719 arrested as riots rage for fifth night in France

By CHEN WEIHONG in Brussels

Police cordoned off central Paris on Thursday night as officers arrested hundreds of people for violent acts, marking the fifth consecutive night of riots that began over the weekend.

French police arrested at least 719 people during the fifth night of protests across the country on Thursday, as the standoff between the government and protesters escalated.

Reports estimate that more than 1,000 people have been arrested so far during the riots, which have lasted for several days in various parts of France.

The riots began on Monday in the city of Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, north of Paris, and have spread to several other areas, including Levallois-Perret, a suburb west of the capital.

The cause of the protests remains unclear, with some experts suggesting they are linked to the government’s plans to reform the pension system, while others believe they are a response to the economic crisis and job losses.

Police have used tear gas, water cannons, and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters, while some have thrown rocks and bottles at officers.

The riots have caused widespread damage, with shops and vehicles set on fire, and many businesses closed.

The French government has announced plans to deploy more police and military personnel to the affected areas, while the European Union has expressed concern about the situation.

The riots have raised questions about the government’s ability to control public unrest and its approach to addressing social and economic issues.

The protests have also raised concerns about the impact on the country’s reputation and economy.

Despite the tension, there have been calls for dialogue and peaceful solutions to address the underlying issues.

The situation remains volatile, with the potential for further unrest and increasing economic costs.
Last year, some 296,000 Chinese students were studying in the US, an 8.6 percent decline from the previous year, data from the Institute of International Education, or IIE, show. In contrast, the number of Indian students in the US stood at about 300,000 last year, a 10 per cent rise compared with the previous year.

The allure of the American dream appears to be fading for many Chinese students.

In 2013, some 21 percent of Chinese students expressed a desire to study in the US. Last year, the proportion had fallen to 10 percent, surveys for Chinese education company New Oriental Education & Technology Group show, along with data gathered by The Wall Street Journal.

Increasing gun violence is one of the major reasons for Chinese students, including those from China, are choosing to study in the US.

In 2016, an IIE survey found about six percent of international applicants for the 2017 academic year cited ‘personal safety’ as a major reason for studying in the US. They were particularly worried about gun violence and civil unrest.

With news of shootings every few days, 10-year-old student Chen said his family was worried about his safety.

He added that she knows a few Chinese students studying in the US who have been forced to leave their university because they were afraid to attend classes.

Data show that the decline in international student enrollment could affect US universities and the economy.

Due to their international status, these students often pay higher tuition fees, making many US institutions rely on them for revenue streams.

CSSA, representing NAPA, the Chinese Association of International Educators—a non-profit organization of Chinese professionals in the US—said the decline could affect the US economy, along with more obvious social consequences.

The US has been the top country of overseas education for more than a decade, with some 31 percent of Chinese students choosing to study in the US from China, the IIE said.

Chinese students have been a major source of revenue for many US universities and colleges, contributing more than $41 billion to the US economy.

Last year alone they brought in $41.9 billion, primarily through tuition fees and revenue from the US Department of Commerce reported.

Skill labor

Data also show a decline in the number of international students studying sciences, particularly those from China, which suffer the US in terms of attracting high-level talents.

About half of the million international students in the US are enrolled in STEM programs, which encompass science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

These programs typically bring highly skilled labor to the US job market. In 2015, international students accounted for nearly half of the nation’s STEM degree awards, the National Center for Education Statistics reported.

Among the immigrant STEM workers choosing to remain and work in the US, most of them come from China or India, data from the American Immigration Council show.

As a result, the US is a ideal country to study.

“Master’s degrees in the US are better recognized internationally. The US is known for its achievements in science and technology. In the field of data science particularly, it is considered to be at the forefront of the world,” said one student.

“Whenever I entered college, data science programs were already established in the US. At that time in China, no graduate level data science programs were available. I had to wait for a few years before the courses were introduced in the US and I could complete a data science degree,” she added.

However, it is increasingly challenging for Chinese students to get into STEM schools, particularly those studying science.

A survey by the Center for Globalization and Development at the University of Connecticut showed that about 40 percent of Chinese students chose STEM programs, compared with 54 percent from other countries.

Chinese students in the US have been reduced to second place in terms of STEM enrollment, behind students from China.

Further, Chinese students must also face challenges in finding job opportunities.

She said she chose to study in Hong Kong rather than the US as she saw fewer development prospects in that city.

Last year, the Beijing Institute of Technology ended its Chinese studies, following calls by academics and civil rights groups.

The initiative was criticized for impeding academic freedom and undermining anti-Arab bias.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD, an intergovernmental grouping comprising 36 countries, said new data show that the US is losing the competition for scientific talent to China and other Asian countries.

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TOP NEWS

New PBOC Party chief ‘well received’
Official’s appointment may herald steps to reinforce economic reform, RMB’s stability

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The appointment of Pan Gongsheng, deputy governor of the People’s Bank of China (PBOC), as minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2016, ushers in a new era in the governance of the PBOC, or China’s central bank.

Pan, 60, who has served as the PBOC’s deputy governor since 2013 and head of the office of the governor of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) since 1994, is now the PBOC’s party secretary. His appointment has been hailed by financial experts as a move to further strengthen the governance of the central bank.

The PBOC, China’s central bank and one of the most important financial institutions in the country, is responsible for formulating and implementing monetary policy, maintaining price stability, and promoting the smooth operation of the financial market.

The appointment of Pan, who is known for his expertise in monetary policy and financial stability, is expected to bring new momentum to the central bank’s work.

Pan’s appointment comes at a time when China is undergoing a significant economic transition, and the central bank needs to be able to respond to the challenges of the ever-changing financial landscape.

One of Pan’s first tasks will be to continue to implement monetary policy, both in terms of maintaining price stability and promoting the smooth operation of the financial market.

Pan’s appointment is expected to bring new momentum to the central bank’s work, and it is hoped that under his leadership, the PBOC will continue to play a key role in ensuring the smooth operation of the financial market and maintaining stability.

Pan’s appointment is also seen as a step towards further strengthening the governance of the central bank and ensuring the smooth operation of the financial market.

Chinese-operated light rail completes Hajj mission

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you (CRCC’s operations team) for your outstanding efforts in transporting passengers on schedule.

Salah bin Mansoor Al-Shehri, president of Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Hajj, said he was impressed with the services provided by the Chinese Railways Corporation.

He added that the high-speed train service was able to transport 1.5 million passengers during the Hajj season, a significant increase from the 2018 season. The service is set to continue in the coming years.

Understanding: Priorities are the same as for people elsewhere

When they come to China, they find themselves in a wondrous land where the climate is different from their home countries. They may have different jobs and higher pay and to give them the best chance at a better life. In many ways, life is similar to that in their home countries, but there are differences.

They feel very safe in China. In a country of a different culture, it means a lot to them.

One of the main priorities of Chinese people is their family. They are always ready to help others and they are always ready to help others. They are very peaceful people.

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New interpretation of legislation provides definitive answers to vexed questions and provides greater protection for young people.

**Cao Yan** reports.

China's judicial authorities have come to a new understanding of the types of crimes that can be charged against children involved in sexual offenses, with the authorities saying that such crimes are more serious than crimes against adults, and that the defendants themselves may not fully understand their actions. The authorities noted that children involved in sexual offenses should be treated as juveniles, and that they should be provided with more support and protection.

The new interpretation was announced by the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate in a joint statement, which also provided guidelines for the treatment of children involved in sexual offenses. The statement said that children involved in sexual offenses should be treated with more leniency and understanding, and that they should be provided with more support and protection. The statement also said that children involved in sexual offenses should be provided with more legal aid and representation, and that they should be provided with more support and protection.

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Fujian flourishing as major economic hub

Coastal province strives to achieve high-quality development

By ZHU XINGXIN
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Located on the west coast of the Taiwan Strait, Fujian is one of the five free trade zones of China's coastal provinces to open up to the outside world.

As an important custom-clearance point of the ancient Maritime Silk Road and the core area of the modern Maritime Silk Road, Fujian is one of the nation's major economic hubs. It has a special economic zone - Xiamen Special Economic Zone — and three pilot free-trade zones in Putian city, Xiamen city and Pingtan county.

Since 2021, the province's economic output has steadily increased, exceeding 5 trillion yuan ($690 billion) in 2022, with per-capita regional GDP exceeding 100,000 yuan.

In recent years, the province has made achieving high-quality development its top priority, focusing on building a modern economic system with intelligent manufacturing.

It has promoted the innovation and development of new-generation information technologies such as artificial intelligence, 5G, the internet of things and big data with manufacturing, leveraging traditional industries towards the medium- and high-end sectors. In addition, information technology has been integrated with the traditional productive forces of Fujian, bringing vitality to the traditional production bases of Fujian industries in which Fujian has prominent advantages, such as textiles, clothing, shoes, automobiles and offshore equipment.

Left: A person works at a textile factory in Putian. Right: A worker checks products at a factory in Fuzhou built under a cooperative project between China and Indonesia. Photos by ZHU XINGXIN / CHINA DAILY

A man works at a factory of Fujian Juming Communication Technology Co Ltd in Putian. ZHU XINGXIN / CHINA DAILY

Left: Viewers take photos inside an unmanned LED plant factory in an industrial park in Quanzhou city on June 16. Right: A man works on customized shoes on a production line in a shoe factory in Putian, where there are over 4,300 shoe and clothing enterprises. On June 20, ZHU XINGXIN / CHINA DAILY
Value of buildings is declining despite mandatory order to return to workplace

By RENELDIA ROBINSON

A recent record of office space across the United States is sitting empty, producing a 30-year high vacancy rate. Sales of the affected buildings have fallen, and the trend is expected to continue through the end of the year. A severe drop in office spaces has been seen in the past few months, as many companies are reevaluating their needs and shifting their focus to remote work. The trend is expected to continue through the end of the year.

WINDSOR, Calif. — The U.S. government is paying billions of dollars to lease housing for arriving refugees from Afghanistan who that combined with the end of a pandemic has reduced office space demand. The government has directed landlords to fill their buildings with government workers who have been deployed to work there. The government has pledged to pay landlords up to $12,000 per month to lease space to the government.

In addition to government housing, landlords have been taking steps to fill their buildings with other tenants. The government has offered incentives to landlords to fill their buildings with tenants who are paying market rates. The government has also directed tenants to pay their rent on time and to be considerate of their neighbors.

The government has also been working to attract new tenants to the buildings. The government has been offering incentives to new tenants to move into the buildings, and it has been working to improve the quality of life for its tenants.

The government has also been working to address the issue of homelessness. The government has been working to provide housing for homeless individuals, and it has been working to provide resources to help them find jobs.

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EU leaders emphasize importance of expanding collaboration with Beijing

**By CHEN WEIHAO in Brussels chenhaoxin@chinadaily.com.cn**

European Union leaders have reiterated the importance of a multifaceted policy approach toward China and expressed concern over mounting achievement of new policies that are not compatible with the country.

A joint statement on China released on Thursday and Friday described China as “a growing partner晚间10点前美国内阁会议纪要” and “a country with which to engage in cooperation and competition.”

The statement said China should continue to improve its infrastructure and environment, increase cooperation in the fields of climate change, energy, and health, and share its experience in economic development.

The EU also expressed concern over China’s policies in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, and called for the resumption of talks on the issue.

**Rally protests Japan’s nuclear waste plan

The European Council on Friday called for a new and comprehensive European Union-China relationship, saying that the two sides should work together to address global challenges.

The EU said that Japan’s plans to resume nuclear power generation and to export nuclear power plants to other countries were seen as a challenge to the EU’s commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The EU said that Japan should take into account the concerns of the European Union, especially with regard to the safety of nuclear power plants.

The EU said that it was committed to working with Japan to find a solution to the current crisis and to address the concerns of the European Union.

**SCO summit to promote cooperation, experts say

By ARNALD CHAKBOROY in Beijing

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit, to be held virtually on Thursday, is expected to strengthen economic and political ties across the region, analysts say.

Leaders of China, Russia and Pakistan will be attending the summit with the other SCO member states.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia will be a full member of the group, marking an important step toward regional stability in the area.

**Kenya in shock as road accident toll goes up to 51

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Comprehensive aviation upgrade in the offing

C919 takes heralds market for China-built planes worth $139 billion by 2043; focus shifts to breakthroughs in core tech

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The C919, China’s first domestically developed large passenger jet, which was put into commercial operation in May, is expected to further boost the capacity of the country’s civil aviation industrial chain, experts said.

Since May 28, Shanghai-based China Eastern Airlines has been using a C919 aircraft on its regular nonstop flights between Shanghai-Pudong and Changsha-Tiandishu International Airport in Shaanxi province.

The State-owned China Eastern, one of the largest domestic carriers in terms of fleet size, operates more than 100 daily flights between Shanghai and Changsha.

The new C919 aircraft will also help China Eastern further strengthen its brand and accelerate its development.

With more C919 aircraft entering service, China Eastern will use the model built by Commercial Aircraft Corp of China for more domestic flights.

The airline said Shanghai and Changsha in Southwest China are building a world-class airport cluster, and the region presents significant growth prospects as air travel demand is soaring.

"COMAC’s C919 production capacity is on growth track, and we are optimistic about the development of the large aircraft industry in the near 20 years, the value of orders for domestically developed aircraft is expected to exceed 3 trillion yuan ($425 billion)." More domestically developed components in the industrial chain are expected to emerge," said a research report of Zhonggu Securities.

So far, COMAC has issued more than 1,300 orders for the C919 model from home and abroad. These include both contract- and intended orders, the company said.

At the moment, China’s civil aviation industry is expected to recover from the negative impact of COVID-19 and is expected to help sustain growth.

The C919 aircraft model, which made its maiden flight in 2017 after a decade of development, received its type certificate, or design approval, in September last year. According to the Airbus A320 and the Boeing 737 series, the C919 has a large passenger capacity and a long flying range of 4,500-7,500 kilometers.

"The maiden flight of the C919 will help inspire spanners and developers in the industry to work on their business, and give a fillip to the aviation industry," said C919 aircraft chief designer Sun Siwei.

Thus, the aircraft manufacturer, suppliers of parts and the local economy all will have a share in the growth," said Li Zhong, an aviation industry analyst and a commentator at a media and aviation website in China.

After China optimized its pandemic response measures and returned guaranteed-free international travel in January, the country’s air travel market has seen its busiest travel recovery. In May, the sector transported 5.1 million people, up 23.5 percent over April, and marked 96.4 percent of the level recorded in the same period of last year with the resumption of all flights, according to the Civil Aviation Administration of China.

With China’s peak season of air travel arriving in summer, domestic carriers have ramped up efforts to launch or resume more flights to meet growing demand.

For the period from June 20 to Oct 15, Guangzhou-based China Southern Airlines plans to add more than 15,000 flights and bring in total number of flights operating during the period to over 200,000. Ward different, China Southern will operate 1,231 flights per day on average during the 135-day period.

During summer, China Southern plans to add about 900 flights a day.

For the C919 aircraft in service in Beijing, the average flight frequency is 10 per week.

"The C919 aircraft is expected to add more flights to the market and help China Eastern to meet rising traveler demand in the high-yield routes and local tourism destinations," said Hu Lie, aeronautical business manager of China Eastern, Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

However, industry experts said China Eastern’s efforts are still not enough to fully fill the gap, especially in key routes.

"Only by increasing the frequency of flights, will the potential of more C919 aircraft to the full," said Hu Lie, Shanghai-based China Eastern Airlines’ manager of customer service.

Further, the industry needs to work more closely with the government and local authorities to promote the development of civil aviation industry.

"By releasing more flight slots, we can further improve the efficiency of the aviation industry and help airlines to recover their operations," said Hu Lie.

Hu Lie added that the company is also cooperating with the civil aviation authority to release more flight slots for the C919.

"Besides, we need to work with local authorities to promote the development of civil aviation industry," said Hu Lie.

The C919 aircraft is the first single-aisle large aircraft for which China has independently developed and manufactured.

"With the C919, China can manufacture an aircraft with competitive value and also an aircraft with strategic value," said Hu Lie. "The C919 aircraft is expected to bring more opportunities to the aviation industry, and it can also help the country to improve its aviation industry environment."
Xiamen dubbed ‘window’ of opening-up enhanced by high-quality development

XIAMEN — Dubbed the ‘window’ of China’s opening-up, the coastal city of Xiamen in the southern province of Fujian has been at the forefront of paving the way for high-quality development.

The GDP of Xiamen surged from 1.98 trillion yuan ($324 billion) in 2012 to 7,932.9 billion yuan in 2022, an annual increase of 7.1 percent. Foreign trade exceeded 400 billion yuan in 2022.

During the period, accumulated fixed-asset investment totaled over 3.3 trillion yuan in the city and annual real investment more than doubled since 2012.

Last year, the output value of machinery and electronic information manufacturing stood at about 350 billion yuan or 16 percent of its total industrial production value.

Emerging industries of biological medicine, new energy and new materials took up 32 percent, while cultural and creative industries maintained double-digit growth.

Established in 1981, Xiamen Aircraft Engineering Co Ltd played a pivotal role in the transformative journey of Xiamen, propelling it to become a pioneer in developing China’s aeronautical maintenance industry.

According to Li Zhongli, vice-president of XIAO, the advantage of Xiamen as one of China’s special economic zones compelled the company to begin its business in the city.

The implementation of favorable policies and streamlined customs clearance procedures has significantly contributed to the rapid growth of the engine maintenance, overhaul, proving ground, and power transmission and distribution industries.

It was noted that the local government implemented two measures every year by deciding to exempt import duties on aviation materials, a remarkable step for domestic manufacturing and maintenance.

He added that the local government has mobilized more than 100 billion yuan worth of key projects over the past two years, with an annual investment of over 10 billion yuan.

With the peak summer season travel peaking from June to August, Xiamen will resume more international flights or add frequencies to existing routes, involving flights to destinations such as Japan, the Republic of Korea, Southeast Asia, Europe and Oceania.

Since Sunday, China Eastern took its flight frequencies out of Narita, in Japan, and Tokyo, to three times a week.

Meanwhile, Malaysia budget carrier AirAsia resumed its Airbus A320-flown flight to Kuala Lumpur, in Sichuan province, and Shanghai in June.

The airline also plans to resume flights that connect Xiamen, its capital city, to Guangdong province, and Kaohsiung, in Taiwan, and to Kuala Lumpur, and Shanghai and Shenzhen in the Philippines.

The flight that connects Xiamen and Bangkok started in 2012, and it has been operating ever since. The resumption of the route serves as an integral part of our flight network, strongly demonstrating our confidence in the travel demand in the region,” said Long Chuan, general manager of AirAsia China.

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Eased curbs provide wings for airlines’ business plans

Industry poised for good year after China optimized COVID-19 response measures

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There has been a gradual recovery in international travel and increased cross-border flights following China’s optimized COVID-19 response measures and easing of restrictions (including quarantine-free travel in Shanghai).

According to Shanghai-based China Eastern Airlines, connections with Europe and the United States have been added, and the majority of flights have returned to pre-pandemic levels.

According to Xiamen Airlines, its joint venture with Air France, its flight frequencies to destinations such as Paris, Amsterdam, and Kuala Lumpur have doubled since last year.

Beijing Capital International Airport recorded 284,800 passengers in May, a record-high volume, according to China Immigration Services.

The International Air Transport Association forecasted in early June an expected strengthening of airline industry profits in the coming years.

The global aviation industry’s operating profits are expected to reach $8.2 billion this year, from the estimated $2.3 billion in 2022, with some 421 billion journeys expected to be traveled in 2023, down from 548 billion who flew in 2019, the IATA said.

“Airline financial performance in 2023 is being boosted by stronger profitability supported by several positive developments. China lifted COVID-19 restrictions earlier in the year than anticipated. Cargo revenues remain above pre-pandemic levels even though volumes have not, as air freight, although still high, has moderated over the first half of the year, said Willie Walsh, director-general of IATA.

Economic uncertainties have dampened the desire to travel, even as ticket prices absorbed reduced fuel costs. After deep COVID-19 losses, even a net profit margin of 13 percent is something airlines can struggle to achieve.

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A corporate in Asia picks up pace to catch up with its peers, according to a recent report. This appears to be the first study of its kind in the region. The research by Deloitte shows that digitalization is key to future success.

Eagle Eye By Yang Xiangye

Looking back on the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, one might wonder how global trade and investment remained the driving force of economic recovery. China and the world. Exporters play a significant role when it comes to China’s major exports of machinery, which account for a sizable portion of the global market. During the pandemic, when the world was affected by the coronavirus, China’s exports continued to grow, making it the world’s largest exporter. This growth was driven by the country’s strong manufacturing capabilities and its ability to produce goods quickly and efficiently. As a result, China’s exports have continued to grow, despite the pandemic. This has helped to stabilize the global supply chain and provide much-needed goods to the world.

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Chinese corporate makes strides in ESG journey

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Chinese government’s main body in the field of information technology, has released a list of the top 100 companies in China for the year 2022. The list highlights the companies that have made significant progress in the areas of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) sustainability. The ranking is based on various indicators, including energy consumption, carbon emissions, and employee welfare.

The list is a testament to the growing importance of ESG in China and around the world. As businesses become more aware of the environmental and social impacts of their operations, they are increasingly focusing on sustainability initiatives. This is particularly true in China, where the government has set ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality.

The top 100 list includes a diverse range of companies, from technology giants to manufacturing firms. These companies are leading the way in implementing ESG strategies and setting examples for others to follow. The inclusion of ESG on the list is a recognition of the companies’ efforts to balance economic growth with environmental and social responsibility.

As businesses continue to integrate ESG into their strategies, the list serves as a benchmark for others to aspire to. It encourages companies to prioritize sustainability and to work towards a more sustainable future. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology is to be commended for taking the lead in this important initiative.

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It is clear that China’s appetite to bring ESG into the corporate agenda is on the rise and here to stay. This is evident from the recent trends in the sector. Companies are increasingly recognizing the importance of ESG in driving long-term value creation.

In addition, the research found that companies are also prioritizing sustainability initiatives and are making significant strides in implementing ESG practices. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology is to be commended for taking the lead in this important initiative.

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COMMENT

Washington's 'national security' overstretch to curb China's technology progress serves none

Yoon govt should act on words of friendship

A couple of days ago, the government of the Republic of Korea appeared to soften its stance onquisitively tightening trade restrictions between the two countries. Yet, judging from the text message South Korea received from the United States on Wednesday, there is still a long way to go for Seoul to heed Beijing's warning.

In his speech on the 40th anniversary of the Korean War yesterday, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol reframed the nationalistic discourse of his predecessor. He noted that there will be no purpose in seeking a confrontation with the United States and Japan as well as in his efforts to establish a military alliance with the two countries, and his stance seems to suggest that he wants to minimize military tensions and end the stranglehold China exerts over Seoul.

Yoon has decided to side with the US and enthusiastically jumped on the " Indo-Pacific " strategy. He has even promised to join the effort to help China’s neighbors maintain their independence. This indicates that the new government is determined to take a different path from its predecessor. This can be interpreted as the US support will raise the ROK's profile in the world. It is believed that a new South Korean president will bring the US to reassess its policies in the region.

The Washington government's policy has already damaged its standing in the region. The US has failed to earn the recognition of its policies in the region. However, the US has already damaged its standing in the region. The US has already damaged its standing in the region.

The US tries to maintain a balance between the US and China, but in this context, it is not enough. The US needs to make a decision to support or not to support China.

As the US seeks to maintain its global power, it is vital to understand the dynamics of the US-China relationship.

US reentry of UNESCO narrow-minded

A vote at a special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization on Friday resolved a longstanding conflict over the admission of the US to UNESCO, which has been in the making for decades. This resolution follows a U.S. push to withdraw from UNESCO. The resolution simply states that the US is withdrawing from UNESCO. The US has already sent a letter to UNESCO expressing its willingness to withdraw from the organization.

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Official data show that in June 2022, the express volume in China year-on-year increased by 40.6% to reach 31.46 billion pieces, with the growth rate in the express delivery industry reaching 98%, the highest in the world during the same period.

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China and the World Roundtable | Shanghai Cooperation Organization

**Editor’s note:** The Shanghai Cooperation Organization has become an important platform for member states to increase cultural exchanges and promote mutual understanding. Accordingly, China and the other SCO member states have deepened strategic互信, armaments, and security cooperation. This article provides an overview of the development and impact of the SCO.

**Skz Zhonghui**

SCO will overcome all challenges

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization will be built in the SCO big tent more smoothly and stably at a critical time. Since the SCO was established in 2001, the regional world has been facing the biggest transformations and challenges. The United States has beenconstituting in the region, which has affected the SCO's role and influence. The SCO needs to be strengthened and connected from within and without.

The SCO was established in 2001 for combating extremism, terrorism and drug trafficking, and for promoting other institutional reforms and tackling other cross-border security challenges in Asia, especially Central Asia. With the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure headquartered in Ashgabat, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has expanded in size, scale and cooperation in various fields, and the SCO has become a platform for regional cooperation.

The organization has a positive influence on maintaining regional stability and development, and is a new cooperation model of seeking partners without forming alliances. This has helped exceed the SCO’s influence in the region and across the world.

At present, SCO has been facing increasing internal and external challenges. According to recent press reports and members’ meetings, the SCO’s influence in the region, increasing differences and conflicts among SCO member states, and the organization’s difficulties in maintaining cohesion, are increasing.

China is a member state of the SCO, and its development and cooperation with other member states include the situation in Afghanistan, which is of great importance.

**Swaran Singh**

Organization sitting funiture from speculation

At the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, India, China, Russia, and Kyrgyzstan Foreign Ministers met to discuss the ongoing situation in Afghanistan. The SCO as an organization has an important role to play in the situation in Afghanistan. The SCO is an organization that was created with the aim of preventing conflict and promoting economic cooperation in the region.

**Lu Shanting**

Only development can reinforce stability and maintain security

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization, through its 20 years of existence, has been guided by the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states, respect for sovereignty, equality, and self-determination of states, the promotion of regional cooperation and development, and a basic principle of the organization is the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of the member states. It is an important platform for regional cooperation, promoting stability and security in the region.

Since its establishment in 2001, the organization has been working to transform the current status of its member states into regions of peace, cooperation, and mutual development, while at the same time establishing, among other things, to promote multilateral and non-commercially cooperation with countries in the region, maintain peace and stability, and safeguard the interests of all member states, as well as to make joint efforts to overcome challenges and overcome threats, and enable member states to maintain peace and security.

As per annum, the organization, the SCO Secretariat in Bishkek and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, have been playing important roles in promoting regional cooperation and development, ensuring the SCO’s continuous progress and facilitating development.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization takes the 20th anniversary of the SCO’s establishment and development as an important opportunity to strengthen cooperation and mutual development.

On the one hand, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan have been significant support for the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative and are jointly implementing major projects and making efforts to promote the region’s economic development and cooperation.

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The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a regional platform for China’s neighbors and other friendly countries. As a platform for promoting regional cooperation and development, the SCO is an important platform for promoting peace and stability in the region.
**GLOBAL VIEWS**

**Soft roads of the initiative**

In the second decade, apart from roads, bridges and green energy transformation, the BRI should also focus on cooperation between universities, research institutes and think tanks.

GREGZOR W. KOLDOCK

It is estimated that as far back as 130 BC, the Great Silk Road and the Belt and Road Initiative. Together with China, Central Europe, and especially the 21st century China, the Belt and Road Initiative is a possible and appropriate alternative to the world in which the European countries are considering participating in. So far, the Chinese government and the European Union, under the leadership of the European Commission, have held more than 10 meetings to discuss the future of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Although some European intellectuals are concerned that the European Union is too big and too complex to be a single entity, the Chinese government and the European Union are discussing the possibility of establishing an institutionalized cooperation framework, such as the BRI.

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In recent years, China has introduced the Belt and Road Initiative to the world, which has been widely recognized and supported. The Belt and Road Initiative has been recognized as an important platform for international cooperation and has been widely welcomed by many countries.

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Iconic ballet set to return
White Snake romance classic will thrill audiences anew, Chen Nan reports.

What’s on

Master’s teens
The limestone- bedroom boy’s lush living at the school. He lived in a room with his mother. He often slept alone and would often think about his mother when he was a young child. The room was filled with paintings, especially those by his mother. He would often try to recreate his mother’s paintings, but he never succeeded. He also attended the school’s art club, where he learned to paint and draw. He was very good at drawing, and he often won awards for his artwork. He was a very talented child, and he was often invited to exhibit his work at the school’s art fair. He was very proud of his achievements, and he often talked about them with his friends.

Art into soul
The oil painting depicts a young girl standing in front of a mirror, looking at her reflection. The girl is wearing a white dress, and her hair is tied back in a ponytail. She is holding a brush in her hand, and she is about to paint. The painting is very realistic, and it captures the girl’s emotions perfectly. The artist has used a lot of detail to create a sense of realism, and the girl’s expression is very expressive. The painting is very beautiful, and it is a great example of the artist’s talent.

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Academy work
More than 30 paintings, prints, sculptures and wood carvings are on display at the gallery of the China Academy of Art. The exhibition features works by students from the academy, as well as by alumni. The works are varied, and they range from traditional Chinese art to modern and contemporary art. The exhibition is open until August 30, and it is free to the public. The gallery is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and it is located at the China Academy of Art, No. 1, Xiangshan Road, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China.
Xinjiang's appeal reaches wider audience

Professionals deploy skills, technologies to tell story of beautiful, fascinating region, Li Yinxue reports.

To be a teacher of tourism resources, I firmly believe that winning a competition is not the ultimate goal. Li Yinxue, a tour guide from Xinjiang's Karaganda district, is recognized for her storytelling skills. In her view, storytelling is not just a means to an end; it is also a way to share the beauty of Xinjiang with others.

During his second-year law under-graduate studies, Li Yinxue was a part of the Xinjiang University Tour Guide Team. This experience solidified her passion for sharing the region's rich history, culture, and natural beauty with visitors.

Li Yinxue believes that the combination of storytelling and tour guiding is crucial in creating a lasting impression on tourists. "Tourism is not just about showing people the sites, but also about guiding them through the stories behind each place," she says.

In 2021, as China entered a new era of tourism, Li Yinxue decided to make the most of her skills and experience. She joined the Xinjiang Karaganda Tour Guide Team and began to develop her storytelling abilities even further. "I wanted to create a good atmosphere for visitors and make them feel part of the stories," she says.

This decision led to success when she competed in the National Tour Guide Competition in 2023 and won gold. Her speech on "Tourism at Key Stage: Crafting a Successful Storytelling Experience" impressed judges and earned her a gold medal.

"It was a great opportunity to share my passion and knowledge with others," Li Yinxue says. "I hope to continue to inspire others to explore the wonders of Xinjiang through my stories and experiences."
A as child, Guan Hanxun enjoyed riding horses on the vast plains of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region with her grandmother. So, when she returned from her studies overseas in 2009, Guan, now 33, searched for opportunities to get back in the saddle.

“I went online and discovered you could play polo here,” she says. “I never tried it before but it interested me, so I thought, why not?”

In less than three years, Guan has become one of the budding players of a sport set to take the equestrian stage by storm, at home and abroad. Polo is a high-end team sport, requiring significant investments on the horses, training, equipment, and facilities. In China, paintings, statues, figurines, and other images of the sport of kings can be traced as far back as the Tang Dynasty (618-907), with both male and female aristocrats depicted playing the ball on horseback. Guan trains and competes at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitain Polo Club, where there are more than 100 horses housing to over 70 players, making the club a leader of the niche sport in the country.

“Polo is very demanding, physically, mentally, in all aspects, for players and horses alike,” the club’s head coach Cesar Palacios says. “We require the best of horses. They need the intelligence, agility, speed and stamina for the uppers and turns, as well as the ability to be calm and focused, in sync with the player,” Palacios says, who is from polo powerhouse Argentina. The 43-year-old, who has competed worldwide and coached players in China for a decade, says promising, motivated Chinese riders like Guan will help spur the sport in the country to hit new international levels, possibly within this decade.

The passion for polo is necessitated by the demand and supply. Training for them is essential,” he says. “We are setting up a comprehensive support network and cultural initiatives, including professional staff, related industry and institutions. We are also working with clubs, for example, in Argentina we have the National Polo Championship, and it’s important for promoting equestrian interest and expertise.”

In that effect, the club signed a cooperation agreement with the vocational and technical college of Inner Mongolia Agricultural University in June, involving a joint training base aimed at cultivating trainers and professionals in the equestrian and related sector. Meng Zhangtao, general manager at the club, says leveraging the resources of the college and industry will help ensure quality and competitiveness in the field.

“What we are doing is also in line with nurturing young people, because they are the future of polo,” he says. “When students are studying abroad and have time to learn polo, they can return to China, return to the stick to improve and hone their skills,” says Hong, whose club also hosted the opening summer events of one of the country’s major polo season that drew players nationwide.

Players of high-end niche sport saddle up to make their mark as they ride on increasing interest in equestrian sector, Alexsis Hour reports from Tianjin.

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Guan Hanxun, polo player at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club

Riding heritage
Gin Hua, director of the polo committee of the equestrian sports association in Xinjiang and deputy secretary-general of the cultural and tourism committee of the region’s horse industry association, says polo- practicing players can compete not just domestically but also internationally, reflecting in Argentina and England, will help them meet the highest standards.

“At the same time, we can encourage more exchanges and understanding, such as sharing our horse culture and heritage from across the country with our foreign friends during these competitions and related events,” says Gin, referring to the rich equestrian traditions in regions including Xining and Inner Mongolia.

In 2019, a unique version of polo practiced by ethnic communities in Xinjiang’s Tuqushan autonomous county was included in a national intangible cultural heritage list, with local authorities subsequently organizing county-level polo games as part of efforts to revive the tradition.

The Tuqushan ethnic group’s games are now held regularly and played on special occasions such as folk festivals and tourism events, helping to preserve and promote an important part of their culture.

Wang Gang, head of the China Horse Culture, Sports and Tourism Committee, which is affiliated to the state develop- ment center of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, says that a new national equestrian education column and mutual learning cooperation alliance will also help link the riding clubs of major cities with the magnificent space of equestrian study tours and horse culture tourism in the ethnic areas of the north and northwest regions, and open up training, technical safety and standardized education opportunities.

“This will help equestrian enthusiasts around the world enjoy the vast land of China from our riding clubs and tourism providers and ensure that they get proper education, training, certification,” she says.

“We aim to create a platform for horse lovers and equestrian sports to learn and experience the joy of riding, profession- ally and recreationally, all year round.”

As the Tianjin polo season opening match in mid-June, Guan Hanxun was part of the winning team that included coach Palacios. The weekend tournament on the manicured lawns of their home club under clear blue skies drew nearly 3,000 spectators online and offline.

“I like being part of a team, facing the competitions together,” says Guan, who also sets aside ample time to train with 13 of her horses in Argentina.

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Those more people interested to try it “For those who are wondering what it’s like, I’ll encourage them to go out in the horse and go for it.”

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Main photo: Polo enthusiasts Guan Hanxun and Liu Yuanhan before the ball at Tianjin season opening tournament in June.

Clockwise from top-left: Polo players Hu Ping and Zhou Chi at the tournament, Players Liu Xuanzhen, Chen Haisi Puqian and Guan Hanxun race for the ball, Guan Hanxun and her coach, Chen Haisi Puqian, receive an audience during the tournament. Polo match at against the backdrop of a beautiful blue sky in Tianjin. Photo: XINHUA/SUN ZHANG

The basics

Each polo team generally has four riders, two in winter, when they may need to wear hats, scarves, or sunscreen on snowfields, three riders can form a team.

A match comprises at least four periods (called "halves"), with each period lasting seven minutes.

At halftime, it’s customary for spectators to get on the field and jump down the grandstands that have been hilled up by the horses.

A player changes horses several times in a match, replacing time needed for fresh-ons.

Players swing wooden mallet to hit the ball and control the equipment through goal.