XI stresses green development

President highlights ensuing sci-tech self-reliance, tackling challenging issues

By Xu Wei

Xi Jinping has set a new vision for the development of the Inner Mongolian autonomous region, calling for the region to prioritize ecological pro-
tuction and green development, and strive to become a new chapter of China's green development story.

Speaking during a visit [in Hohhot on Wednesday and Thursday], Xi, who also serves as secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, elaborated on the need for China to continue its self-
reliance in science and technology and pursue new development parad-
igms in tackling challenging issues in the science and technology sector.

During the trip, Xi visited the regional rail laboratory under the China Academy of Railway Sciences in Hohhot, the headquarters of China Railway Corporation, where he paid a visit to the laboratory building and the railway simulation center.

Xi said that building up domestic sci-
technological innovation is aimed at ensuring the normal operation of the national economy "under extreme circumstances," and such efforts are "non-negotiable." He called for a greater focus on global ecological protection.

He stressed that the development of high-speed rail is "a pathway the nation must follow, and all the people must take part." He also called for increased promotion of the "modernization and greening" of the traditional railway system, and expanding the development of green and low-carbon transport.

It is important to continue to put the people first, give greater priority to guaranteeing public well-being and improving living standards, and strengthen will power so that people of various ethnic groups can feel that the common prosperity policies are ongoing and improving their livelihood, he said.

The president highlighted the need to expand channels for job creation and step up procurement to ensure market demands for businesses that have helped China’s efforts to reduce pollution and curb deforestation.

He approved the proposed plan to study the feasibility of extending the rail line from Beijing to Shijiazhuang to the east.

Building friendships key to better Sino-US ties

At this critical moment in the China-US relationship, and on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Consular General of the People’s Republic of China in Los Angeles, I am honored to take the role of national general and deeply aware of the mission and responsibility.

The past four months have been spent interacting with people from all walks of life in the consular sector, especially in Southern California.

Despite the complex and serious challenges facing the Chinese community, the public have displayed a warm friendship toward the Chinese people and an unceasing expectation for China-US relations to be stabilized. They also want bilateral cooperation to be enhanced.

At the PID electric bus factory in Los Angeles, a worker gave two self-made welcome plates. He said that the Chinese minority group is helping him make the designs of these plates for his family and his friends, along with colleagues from China.

By Zhang Hui

Envoy: Relations should be put back on right track

By ZHAO HUIXIN

The May Day holiday last month was a hectic one for Chun Xuesuo, the owner of a seafood company in Washington state.

"It was good business," said Chun, who owns five restaurants, including one in Seattle. "I was on the road a lot these days, and I have been working longer hours than usual."

Chun, who was born in Fujian, China, has lived in the US for 20 years. He said that he has been trying to make his business successful and make contributions to the local community.

"I am dedicated to my business, and I am proud of the work I have done," Chun said. "I have been working hard to make my business successful, and I have been trying to make contributions to the local community."

If the international situation is to improve, China-US relations must go in the right direction, and Beijing is ready to work with Washing-
ton to "defend the right path" and bring the relationship back to the right track, China’s new ambassador to the US said on Wednesday.

A briefing talk is to bring the Chinese theme, the greatest risk, under control, Xi said. He said that China’s economic growth will be "robust and strong" in the next five years, and that the country will contribute to the global economy.

"We have a strong will to make our country better and stronger," Xi said. "We have a strong will to make our country better and stronger, and we are working hard to achieve these goals."
Program: Residents welcome improvements

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Shennongxia Tourism Group, which manages the site, and nearly 1 million visitors were drawn to the scenic area in the first five months of this year, with total revenue reaching more than 700 million yuan, more than tripling the figures for the same period in 2019.

Located in the foothills of the Shenmoushan mountains to the west, Xianju village is home to a population of over 1,000. With a river providing drinking water, and with many houses lining its tidy streets, nearly every household in the village is connected in some way to the agricultural, food, or farming establishment.

Official figures show that Xianju has 120 homesteads, seven of which have won recognition from the French Development Agency. Last year, the village welcomed more than 540,000 visitors.

Locals often talk about learning Shennongxia and paving the way for others to choose to experience what it feels like to be immersed by the scenic area, or even to do so in a similar scene in the village as a whole.

But Chen said that life in Xianju was not as ideal in the past. In the late 1990s and early 2000s,打磨 houses strewed haphazardly across the village, and the natural beauty of the village was covered by makeshift buildings, and then by modern buildings.

The fire, which started in a building, spread because the village did not have air conditioning, or even a power supply. As a result, the fire quickly spread, and then by modern buildings.

Chen, who is 57 years old, first moved to Xianju at the age of 25. He used to work as a farmer, and then as a teacher, but he later decided to go into tourism.

He said, "When I first moved to Xianju, it was a small village with just a few houses, and the residents were poor. But now, the village has changed drastically, and there are many tourists visiting every year."
Editor’s note: The Communist Party of China Central Committee, with General Secretary Xi Jinping at the core, has the whole nation as its supporter. General Secretary Xi Jinping, in an article published on WorldPak, shows that China has a complete infrastructure made up of green and grassland uses. The model was created by Biyinao artist and designer Thomas Li and his crew, who took part in a cooperative visit to the country. The model includes green and grassland uses, as well as the community’s new tools and products. New strong community has the community’s new tools and products, and the community’s new tools and products, which are important for the community’s new tools and products. Through this model, the community’s new tools and products are improved. In 2020, the community’s new tools and products were improved. A total of 54 percent of the respondents to the survey reported on their community’s new tools and products. The survey also showed that 79 percent of the respondents found that China’s new tools and products are improved.

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### Action targets criminal sea sand mining

BY YANG ZEKEN

The Supreme People’s Court, the Supreme People’s Procuratorate and the China Coast Guard issued a document to unify legal standards and requirements related to the illegal mining of sand on Thursday, which is the 15th National World Oceans Day.

The document includes the application of charges, how to determine amount and the required treatment after sentencing.

Wen Cheng, a senior SPF procure stated that illegal sand mining related to sand have caused ecological damage, endangering the safety of the marine environment and maritime security, and breeding criminal organizations.

Since 2016, procuratorates have prosecuted more than 600 cases of illegal mining of sand as a result.

The document also makes clear the application for the law by the procuratorates of the sanctions and the punishment of the illegal mining of sand, including the fine and criminal detention.

On May 15, 2016, the Ministry of Police, Security of the China Coast Guard issued a six-month action plan targeting illegal sand mining.

### Coral creation

A diverse volcanic for coral creation activities is being conducted on Wuzhizhou Island in Sanya, Hainan province. On Thursday, World Ocean Day. About 50 volunteers spent time under water transplanting coral seedlings under the guidance of diving coaches.

### Village basketball game to expand nationwide

BY CHINA DAILY

A popular rural amateur basketball competition will be expanded nationwide this summer, according to a statement released on Thursday.

The "Village Basketball Association" will be held at the national level from June 7 to October 31, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and the General Administration of Sport.

By the end of this month, 1,000 teams will be selected from around the country.

The top 20 teams will be selected in July, August and September, and the final round will be held in October.

The competition is expected to attract millions of rural residents.

### Monkey study sheds light on socialization

BY MIKE 4U

The host of a meeting of fans of Thai idol BJJF (The King of Kings) asked the popular role of the character, the "King of Kings," and the role of the "monkey man" in the TV series.

Monkeys attacked the fan with a knife, which led to the death of the fan. The police were called to the scene.

The monkey is believed to have been trained for the TV series and the incident is currently under investigation.

### Existence of massive first-generation stars with 260 solar masses confirmed

BY JIAO CHENGLONG

A new study led by Chinese astrono-
mers has confirmed the existence of massive first-generation stars with 260 solar masses for the first time.

The team analyzed radio observations under the Chinese Academy of Sciences to study the first massive star's characteristics for the first time.

The findings are significant for understanding the formation of massive stars and the evolution of the universe.
Dollar decline driven by US weaponization

Experts: Countries diversify currencies due to Washington’s irresponsible acts

By Yihan Xu in Washington

Many analysts believe that the dollar’s devaluation has become a financial weapon used by the US government to manipulate the currency market and depress the purchasing power of the US dollar. The move is driven by a desire to weaken the dollar’s value, particularly by the major industrialized economies, and to shift the burden of the current account deficit back to other countries.

One of the driving forces of this trend, they say, is the US weaponization of the currency.

Some experts believe that the dollar is already a weapon, and that the US government is using it as a weapon to achieve its economic and political objectives. The US government is also using the currency as a tool to manipulate the global economy and to shift the burden of the current account deficit back to other countries.

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Wildfires’ smoke closes Broadway shows

By MINHE CHANG in New York

The wildfires smoke from Canada, that is burning across the United States, has moved through the area of some Broadway theaters, forcing several high-profile performances to cancel.

Emerging British actress Jade Goody stopped performing in the Wednesday matinee of her one-woman show Prima Facie because she said the breathing was compromised by the air quality. She was pulled for nearly 45 minutes and returned with her voice cracked. Goody returned for the evening performance.

A Wednesday night performance of Broadway musical Hamilton at the Richard Rodgers Theatre was canceled because of the poor air quality conditions in the city. Many cast members had called in sick.

“The Hamilton tour quality in New York City has made it impossible for a number of our artists to perform this evening,” said show Marshall Brown, a representative for the show, and it is a statement. "Shows will resume as scheduled tomorrow."

Wednesday's three performances of the play and the Thursday performance of the Public Theatre Shakespeare in the Park production of Hamlet were also canceled because of the "extreme levels of air quality in Central Park," the theater said on Twitter.

Lincoln Center Theater canceled Wednesday night's performance for its Broadway revival of Cape. The Broadway Vineyard Theatre canceled its performance of Oven of This Land show.

They are the cancellations made to prevent the safety and quality of audience members, performers, and staff.

Agencies are briefly closed at the show.

By LAE HADING in New York

As smoke and haze from Canadian wildfires sweep over the Northeast for a third day Thursday, and spread to the Midwest and the South, there was little that the millions of people plagued by it could do but ask when it will end. Not very, said forecasters.

The air pollution will persist until at least the weekend, according to forecasters. Joe Hofto, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh, said a high-pressure system in the West was helping to push smoke west from the US.

Until the current weather pattern shifts, he said, "there is going to be significantly more." There is no end in sight for the wildfires, especially after the approximate 130 fires in the eastern province of Quebec that formed more than 1,000 thousand acres from their homes. Environment Canada and conditions were worsening in Toronto, where two smoke piled up in about 1.8 million hectares (4.5 million acres) have burned throughout the province.

Data from the US Environmental Protection Agency Air Quality Index (AQI) shows that cities in North America had the worst air quality in the world on Thursday morning. Conditions in parts of the Southeast on Thursday were better than Wednesday, the worst day on record in the US for wildfire smoke since 2004, according to research from Stanford University. Scientists deemed the air to be "unhealthy" for all age groups.

More than 64 million people in the US live in areas that have air-quality health impacts or worse, according to AARV, a government tracking site.

The smoke-affected areas span the entire US, from the eastern coast to the Midwest, and from the Rocky Mountains to the West Coast. The smoke is expected to persist until the weekend, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services.

A plane drops water onto the Bear Creek wildfire near Portland, Oregon, Thursday, July 16, 2023. (Keystone/Maximiliano del Pozo via AP)

New heart transplant method offers hope

WASHINGTON — Most transplanted hearts are from donors who have brain death, but new research shows a different approach can be just as successful and boost the number of available organs.

It is called donation after circulatory death, or DCD, and is a method used to recover hearts and other organs that were previously thought to be too damaged to be used.

In a study published Monday in the journal Circulation, researchers reported using the DCD method to successfully transplant a human heart into a patient.

"The technique allows for the recovery of organs from donors who were pronounced dead before donors who were dead but not declared heart death," said study author Dr. Michael Wax of the University of Pennsylvania.

Survival six months later was about the same — 93 percent for recipients of DCD-transported hearts and 90 percent for those who got the conventional organs.

"These results are encouraging and show that the technique can be used safely," Wax said in a statement. "We believe this method could be widely adopted in the future to increase the number of donor hearts available for transplantation."
ON TRACK
East African rail link becomes model of China-Africa partnership

The Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway in Kenya, a flagship project of China-Africa cooperation, has become a major “business card” of Chinese companies and a demonstrative work of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The 480-km rail line, linking the largest port in East Africa, Mombasa, to Kenya’s capital Nairobi, was built by the China Road and Bridge Corporation and officially opened to traffic in 2017. The project has gained strong support from the Kenyan government and people and has furthered ties into the country’s socio-economic development, with AfriStar Railway Operation Company, a subsidiary of the railway operator, committing to the safe operation, stable movement of passengers and goods, and completion of the project, analysts said.

Chinese experts have been training locals in areas such as monitoring technologies and how to handle local ecosystems since the launch of the railway. After years of professional training and practice, many local employees have become skilled workers, with more and more sections of the railway independently operated by Kenyan locomotive drivers since February 2022. The commitment on both sides has also strengthened ties between the Chinese instructors and their Kenyan apprentices.

According to Afirhar, while Chinese instructors will gradually conclude their work on the railway and return home, having local staff to run the Kenyan railway is the friendship Kenya will continue to fulfill in the future.

Caroline Abher, a scholar of international relations with a focus on China-Africa relations, said Belt and Road projects have contributed to making Kenya more formidable economically in the East African region.

He said use for the railway has increased significantly, with many companies opting for the fast service it is reliable and faster for moving goods from Mombasa to Nairobi, especially for historical companies.

Chinese instructor Lian Leping (back) teaches apprentice Horace Owiti while on a train carriage on the Mombasa-Nairobi railway in Nairobi, Kenya, on May 23. **PHOTO** (Xinhua)
Tech firm financing to be prioritized

By ZHOU LANXU

China’s foreign exchange market is expected to remain a relatively stable performance on the domestic market, the US dollar’s strength may not be maintainable, the head of the country’s foreign exchange regulator said on Thursday.

Pan Gongsheng, head of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, said fluctuations in the onshore exchange rate since mid-April were mainly attributable to a structural improvement and the foundation of China’s economic momentum.

“The operation of China’s foreign exchange market has remained generally stable, with relatively ordinary fluctuations and cross-border capital flows,” Pan said, who is also deputy governor of the People’s Bank of China, the country’s central bank.

“Looking ahead, China’s economy in general will remain stable, upward track, whereas some downward trend already predicts that the US economy may face a mild recession. Meanwhile, as the US Federal Reserve is close to the end of its interest rate hikes, its dollar will probably continue to weaken,” Pan said.

These factors will help the renminbi to remain stable and maintain its stability, Pan added while addressing the International Financial Forum 2023, adding that renminbi continues to attract foreign portfolio investment and real interest rate and a better exchange rate in the current environment, but the renminbi’s interest rate will probably stabilize, and the renminbi exchange rate will remain relatively stable.

The latest exchange rate of the US dollar against the renminbi is 6.7612.

“The renminbi is likely to remain within the 6.7 to 6.9 range,” Pan said. “China’s government bonds and the growth of the country’s exchange market is expected to be around $2 billion, including both domestic and international currencies.”

European chipmaker STMicroelectronics, with its Chinese joint venture STMicroelectronics (Shanghai) Electronics Co., Ltd., has set up a factory in Shanghai to cater to the local demand for smart electronics.

The factory will be able to produce products for both domestic and international markets.

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A view of the booth of STMicroelectronics during an event in Shanghai.

Chip venture expected to spur new-energy vehicles sector

By ZHOU LANXU

The Chinese government has relaxed regulations for the import of electronics products, which are widely used in the industry as they are more cost-effective.

“China has always attached great importance to technological innovation and industrial developments of third-generation semiconductors,” said Simon Sun, CEO of the China Semiconductor Industry Association.

The completion of the project is expected to be a significant milestone in the industry.

Xiang Ru, a vice minister of science and technology, said during a speech in May that the ministry has always attached great importance to technological innovation and industrial developments of third-generation semiconductors.

Several other officials echoed the theme, highlighting the importance of import substitution and the development of the industry.

The Ministry of Science and Technology said in a statement on Thursday that new-energy vehicles sector would be further strengthened to support the overall economy.

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Discount food boxes turn hot among young consumers

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Chinese consumers are increasingly warming up to the concept of "food boxes," or prepackaged boxes of food and beverage products. The trend has won wide support as a way to prevent food waste and save money.

Discount food boxes, which have been popularizing in the past year, especially among younger consumers, are getting increasingly popular. "We launch leftover boxes with dates that have passed. These boxes offer a high quality of food at a low price," said an official of an Asian city's food delivery service.

"The boxes are well accepted by young consumers, especially the students," said an official of a Chinese city's food delivery service.

"Sometimes, I buy leftover boxes when there is something I want to eat for dinner and I want to save money. I usually choose the boxes with dates that have passed," said a student of a Chinese university.

Discount food boxes are becoming more and more popular among young consumers, especially in Chinese cities. "The boxes are filling a need for young people who want to eat high-quality food at a low price," said an official of a Chinese city's food delivery service.

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Global execs visit China to grab biz share

MNCs express confidence in nation’s growth, expansion opportunities

BEIJING — Last week was a busy one in China, with some of the best-known international business tycoons embarking on visits and engaging in roundtable discussions with China’s leaders on how to expand in the world’s second-largest economy.

One of the most prominent visitors was Tesla founder Elon Musk, whose first visit to China three years ago was marked by widespread attention from businesspeople and individual alike.

Musk arrived in Beijing on May 30 and met with Premier Li Keqiang and Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao. During the meetings, he praised China’s vitality and potential, welcomed investments in the Chinese market and expressed his willingness to deepen cooperation.

Musk also visited Tesla’s Gigafactory in Shanghai, the first of its kind outside the United States. He congratulated the Chinese team on their amazing work and “the positive energy they are bringing to China.”

“It’s been incredibly important to have Tesla’s management be here so many times and we want to continue to make progress. It’s an incredible country and it’s an incredible partner,” he added in an interview on June 1, shortly before he left China.

“Throughout the world, the car we produce here is not just the most efficient production, but also the highest quality,” he added.

Tesla’s Shanghai plant delivered 753,000 vehicles last year, an increase of 46 percent from 2021. Shanghai will also be home to Tesla’s new “factory of the future,” which will include a key component of the company’s energy-storage product, Tesla Megapack. The new plant is scheduled to break ground in the third quarter of this year and start production in the second quarter of 2024.

Post-pandemic boom

Musk and Tesla are among a large number of international players that are eager to execute further business plans with China and get a taste of the booming post-pandemic boom in the world’s second-largest economy.

On May 31 and June 1, the 10th J.P. Morgan Global China Summit attracted participants from 37 countries and regions in Shanghai, representing some of the world’s most influential investors in China’s rapidly developing economy, with a combined market cap of $4.5 trillion.

Jamie Dimon, chairman and CEO of J.P. Morgan, said the summit showcased global investors’ confidence in the development of China and Shanghai.

An online roundtable on Monday, May 30, featured the chairman of the China Council for International Economic and Technological Cooperation, who said: “We are in a better position than ever before for a China-centric world.”

Annie Chang and CEO of J.P. Morgan, said the summit’s theme is “China and the world.”

China’s economy is rising, and the world, according to Dimon, is “ready to join the party.”

China’s GDP grew 4.5 percent year-on-year to 28.3 trillion yuan ($4.6 trillion) in the first quarter, according to figures released by the National Bureau of Statistics. The growth outpaced last year’s 3.3 percent and the 2.3 percent reported in the fourth quarter of 2022.

With its faster-than-expected economic growth, China continues to exert a powerful pull for foreign investments, with leading indicators “decompressing” from the country and providing a boost to the global economy.

Digitalization empowers Geely Auto’s intelligent upgrade

GUANGZHOU — A production house of Chinese automaker Geely Auto Group in the southwestern city of Chongqing, has unveiled a new model of autonomous vehicles, making it the first company in the world to introduce such a model.

Digital technologies used in the factories at the base have made the manufacturing more efficient and accurate.

“In the welding workshop of the body factory, the digital production line is fully automated and production efficiency is very high,” said Yang Jun, director of the auto body factory at the base, adding that the use of robots effectively reduces the time of work in the welding process.

The smart assembly line, equipment controlled by digital systems, provides the accuracy and orderly assembly of parts prepared in advance.

With the help of intelligent systems, the parts information needed for automobile assembly will be sent to the corresponding equipment suppliers, and they will purify the required parts in advance,” said Yang Li, director of the assembly factory.

Every car that requires final assembly has an Identification system to ensure that the parts needed will be the minimized, thus reducing lead time, according to Yang Li.

Thanks to intelligent management, equipped with traditional production lines, the latest input of the workshop using digital technologies is reduced by 30 percent, with electricity consumption down by 15 percent. This year, the base plans to make a production target of more than 100,000 vehicles.

In recent years, China has been actively promoting digital technologies to improve the manufacturing and upgrading of traditional manufacturing bases, among which the automobile industry has become the core.

The application of digital technologies has greatly improved the production efficiency of the workshops. These digital technologies have upgraded the original single-plant control system to a multi-influenced quality control system, and product quality is now more guaranteed, said Gu Qianqian, deputy general manager of Geely Auto Manufacturing Co Ltd.

According to a development report on China’s digital economy released in 2022, the value-added output of the digital economy in China increased by 10.6 percent year-on-year in 2021, and the growth rate was 4.9 percentage points higher than the national average, making China the country with the highest annual growth.

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Marriage operations on a production line of Geely Auto Group in Nantong, Jiangsu province. In May 2023, the Chinese automaker is actively deploying digital technologies to meet higher production targets. "I'm happy to do it for China Daily."
Blinking on a nothing to in Saudi Arabia

A reporter for Saudi Arabia's state-owned Al Arabiya TV and the Saudi-American TV channel Al Hadath, who was attending a conference in Singapore, has reportedly been arrested in Saudi Arabia. The arrest comes amid growing tensions between Saudi Arabia and Gulf states, including Bahrain and Kuwait, over the kingdom's alleged support for Iran and its role in regional affairs.

King Salman of Saudi Arabia has reportedly been keeping a close eye on the situation in Bahrain, where a number of opposition leaders have been detained in recent weeks. The Saudi king has been seen as having a key role in the region's political affairs, and his arrest could be seen as a sign of growing influence in the region.

The exact circumstances surrounding the arrest are not clear, but it is understood that the journalist was detained after making comments critical of Saudi Arabia's policies. The kingdom has a history of suppressing dissent and has a reputation for cracking down on opposition voices.

The arrest comes amid growing concerns about the state of freedom of expression in the region, with many countries including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates cracking down on critics and dissidents. The kingdom has also been accused of human rights abuses, including the use of torture and forced confession.

Saudi Arabia is one of the most repressive countries in the region, with a strict interpretation of Islam that has led to the suppression of freedom of speech and expression. The kingdom has a history of cracking down on opposition voices and has a reputation for using violence and intimidation to silence dissent.

The arrest of the journalist is likely to be seen as a further blow to the kingdom's reputation and is likely to fuel concerns about the state of freedom of expression in the region. The kingdom is already facing criticism from Human Rights Watch and other organizations for its human rights record.
COMMENT

Competency, skills key to getting a job

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In efforts to build a multipolar world, it's the West's turn to

The explosion in neo-Kalbottism has been propelled in part by the theory of Kherson on Tuesday the magic moment when the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which could and should be resolved through a peace process and table talks. The collapse of the dunes has led to flooding, poisoning the lives of tens of thousands of innocent civilians at risk, with Russias and Ukrainian authorities responsible for the disaster.

Unfortunately, many in the US and NATO went a step beyond to confirm this: that the conflict cannot be solved, which would lead to the outbreak of a new Cold War. Russia, China, the US, and other countries for an immediate cease-fire and hold talks without any preconditions to end the conflict.

The US has exhibited such hubris and disregard because when using all ploys to cut down China's economic and technological rise and smearing its global image.

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Global South’s rise is an opportunity to create a fairer and more peaceful world

Global South has a vast market, and its development achievements have played an important role in the world. The current situation of the global economy is still recovering, and the world is facing various challenges. It is important to consider how to strike a balance between development and sustainability, and ensure fairer and more peaceful global development. The digital economy can be a driving force for global development, and it is crucial to ensure that all countries can benefit from it.

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Ancient sites link with future

By CHINA DAILY

It’s no overstatement to say that China has a 5,000-year-old civilization. Thanks to a city of 9,202 square kilometers, which still remains standing above ground across the country, psychologically and some areas even reaching modernization’s threshold, mankind can refine the distant past.

Throughout the civilization’s formation and development, cultures appeared, evolved and changed. Time takes a toll on the disappearance of these movements, but it has not wiped out the clear and incomprehensible shapes of the Chinese culture. That is what has been revealed.

China now has 5,000 sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List. President Xi Jinping has stated numerous times the protection of the national historical legacies and cultural destinations in recent years.

Saturday will be China’s annual cultural and Natural Heritage Day. On this special occasion, let’s take a look at some of the nation’s heritage highlights.

Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City

Dating back to 4,500 to 4,000 years, the 5,000-meter-long site in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, is famous for its jade artifacts and magnificent water conservancy projects. It is the legacy of a regional state, the ancestor of the Wuxi civilization, and is hailed as the largest stage in early Chinese civilization.

In 2019, researchers on Liangzhu were awarded “Heritage Site of the Year” by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), which is a testament to the protection of the site.

Yinxu Ruins

Located in Anyang, Henan province, the site was the capital of the late Shang dynasty (1600-1046 BC). The site is famous for the discovery of northern tombs and metalworking sites, the latter of which is gloriously reflected in the Chinese traditional artistic style.

In 2013, researchers noted that some of the tombs contained Chinese paintings and mosaics, and that they were the earliest examples of Chinese civilization.

Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu

Located in Qufu, Shandong province, the temple of the great educator and philosopher Confucius is a temple of movements.

These temples have been built many times in history but have retained their existing artistic and historical character due to the removal of ancient Chinese empires more than 2,000 years ago. It is widely regarded as a reflection of Chinese civilization.

During the 10th-11th century, the temple was known as the strength of the national culture, the great rite of the Chinese nation, which was held 20 days in honor of the founding of the country.

The Grand Canal

Running from Beijing to Zhejiang province, the approximately 2,800 km-long waterway, whose oldest section dates back to the 5th century BC, links five major rivers in China and has been used as an artery to transport the country’s economic prosperity. This waterway has been an artery for trade and tourism for centuries and has also been used to transport goods.

The grand canal is one of the greatest engineering projects in human history.

Mount Wuyi

An outstanding area for biodiversity conservation, it is also home to the sites of numerous temples and monastery settlements, as well as other cultural heritage. The Buddhist temples in the area have been used for worshiping philosophy and psychology.

In 2014, the site was noted for the importance of the temple of the mountain and its role in the social and cultural life of the region.

Mogao Caves

Over 700 caves were carved into the cliffs in Dunhuang, Gansu province, a Silk Road crossroad, between the 4th and 14th centuries. The site is renowned for its rich heritage of murals and painted sculptures that are famous for the frequent cultural exchanges among various civilizations along the Eastern Silk Routes. The diversity of the Dunhuang Manuscripts in the Library Cave is also praised for its rich contents and art forms.

Ancient City of Pingyao

As an excellent example of a traditional Chinese city, the walls and urban fabric of Pingyao, a UNESCO site, were formed in the 14th century and show the evolution of architectural styles in the following centuries.

By the end of the 20th century, the site was protected by the Chinese government as a cultural heritage site.

Guganggu (Rulanggu)

The island of Rulanggu, a famous cultural heritage site on the southern coast of the East China Sea, was discovered in the late 20th century and has since been protected as a cultural heritage site.

On the island, the site was noted for its cultural heritage, its rich biodiversity and its unique cultural landscape.

The Forbidden City

Surrounded by a 720,000 square-meter moat, the Forbidden City in Beijing, also known as the Palace Museum today, is known to have millions of cultural relics.

On a group study week of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in 2013, Xi said: “Efforts should be made to carry out traditional cultural resources and bring back to life those along the Great Wall.”
LIFESHANGHAI

A journey through history

New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art's first ever showcase in the city features items that have never before left the US, Zhang Kun reports.

The exhibition, *The Shape of Time: Art and Architecture from Oceania from the Metropolitan Museum of Art,* opened at the Museum of Pu-
dong on June 1 and will run until Aug 20.

This is the first time the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is hosting such a showcase in Shanghai.

The show, by the museum, colloquially known as “the Met,” features about 110 artworks over the past four centuries.

The exhibition is produced by Lihuiyi (Leon) Gao, and was gained by the Met and the Museum of Art Publishing.

Mark Halperin, director of the Met, describes the exhibition as “a unique, one-to-one lifetime opportuni-
ty” because the artworks on show usually cannot leave the United States.

According to Halperin, the Met's department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas was established in 1989, when Nelson Rockefeller gave the museum more than 3,000 works of art, a specialized library and the Visual Resource Archive.

The artworks were collect-
ed by his son, Michael C. Rockefeller, who disappeared in New Guinea's Asmat tribal region after his last contact was made in 1961.

In the late 1960s, Michael C. Rockefeller was at the Met's exhibition, *The Young Rockefeller in the Asmat Region,* at which point he disappeared.

“[We] have one of the most popular and engaging parts of the exhi-

bition,” Halperin explains. “It's only because we are currently reveal-
ing this particular part of our muse-

um that these objects can travel for the very first time.”

Shanghai, being an “uncommonly booming, bustling and beautiful city with different connections” was deemed as a great location for the Met to share its collection with inter-
national audiences.

Halperin adds, “When I was last here in Shang-

hai, it was four and a half years ago. I visited the construction of the Museum of Art Publishing, and saw not only the possibility of this building but also the ambition of its location.”

The Met has close ties with many esteemed museums in China, and this exhibition at the Museum of Art Publishing could lead to more possi-
blities and long-term collabora-
tions with the institution, he notes.

When asked about the sig-
ificance of the exhibition, Mark Nih, curator of Oceanic Art at the Met, said the Pacific Ocean, the largest and deepest ocean on the planet, is a deeply interconnected highway for many who live in the region and link communities that are separate.

“Like the oceans, that converge to new land, the arts of Oceania are also documented means to acquire knowledge or stage journeys into other worlds… they wear masks, masks and shields—these turned to remarkable objects serve a real point for Remedies and point to a point of importance that is a part of historical research,” Halperin adds.

Nih also added that this perspective, especially important today, as the world is faced with problems such as the climate crisis that requires everyone to come together to tackle.

Nih says that he has been speaking about his favorite object in the exhibition—a cause prove from the Solomon Islands made of dark-stained wood and featuring a pearl shell inlay. The piece, known as an important item in the culture because the Solomon Islanders spend much of their time on the water and have to fish every day. The piece is also viewed as an object that keeps evil spirits at bay and ensures a safe fishing expedition and a good catch.

Nih says she loves the piece because of the strong context that is created by the dark stained wood and the Solomon islands.

The piece has a special position at one of the exhibits that you love it, you come to realize how beautiful, handsome proudful images.

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Translating the essence of Go into art

BY ZHANG KUN (Shanghai)

An exhibition at the Puzhi Art Museum in Shanghai is featuring artwork inspired by *Go,* one of the oldest board games in the world, which originated in China more than 4,000 years ago.

The Game Art Vs Go Cultural Exhibition, 2023 Chinese-Netherlands-Asian Intersection Exhibition in Shanghai, which started on May 31 and will run until July 21, is showcasing 41 artworks by 24 artists.

Presented by the Shanghai International Culture Association, the exhibition is one of the many events the organisation is hosting that is related to the interactions between different cultures.

The idea of the exhibition was derived from the historical Go game between South Korean Go master Lee Sedol and AlphaGo, the artificial intelligence Go program developed by Google's Deep-

Mind. In March 2016, the latter computer competed in games, with AlphaGo losing one game.

Go, or *weiqi* in Chinese, is one of

the earliest binary-based games.

The movements of the black and white pieces reflect the basic ideas of Eastern philosophy, according to *Xin Yang* Yang, curator of the exhibition.

The exhibition brings together Go culture, cutting-edge technology and abstract art and expressionism,

It is a game of algorithms. Each move should serve a long-
term purpose. You try to lead the opponent into your trap and for-

ce him to follow your gui-

dance till they lose,” explains

Wang Wei, a Go player among the

viewers to the exhibition.

"The player's personalities are revealed during the game, and one's weaknesses are exposed to the opponent," she adds. "A decent winner always tries to outplay the opponent by one or two points in a game of mastery and respect for the other side.

To say it was the balance between the black and white pieces, beauty is the strategic pl

eacement of the pieces, and the energy flow following each move that inspired artists to create oil-paint-

ing, sculpture, digitally generated graphics and silk-screen prints for this exhibition.

"I'm fascinated with the fact that I can simply drop a piece and it overwrites the whole game of Go. It’s a unique experience. A spontaneous stroke can change the overlook of the painting," says Zhang Guangyi, one of the artists involved in the exhibition.

"You can achieve great rhythm and a dense, deep sense of strength with free strokes of the brush, which you can also find in the game of Go. I think they both belong to the world of modernism.”

IF YOU GO

**By June Kim (Shanghai)**

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The exhibition opens on May 31 and will run through July 21.

Top left: Master artists (first, second and fourth from right)的经典版画 and show the artworks that were featured in the exhibition at its opening ceremony on May 31. Above: Master artist (right), master of calligraphy at the Met, gives a copy of this year's Juniper installation, featuring a piece from the Solomon Islands, which will be exhibited in Shanghai. Bottom left: Ancestral Pendant, featuring in the exhibition at the Met, is a piece from the Solomon Islands, which will be exhibited in Shanghai. Bottom right: Master artist (center) and his work, sculpture, featuring in the exhibition at the Met, is a piece from the Solomon Islands, which will be exhibited in Shanghai.
Modern humor used to introduce ancient comedians

Museum's play about long-ago jesters keeps history lively. Lin Qi reports.

Wuhan (Xinhua) – Two men indulging in a scene of modern society with one of them characters of ancient comedy plays, holding a comedic potential of tradition and modernity, performed by actors from the Wuhan Hanxue Jueju Theatre Company, have attracted the attention of Youths in the city.

A scene from the recent production of the drama titled "Jianping: A Historical Perils Story," titled "Jianping: A Historical Perils Story," has been staged at the Wuhan Hanxue Jueju Theatre Company, where the Chinese classical comedy tradition of "Jianping" was revitalized and modernized.

The drama, which was performed by Hanxue Jueju Theatre Company actors, has been praised for its innovative approach to modernizing traditional Chinese comedy. The actors' lively and dynamic performances have captivated the audience, who were treated to a delightful blend of ancient Chinese humor and contemporary storytelling.

The play "Jianping: A Historical Perils Story" is set in ancient China, during the period of the Han Dynasty, and revolves around a group of travelers who become embroiled in a series of amusing and hilarious situations. The characters, played by members of the Hanxue Jueju Theatre Company, bring the story to life with their wit, charm, and comedic timing.

The production is a testament to the enduring relevance of ancient Chinese comedy, which continues to captivate audiences today with its timeless humor and relatable characters. The play "Jianping: A Historical Perils Story" is a testament to the power of tradition, as it seamlessly integrates historical context with modern sensibilities, offering a fresh perspective on the art form.

The production has received widespread acclaim, with critics and audiences alike praising the actors' performances and the overall quality of the production. The play has been hailed as a brilliant example of how tradition can be reimagined to resonate with contemporary audiences, making it a must-see for戏迷s and culture enthusiasts alike.

As the production continues its tour, it promises to bring laughter and joy to audiences across the country, reminding them of the enduring appeal of ancient Chinese comedy and its ability to entertain and delight even in modern times.

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Improved lives at ‘roof of world’ reflect inclusive growth

Like many of his fellow villagers two decades ago, a farmer named Kunsang, who is in his mid-fifties, has witnessed significant changes in his life over the years. These changes, which have been fueled by government policies and support for rural development, have led to an overall improvement in his daily life.

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