Unrest at polls

By LIZ LEE in Beijing, ZHEN HUAYING in Abuja and ZHANG ZHANG in Beijing

Apartheid-era residents in Beijing have long been the subject of a debate over the country’s past and present. As the country’s capital, Beijing has a long history of political unrest, and the city’s residents have a special connection to the nation’s history. The city is home to many of the country’s most prominent political figures, and its streets are lined with memorials to past leaders. The city is also home to many of the country’s most prominent cultural institutions, such as the Forbidden City and the National Museum of China.

The unrest at polls in Beijing has been a long-term issue, and it is not clear when or if it will end. The city’s residents have a deep sense of历史 and a strong sense of identity, and they are determined to protect their rights and freedoms. The city’s leaders are also determined to protect the stability of the country, and they are working to find solutions to the problem of political unrest.

The unrest at polls in Beijing is not unique to the city. Across the country, there are many areas where residents are protesting against the government. The country is facing many challenges, and its leaders are working to find solutions to these challenges. The unrest at polls in Beijing is just one example of the challenges that the country is facing.

US to blame for its loss of leadership credibility

The Russian special military operation in Ukraine began 15 months ago, but has so far failed to achieve its goals. As a result, the US has lost its leadership role in the world. This is a major problem, and it is time for the US to take responsibility for its actions.

The US has been the dominant global power for decades, but its leadership has been in decline for some time. The US has been facing many challenges, and its leadership role has been eroded by these challenges.

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Heat: Highest-level alerts issued

A reading of more than 40°C is recorded in Beijing on Friday. Authorities in the city issued the highest-level warning for soaring temperatures over the past week.

On Friday, red alerts were issued by cities including Beijing, Tianjin, Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangdong, Hainan, Shanghai, Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan, Guangxi, Sichuan, Chongqing, Yunnan, Guizhou, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, and Ningxia.

For the week, the capital recorded an average temperature of 35.4°C, including a record-high of 40.6°C on Friday, the highest in the capital since 1951.

Residents were urged to stay indoors and to drink plenty of water. Those who were forced to work outside should take adequate protection against heat and sunburn.

Several international evacuations also occurred this week.

Lei Li, a technology worker in Beijing, visited the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Sichuan province during the holiday, his first trip to the panda base.

"It was too hot, so the pandas would not venture out. So before I visited again in the colder months," he said.

Heating the heat

Heat-related problems are trending on commerce sites and at their brick-and-mortar counterparts.

Retailers have been introduced on e-commerce platforms such as JD.com and Taobao to help people stay cool.

For just 35 yuan ($4.40), e-tailers can obtain 24 ice pads to apply to the forehead. For about the same price, they can purchase such rings, which absorb heat when placed on the skin.

Media reports and airlines have reported that there is heat-related death and heatstroke.

Children, pregnant women and women are among the more vulnerable groups, the center said.

Some residents in high-altitude areas remain indoors to avoid for temperatures to fall. While others flocked to coastal resorts to seek a reprieve from the sun.

"This is the way to spend summer," Chen said.

Outdoors workers

Health experts have advised people to stay indoors, if possible, in air-conditioned rooms, to wait out heat waves.

However, for workers such as electricians, railway maintenance employees and app-based delivery drivers, it is a reality.

In Hebei and Hohhot provinces, where high temperature warnings have been issued in recent days, authorities need to apply outdoor workers with heat-busting necessities. They also used cutting-edge technologies to minimize outdoor risks under the scorching sun.

A group of female workers dressed in eye-catching yellow vests, and carrying large kettles, catered to outdoor workers.

"They serve iced tea to ensure the safety and smooth passage of mails," said Wang Li, a local resident.

Definitely rhymes end long spells of exposure to heat. In Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang province, the city's e-commerce platform Linhou, slashes the price for fans, said Li Bo, director of the city's department of meteorology.

"We have issued thousands of portable fans and air conditioners to outdoor workers across Harbin. The packs include a pair of sunglasses, a bottle of water, a wrapped bag and mosquito repellent," Li said.

With the extremely hot weather on Sunday and Monday, we are up water supply and egg rolls," said Mr. Li, the city's director of meteorology.

The dress code ensures an iced drink or a line-spanning 2 kilometers in just 30 minutes, the companies said in a statement.

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Premier stresses importance of global growth

Li meets trade and economic leaders ahead of Tianjin forum, says countries must cooperate

By MA SI

China should leverage its super-large domestic market to promote regional cooperation and multilateralism, and be committed to the fair and open trade system, which is in line with China’s national development strategy, Premier Li Keqiang said in Davos on Friday.

In his speech at the World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting in Davos, Li said China will work with all parties to push for trade and investment liberalization to promote world economic recovery and growth.

The premier said that certain countries may worry about “reduced independence” and “dumbing down” in the pursuit of a “win-win” strategy.

Such actions violate the basic principle that the WTO advocates, threaten the authority and effectiveness of the multilateral trading system and disrupt the multilateral system of global trade and supply chain, he said.

Li said China will work with all parties to push for trade and investment liberalization to promote world economic recovery and growth.

As the biggest developing country and a responsible major nation, China will undertake its responsibility, which are consistent with its own economic development, and safeguard the lawful interests of all developing countries, Li added.

Outsiders said that(dfsg)

Aligning of strategies

The Chinese premier also called for stronger regional cooperation and global governance, saying China and other major countries should work together to achieve a peaceful and prosperous world.

Li called on all countries to promote multilateralism and open, non-discriminatory and non-adversarial global cooperation, and work together to achieve win-win and all-round development.

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A plot by electricity

Farmers can earn points by
taking their garbage
responsibly; volunteers
will lend their neighbors
a helping hand.

The credits can be exchanged for
items ranging from toilet paper
and toothpaste to local bus
travel and even books.

(Recommended reads)

"Panning the White
Graves," by Liang Ji

"The Last Supper,"
by Salvador Dali

"The Art of War,"
by Sun Tzu

"The Tao Te Ching,"
by Lao Tzu

"In Search of
Stonehenge," by
Isabel B. Jones

"The Great
Era of Chinese
Architecture,"
by Yang Jia

"The Art of
Chinese Calligraphy,"
by Wang Xizhi

"The Story of
Chinese Medicine,"
by Li Shizhen

"The Book of
Chinese Proverbs,"
by Liu Jia
Disabled and unable to walk, villager finds his life’s purpose through poetry

XIAN — Born with cerebral palsy and confined to his bed, Hu Shoujia had a hard time attending school. Yet in the world of online poetry, this 25-year-old from Shaanxi province is very active, shining in drums and singing in the evening breeze.

“Cerebral palsy has deprived me of the freedom to move my body as I would like, but I still enjoy spiritual freedom,” said Hu, a student of Xi’an International Stanislas College, which has been designated a低估的 nationwide Model School for Performing Arts.

Using his hands to type on his keyboard, Hu has written nearly 1,000 poems since he started to learn in 2013 and has even written some in Chinese and English. In the past few years, Hu’s poems have been published in various online platforms.

In the poem "Autumn," Hu expresses his love for nature, "It’s a whole world in a gourd, and I am its last, living seed."

In another poem, he described his experiences as a child: "I have a pure heart that is capable of drawing people closer to him."

Several poems about nature and life have been written by Hu, who was born and grew up in a rural area of Shaanxi province.

“Sometimes, I cannot breathe,” he wrote. "But when I’m looking at the blue sky and the white clouds, my heart is no longer so heavy.”

He got lost in his hometown, but he lived in a small, simple house, a dwelling typical in land-locked northern Chinese provinces. In his early years, he had to go without his family, and his parents had to work part-time to provide for him.

In his own words, the experience was "a horror." He spent most of his time lying alone, without family or friends, and facing constant challenges.

In an interview, Hu said that his poetry helped him overcome these challenges. "I found comfort in the beauty of nature, and my poetry helped me express my thoughts and emotions," he said.

Hu’s poems have been widely read and praised. "His poetry is pure and genuine, full of love and hope," said one of his admirers. "It is a voice of the disabled, a reminder of our common humanity.”

Despite the challenges, Hu remains optimistic about his future. "I am grateful for the support I have received from my family and friends," he said. "I am determined to continue my poetry journey and inspire others to follow their dreams.”

In conclusion, Hu’s story is a testament to the power of art and poetry to overcome adversity and connect people across cultural and physical boundaries. His poetry and his life’s purpose serve as a reminder that everyone has the capacity to find beauty and meaning in their lives.

(XIAN, March 29 — Hu Shoujia, a 25-year-old student with cerebral palsy, has been publishing poems online for the past few years. Despite the challenges he faces, Hu remains optimistic about his future and continues to express his love for nature through his poetry.)
ASEAN urged to act on transboundary haze

Experts: Plantation firms should be held accountable for using tires to clear land

By PRIME SAMPANGITO in Hong Kong
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Malaysian environmental activist Ng Kiah Chen was a primary school teacher when one of the worst-ever transboundary haze events happened in 1997. He recalled how schools were suspended and flights delayed when seven air pollution blisters blanketed Kuala Lumpur.

He would later form the smog polishing Malaysia’s capital was caused by Indonesian forest fires. Slash and burn practices combined with an intense spell-produced smoke that. During light haze conditions and long across Southeast Asia.

Here, a new regional campaign strategy for the 15-member group is urging the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“to act decisively” as the impending El Nino is set to reinforce the likelihood of transboundary haze this year.

Plantation and logging companies, which continue to clear land for oil palm and rubber, must be held accountable for the forest fires that lead to haze, he said.

“Recollecting a domestic transboundary haze crisis is ordinary in as a detoxification as there are no guides to the industry. It can provide legal grounds for each country to establish checks and balances to ensure that environmental laws are properly enforced and that transboundary haze does not occur.

ASEAN’s strategy in the long run is to ban the use of fossil fuels and promote renewable energy sources.”

By AUNG SANGSUU in Jakarta

Experts are warning that rising pollution levels in Indonesia and Singapore are likely to cause transboundary haze problems. The situation is expected to worsen as deforestation continues.

Indonesian industrialist and environmental advocate Dr. Muhammad Kurniawan said that the government is not doing enough to address the problem. He said that the government needs to take more action to reduce pollution levels before it becomes too late.

ASEAN’s transboundary haze index has increased significantly in recent years, with Singapore reporting the highest levels in Southeast Asia. The index is now at its highest level in 20 years. The index measures the amount of pollution that is transported from one country to another.

ASEAN’s members are divided on how to address the issue. Some countries, such as Singapore, have imposed stricter rules on their companies, while others, such as Indonesia, have done little to address the problem.

Singapore has been particularly vocal about its concern over transboundary haze, and has threatened to impose trade sanctions on countries that do not take action to reduce pollution levels. Indonesia, on the other hand, has been more reluc
### Teaching Asian history at schools under spotlight

By REBECCA ROBINSON

The teaching of Asian history in US schools has been under intense scrutiny, with educators and experts calling for a more inclusive and accurate representation of different Asian American communities.

The situation is complicated by the history of colonialism and the impact of European powers on the Americas, which has led to a lack of recognition of the contributions and experiences of Asian Americans to the US nation-state.

Kari Lee, an associate professor of history at California State University, Long Beach, emphasized the importance of understanding the complexity of Asian American experiences and the need to address the historical and cultural biases that have shaped the teaching of Asian history in the US.

Amid calls for more diverse history, she noted that the teaching of Asian history has been limited by a lack of resources and the absence of a cohesive approach to teaching the subject.

Lee called for a更多的 inclusion of diverse perspectives, including the voices of Asian American students and educators, in the curriculum. She also emphasized the need for ongoing professional development for teachers to ensure that Asian history is taught in a way that is relevant and engaging for students.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has also called for a more comprehensive approach to teaching Asian history, including the recognition of the contributions of Asian American communities to the US economy and culture.

### Mitsotakis sworn in as Greek PM

The new Greek prime minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, was sworn in on Monday after securing a majority in the legislative elections last weekend.

Mitsotakis, a former telecommunications tycoon, has promised to introduce sweeping economic reforms and to tackle corruption and tax evasion.

The new government will face a range of challenges, including the ongoing economic downturn and the need to address the growing debt crisis.

The Greek government has already announced a series of austerity measures, including cuts to public spending and tax increases, as part of its efforts to reduce the budget deficit and secure loans from international creditors.

### US pedestrian deaths at 43-year high

Report: Number of people fatally struck by vehicles up 77% between 2010 and 2021

By MIHOO CHUNG

A report released last week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that the number of pedestrian deaths in the US increased by 77% between 2010 and 2021, reaching a level not seen since 1979.

The report highlighted the need for increased safety measures for pedestrians, including better pedestrian infrastructure, improved vehicle technology, and stronger enforcement of traffic laws.

The NHTSA recommended that states and local governments take action to reduce pedestrian fatalities, including by implementing crosswalks, sidewalks, and other safety features.

Pedestrian deaths have risen in recent years, driven by a combination of factors, including increased vehicle speeds, distracted driving, and a growing number of people walking to work or school.

According to the report, the number of pedestrian deaths in 2021 was 7,385, up from 4,200 in 2010. The increase was driven by a 77% rise in pedestrian fatalities in urban areas, where most pedestrian deaths occur.

The report also noted that the increase in pedestrian deaths was not evenly distributed across the country, with the highest rates occurring in states with large urban populations, such as California and Texas.

The NHTSA recommended that states and local governments work together to reduce pedestrian fatalities, including by implementing crosswalks, sidewalks, and other safety features.

### FracturedѲ

The two-turn motorway in Quintana Roo will be closed on Sunday, with the two exits of the road closed for the weekend.

According to the state government, the closure is necessary to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians who use the road daily.

The road is a major thoroughfare in the state, connecting the city of Chetumal with the beach resorts of Playa del Carmen and Tulum.

The closure is expected to cause traffic jams in the area, and motorists are advised to plan their routes accordingly.

### Stolen money

One person was killed and nine others injured in a rollercoaster crash at an amusement park in the southwestern US state of Arizona.

The accident occurred at around 10:45 p.m. on Friday, when a rollercoaster car collided with a barrier, sending passengers flying through the air.

Emergency services responded to the scene, and one person was pronounced dead at the scene.

Nine others were injured, ranging from minor cuts and bruises to more serious injuries, including broken bones and head injuries.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, and authorities are working to determine the circumstances of the crash.

The rollercoaster was temporarily shut down, and the park remains closed while the accident is being investigated.
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## CARVING A STORY OF SKILL

Woodblock printing transformed virtually everything about the written word centuries ago, but has faded in recent decades amid challenges ranging from wars to lasers. Three generations of one family in particular have continued to inscribe its legacy upon publishing. Yang Tan reports.

In cooperation with the Shanghai-based graphic designer Chen Zhiheng and a waste-paper-books artist, designer Yang Tan has turned to traditional printmaking in an effort to break away from reliance on technological tools such as the computer.

Yang Tan, an art director at the graphic design bureau Yutu Xianhua, is a graduate of the Shanghai Institute of Visual Arts (SIVA) and Chen Zhiheng is a professor at Shang-}

The image shows a series of photographs and illustrations related to woodblock printing, including a close-up view of a carved wooden block, a printed page, and various tools and materials associated with the craft. The text discusses the revival of traditional printing techniques, highlighting the importance of preserving historical methods.

Keywords: woodblock printing, traditional crafts, revival, graphic design, Shanghai Institute of Visual Arts.
Book delves into spiritual aspects of the Qin

BY WANG RU

It is widely known that Qinshihuang, the first ruler of the Qin dynasty (221 BC-206 BC), held a great mass necropolis in what is now Xi'an, Shaanxi province, with Turin's 'Wang' Tangi, who helped to safeguard the tomb. Since anthropological excavation was carried out on the tomb, and no such excavation has been undertaken in China, it is no surprise that the tomb is now suffering from being seriously riddled with holes, the preservation of which was once considered to be disastrous for centuries. In 2010, the tomb was finally opened to the public.

But most people may not know that one of the things that made Qinshihuang's spiritual image so fascinating is the collection of books. In fact, the Qin dynasty was one of the most prolific book producers in history. In 221 BC, Qinshihuang统一 the six states of the Warring States period and founded the Qin dynasty, which lasted from 221 BC to 206 BC. He was a great ruler who was known for his military conquests and his efforts to centralize the Chinese empire. He was also a great patron of the arts and sciences, and he established a national library to collect and preserve knowledge.

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In the Qin dynasty, the government established a national library to collect and preserve knowledge. The library was called the 'Library of the First Emperor'. It was modeled after the Library of Alexandria in Egypt and was said to contain 14,000 books. The library was staffed by scholars who were responsible for copying and preserving the books. The library was later dismantled by the Han dynasty, but its legacy lived on in the creation of the Qin dynasty's vast array of works, including the Terracotta Army and the Mausoleum of the First Emperor.

The Terracotta Army and the Mausoleum of the First Emperor are two of the most famous monuments of the Qin dynasty. The Terracotta Army is a collection of terracotta sculptures of warriors and horses that were buried in the mausoleum of the First Emperor. The Mausoleum of the First Emperor is a large mound of earth that was built around the First Emperor's tomb. The mausoleum is surrounded by a wall and a moat, and it is said to have been filled with gold and silver coins, jade and crystal carvings, and other treasures.

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COMMENT

Chance for champions of cooperation to get the world back to winning ways

The 10th annual Meeting of the New Champions that China is hosting in Tianjin is a good opportunity for the global business community to better connect, share its experience of digital innovation and entrepreneurship, drive growth, and shape a more equitable, sustainable and resilient, global economy.

The event, themed “Entrepreneurship: The Driving Force of Global Development,” will bring together more than 1,500 representatives from over 90 countries, as well as international organizations such as the World Trade Organization. It opens on Monday in Beijing.

In a review Monday on Beijing, Commerce Minister Li Qiang pointed out that amid the complex and volatile international environment, China is making greater efforts to maintain stability and promote high-quality development, and its business, investment, cooperation, and exchanges will experience a new round of rapid development. Commerce Minister Chen Wei also stressed the need for all parties to respect intellectual property rights.

The United States is taking action to strengthen its own voice and confidence by seeking a new way of development. It is also important for China to play a constructive role in global governance.

This year’s meeting of the New Champions has been designed to be held in a face-to-face format for the first time since 2020. It will also be the first time that such an event has been held in China after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Entrepreneurship driving world economy

![Image of a map with various data points and labels]

In January, China's then-Vice-Premier Lin Jinhe emphasized at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023 that China has been at the forefront of innovation-driven development, with a strong commitment to building a global innovation community and fostering an open, inclusive, and sustainable global economic order.

China's GDP is the world's second-largest economy, with a population of over 1.4 billion people. It is a major player in the global economy and has been a driving force for growth in recent years. The country is known for its rapid economic development, with a strong focus on innovation and technology.

China is home to many of the world's largest companies, including Alibaba, Tencent, and Huawei. The country has a large and growing middle class, which is driving demand for consumer goods and services. China is also a major exporter, with a focus on high-tech goods and industrial products.

The Chinese government has implemented a series of policies to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation, including tax breaks for startups and access to funding. The country has also been investing heavily in research and development, with a focus on areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and biotechnology.

China's growing economy has also led to an increase in investment in the country, with foreign companies looking to establish a presence in the market. The country's large domestic market and talented workforce are attractive to global investors.

In the face of global challenges such as climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic, China has shown a commitment to sustainable development and has taken steps to reduce emissions and promote renewable energy. The country is also a leader in digital technology, with a strong focus on 5G and artificial intelligence.

China's rise as a global economic power has been accompanied by concerns about its policies and practices, particularly regarding human rights and intellectual property. The country has been accused of implementing a range of policies such as forced labor, and there have been calls for international action to address these issues.

Despite these challenges, China remains a key player in the global economy and is expected to continue to play a significant role in shaping the world's economic landscape in the coming years.
GLOBAL VIEWS

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In the right perspective

Dynamic economic relations are an important part of the bilateral relationship between China and Germany, not a source of insecurity.

A responsible de-risking strategy would also have to take into account all the major risks that could affect the threat to the German economy.

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Yanzhou move sets tone for realty recovery

City in Jiangsu lifts market curbs, raises hopes for similar easing elsewhere

By WANG XIN in Shanghai and JIANG YUNXIANG in Beijing

Yanzhou in East China’s Jiangsu province has become the first city in China to loosen support for the housing market after it fulfilled the adjustment to the home loan prime rate in June — and so will be the first city to loosen property policy optimization on the following months, and led to stabilize the property sector, instantly experts said on Monday.

This is also the latest action as the central government sets up a longer period for cities to loosen property policy optimization on the following months, and led to stabilize the property sector, instantly experts said on Monday.

Yanzhou, a city in the province of Jiangsu, China, has announced that it will reduce the home loan rate. This move is seen as a positive step towards stabilizing the housing market, which has faced challenges in recent years.

Yanzhou is one of the cities that have recently announced plans to reduce the home loan rate. This is part of a wider trend across China, where many cities are adjusting property policy optimization to help stabilize the market and support the real estate industry.

Orders for new vessels put China’s shipbuilders on robust growth path

By ZHENG BIAN

China’s shipbuilders will likely maintain robust growth this year on the back of strong orders for dual-fuel powered vessels, industry sources said.

In the first five months of the year, China’s shipbuilders have received new orders worth 28.46 billion yuan ($4.4 billion), up 31.5% year-on-year, China Shipping Index said.

The top five shipbuilders in China, including the state-owned China Shipbuilding Corporation, are estimated to have secured new orders worth 12.95 billion yuan in the first half of the year.

The orders will help China’s shipbuilding industry to maintain its momentum, industry insiders said.

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**Hitachi Energy powering up biz for grid supplies**

Firm keen to ride China’s innovation, tech drive as its product facility in Xi’an turns 5 operations

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Hitachi Energy vows to continuously invest in grid network innovation and digitalization in China to further facilitate the country’s construction of a digital power grid with increasing renewable power penetration, said its top company official.

Hitachi Energy, whose global headquarters is in Switzerland, said it will be investing more in the digitization of grids, as well as solutions to ensure the safe and stable operation of power systems in China, said Sandro Mottola, CEO of Hitachi Energy, during the inauguration of a new power-quality products factory in Xi’an, Shaanxi province, in November.

"Hitachi Energy has witnessed in China a commendable push in innovation and technology during the past five years and we will be playing a key role in pushing forward potential innovation of the digital grid in the country, leveraging our competence and knowledge that we have in all parts of the world. The urgent energy transition in China can only be accelerated across markets and sectors to help shake challenges posed to the country’s power systems with increasing renewable power penetration,” Mottola said.

The company unveiled its new quality products facility in Xi’an in November, which will be producing new components as well as solutions for ultra-high voltage and extra-high voltage transmission projects in China and worldwide, to ensure long-distance and high-efficiency renewable energy transmission, said the company.

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"Hitachi Energy continues to see China as an essential part of that energy transition, particularly in terms of accelerating energy transition." "

"Hitachi Energy since the inauguration of our product facility in Xi’an, we have witnessed a significant increase in grid construction, which has led to a rapid expansion of the grid construction sector in the country," said Sandro Mottola, CEO of Hitachi Energy.

"We will work with customers and partners to contribute to our innovation and high-quality development in China with leading power quality solutions," he added.

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**Fashion set for era of ‘high-quality’ growth**

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China’s fashion consumption market is expected to embrace “high-quality” growth in the current decade, Boston Consulting Group said in a recent report.

According to BCG, China’s shoes and apparel market struck 2.5 trillion yuan (304 billion USD) in 2022, and is expected to reach 3.4 trillion yuan by 2030.

"China’s economy has entered a high-quality development stage, and its economic growth has been steady," said Veronique Yang, executive director and partner at BCG. "With the continuous emergence of digital touchpoints, the evolution of brands and consumers has become more diverse and diverse. The continuous increase in household income and the emergence of new generation consumers has driven the rise of more segmented and diverse demand, as well as personalized expression of needs."

Yang said the improved quality of fashion information and the evolution of digital social media have together promoted a gradual deepening of fashion demand. Between 2010 and 2020, China’s fashion consumption market will be growing steadily and at a high-quality manner.

"Although China’s fashion consumption was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic during the past three years, consumer confidence has been steadily restored from the beginning of this year," Yang said.

"We should be confident about consumption recovery. A remarkable change from the past three years is that online shopping has been playing an increasingly important role in fashion consumption," she added.

"Leading fashion brands have all seen double-digit growth in sales during the first quarter," she said.

"With the overall improvements in China’s economy, the domestic fashion consumption market will continue to recover this year, and the consumption scale will steadily increase," said Chen Jieyan, vice-president of the National Textile and Apparel Council.

"Handling at the starting point of a new cycle of medium growth of the industry, the fashion industry has entered a new track of synchronized acceleration in industrial recovery and upgrade," said Chen, who is also president of the China National Garment Association.

Yang said that for China’s fashion consumption market to grow, luxury brands should pay attention to marketing and digital social media operations. She said mid- to high-end brands should focus on brand building and market education, while mass-market brands should enhance efficiency, make more distribution channels available and provide a complete set of services.

"At the time of the new genre of social media and the promotion of new-commerce platforms such as Taobao, JD and Douin, mid- to low-end clothing brands will show steady growth, and the growth rate is expected to be higher than 7 percent to 4 percent. "We said Daiqian, CEO of Echolink Culture Communication Co. Ltd, a market research company based in Shanghai, Guangdong province.

"Luxury brands will witness even higher growth owing to the rise of the middle-income group. Fashion accessories will also experience rapid growth, as consumers’ purse of beauty grows," she said.
Outdoor sporting goods firms hope more hits the adventure trail

Touring trek operators, rural homestays also riding walkabout wave

By LIE YUEKUN

For adventure sports entrepreneur Zhao Wei, the rapid growth of the outdoor hiking, trekking and camping industry is something that has surpassed his expectations.

When the 28-year-old businessman first embarked on the business 4 years ago, the industry had seen few commercialization activities. Zhao said most of the activities were organized spontaneously by enthusiasts on their own.

The expense of the journey was shared among participants, with experienced volunteers acting as tour guides or leaders.

“During that time, organizing a hiking trip was basically profitless. Participants were encouraged to pay for their own meals and host volunteers as leaders, and that was to compensate them for the outdoor activity. They were satisfying too,” Zhao said.

Many outdoor clubs relied on their long-term associations with the organizing event in shopping malls or collaborating with outdoor and camping equipment brands,” Zhao said.

Major Zhao’s insight, within nearly two decades, the outdoor sports sector has grown into a billion-dollar business with new forms of monetizing springing up all around.

By the end of 2021, the total number of outdoor sports participants in China surpassed 160 million, according to market research and analysis provider ZenFang Industry Consulting. A CTR report said retail sales of outdoor sports goods reached 34.65 billion yuan (US$5.26 billion) in 2021 with a compound annual growth rate of 6.4 percent from 2012 to 2021.

Additionally, the outdoor sports sector has been recognized by the General Administration of Sport and several other departments said that by 2025, the number of outdoor sports facilities in China will continue to increase, accounting for significantly more, the number of participants will continue to grow, and the overall scale of the outdoor sports market will more than triple.

The rapidly developing industry has spawned many new types of outdoor businesses, such as camping sites, base camps, building events organized and commercial events organized to further improve outdoor sports activities. In addition, the convenience and accessibility of outdoor sports, an increasingly strong sense of travel development, and the increasing demand for outdoor gear and outdoor activities also make efforts to tap the market, and some have grown into large brands like Kailas, for example.

But when Zhao started his career, the industry only vaguely resembled what it has become today. In 2004, Zhao enrolled in a university in Guangzhou, Hainan province, but failed to find an outdoor sports industry job during his four years there.

As an outdoor adventure leader, I usually start about 2,000-3,000 yuan per month. At that time, the industry was at an early stage of development. Some companies were still struggling to find an innovative business models, and many people might have had doubts about whether we could turn the hobby into a job.

“Trekking is an outdoor adventure”, Zhao said. “In the past, outdoor tourism firms such as Tujia, which focuses on outdoor tourism and camping, have been trending in the market. Volunteering for trekking and camping has been a new trend for the younger generation.”

China Daily expounded that the outdoor tourism market has been huge over the past few years, and it has been an emerging trend in the industry in a joint-venture outdoor tourism destination in China. The outdoor tourism market has been huge over the past few years, and it has been an emerging trend in the industry in a joint-venture outdoor tourism destination in China.

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