NATO shows its true colors as war machine

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On China

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Vision China studies influence of ancient China culture on modern world

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Beijing stresses regional stability

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Among the new products hitting the market are apps designed to minimize skin dark spots due to poor nutrition—foods that keep food from being hold, and a popular retail chain has launched a drive to beat COVID-19 by tracking the consumption of vegetables and fruits online to ensure demand.

The new consumption model, which combines advanced machine learning algorithms and artificial intelligence, not only increases the value of home appliances but also improves the experience of consumers.

The new consumption model is pivotal to streamlining consumer purchasing habits, improving the intelligence and automation of traditional industries, and creating new job opportunities for high-skill talent, said Liang from the commerce ministry.

He said previous efforts were needed to improve the quality and influence of Chinese-made goods and further develop new industries by using high-quality applications of new technologies such as AI, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence, mainly driven by a new round of technological revolution.

The new consumption model will also accelerate the development of the dual-circulation development pattern, which is the key to driving the network market as the mainstay while lifting domestic and foreign market re-

A new call for sustainable growth is even more important now for the eco-society, said Yu, head of the China Academy of Industrial Technology.

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Kenyan protest over living costs

Kenyan trade unionists march through the streets of Nairobi, Kenya, on November 5, 2022, as they protest against an anticipated rise in the cost of living. (AP Photo/Y rosey)
Experts: Digital economy's next stage of development will create more jobs

By JIAN JIERUI and CHEN YU

China’s platform companies are entering a new stage of development and will play a more significant role in bolstering economic resilience and job creation, as the country has placed great emphasis on building a well-regulated, healthy and sustainable development of the platform economy, experts and company executives confirmed.

More efforts are needed to encourage platform enterprises to step up innovation in line with state-outlined technological advancement trends, and further enhance their technological capabilities, experts pointed out, as China’s platform economy continues to expand, and more babies of “twin engines” are needed.

Their comments emerged in response to government’s encouragement for platform companies to better serve the real economy. During a meeting with platform enterprises earlier this year, executives from several major platform companies had expressed the need to maintain firm strategies and technological innovation to improve their international competitiveness.

Companies from the same conference and Zhang Yu, secretary-general of PPI Holdings Ltd, met and Xiang Jiafeng, the founder of non-platform enterprises CCMO and CASH, during the meeting.

Zhao Jie, CEO of China’s mobile payments giant WeChat Pay, said the company is following up efforts to develop open platforms and upgrade a batch of traditional industries, such as clothing, automotive, and retail, to further expand the scope of platform use and improve their international competitiveness.

As the focus on supporting high-quality development and upgrading of traditional industries, China’s platform companies are implementing technological innovation and upgrading products and services while increasing their international competitiveness, said the meeting.

It has been under discussion in China and the US since 2014. A high-level meeting between the two countries took place in December 2014.

China has been investing in high-tech and digital infrastructure development in recent years, focusing on the internet platform ecosystem. It has led to a rapid growth in the number of platform enterprises in China.

China’s platform economy is technologically advanced and dynamic. Many innovations emerging from platform companies in the country have had a profound impact on the country’s digital-economic development.

As an example, Hao Min, deputy director of the School of Law at Nanjing University and former chairman of the Internet Industry Association, pointed out that platform companies have been playing an important role in improving their technological competitiveness.

According to the CFTC’s Securities Research and Market Practices Committee, companies that are also involved in platform development offer services to industry groups such as platform operators, monetary institutions, and other companies.

The focus of the authorities concerned has shifted to “normalized supervision” from intense regulatory scrutiny, the report said, adding that supervision is expected to boost the overall market sentiment toward the internet ecosystem.

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Briefly

China raises gasoline, diesel retail prices

China raised the prices of gasoline and diesel fuel on Friday, following the recent increase in international oil prices. Gasoline prices will rise by 0.25 yuan per liter for 92-grade gasoline and 0.3 yuan per liter for 95-grade gasoline.

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These changes are expected to address the need to ensure the stability of oil prices and boost the country’s energy security.

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New three ‘helping drive exports’ policies

By LI YUEKUN

China’s foreign trade landscape is undergoing a green transformation as the country’s growing demand for high-tech and innovative products has increased exports of high-value products and services.

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Report: Domestic demand, BRI spur more opportunities for infrastructure developers

By ZHUANG QIAO

China's infrastructure builders and contractors are expected to maintain high growth in the next two to three years, according to a recent report by China Securities Co Ltd. The report, issued by CITIC Securities on Tuesday, is based on the analysis of 108 infrastructure-related companies in China, according to a report issued by China Securities Co Ltd. The annual global total of infrastructure investment expected to be spent in the next two to three years is expected to increase by 20% over the previous year.

China’s infrastructure developers, including those in the construction, transportation, telecommunications, and energy sectors, are expected to see strong growth in the coming years. The report suggests that the market for infrastructure projects is expected to grow significantly, with a focus on projects related to major economic development initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The report notes that the BRI has become a key driver of China’s infrastructure development. The Belt and Road Initiative is a global initiative that aims to promote economic cooperation and development through the construction of infrastructure projects around the world.

The report also highlights the increasing role of private firms in the infrastructure sector. It notes that the growth of private firms is expected to continue in the coming years, driven by the government’s efforts to encourage private investment in infrastructure projects.

The report recommends that infrastructure developers should focus on projects that have a strong economic and social impact, such as those related to the BRI. It also suggests that developers should consider using innovative financing models, such as public-private partnerships, to finance infrastructure projects.

Major State-owned builders, multinational contractors and competitive private firms are likely to see more benefits this year brought by the BRI development. According to the report, major state-owned builders are expected to continue to benefit from the BRI, while multinational contractors and competitive private firms are likely to see growth in their overseas operations. The report notes that the BRI has created opportunities for private firms to participate in infrastructure projects in countries along the BRI routes, and it expects this trend to continue in the coming years.

The report also highlights the importance of innovation and technology in the infrastructure sector. It notes that the use of advanced technologies such as Big Data, Internet of Things, and Artificial Intelligence is expected to increase in infrastructure projects, driving efficiency and productivity gains.

The report concludes by recommending that infrastructure developers should focus on projects that have a strong economic and social impact, and that they should consider using innovative financing models to finance these projects. It also suggests that developers should continue to invest in technology and innovation to remain competitive in the global infrastructure market.
Game-changer AI gets full support

By CHEONG YU

China is actively encouraging artificial intelligence companies as well as broader efforts to build large language models, as part of a broader effort to boost the country’s prowess in the critical technology. China’s Chief Scientist of AI, Gong Cheng, said that the development of high-quality supercomputing AI is important for China’s development and future prosperity.

The development of large language models (LLMs) is critical to the future of AI, as it enables the creation of more advanced and intelligent systems. China has been making significant investments in this area, and has set ambitious targets for the development of high-quality LLMs. This is a key part of China’s broader strategy to become a global leader in AI technology.

However, the development of LLMs faces significant challenges, including the need for vast amounts of data and computational power. China has a significant advantage in terms of data availability, as it has a large population and a rich digital economy. This makes it possible for China to develop large language models that are comparable to those developed in the West.

China has embarked on a comprehensive plan to develop LLMs, including the establishment of large language model research centers, the encouragement of collaboration among domestic and international companies, and the promotion of open-source platforms for LLM development. This plan is expected to result in the development of high-quality large language models that will contribute to the advancement of AI technology.

The development of LLMs is also expected to have a significant impact on various industries, including finance, healthcare, and education. It is anticipated that LLMs will be used to develop more advanced applications that can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of these industries. This will contribute to the overall development of China’s economy and society, and will position China as a leader in AI technology.

In conclusion, the development of large language models is a critical area for China, and the country is making significant investments in this area. The development of high-quality LLMs will contribute to the advancement of AI technology and the overall development of China’s economy and society. China is expected to become a global leader in AI technology, and to lead the development of future AI innovations.

Large models will be key infrastructure in future

By XINWEI

What will the final landscape look like for developing large language models?

Huang, the academic director of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Artificial Intelligence Research Institute, said: “In the long run, large models will become the core infrastructure of the whole society, just like water, electricity, gas, and transportation. Entering this market will gradually form a system of mutual cooperation, and finally form a system of mutual cooperation.” Huang said China should actively move in this direction. A large model is indeed never a competitive barrier, Huang said. “Only through building an open atmosphere and enthusiasm to compete with dynamic cooperation, can we find our own competitive advantage and survive,” said Huang. The academic, also known as Zhi- yuan Institute, is poised to be among the most strategic in the artificial intelligence revolution, along with OpenAI’s ChatGPT and Google’s DeepMind. Microsoft Vice-Chairman and President Bin Smith has been quoted as saying: “Zhiyuan Institute was established in 2020 to develop LLMs and is supervised by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Beijing municipal government, and leading companies and universities.”

Huang, citing the example of power generation and electricity consumption, said that large models are also on their way to continuous innovation in the coming decades. “There won’t be a single monopoly or superior barrier in this field. The government is expected to play a role in overall planning while leaving the market to determine the major driving forces. Cooperation will be the main way of development in the end,” he said.

Huang also emphasized the importance of cooperation between universities and Chinese researchers to mitigate the risk of AI reusing, and to develop a cross-platform, integrated framework. He said the Chinese Academy of Sciences is planning to launch a new annual conference on AI (BDA) in 2024. This conference aims to promote the development of AI infrastructure, and to foster cooperation between domestic and international researchers. The conference will bring together researchers from various fields to discuss the latest developments in AI technology and to promote communication and cooperation.

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Under the weather

A man helps his son climb onto a flyover under construction on Wednesday after being displaced by rising waters amid heavy rain in New Delhi. www.euters.com/wire

Extreme climatic conditions threatening communities across the globe set to increase

Countries across the world continue to experience extreme weather conditions such as severe thunderstorms, widespread fires and excessive heat waves.

In the United States, where emergencies were declared in several counties of New York until Wednesday, a 95-year-old woman died after being swept away by floodwaters as she tried to evacuate her Orange County home on Sunday. The flooding has caused "millions of dollars in damages," county official Rezae Nemeth said on Monday.

In Montpelier, the capital of Vermont state, streets turned into seas and water spilled into nearby downtowns, where a flood-basin issued. Residents called "record-breaking flooding" over the past two days, according to authorities.

Fear about global temperatures reaching record highs have become a reality as the Earth's average temperature hit 13.4°C on July 3 and 13.9°C on July 5 and 6. The melting of Glaciers was estimated on consecutive days.

Heat waves also hit more places than predicted. In India, hundreds of people had to be taken to hospital when the temperature touched 45°C. Spain and Germany are also experiencing an extremely hot summer, and the United Kingdom had its hottest June since 1976.

These climate conditions, associated with the warming of the ocean temperatures, have aggravated the situation, triggering extreme events and extreme weather events. These activities can occur in various ways, including hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires.

Extreme weather events, which claim more lives than hurricanes and tornadoes, will likely become more common in the future.

Each year in the United States, thunderstorms produce 20 to 30 million lightning strikes that hit the ground, killing an average of over 50 people and injure hundreds more, with an increasing number of deaths in recent years.

Extreme weather events can have significant impacts on human health, with severe consequences. People with diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and other serious health conditions are at risk for severe weather conditions, according to experts.
Liaoning

Liaoning’s Hongsheng Culture sites seen as one of birthplaces of Chinese civilization

Liaoning, a province in northeastern China, is known for its rich cultural heritage. Among the most notable sites are the Hongsheng Culture sites, which are considered one of the birthplaces of Chinese civilization. These sites, located in the area of Shenyang, reveal a complex network of interactions between the early Chinese cultures and the development of advanced civilizations.

The Hongsheng Culture sites, dating back to the Neolithic period, have yielded artifacts and remains that shed light on the early history of China. The culture is characterized by its advanced pottery, jade carvings, and other art forms, as well as its agricultural practices and social organization.

Over the years, the Hongsheng Culture has been studied extensively, contributing to our understanding of the early development of Chinese civilization. The sites have been classified as a national重点文物保护单位 (National重点文物保护单位), highlighting their significance in the study of Chinese cultural history.

As the province continues to develop, efforts are being made to preserve and promote these cultural sites, ensuring that they are not only preserved for future generations but also serve as a source of inspiration and learning for the world.

The importance of national heritage

As China continues to develop, there is a growing recognition of the importance of preserving its cultural heritage. The Hongsheng Culture sites are a prime example of how historical artifacts can provide insights into the evolution of human society and culture.

The preservation of such sites is not only a duty but also an investment in the identity and future of the nation. By protecting these sites, we are not only safeguarding a part of our past but also ensuring that the lessons and values of the past can inform the decisions we make in the present and future.

In conclusion, the Hongsheng Culture sites are not just relics of the past but are living symbols of China’s rich cultural heritage. They serve as a reminder of the country’s tumultuous history and the remarkable achievements of its people. Through their preservation and promotion, we can honor the past while also creating a better future for all.

China Daily committed to Xi’s focus on promoting Chinese civilization

In an editorial, China Daily expressed its commitment to President Xi Jinping’s emphasis on promoting Chinese civilization. The editorial highlighted the importance of preserving and leveraging China’s rich cultural heritage as a means of enhancing national pride and unity.

The editorial pointed out that China has a long history and a vast territory, with a rich and diverse culture. By promoting Chinese civilization, the country is able to share its unique experiences and wisdom with the rest of the world, fostering mutual understanding and respect.

Furthermore, the editorial emphasized the role of cultural confidence in building a sustainable future. By promoting Chinese civilization, the country is able to contribute to the global discourse on values, sustainable development, and cultural exchange.

In conclusion, China Daily’s editorial underscored the importance of promoting Chinese civilization as a means of strengthening national identity and fostering global cooperation. By doing so, the country is able to contribute to the betterment of the world while also preserving its own unique cultural heritage.
Malnutrition haunts Afghan children amid US sanctions

KARUL – With hands trembling and tears streaming down her face, a grief-stricken mother bid her 7-year-old son goodbye, lost in the cry of acute malnutrition, a devastating situation that has claimed countless children in Afghanistan.

Such is not only the malnutrition wail of the Kabul-based India Heart Institute of Child Health, a major pediatric hospital in the war-torn country.

“Sometimes, there can be three deaths at the ward within one day,” said Samiullah, a trainee doctor.

According to UNICEF’s State of the World’s Children 2023 report, 58 percent of children under 5 years old in Afghanistan suffer from moderate to severe malnutrition, and notably, 40 percent of women aged 15 to 49 have anemia.

Nahas, who has three children – all suffering from anaemic conditions, said her family could not afford milk in the past, and now it has stopped due to sanctions.

Some of the malnourished children were born after the withdrawal of the United States in Afghanistan in August 2021, seemingly hotter than the “war” as they are facing an even greater humanitarian crisis as the US government’s formal sanction is tightening the country’s financial alms.

A baby struggling with hunger was treated at a hospital in Ramadi, Afghanistan, on Dec. 1, according to local media.

Doctors in England launch unprecedented 5-day strike

BY JONATHAN POWELL in London

Junior doctors in England started a five-day strike on Thursday, demanding what is being reported as the longest mass walkout in the history of the National Health Service.

Doctors and nurses at hospitals across the country have said they have been forced to cancel planned procedures and referred patients to other providers due to the five-day strike.

The strike is expected to affect around 70,000 doctors and nurses in England, BBC reported.

AMN is one of the primary medical organizations representing junior doctors in England, and it said that the strike will have an impact on people’s health and wider services.

Doctors have been demanding a pay rise for several years after years of austerity measures and real-terms cuts to their pay. The union is pressing for a significant increase in pay to reflect the rising costs of living.

The union said that the strike is necessary to protect patient care and to ensure that hospitals are able to deliver high-quality care.

The strike is expected to last several days, but the union said that it will continue to monitor the situation and will make any necessary adjustments.

Military ties take center stage as Modi visits France

NEW DELHI/Paris – Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi began a two-day visit to France on Thursday with a focus on defense and military ties, in a bid to strengthen the bilateral relationship.

French President Emmanuel Macron has hosted Modi’s visit, extending a warm welcome and highlighting the strong ties between the two nations.

The trip comes amid growing concerns over the region’s strategic environment, with both India and France emphasising the importance of multilateral cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

The two leaders agreed to further enhance defense cooperation and explore new avenues for economic and cultural exchanges.

The visit marks a significant milestone in Indo-French relations, with both countries looking to strengthen their strategic partnership and address regional and global challenges.

Clean energy rollout too slow to meet 2050 net-zero goals

The current electricity system is still struggling to meet 2050 net-zero targets, with the government announcing ambitious plans to phase out coal by 2025 and meet 40% renewable energy by 2030.

Despite these targets, the pace of progress is slow, with a significant gap between the stated goals and actual implementation.

The government has also launched several initiatives to promote clean energy, including the National Solar Mission and the Renewables in 100 Days campaign.

These schemes have helped to boost renewable energy capacity, but there is still a long way to go to achieve the ambitious targets set by the government.

Energy efficiency and demand-side management are key areas that need to be addressed to achieve the net-zero goal by 2050.
**Divisions come to the fore at NATO summit**

Military alliance’s attempt to interfere in Asia-Pacific security sparks fears

**VLADIVOSTOK, Russia —** The 10th Vostok summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization concluded on Wednesday amid divisions among members and criticism from the international community. During the summit, Turkey’s visit to Moscow signals a significant shift in its relationship with the United States and NATO and serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining alliances and international cooperation.

China voiced its opposition to the summit, emphasizing the need for peace and stability in the region.

**Bloc safeguards peace and stability in cyberspace:**

China called on small and medium-sized member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in its statement to play an active role in maintaining peace and stability in cyberspace. The bloc is committed to defending against cyberattacks and in promoting international cooperation and mutual trust.

**Whirlwind tour**

China’s President Xi Jinping arrived in the Russian city of St. Petersburg on Wednesday to attend the 10th Vostok summit. This visit is significant for strengthening China’s position in the region and enhancing its influence in global affairs.

**Closer relations urged for prosperity in C. Asia**

By ZHAO RUIJUN

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore and Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha of Thailand signed a joint statement on Wednesday, calling for closer cooperation on a range of issues, including trade, security, and the environment.

**CHINA**

Aluminum giant to make 5-day state visit

President of China’s State Forestry and Grassland Administration, who is in Beijing to attend the G20 summit in Hangzhou, will pay a state visit to Nepal from Monday to Wednesday to sign economic partnership agreements. This is a strategic initiative for strategic and economic benefits.

**Indonesia**

A new ministerial committee was established to address the fallout from the recent floods, with vested responsibilities in water management and disaster preparedness.

**THE HIMALAYAN TIMES**ectorate of Nepal’s latest national election.

China’s presence in the region has been marked by tit-for-tat actions, with both countries asserting their territorial claims.

**UNITED STATES**

Killed by flying Secret Service bullet

A man was killed by a Secret Service bullet at the White House, leading to the resignation of the Secret Service director. The incident has raised questions about the adequacy of security measures.
Currying favor with White House will ultimately bleed UK economy

T he White House issued a Notice on the Continuation of the National Emergency with respect to the People’s Republic of China on Tuesday, alleging "that the situation with respect to Hong Kong constitutes a national emergency for the United States". The People’s Republic of China firmly and solemnly protests against the US unilateral sanctions.

The US has made a move to contain China's rise and this has been escalating recently. Beijing has repeatedly affirmed that the US must not abuse its national power to undermine the world order. Beijing has repeatedly affirmed that the US must not abuse its national power to undermine the world order.

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Although the UK claims that the "Arctic region accounts for 30% of the world's total area," the UK is clearly a global economic superpower. In the wake of the US's decision to tighten its economy, China has also taken measures to promote the UK economy.

In an interview with BBC, UK Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab said, "I think the UK has an opportunity to make a huge impact." He promised that the UK would work closely with the UK government on the UK economy. The UK has also been actively promoting cooperation in areas such as science, technology, and culture.

China expresses its opposition to the US's move, saying that "the UK must not abuse its national power to undermine the world order. Beijing has repeatedly affirmed that the US must not abuse its national power to undermine the world order.

The UK government has long been a vocal proponent of the "British world order," but the current state of affairs is quite different. The UK is facing economic challenges, and the relationship between the UK and China is also facing difficulties.

China has always been committed to promoting global peace and development. Looking to the future, China and the UK should continue to strengthen cooperation and deepen economic ties.
Overemphasizing security

The West should see the negative impact of its theory of decoupling with China and construct dialogue with Beijing.

A number of international relations experts, policy institutes and foundational thinkers have long advocated for a "decoupling" strategy. For example, in a recent speech, Jacob Weisberg wrote: "We are in the midst of a "decoupling" revolution," which "is the line that must be crossed.

However, the West has been overemphasizing the idea of decoupling with China. Although the current trend of decoupling with China may appear to be somewhat of an "enemy," in reality, it is not a "real enemy." The West has been too eager to declare China as an "enemy," but the reality is that China is not an "enemy," but rather a "friend."

In terms of China's development, it is important to understand that China's development is driven by the following factors: first, China's development is driven by the Chinese people, who have been working hard to improve their living standards; second, China's development is driven by the global market, which is gradually opening up to China; third, China's development is driven by the "One Belt One Road" initiative, which has brought about a new wave of global cooperation; and finally, China's development is driven by the "New Development Concept," which has guided China's development in a new direction.

In terms of China's contribution to the world, it is important to understand that China's contribution is not only economic, but also cultural and political. China's cultural exchanges with the world have brought about a new wave of global cultural cooperation, while China's political exchanges with the world have brought about a new wave of global political cooperation.

In terms of China's relationship with other countries, it is important to understand that China's relationship with other countries is not only economic, but also political and cultural. China's economic cooperation with other countries has brought about a new wave of global economic cooperation, while China's political cooperation with other countries has brought about a new wave of global political cooperation.

In terms of China's future, it is important to understand that China's future is not only brighter, but also more secure. China's security is not only economic, but also political and cultural. China's political security is not only economic, but also political and cultural. China's cultural security is not only economic, but also political and cultural.

In summary, the West should not overemphasize the idea of decoupling with China. Instead, it should focus on constructive dialogue with China, which will bring about a new wave of global cooperation and a new wave of global security.
Wisdom prevails as martial arts drama boosts genre

Brains rather than braveness is the key to unconventional hero’s popularity, Xu Fan reports.

When veteran scriptwriter and renowned Pang Xuewu, also the co-founder and producer of blockbuster wuxia (martial arts) film, Xiu Xifan, Green Demon (A Thousand Miles in Ten Minutes), was asked by the producer of the wuxia TV series, Liang Zhehao, to adapt a wuxia novel, he answered without hesitation. “I’m not a wuxia expert,” he says, “but I’ve been following the genre closely.”

The genre of wuxia, a Chinese martial arts and fantasy literature, has a long history, dating back to the early 20th century with the publication of Jin Yong’s (1920—2008) wuxia novels. The genre has since become popular worldwide, with adaptations in television series, films, and video games. However, it is not easy to adapt a wuxia novel to a TV series, as the genre is rich in cultural and historical references, and the characters and plots are complex.

Liang has a background in traditional martial arts and has written several wuxia novels. He has also been a film director and producer. In 2019, he co-directed the wuxia film, The Great Wall, which was based on the novel by the same name. The film was a commercial and critical success, and it helped to popularize wuxia in the international market.

This time, Liang was asked to adapt the novel ‘The Ingenious One’ by the renowned wuxia novelist, Shu Yu (1940-2019), who is known for his unique and innovative approach to wuxia. The novel was first published in 1977 and was later adapted into a TV series, which was a huge success.

“The novel is a classic wuxia work and it has been somewhat controversial in the past,” Liang says. “But I think the time is ripe for a new adaptation.”

The novel ‘The Ingenious One’ is set in the late Ming dynasty and tells the story of a young man named Chen Zhen, who is raised by his master, a great warrior and strategist. Chen Zhen is a prodigy and is given the task of protecting the realm from enemies.

The novel is known for its rich historical and cultural references, and its innovative approach to wuxia. It features a unique storyline, with complex characters and plot twists. The novel is also noted for its use of descriptive language and its ability to capture the essence of the wuxia genre.

Liang has been working on the adaptation for several years, and he has been working closely with the novel’s original author, Shu Yu, to ensure that the adaptation stays true to the original.

“The adaptation is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity,” Liang says. “I want to bring the novel to a new generation of readers and to showcase the rich cultural heritage of wuxia.”

The adaptation is expected to be released in 2023, and Liang is optimistic about its success. “I think the audience will be surprised by the novel’s unique storyline and its rich cultural references,” he says. “I am excited to bring this classic wuxia work to a new generation of readers.”
A musical celebration of compassion

New oratorio about Jewish refugees to make global debut in the city, Xu Xiaomin reports.

Produced by a group of top international musicians, an oratorio telling the story of Jewish refugees navigates their new life in Shanghai during World War II will have its global premiere in the city this November.

Maestro Yo Long, the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic have jointly commissioned the oratorio titled Emigre, composed by award-winning Austrian Karen Lea Templer and co-authored by celebrated librettist Mark Campbell and soprano voice Emi Wakui.

The oratorio will premiere on Nov 7 at the Shanghai Symphony Hall before making its US premiere in December at Lincoln Center in New York.

The idea for the production came from Yu, music director of the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, who spoke to Zigham about it at the beginning of 2020 in New York. Both of them then agreed to produce a work with moments of moving history in it.

In the oratorio, listeners are told to escape to Shanghai to escape the Nazis in Europe as the country was facing imminent invasion by Japan or had closed their doors completely. The port of Shanghai opened its doors to about 30,000 Jews hoping to endure the atrocities of Japanese invaders at the time.

The act of kindness led to many Jewish refugees in the then Shibata Ark of the Orient.

"When I read about this act of kindness many years ago, I took a huge inspiration," Yu said during a news conference on July 7. "A sea of Shanghai names is a profound insight."

Zigham said that the production holds its meaning forever.

"For me, Shanghai and the good will of the people of China, some of my ancestors and ancestors very close to me would have perished at the hands of the Nazis during World War II," says the American composer, who has written scores for films and TV shows including The Shawshank and the Bar and the City Finale.

The oratorio took more than three years to complete the oratorio. Unlike operas, oratorios normally have minimal vocal and production elements as much of an opera, and have a storyline skeleton, solid, a large orchestra and even text that’s too big to fit the space of a typical theater.

The tenor saxophone, played over two acts, tells the story of two Jewish brothers who have to leave through their new lives after artichokes in Shanghai to travel to Denver.

The musical world, according to Yu, extended a message that the survival of a race depends on diverse communities learning to embrace a shared humanity.

There are 23 songs in the oratorio, including A Woman in a Rich, A Former World, The Witch of Shanghai and Shanghai. The song is sung in English, as the group believes the language would allow for it to be performed around the world.

"Yu adds.

The Chinese and the Jewish brothers faced similar types of persecution before and after the war, and that made us..."

If you go

Travellers from Cities of Oceans Underwater Archaeology and the Yangtze River Estuary No.2 is an ongoing exhibition at the Shanghai History Museum. Right: An anchor excavated by underwater archaeologists at the exhibition. Photos by Ouyang En / China Daily

Shipwreck artifacts go on show for first time

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Objects retrieved from the Huanghe River January No.3 shipwreck are now on public display for the first time.

The exhibition, Treasures from Huanghe River January No.3, is at the Shanghai History Museum, which is divided into three sections featuring 257 objects, photographs and interactive exhibits.

The exhibition showcases the stories of the shipwreck’s discovery, achievements made by China’s underwater archaeologists, the salvage process of the wood and the technological innovations used in the operation.

Discovered in 2015, the boat was found on the northeastern tip of Hanghai Island in Shanghai’s Chongming district. The vessel is about 27 meters long and 5.7 meters wide and has a cargo capacity of 1,300 tons. It is the largest and best-preserved wooden sailing boat retrieved from underwater archaeological operations in China.

Thanks to the use of technology and equipment developed specially for the retrieval mission, the shipwreck was salvaged and transported to the No.1 lock at the town of Shanghai’s Huanghe Port in November. Archaeologists have conducted multiple surveys on the vessel’s remains as well as the wooden and metal parts retrieved, it is a typical characteristic walled vessel that was commonly used on the river over the past centuries. In fact, the boat even functioned as Shanghai’s municipal emblem alongside the magnolia blossom, the city flower.

To date, over 700 items have been removed from the shipwreck. Ninety percent are on show at the exhibition.

One of the largest exhibits is a 13-meter-long, five-cabin vessel. One of the largest anchors lie under underwater archaeologists in China, this item was found at the northern side of the shipwreck, after spending more than a century underwater, the anchor is covered in rust and muds. During the preliminary cleaning operations, archaeologists have also identified about 3,000 ceramic pieces within the vessel. Of these, pieces of high-quality dinames, made in Jiangsu-خش of Shanghai province, were piled up, with rice rice piled between them. Other archaeological findings include a net, coppering and wooden pieces also found purple clay wares and a blue-glazed hexagonal pot from a kiln in Vietnam.

An inscription reading “made in the area of Ranghui” was found at the bottom of a series of green glazed objects in the woods. This supports the hypothesis that the boat is the ‘Kongzi Yacht’ (203-207) in the Qing Dynasty at the Palace at Kushan.

According to Zhao Lan, a researcher at the Museums and Research Center of the Shanghai Regional Government, the wooden shipwreck’s underwater operation was an important milestone in the field of archaeology.

The scientific team is already conducting new diving and geophysical exploration, many technologies, overcoming challenges, and taking steps to improve the scientific protection and research of recovered artifacts. Some of the new technologies developed are being shown at the exhibitions.

During the exhibitions period, these underwater-objects children will be able to study and enjoy artifacts related to underwater archaeology in the grounds of the Shanghai History Museum every weekend.

We hope visitors can have a different experience at our museum enjoying the activities,” says Zhou Qianhua, director of the museum.
Developing a new lease of life

Ancient city is reaping the benefits of long-term regeneration projects, which target historical neighborhoods and dormant industrial sites. *Zhang Run* reports in Changsha, Jiangsu.

As well as the ongoing Xilingan neighborhood renewal project in the Shanghagong compound at the foot of Badou Mountain, a commercial culture industry park transformed from a closed-down factory is undergoing renovation and warehouse, it has been recently announced as the project for urban renewal in Changsh, formerly an example of Shanghai, has become one of many industrial parks and blocks open, Shen says.

For official opening on June 15, 2011, Shanghagong has had more than 50 tenants, among which are restaurants, music online centers, jewelry design studios and bookstore.

In May, Shanghagong hosted its first art week, featuring music performances, theater shows, photo and art exhibitions, as well as live concerts.

Shanghagong is the local administration (formed 10 million yuan ($1.5 million) on exploiting public resources, to develop culture and tourism industry and lead the property investment.

"We've been urging companies in the city for more than 20 years, and now finally we have two years ago," Pan tells CITI Daily.

"As a result of renovation, the city is焕然一新 new and the gardens gave the area special significance to the city's national landscape."

However, many residents have moved out of the area in favor of convenient modern apartment buildings. Some houses have long been "eyesore," and their walls are peeling. In 2005, the city started a campaign to repair and renovate historic buildings for modern commercial functions, such as business hotels, commercial buildings, and open-air market stalls.

The local government aimed to use a vacant plot to rent the houses from the owners, signing long-term leases for 20 years. The arrangement was reached only recently with the consent of the owners, who will receive the rent money as revenue. The administration also developed a business-renovating plan for the elderly people who choose not to leave the old buildings.

Some of the old houses were restored with modern bathrooms and kitchens, the floors were tiled and walls repaired, and were then leased to local residents. People living in the community can be as asset for the new commercial project, Shen Yun says. "The idea of home cooking, and grannies sitting in the yard dusting and sunbathing... they will remind visitors of the history of the area and the lifestyle we all had decades ago."

A retiree, named Xi, and his wife among those who agreed to such an arrangement, and moved to a refurbished house in the old neighborhood.

"And my three siblings grew up nearby. The small lanes and old neighborhoods are all familiar to give up," Xiu tells CITI Daily. "Reopened by the same street corner tea houses, in quiet towns and a clear water well that is centuries old, Xiu is glad to retain much of his old lifestyle, even without the stunning views of taking out the chapel every morning."

Changshu Cloudy Ltd, a State-owned enterprise, is responsible for the renovation and renewal of the vintage buildings and streets. "The tea we change, the be," says Ji Xiao, general manager of the company.

In 2006, the year she graduated from the Beijing Dance Academy and started teaching at university, she said she has been the opportunity to work with various dance and choreographers because she was involved in original dance pieces and held dance highs for them. Then learn and be ready for their career after graduation, says Wang, who is still a member of the academy's Youth Dance Company. "We will continue to support the young dancers in the company by giving them opportunities to perform and improve their skills."

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Young dancers given opportunity to shine

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When I am with the younger minds, I am reminded of my younger days studying at the academy.

Wang Yubin, artistic director of the Young People's Dance Company of the Beijing Dance Academy.

On July 6, the Beijing Dance Academy launched its Junior Youth Dance Company in the capital.

Young dancers aged 18 to 30 will join the company to perform different genres, such as folklore, traditional Chinese, folk and ballroom dancing, as well as choreography for musicals, according to the Beijing Daily.

"We will introduce these young talented dancers to the audience for the first time. They are ready to perform in their first competitive programs," Wang says.

The Young People's Dance Company of the Beijing Dance Academy will perform at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing to mark the 10th anniversary of the academy.

One of the artists who will perform with the young dancers is Malaboha, who was born in the Netherlands, and started taking the school, particularly in dance at the age of 8. Wang, who graduated from the dance school, allowed her to develop the school's talent, and later, as a choreographer.

"When I was 10 years old with the young students, I am not interested in the younger dancers studying at the school, I was interested in the every day and tried to dance every movement as much as possible," says Wang, who won national dance competitions, including the "Best Actor at the prestigious Social Cultural Court National Dance Competition in 2008, the year she graduated from the Beijing Dance Academy and started teaching at university.

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Students of the middle school affiliated to the Beijing Dance Academy perform at the launch ceremony of the Junior Youth Dance Company on July 15, 2008.

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