical address.

The government also announced that it would introduce a new tax on digital services, which would affect companies operating in the country.

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**Taxation: Crucial support measures welcomed**

By Xinhua

Experts have tipped Beijing to remain preferred destination for foreign investment by actively embracing new innovation projects and talents, which will further enhance its business environment.

Executive from foreign-funded enterprises and government officials gave their views on the current business environment for scientific and technological innovation in China's capital during the 2023 Beijing Forum Global Innovation Forum, held from May 23 to 24, at the China National Convention Center, also known as “China National Exhibition Hall.”

During the summit, domestic and overseas journalists and observers pitched in a series of investment deals worth more than 6.1 billion yuan ($800 million) covering 39 projects in Beijing’s high-tech sectors such as intelligent connected vehicles, medicine and health, and intelligence manufacturing.

A total of 315 investment projects involving enterprises financing, project cooperation, business cooperation, and land financing were also announced during the summit, with a total investment volume of 132.4 billion yuan ($18.3 billion).

Herberts Truesler, member of the board of directors of Mer-cedes-Benz Group responsible for China, said that Beijing is the largest market of regional headquarters of Fortune 500 enterprises and gives priority to driving development in science and technology, trade, and innovative manufacturing.

In the past 10 years, Mercedes-Benz Group and its local partners have invested more than 30 billion yuan ($4.1 billion) in China, significantly expanding production scale and regional research and development capacity, and building the environment industry chain, among other areas.

“Thanks to Beijing, with its clear commitment to continuing with China’s reform and openness up, a constantly improving business environment and an attractive choice for foreign investors,” said Truesler, who has lived in the city for more than a decade.

Curt-Axel Scheef, vice-president of Bayer Healthcare Co., China, said that Beijing’s efforts in driving reform and opening up, along with governmental policies, contributed to Bayer being one of the first foreign-funded enterprises to settle in the city.

Local government officials have visited the company’s facili- ties in Beijing several times to better understand its development needs. The launch of China (Beij- ing) Pilot Free Trade Zone in September 2020 has also helped Bayer with a resilient supply chain and speedy customs clearance, giving the company more adaptability in its future development in Beijing, said Scheef.

Last year, Bayer invested 40 million euros ($48.2 million) in setting up four new packaging production lines in China, increasing its capacity by at least 50 percent. "It’s a big investment, because we really believe in the growth of the Chinese market,” Scheef said.

Shi Qingping, vice-chairman of the China Society of Science and Technology, said that Beijing has become a hotspot for foreign investment in China. The Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics said an additional foreign company called Beijing had been established.

Shi also said that Beijing has been promoting the development of new innovation, attracting and a series of policy measures and tax incentives.

Zhou Bing, chief Chinese economist at Moneyfund, believes that this year, financial support measures will remain the core of China’s economic growth strategy due to a cyclical recovery. The trend of increase in scale of tax cuts indicates that overall macroeconomic policies are likely to become more targeted, meaning those who need the incentives most. Since the start of this year, China has seen a phasing out of tax cuts, particularly in the real estate sector.

A series of macro policies and tax incentives make it necessary to reduce debt risks aimed at businesses should be focused on.

The country’s high-quality development has a higher priority.

Such moves are already in the pipeline. The country’s executive meeting of the State Council has made it clear that 70 percent of research and development expenditure allows for a 10 percent reduction in tax for high-tech enterprises.

In addition, the country’s fiscal authorities have been looking at the business environment.

"It means that from this year on, business environment reform will be the central concern that the government will be focused on. This will help them plan for greater innovation and development at the earliest possible date, and allow for a smooth growth with research endeavors,” Zhou added.
Amazon workers walk out

Editor's note: This series of stories took local, national and international media and investors by surprise.

Like many of his fellow workers, Cao Ziming chose one of the club's highest-paying sectors - the synthetic gems industry - when he entered the job market two decades ago. The sector "offered the best prospects," he recalled. "We could earn 10,000 yuan (+$1600) a day then, which is what some 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 remains as bright as ever.

Synthetic gems are lab-made copies of natural stones that look and feel like genuine minerals, such as diamonds, rubies and emeralds, but at a fraction of their price. The industry is based in Wuzhou four decades ago, leveraging the city's competitive advantages such as a developed network, ample labor supply and other advantages.

"One can almost cut these gemstones in a similar way to natural ones, but they are far cheaper...

Amazon employees and their supporters gathered on Wednesday during a walkout protest against recent layoffs, a failure to outline reorganization and the company's environmental impact, outside the company's headquarters in Seattle, Washington. JASON RICHMOND / AP

Offshore carbon capture project begins operation

The facility is expected to store 300,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year, expert says.

Wuzhou adds lustre to synthetic gems hub

This technology-based sector. Our improvements in machinery and materials helped reduce costs.

That means the market, with prices that can be 10 percent of what they used to be, is at the optimal attraction level.

Huang Ruishou, general manager of Wuzhou Jinheng Jewelry Co., Ltd., said that the industry is ripe for growth.

Jinheng produces thousands of synthetic stones for customers, using the latest machinery and materials.

In this "technology-based sector," Huang said, "our company can now produce fine-grade products that are almost indistinguishable from natural ones..."

"It is this kind of technology," Huang said, "that drives our business forward, thanks to the recent improvements in machinery and materials."
An advertisement for the June 18 shopping carnival seen on a street in Beijing, Photo: China Daily

Business

May plant output up, shipping recent hull

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China's consumer sentiment for the second quarter of 2023 shot up from the previous quarter, and consumer confidence rose significantly in June, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

China's consumer sentiment rose to 119.5 points in the second quarter of 2023 from 117.7 points in the first quarter of 2023, said the report by the National Bureau of Statistics.

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Luxury watchmaker says sales picking up 'nicely'

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Jaeger-LeCoultre sales grew 8.4 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2023 after the Chinese government optimized COVID-19 control policies, the company said on Wednesday.

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Business chiefs meet in Washington to smoothen bilateral trade relationship

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China and the United States agreed to continue to strengthen their communication channels and engage in discussions to identify potential areas of cooperation, said the Ministry of Commerce on Thursday.

The ministry issued the statement after Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wei met with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai in the 25th round of the US-China economic and trade talks in Washington on June 9.

Tai kicked off her visit to the US on Monday, and US President Joe Biden welcomed her on Tuesday.

Tai said the talks were an important step in improving trade relations between the two countries.

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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's emerging needs of green and innovation-led growth, Schneider Electric S.A., a French multinational company specializing in energy management, will allocate more resources to greening electrification and digitalization-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 sustainable development is complementary to Schneider Electric's growth strategy, said CHIN Leong, chief marketing officer and member of the group's executive committee.

With Schneider Electric's expertise in energy management and automation, its “digitalization equals sustainability” formulas and solutions can contribute greatly to China's industry upgrade and dual carbon goals — reaching a carbon dioxide emission peak by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, said Leong.

She said the formula is applied in various industries around the world and has proven to be the right path. One example is the research and development facility employing 5,000 workers that Schneider Electric opened in Grenoble, France last year.

The facility, called iCenter, is fully equipped with Schneider Electric's technologies and contains 12 planning, building, operation and maintenance centers. It consumes 27 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 microgrid.

The company has also assisted the industrial park in the Lingshui Special Area of China (Sanya), 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 80 percent of its monthly energy costs and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 8 percent. Schneider Electric has greened over 320,000 square meters of buildings and offices with more than 10 percent local purchase rates.

China has become France's second-largest market worldwide. By increasing energy efficiency and customers' energy management, Schneider Electric expects its solutions to help a company reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30 percent or more across various industries.

Leong said Schneider Electric's team is looking closely at China's motor industry, to support China's green energy innovation. China has become Schneider Electric's second-largest market worldwide.

Highlighted China's massive market, advanced industrial systems, strong supply chain maturity and high-quality energy demand, Leong said the group will continue to increase its presence in the country to strengthen its "China Hub" which comprises plants, innovation, supply chain and ecosystem.

For example, after creating an automation solution center in Sanya, Hainan province in March of this year, Schneider Electric recently opened the innovative center with over 2,000 engineers across China, one of which focuses on software development to help the company maintain and enhance the competitiveness.

Despite the cautious global climate toward green investments, China is expected to become more attractive to foreign companies due to its new initiatives opening up policies and anticipated economic rebound, said WU Jangmei, chairman of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges.

China's actual use of FDIE grew by 2.9 percent in the previous year to over 488 billion yuan (71.2 billion) from the first quarter of 2021, 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 item to a reality for consumption made in China.

The booming market economy and development of the internet have made good, affordable and service-centered DTD services, such as DTD cleaning, cooking and massage, readily available.

Consumers, especially the young generation, are becoming more interested in ordering such services, which is in turn igniting new business growth points.

According to a report from market research company Kantar Wolfpanel, China's DTD services market surpassed 2.5 trillion yuan ($320 billion) in 2021, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 30 percent between 2016 and 2021.

Door-to-door waitstaff operating has experienced exponential growth since 2021. Between 2021 and 2023, the number of post-1995 consumers and nearly 20 percent, among which many have become businessmen and service providers to whom DTD services are seen every quarter and Omo Xie, a waitstaff entrepreneur "Our target market speed between 15,000 yuan and 50,000 yuan on organizing waitstaff every year.

"Two years ago, our core customers were those with higher salaries. Today, we have expanded the middle-income group by more than 30 percent," said ZHANG Yanxue, a waitstaff entrepreneur.

"With the help of the internet and technology, the service staff are delivered online to customers, making it easier to order DTD services." As waiting staff operating has rapidly developed, it is shifting from a consumption limited to higher-income groups to a common choice.

Peach of an idea!

Farmers from Chuxian Fruits Fertilizing and Cultivation Family Farms in Yu'an district, Lu'an, Anhui province, prepare peaches for sale at a market in Beijing, China, on June 3. Peaches, known as "gold dust" in land from some 200 local farmers to plant over 20 types of peach trees. East China's Anhui is utilizing advanced technologies and strategies to increase incomes in the drive for rural revitalization, PENG ZHUO / CHINA DAILY

"I really benefit a lot from such services. In the fast-paced society, it is such a blessing for young people," said Suaid.

Such services are also creating new occupations. Data from Qihoo, a company's information aggregate, showed that there are currently 10,600 enterprises providing DTD services, covering food delivery, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, massage, repair and fresh food.

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

Meng Liansan, chief analyst at the Shanghai Tianchi Health Industry Research Institute, said "Industry standards should be established to ensure service quality. Meanwhile, the government should formulate specific operational standards to reduce the excessive competition."
Appliance makers expand overseas footprint

Aiming higher globally, companies build factories, research centers abroad

By YAN FEIYU

An increasing number of domestic small appliance manufacturers, air fryers and robotic vacuum cleaner makers, 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.

Real Electric Appliance Co., Ltd., maker of such small appliances, has seen robust growth in sales in Southeast Asia, Japan, South Korea, Europe and the United States, with its tank grills, egg beaters and blenders earning the top performance awards since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The company, founded in 2006, has developed and produced a series of products, including projectors, egg beaters and blenders, which are widely exported to overseas markets.

The company, which owns a substantial proportion of the company’s overseas sales, is a subsidiary of Sun Yat-sen, chairman and general manager of Real Electric. However, Li said: “We will expand our presence overseas to capture more market share, with a key focus on Boliling sales via cross-border e-commerce platforms.”

The products have already changed the buying habits and lifestyles of people, said a marketing director of the company, adding that 65 percent of Chinese families have adopted small household appliances, becoming popular among overseas consumers, he said.

Chinese intelligent home appliances are often popular with foreign buyers, as well as a growing number of robots and appliances have become common on overseas platforms, according to the company. According to AliExpress, Alibaba Group’s business-to-consumer platform, household appliances sold to China were favored by consumers from many parts of the world, including the United States.

Expanding overseas markets is not only conducive to the development of the domestic market, but also offers the opportunity to influence the competitiveness of Chinese home appliance companies, said Dong Xi, president of Haier Home Appliances.

China’s high-end manufacturers have also increased their production and sales capacity overseas, according to the company, which is investing in R&D for new products and manufacturing capacity overseas.

The total number of factories in China has reached 3,500, with 2,100 of them in the last five years, Dong said.

The company has increased its production capacity and sales over the past five years, he said, adding that the company’s sales in 2022 reached $41.3 billion, up 7.0 percent from the previous year.

The company said it planned to invest $4 billion in new factories overseas in the next five years.

“While we have expanded our presence overseas, we have also improved our local distribution and production to further expand in the overseas market,” Li said.

Said building global competi-
tive advantages is an important strategy for TCM, Manufacturer Dee said, adding that the company would focus on overseas sales.

The high-tech manufacturing sector is known for its high-quality products, with China’s high-tech development strategy and the country’s substantial industrialization and innovation capability making the country a global manufacturing hub.

“We should accelerate the building of a global competitive advantage, and down where made businesses and build and improve our operations systems in the global market,” he said.

The company’s revenue from R&D, manufacturing and R&D expenses increased by 32.9 percent compared with the previous year, and the company’s operating margins reached 17.0 percent, up 1.5 percentage points from last year.

Compared with the domestic market, the company’s sales in China have increased by 15.5 percent, and the company’s total sales growth reached 21.5 percent.

Business group’s revenue from e-commerce and online sales also increased by 41.5 percent, and its operating margins reached 17.0 percent, up 1.5 percentage points from last year.

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Palestinian demonstrators wave their national flag during a protest against an Israeli parade through Jerusalem’s Old City on May 15. AP

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On May 23, 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 at. The Israeli military said suspects hurled rocks and explosives and fired at its forces in Nablus, the West Bank’s main 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 of Gaza and the West Bank," said Jawad Jaba, chairman of the department of West Asian studies and North African studies at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. "The contradictions inherent in settler colonialism have to be resolved for lasting peace."

Kamarsani bin Yusof, a Malaysia-based analyst and former dean of University Technology Malaysia’s faculty of Islamic civilization, underscored the need to hold those responsible for the tension accountable.

"Who is it that the 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.
THAI PRODUCE SEES GROWING CHINA APPETITE

Exporters of tropical fruits such as durian eye stronger trade with key market

China has invested in the Chiang Rai Durian Farm, one of the largest durian farms in Thailand, and is now seeking to expand its trade with Thailand. The Thai government is aiming to increase the export of durian to China, a major market for the fruit, and is actively promoting the durian industry. The Thai government has set a target of exporting 100,000 tons of durian to China by 2025.

Driving toward green future via incentives for EV sector

By WANG PHONPONG

The Thai government has introduced incentives for electric vehicles (EVs) to encourage their adoption and promote a green future. The incentives include subsidies for EV purchases, tax breaks for EV manufacturers, and support for the development of charging infrastructure. These measures are expected to boost the adoption of EVs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

Strengthened friendship brings in new ‘golden era’

By YANG MEI

China and Thailand have strengthened their ties and are looking to enter a new era of cooperation. The two countries have a long history of friendship and cooperation, and are now seeking to deepen their relations further. The cooperation includes areas such as investments, trade, and infrastructure projects. The two countries are also looking to strengthen their cultural exchange and people-to-people contacts.
Green route mooted for development

Promotion of digital infrastructure way forward for growth, Macau told forum

By BU WEIFENG in Macau 　buweifeng@chinadaily.com.cn

While infrastructure development has been a major part of the work in most parts of the world, it also faces challenges like sustainability and climate change, and the way to move forward will be more digital. With high-quality Belt and Road Initiative projects in digital infrastructure, experts said at a Macau forum on Thursday.

With the theme “Green Leadership, Digital Infrastructure, Financial Inclusive Development,” Wilo-Win Cooperation Forum, 6th International Infrastructure Investment Conference and Construction Industry Summit was held in Macau.

One of the forum’s vice-chairmen of organizers, said in the past 10 years the digital media has brought innovation to infrastructure development and connectivity. Digital development is adding new impetus to international infrastructure investment while facing new challenges.

“The main concerns of understanding of relevant departments of different countries are to strengthen international investment in green energy projects, while the digital development is a key to the inclusion of development of digital infrastructure,” said Grant Shao, chairman of the Mongolian Development Min-ister’s Office and the Infrastructure Policy Center of the World Bank. At present, China’s digital infrastructure development is the most advanced in the world.

Mongolian Deputy Prime Min-ister Natajaa Tserendash, said within the framework of the “Vision 2030,” the Mongolian government policy was adopted by the State Great Khakha, and the country is engaged in producing various socio-economic and human development projects. In addition, digital development will upgrade the sustainability of infrastructure, the scale of its operation, and the capacity of its infrastructure. In the case of development of digital infrastructure, the Mongolian government is the main minister of development and sustaining economic development in order to react to natural assets in order to continue to provide economic growth.

Scientists have noted of sustainable development growth and national values 95% of the data that exists in the world is authentic, which are always in a state that can be used to reduce the adverse events on the environment, but a new level of human development.

“Mongolia’s digital infrastructure development and digital networks are ready to connect to the international development of digital infrastructure in the future, and we will continue to develop infrastructure and digital networks in the near future,” Shao said.

The Mongolian government has noted of sustainable digital infrastructure development and national values. The state’s digital network has been noted for using more sustainable development in their networks, which covers an area of about 860 million square kilometers.

By CHEN WEIYUAN in Brussels A fessor of China University International Ars says that Russia should not be considered a military threat for regional stability in the world. “The Russia-China has a strong relationship, which has been strengthened in the last 20 years, especially after the U.S.-China rivalry,” said Chen Weihua, a professor at the School of International Relations.

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In the United States, President Joe Biden approved a new package of military aid for Ukraine that includes $1 billion of non-lethal aid and includes additional munitions for some of its allies, including $1.1 billion of munitions for the U.S. military in Kyiv. The package also includes $350 million for Ukraine’s military, which has been dinged by the House of Representatives.

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Who conducted unnecessarily aggressive acts?  

If we compare the US and the Chinese, the difference is obvious. The US uses a strong and absolute dominance to pursue its own interests and suppress others. On the contrary, China always advocates the principle of mutual respect and non-aggression. The US often Resort to sanctions, tariffs, and other means to achieve its goals, while China prefers peaceful negotiations and dialogue. This is the difference between the two countries in terms of their approaches to international relations.

According to an analysis by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the US has repeatedly resorted to sanctions and tariffs against China. This is a clear violation of international law and the principles of mutual respect and non-aggression. It is a clear attempt to disrupt China's economic development and restrict its growth. China, on the other hand, has always been committed to upholding the principles of mutual respect and non-aggression, and has been actively promoting economic cooperation and trade with other countries.

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US rising debt is mother of all debt traps

By Majawon

Why nations are seeking alternatives to the dollar

A t the World War II, the dollar became the global reserve currency as the US dollar was the main currency of the US dollars giving Washington the power to spend without limits. Today, the US dollar is still the most important currency in the world, and almost every country in the world trades in dollars. The US dollar is also the most widely used currency for international transactions, making it the de facto global currency. However, the US dollar’s dominance is facing increasing challenges, especially from the growing use of alternative currencies, such as the European Union’s euro, the Japanese yen, and the Chinese yuan.

The US dollar’s dominance is threatened by several factors, including the US government’s fiscal policies, the US dollar’s interest rates, and the US dollar’s value. The US dollar’s fiscal policies, such as high government spending and budget deficits, have contributed to the US dollar’s depreciation and reduced its value. The US dollar’s interest rates, which are set by the US Federal Reserve, are also influenced by the US government’s fiscal policies, and the US dollar’s value is affected by the US dollar’s interest rates.

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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

Editor's note: The world has undergone many changes and shocks in recent years. In-depth dialogue between scholars from China and overseas is needed to build mutual understanding on many problems of the world. For this purpose, the China-WPS Institute of China Daily and the National Institute for Global Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, jointly present this special column. The Global Strategy Dialogue, in which experts from China and abroad will offer insightful views, analyses and fresh perspectives on long-term strategic issues of global importance.

CHEN ZHAOYUAN and HAN BING

Tap the Eastern Opening

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

Hungary's new prime minister is considered China's ally in Europe. In this interview, Prime Minister Viktor Orban said that China is a friend Hungary matters to.

Prime Minister Viktor Orban and his Hungarian government has been working hard to attract Chinese investment to Hungary, which is located in the heart of Europe, with the aim of making Hungary a bridge to Eastern Europe.

In November 2022, the European Commission unveiled a proposal for the regulation of European Union subsidies. This proposal is part of the EU's efforts to modernize its competition law and ensure fair play in the global trading system.

The proposal targets practices that can distort competition and harm the interests of the EU and its citizens, such as subsidies that give advantages to specific companies or industries, leading to unequal competition.

The EU aims to strike a balance between supporting economic activities and protecting the level playing field.

In response to these proposals, Hungarian authorities are preparing to revise their own laws and policies to ensure alignment with European Union standards.

In the interview, Prime Minister Orban highlighted Hungary's strategic location within the EU and its potential role as a gateway to Eastern Europe.

He emphasized Hungary's openness to investment from various countries, including China, and mentioned the importance of maintaining good relations with China.

Orban also discussed the challenges faced by Hungary in attracting foreign investment, particularly in light of the ongoing economic uncertainties.

He highlighted the importance of promoting dialogue and cooperation with China and other countries to address these challenges and ensure sustainable growth.

The prime minister's comments reflect Hungary's continued efforts to position itself as a strategic partner in the region, leveraging its unique geographical advantages and fostering strong ties with China and other key economic players.

Hungary's approach to investment attracted attention from the EU, which has been engaged in discussions with Hungary about the implementation of the new competition law. Hungary's commitment to these efforts is seen as a positive step towards aligning with EU standards and fostering fair competition in the country.

The interview also touched on broader issues, such as the role of China in the global economy and the need for countries to adapt to new economic realities.

Orban's statements underscore Hungary's determination to navigate these challenges and strengthen its economic ties with China and other partners, while maintaining a balanced approach to competition and cooperation.
In the rich tapestry of global music, certain genres possess a unique allure that transcends cultural boundaries. One such captivating vocal style is Shima Uta, originating from the traditional island of Okinawa, Japan. Also known as "blended songs" in English, the unique Okinawan melodies incorporate the traditional Okinawan Kari-Age method, with emotional expressions that change according to the emotions of the singer.

Inspired by the oral vocal style, the next generation of Okinawan artists, led by Chois, created the prodigious hailed Hau Kari-Age in 2018, into which she skillfully infused the soothing, soulful sounds, bringing new life and energy to the art form. Meanwhile, listeners from around the world have been captivated by the beauty and richness of the Okinawan Kari-Age method, its unique musical genres, and its captivating melodies.

In their performances, Okinawan artists such as Maria, who has been at the forefront of popularizing Shima Uta, have expanded the scope of their traditional music to new horizons. According to Chois, collaborating with international artists on the show has the potential to broaden their creative horizons and produce "true Okinawan art music" in the future.

"Each collaboration allows us to explore the musical potential of our larger, global audience," she says.

**Widening career pathways**

The participation of Okinawan vocalist Chois in the "Two Voices" program has expanded her career opportunities. Chois has long worked as a model, singer, dancer, actress, and radio presenter, building a strong fanbase around the globe. She has also made significant contributions to the future of traditional Chinese music and culture.

"I can sense the anxiety of some foreign participants like Maria. However, with the nurturing ambience of sisterhood and the ethos of mutual support that permeated the program, there are always sisters who come to extend a helping hand to those who struggle in their creative endeavors," she says.

**Opening hearts**

Prior to collaborating with Chois, Maria had performed music of the Shima Uta genre, but her experience with Shima Uta was limited. The "Two Voices" program seemed like a significant turning point for her in her music career.

"That time around, my life took a completely different trajectory, opening up many opportunities for me to perform overseas," she says. "Within the season of the song, I might not have the chance to perform in China, but I have the opportunity to perform in other countries." Maria's unique ability to connect with people around the world continues to captivate listeners,

Through her stylistic arrangements, incorporating traditional instruments and vocals, Maria's music blends with the rich heritage of Okinawan and Chinese music, appealing to a wide audience.

**United in harmony**

Maria's collaboration with Chois represents a significant milestone, transcending cultural boundaries. The "Two Voices" program is a testament to the power of cultural exchange and mutual respect, opening new horizons for both artists.

Gong Li, the Chinese actress and singer, performed several songs from her repertoire, including "Shima Uta" and "Sea of Flowers." The latter song is known for its soothing melody and picturesque lyrics, reflecting the beauty and tranquility of Okinawan culture.

"I want to perform Shima Uta songs and continue to expand my music repertoire to new horizons with Okinawan artists," she says.

"I look forward to performing "Shima Uta" in the future and sharing my passion for this unique art form with the audience around the world." Gong Li's dedication to preserving and promoting Okinawan music is a testament to her commitment to cultural diplomacy.

"I was honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with Maria, who possesses a unique charm and talent. Our collaboration demonstrated the beauty and richness of Okinawan music, appealing to a global audience," she concludes.

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**Gong Li, Chinese vocalist**
Glassblowing prodigy shines in the spotlight

BY ZHANG KUN in Shanghai

Young glassblower Zhao Jinyu is the first Chinese artist to be featured at the Louvre Museum in Shanghai. His exhibition, which opened in late May, retains a lot of the techniques of traditional Chinese cups, and also adds his own personal style

Zhao Jinyu pictured with his glass creations at the artist’s solo exhibition at the Luli Glass Museum in Shanghai. 06/16/2023 ZHANG KUN

Zhao Jinyu is a prodigy in the glassblowing art of China. His exhibitions have been well-received, and his creations have been sold in major galleries and museums worldwide.

The exhibit is open to the public from 10 am to 7 pm on weekdays, from 10 am to 5 pm on weekends, and is free to the public. It is located at the Luli Glass Museum in Shanghai.
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.

B
uded in the soft, warm stage lights, two dancers crossed in elbow針對 at each other with delicate poses. Gradually, they moved toward one another and embraced gently as if they were long-lost family members reconciling a long estrangement.

The scene is both touching and intriguing, 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.

As a livestream event organized by Tencent News and Tencent Public Welfare on May 30, the two dancers joined a group of guests, mostly ordinary people who work at hard labor from the burdens of life and reclaim their series of blogs, sharing how they shake off loneliness and stress in the metropolis while working as maids.

Other guests included an 82-year-old woman who helps her husband take care of their 100-year-old brother, a woman with Alzheimer’s disease with dance, and her 30-year-old daughter with cerebral palsy who launched a nonprofit organization to help other women in her position.

The two shared their experiences of domestic workers, with some of them commenting that the most impressive part was the performance by the amateur dancers and their stories.

The director was the (Mujie House), who brought together 180 female domestic workers from the Beijing Hong Kong Social Work Service Center, a public welfare institution that aims to assist domestic workers to enhance their cultural and job-related skills. The participants did not only do work each week, over the course of 56 works, to rehearse for the performances.

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Niu Huling was invited by her father to Beijing, where she worked as a domestic worker for 12 years. Her younger sister, who is also a domestic worker, came to help her. The two sisters worked together to support their parents.

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From left: Shuo Weining, host of Tencent News, domestic workers Tan Qiaoning and Niu Huling, Yan Weilu, a representative of Beijing Hong Kong Social Work Service Centre, and director Lizhou Shitou, at the event. Photograph: Xua Fan

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It was winter 2013, about two months before China’s annual to domestic homemakers to celebrate Spring Festival, which is the most important family reunion of the year.

However, Niu did not have any excitement for celebrating the upcoming Lunar New Year. Instead, she dragged her third body from one recruitment agency to another with the aim of finding a job as a domestic worker as soon as possible, so she could accumulate the necessary 300 yuan (40.50 US dollars) within two months.

On the eve of the Spring Festival, Niu achieved her goal of surviving the targeted times, 300 yuan, to ensure her pastime was enough to hold domestic work, or she had to take an accountable job—finding packed in paper boxes to be laborers on a construction site.

“I had been working for three or four months when I received a call from home informing me that my husband’s condition had deteriorated. When I returned home, he had already been sent to the intensive care unit. We spent the last 100 days of his life in hospital.

Despite suffering immense grief, economic pressure compelled us to return to Beijing for work after the funeral. Over the following months, I, engaged with a sense of helping, coped with cooking and cleaning — and even joined the Hong Kong center of cultural events in laughing, Beijing.

In the springtime, while I was in Beijing, I found an opportunity to become a delivery person for a domestic worker in the Chinese capital in 2019.

“I was working in Beijing when my father passed away, but I couldn’t help breaking down in tears. However, during the rehearsal of this film, I finally felt I could control my emotions and pain,” she says.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Commerce, as of 2021, China had an estimated 270 million domestic workers, with most being rural women (this is engaged in babysitting or taking care of the elderly, as reported by Southern Weekly, a Guangdong-based local newspaper).

Tan Weiz, the producer of the performance, said that domestic workers are ‘invisible residents’ in society, who, instead of getting recognition and appreciation, have been placed in the back seat.

“The director also showed her movements with news reports and stories from our country’s domestic workers who have been in the spotlight for their rights and conditions,” she added.

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Designer taps into the bicultural upbringings

“Especially when Beijing’s cultural exhibitions are in bloom at the beginning of each week, I had the opportunity to receive the news. I then decided to hand out flyers to domestic workers, with ‘knowledge’ as the core concept,” the designer says. “I was also interested in bicultural upbringings, says Wu. “I put everything into the design of the costumes and how I presented my clothing.”

We grew up in south China’s Guangdong province in the capital of 5 and then moved to Australia with our parents. But even after we returned to our own culture, we have left their unique on the shoulders of the domestic workers, which was enriched in the garments on the market.

“For example, in European culture, the garments are more with more coverings. There are room for movement and there are a lot of layers, whereas in Western culture, it’s more tailored and fixed to your body. We saw, that they tried to keep a balance between the two styles.

In her collection, an aberrant cherry blossoms, a cherry blossom of which was perfectly matched with a pair of trousers. A green quilted jacket and mini skirt, she said, is inspired by a colorful pattern, with a jade charm dangling at the waist, which is both wearable and portable. She developed a deep understanding of Chinese culture.

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