China expressed its support for Russia’s efforts in maintaining stability, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Sunday, a day after a rebellion for a Russian monetary force was quelled.

A compromise was reached between Moscow and Yevgeniy Prigozhin, head of the Wagner private military group, through the mediation of Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko on late Saturday.

In response to the latest situation in Russia, the Foreign Ministry spokesperson said in a statement that “this is Russia’s Internal affair.”

“As Russia’s friendly neighbor and comprehensive strategic partner of coordination for the new era, China supports Russia in maintaining national stability and achieving development and prosperity,” he added.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rodionov met with Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang in Beijing on Sunday. They discussed “international and regional issues of common concern,” the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in another statement on its website.

Early on Saturday, a video showed Wagner fighters under Prigozhin’s command moving into the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don and advancing hundreds of kilometers towards the Ukrainian border, reports said.

The situation in Russia remains tense, with the conflict in Ukraine continuing.

Blinken’s visit first step in relaunching relations

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The work meets the standards of evolution as it serves the close-to-mile-high on the characters, legendary feats of their dressing, charming ripples on the surface of the stems and plants. The 81-year-old Hanfu popularizer, Chaoying Xu, says it was the first time in his life that he was able to appreciate the work during a visit to the OCT Harbour Plus theme park. Creating the work involved sculpting figures and patterns on high-quality, fine-grained porcelain. Its distinctive characteristics include delicate knife work,smooth and flowing lines, fine and delicate craftsmanship, well-defined layers, a strong 3D visual impact, and lifelike representations.

Whether viewed from a distance or close up, the work is authentically pleasant and evocative. It took five years to complete, and the work – part of the theme park’s efforts to integrate tourism and intangible cultural heritage – has attracted numerous visitors to the venue since being unveiled in April 2023.

Although this is not the largest work that the studio has created with similar themes, the work included as many traditional cultural elements as possible. In this way, it helps visitors experience something authentic and special about the culture.

Singer performs

Other forms of local intangible cultural heritage, such as folk artists singing folk songs, are performed in the park at regular intervals.

There were a total of 10 works of intangible cultural heritage distributed throughout the park during public holidays.

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Heritage: Integration efforts stepped up

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism has called for efforts to promote the integration of intangible cultural heritage and the tourism industry on a wide scale and at a higher level.

A circular issued by the ministry in February said such integration must only proceed on condition that cultural heritage is effectively protected.

The circular lists eight primary tasks, which include tours and tourist routes, developing cultural tourism on tourist routes, and training personnel. It encourages the integration of intangible cultural heritage or relevant elements with tourist sites, including theme parks and hotels.

The China Intangible Cultural Heritage Promotion Association recently unveiled 200 models for integrating such heritage and tourism nationwide.

The models, which include scenic spots, tourism zones, blocks, and villages, are expected to provide reference points for tourism culture and tourism imagination, the association said.

Wang Xiaofeng, the association’s president, said some 11,000 scenic sites rated “A” or above across China are important for discovering and promoting cultural products, including intangible cultural heritage.

“The best protection for this heritage is to investigate into its modern elements,” he said. “We have invited experts from various fields, including tourism, to help us to promote tourism culture and tourism imagination.”

The China Intangible Cultural Heritage Promotion Association also solicits volunteers and organizations to help promote and protect intangible cultural heritage.

Xiangzi keeps a dancing man’s statue at a folk cultural heritage park in Shenzhen, Guangdong province. PROVIDED BY RONG ZHE

Tourists learn a dance from the Lenghui group in Shandong, Shandong province. PROVIDED BY CHEN JUN

Folk artists perform traditional Chinese folk music in Kunming, Yunnan province. PM 2021/12/7
China, Barbados to set example for cooperation

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China is to build in the ties with Barbados into a relationship between states and countries that sets an example of unity, coordination and cooperation. It is in line with the thinking of President Xi Jinping on situations faced by China and other countries in the world, the said.

"In the past, China and Barbados would be good friends and partners in the Caribbean. China will work with Barbados under new circumstances, strengthen strategic mutual support and deep cooperation,以此为例。

China stands ready to jointly build the Belt and Road with Barbados, support and bolster the Caribbean's efforts for economic recovery and transformation with the help of the Global Development Initiative. China will also give special attention to development and cooperation in the Caribbean region. China will take a community with a shared future for mankind as the guiding principle of the Belt and Road, and increase cooperation in the regions of infrastructural development, so-called "human civilization, eco civilisation and green economy." China will also promote mutual and win-win cooperation, continue to enhance China-Barbados ties, strengthen the bonds of friendship, and promote cooperation between the two countries.

In the meeting, Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said, "Barbados welcomes the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping. This week is the 50th anniversary of the resumption of diplomatic relations between Barbados and China. I believe it is the perfect opportunity to build stronger ties between our two countries." She expressed her hope that the trip would help deepen China's understanding of Barbados, and expressed her willingness to further strengthen cooperation in areas such as economy and trade, education, and science and technology.

"We look forward to Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit, because it will be a landmark event to further strengthen China-Barbados relations," she said.

The Prime Minister of Barbados also thanked China for its support in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. She said, "Barbados is particularly grateful to China for its support in our pandemic response. "

In 2020, Barbados received a medical aid team from China, and in 2021, Barbados also received a donation of China of 1.5 million masks and 100,000 test kits. Furthermore, Barbados is currently exploring a joint venture with China to develop a vaccine against COVID-19.

"China has always been committed to promoting global health governance and human health and security. We are prepared to further strengthen cooperation with China in the field of health and medicine, and contribute to global health governance and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind," said Mottley.

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A growing number of people are learning lifesaving abilities, including CPR. Wang Xiaoyu reports from Hangzhou.

"Bear man" honored for rapid emergency response

By WANG XIAOYU

Wang Yong, owner of a pet hospital in Qingzhou district of Southwest China’s Inner Mongolia自治区, courageously and quickly came to the assistance of a man who was lying unconcious on the street after being stabbed. He was highly commended for his bravery and selflessness.

As a man was lying unconscious, the people on the roadside could only watch helplessly, while Wang Yong was the first to rush into the scene with his tools.

Wang Yong said that when he rushed to the scene, he first used his medical knowledge to check the man’s pulse and found that the man was unconscious. He then immediately sent the patient to hospital, and the patient’s condition improved significantly.

The patient eventually regained consciousness and thanked Wang Yong and his team.

Wang Yong said, "When I saw the patient was lying unconscious on the street, I immediately rushed to the scene with my medical equipment. I found that the patient had no pulse and was not breathing. I immediately started CPR and soon the patient regained consciousness."
LITTLE GUZHEN BRIGHTENS MARKET

‘China’s capital of lighting’ produces 70 percent of country’s supplies

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On March 20, Moroccan businessman Rachid Rajaji visited Guzhen Times Square again to purchase lighting products, which is located in Zhongshan city, Guangdong province, to install in the largest light and lighting equipment supplies center in the country and Kuala Lumpur’s “China capital of lighting.”

Said the representative: “To ensure 70 percent of the domestic lighting market, and products are exported to 135 countries and regions. Over the past 40 years of reform and opening up, China’s private sector has developed from a small entity into a major force for promoting high-quality economic development.

In recent years, we have been deepening our involvement in the lighting industry, gradually developing from a simple agricultural town into an important regional center supported by the lighting industry,” said Han Zhiqiang, deputy secretary of the Zhongshan Municipal Committee and head of the town.

Now, the small town with an area of about 50 square kilometers has a permanent population of 550,000 and some 30,000 registered businesses. The lighting industry has an annual output of more than 100 billion yuan ($13.96 billion).

Some companies here said that Chinese products are not good, I think people should come and see China’s strengths and the friendliness of the Chinese people, and then decide whether to buy products from here or not,” Rajaji said.

Sino-Thailand trade relations make fruitful gains

Investment opportunities expanded under strategic partnership, forum told

By YANG WENLI in Bangkok

Bangkok (Xinhua)--Despite ongoing competition in trade, finance and personnel, China and Thailand have stepped up bilateral cooperation and made considerable progress in various fields, a forum told Monday.

The forum, on Sino-Thailand bilateral relations, was held in Bangkok, with 60 participants from both countries.

"The economic and financial policies of the two countries play a significant role in the current global financial situation which is marked by uncertainties," said Dr. Chayanan Chantara, professor of the Global Economics Program at Thammasat University.

Chantara also noted that the economic and financial situation of China and Thailand was closely related.

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Activists march on Roe vs Wade anniversary

Biden admirers petition Republicans over abortion rights, which could emerge as key poll issue in 2024

BY AM PHIFER in New York

"It is time to the Constitution and the erosion is time for the protection to the women’s rights movement. The Supreme Court has ruled in the majority opinion that has been upheld from lower court decisions that women’s rights to abortion are constitutional. We stand with women across the country to fight for reproductive rights and access to safe abortion services.

Activists have marched in Washington, DC, to mark the anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision.

In today's world, reproductive rights are essential. "We are all in this together," said a participant at the march. "We must protect our rights and stand for equality."
Rate cuts herald banks’ better profitability

BY ZHANG YUX
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The recent industry-wide cuts in Chinese commercial-bank deposit rates will likely help the lenders to improve their profitability by increasing liquidity in the real economy, energy-saving policies and boost consumption, experts said.

In recent months, a number of commercial banks in China had cut their interest rate on deposits.

On June 8, the 6th largest state-owned commercial lender宇宙发展 (CITIC) cut its deposit interest rates to 0.2 percent from 0.25 percent, demand deposit interest rates to 0.1 percent from 0.15 percent.

In addition, they lowered the two-year fixed deposit rate by 0.3 basis points to 2.35 percent, the three-year fixed deposit rate by 1 basis points to 2.46 percent, and the five-year fixed deposit rate by 0.25 percent.

The moves echoed wider market attention. It was the fifth time that China’s commercial banks, large and small, cut deposit interest rates since June 2020, when the People’s Bank of China, the country’s central bank, formulated an interest rate self-discipline mechanism.

Analysts believe the latest deposit rate cuts coincide with China’s COVID-19 pandemic, as part of the government’s efforts to boost domestic demand, with the figures widely noting that, as banks are now widely affected from a setback in their profit margins.

Going forward, they expect such rate cuts will directly improve banks’ profitability, thus enhancing their lending capacity and funneling more liquidity into the real economy.

“Since the early days of COVID-19 back in 2020, banks’ deposit rates have been nonstop trending downwards in the background of the government’s effort to offset the pandemic-related choked availability of bank liquidity in the private sector, and have proved effective,” said Gao Xinpeng, chief macroeconomist at Everbright Securities.

Compared to 2019, the loan prime rate, or LPR, and the country’s benchmark lending rate, has gone down by 35 basis points in the end of 2020, for the one-year and five-year LPR, respectively.

Gao said such measures show the level of the weighted average of the loans, corporate loans and mortgage loans have been gradually reduced by 150, 67 and 156 basis points, respectively.

He said while large interest rates of many banks have significantly decreased, the decline in profitability has been relatively limited, resulting in a substantial narrowing of the overall set interest margins of commercial banks.

The net income margin, a key measure of banks’ profitability, in a month reached just 1.36 percent at the end of 2020, the first time since 2000 that the figure dropped below the 2 percent level, according to data released by the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, the then industry regulator, in April.

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The PBOC has repeatedly emphasized the importance of adjusting deposit interest rates to form a market-oriented mechanism so as to alleviate the pressure on narrowing interest rate spreads in the financial system by helping commercial banks reduce their cost of liabilities.

“Our belief is that the current adjustment in deposit interest rates is relatively appropriate,” Gao said.

Job, career, life become intelligible when pales demystify finance

Ten years ago, I was an undergraduate student in sanitary maintenance. The university had adopted a system of tuition payment. Almost all of my classmates were either engaged in commerce or finance. Today, the system has been changed. I am a master student, and I have to work part-time jobs in order to pay for tuition and living expenses. The economic system has changed a lot during this period, and I have to work harder in order to pay for my living expenses. It is a big challenge to manage a company in this situation.

“Analysts attribute the pressure on the banks’ interest margin to provide more liquidity to the real economy, energy-saving policies, and to boost consumption.”

The bank's revenue has been affected by the decrease in deposit rates, which has led to a decrease in the net income margin of commercial banks. In the past decade, the net income margin of commercial banks has been gradually reduced by 150, 67 and 156 basis points, respectively.

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BUSINESS

More efforts called on to energize consumption

Economists suggest policy support, voucher issuance to boost spending confidence

BY ZHANG YUE

Though the recent decline in deposit rates is seen as part of the country’s efforts to moderate consumption, economists have divided thoughts on how far the move will push consumption. Going forward, experts are calling for more powerful and prompt measures to boost consumer confidence.

Gao Biding, chief macroeconomist at Everbright Securities, said that the current high level of deposits and weak household sector loans are primarily due to a decline in household risk apprehension and their tendency toward precautionary savings against uncertainties.

“China’s historically restrained consumer confidence can only rely on improvements in employment and income expectations,” he said.

A research report issued by CF Securities on May 21 showed that the tendency of households to keep their money in saving accounts (renovation spending is still surging. The value of saving deposits has grown quickly.

While the household financial situation is improving, the country’s total saving rate in 2021 was 48.2% of GDP, which was 6.0% higher than the 2020 rate, reaching the highest level in recent years.

Gao said that the current uncertainty in employment and expectations among households could not be a major impact on the real spending but is a lower-dose result.

“The employment situation among young people remains severe whereas the willingness of spending among households remains unsatisfactory. The consumption sector needs a recovery,” he said.

“Of course, we believe that such an amount of vouchers will have an additional 1 trillion yuan in consumption, contributing to a yearly percentage point increase of the country’s GDP,” said Li Min, former minister of agriculture, at the upcoming ceremony of the event.

“China has grown to be one of the most dynamic machines for the global wine industry,” Li Min said.

Apt from traditional winemaking powerhouses, some African countries are also aiming high in the booming Chinese market. Wine culture, education and national brand development are the key factors in expanding the presence of South Africa’s wine in China, according to Thabo Dittla, minister of agriculture, land reform and rural development for the Republic of South Africa.

“We’ve seen encouraging growth in the Chinese market of South African wine. We all know that China has enhanced its role in the world economy, with a rapidly growing middle class and a high appetite for wine. This presents a tremendous opportunity for South African wine producers to expand their reach and tap into this vast market,” Dittla said.

While many are boosting their high expectations for consumption, there are also early signs that the market may not be as strong as expected.

“Every day, nearly 1 million boxes of wine are imported into the Chinese market from all over the world, and many well-known enterprises have come to know in China,” said Tang Ranjun, minister of agriculture, at the opening ceremony of the event.

“The Chinese market is one of the most dynamic and mature wine markets in the world,” he said.

As the country enters the post-COVID-19 era, the regulatory environment has been expanding, the country’s wine market has been shrinking, and the current market demand for wine is mainly driven by the strong and wealthy class.

“China has always been one of the core markets for Pernod Ricard,” the company has shown great confidence in the country’s economic potential and future development in the Chinese market by investing and building a winery in China. The company has also held a strategic move to establish a winery in the country’s wine capital, Zhangjiakou. The project has been on track with the Chinese government, aiming to boost the country’s wine industry.

realistic expectations of daily essentials in retail and living.”
How economic, trade ties of China and Honduras will benefit many regions

**MAIN STREET**

By Kou Chang

In June 2015, former President of Honduras Castro S端正 wrote a set of industrial relations with China to the leader of China, which has since become an important part of the bilateral relations.

Since the 1990s, China and Honduras have established and strengthened economic relations. In 2020, China became the largest trade partner for Honduras.

**Facts facing the Chinese economy are temporary, phased, and will be overcome.**

Under the leadership of the central government, China is making great efforts to improve the quality of its economic and social development. The Chinese economy is facing a temporary slowdown, but there are no fundamental issues.

In the past year, the Chinese economy has encountered some challenges, such as the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the trade war with the United States, and the slowdown in the global economy. However, the Chinese government has taken effective measures to stabilize the economy and promote growth.

The Chinese government has implemented a range of measures to support businesses and ensure job creation. These include tax cuts, reductions in social security contributions, and the provision of financial support.

In addition, the Chinese government has also prioritized the development of new industries and high-tech sectors, such as advanced manufacturing, high-end equipment, and the digital economy. These efforts are expected to contribute to the long-term growth of the Chinese economy.

Overall, the Chinese economy remains resilient and is well-equipped to overcome the current challenges. The Chinese government is committed to maintaining economic stability and promoting sustainable growth.

**Impact of the economic slowdown on China's exports**

The economic slowdown in China has had significant impacts on the country's exports. In 2019, China's exports decreased by 1.3% year-on-year, to USD 17.2 trillion.

The main reasons for the decrease in exports are the ongoing trade war with the United States, the slowdown in foreign demand, and the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The coronavirus pandemic has disrupted global supply chains, leading to a decrease in consumer confidence and a slowdown in global economic activity.

In addition, the Chinese government has taken measures to support businesses and ensure job creation. These include tax cuts, reductions in social security contributions, and the provision of financial support.

In conclusion, while the economic slowdown has had some negative impacts on China's exports, the Chinese government is committed to maintaining economic stability and promoting sustainable growth. The Chinese economy remains resilient and is well-equipped to overcome the current challenges.
**Comment**

**Incident in Moscow should spur efforts to accelerate the Ukraine peace process**

T he world has had attentive eyes on Moscow, as Wagner Group militants moved to recapture the Ukrainian capital before their leader Yevgeny Prigozhin ordered them to turn back to “avoid bloodshed.” Having sensibly heeded that warning as it stands, there has been little time to take stock of the situation. Moscow should serve to accelerate efforts to achieve a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis, which has become the central focus of the global community.

Washington is sounding the alarm about the possibility of a large-scale clash on the Donbas frontline. If this happens, it could lead to the nightmare scenarios of major war.

It is to be hoped that both parties to the conflict can remain calm and exercise restraint. Other parties should refrain from escalating tensions. In everything, everybody should do everything to stop any possibility of nuclear weapons being used.

Washington is now the time for all peace-loving countries in the world to rally to the cause of persuading the two belligerents to sit down and talk about the situation.

The key to prevent the Ukraine crisis from escalating again is to forge a lasting, effective and balanced security mechanism in Europe that can eliminate the force of two of the belligerents off the map.

No country is in a position to seize the opportunity of the present moment to establish a new security system in Europe.

Instead it should spur countries to further strengthen their coordination and cooperation to advance the peace agenda to prevent the situation from flowing into the abyss from which it is too late to turn back.

**Opinion Line**

**Recovery of service industry will act as booster for economy**

The service industry is the most flexible among the major economic sectors. It can contribute to increasing employment, as the sector is not much affected by the changing international political environment.

It is clear that China as the world’s second-largest economy speaks up for the interests of the majority of emerging economies and the world’s 50% of the population. Under these circumstances, many think that development of the service industry may be a choice.

China’s service industry has the potential to take off in the coming five years. The service sector is the most dynamic among the three major sectors—industry, agriculture and service.

Electricity data is a benchmark of economic performance. As the effect of the government’s stimulus policies for the industry, service sector and agriculture, electricity consumption has become more obvious. Industrial electricity consumption has increased by 15% in the past year. The service sector is the one that increased the most, by 26.2%.

As the service sector, the primary role of large companies is to provide production efficiency and create a favorable environment for economic development. It aims to maintain the major direction of the service sector, and to provide a strong foundation for the service sector to create the value of the value of employees.

China’s service sector has been recognized as the most vibrant among the three major sectors.

The service sector employs 100 million people, accounting for 46% of the total employment in China. The service sector is also one of the most important economic sectors in China, and it serves as a comprehensive service provider.

In addition, it is also one of the key areas for China to promote its global economic leadership. It is expected that the service sector will become China’s major growth driver for future development.

The service sector is also one of the most important areas for China to achieve its aspiration of building a modern socialist country.

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Innovation crucial to building modern civilization of nation

China has the longest continuous history of any country in the world. Renowned Chinese civilization plays an important role in the evolution of human society.

From the historical perspective, the origins of Chinese civilization are the foundation on which the Chinese nation has been built and the critical impetus for the integration of disparate ethnic groups into a coherent whole. Over the millennia, China has left remarkable cultural achievements in the fields of politics, economics, and the arts, where there is a remarkable legacy of literature, painting, architecture, music, and dance.

Chinese civilization has provided resources to the world and has contributed to social evolution for over thousands of years. Chinese technologies such as the “four great inventions” — the compass, printing, papermaking, and gunpowder — were introduced to Western economies and contributed to the development of science, technology, and enlightenment, and have been in their turn greatly influenced by China.

From a modern perspective, China should have confidence in the value of its traditional culture and the significance of maintaining an intact cultural core in order to independently employ the elements of its traditional culture to go forward and become part of China's modern civilization. For example, in the case of traditional Chinese practice of transplanted Chinese people into the United States, they changed "tangyuan" into "sweet dumplings" in various innovative ways, but they also keenly avoided abandoning their native traditional cultural characteristics.

In China, ancient Chinese civilization was regarded as a model for the development of modern civilization. For example, the ancient Chinese civilization has its roots in the cultural and spiritual currents of China's traditional culture, and the core spirit of ancient Chinese civilization is to achieve a deep understanding of the essence of ancient Chinese civilization, and to promote the development and progress of human civilization and morality.

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**Not de-risking but de-stabilizing**

Next-generation security architecture should be used in Asia for bold and creative thinking

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**Empowering LAC**

Public-private partnerships can go a long way in addressing major challenges and enhancing collaboration and coordination in the two economies

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**EDITOR’S NOTE**

The world has undergone many changes and shocks in recent years. Deepening regional cooperation and strategic alliances are needed to respond to the respective challenges. This month’s China article is written by Liu Jinmei, professor at the China Academy of Social Sciences. The author contributes this article to China Watch, a think tank powered by China Daily. The views do not necessarily reflect those of China Daily.
Rickshaw Boy finally returns

Classictale set to treat another generation of thegaseers in new Peking Opera production, Chen Nan reports.

A work based on a classic novel was produced and staged by the Peking Opera Theatre of the Shanghai Chinese Performing Arts Group and is now being performed at the Putuo Performing Arts Center. It is considered an important work of contemporary Peking Opera, an art form that has been preserved for more than 200 years and has been revived in recent years.

The novel, written by the Chinese writer Lao She in 1919, and set during the early part of the Republic of China, tells the story of Shixiu, a poor girl who dreams of being a painter. Her dreams are realized when she becomes a rickshaw girl, and she is eventually taken under the wing of an artist, who helps her achieve her aspirations.

The play, directed by Wu Chongliang, features a cast of talented performers, including Li Xing and Gao Xiaoli. The production is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of China, and aims to inspire young people to pursue their dreams.

The play has been well-received by audiences, who have praised the actors' performances and the overall production values. It has been performed in several cities in China, and has been translated into several languages for international audiences.

The success of Rickshaw Boy has encouraged other Chinese opera companies to produce similar works, and has helped to revive interest in this traditional art form.

The play is scheduled to run for several more weeks, and is expected to draw large crowds. It is a testament to the enduring appeal of Chinese culture and the power of the arts to inspire and entertain.
When Li Degui got engaged and married in 1998, the audience was drawn by his beautiful dance and singing. The marriage brought them together, and they continued their journey in life. This led to their finding tone in their relationship, and they felt this experience was a rebirth.

In their youth, they were devoted to performing Mongolian music. They even sang in Mongolian and Yuan during the evening. However, Li Degui had to travel frequently for his work, which made them feel distant. They had to adapt to the challenges of their new life.

Their performance and tours were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation was difficult for them, but they continued to perform, even from their home. Their friends and family supported them during these times.

After their first show, the two artists decided to give a name to their tour in honor of their lifelong relationship. They named it "Li Degui and Li Degui Mongolian Folk Song Dance," as they have been together for many years and have a deep understanding of each other.

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China's rich culinary heritage continues to inspire creativity.

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Writing about food has once famously been cited as one of the most dangerous professions, and similarly some might question the point of writing about food.

Writing about food requires an unending curiosity about the visual, the sensory and the tastes of food itself. Food, both in its physical and cultural aspects, is a fundamental element of human experience. The act of writing about food is an act of exploration, a journey into the heart of a culture, and an attempt to understand the complex relationship between the individual and the food they consume.

In China, the art of cooking is not just about the preparation of the meal, but also about the cultural context in which it is consumed. The Chinese believe that food is not just nourishment, but also a means of expression, a way to connect with others, and a form of communication. It is a way to show respect, to show gratitude, to show love.

In the words of Liang Xingshan, a renowned photographer who has spent his career capturing the essence of Chinese cuisine:

"Food is not just food. It is a cultural expression, a form of storytelling. Each dish tells a story, each meal a narrative. It is a way to connect with others, to express oneself, to be understood.

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