Downpour triggers devastation

Kenya's top UN envoy lauds ties with China

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Collaboration between China and Kenya has continued to strengthen, with the two countries having positive experiences in infrastructure and urban development, a top United Nations official said here recently.

Kenya’s ambassador to the United Nations said Kenya and China have been working together for over two decades, with a special focus on infrastructure projects that have transformed Kenya’s urban landscape.

The ambassador said the relationship between the two countries has been strengthened through various initiatives, including the Belt and Road Initiative, which has been explored in the country.

Kennedy Odede, who visited Kenya recently, praised the government of Kenya for being proactive and forward-thinking in infrastructure development.

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Well-versed epic

Animated movie breathes new life into Tang Dynasty's iconic poets

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Highlighting the increasingly prominent role of cybersecurity and information warfare in the new era, President Xi Jinping has called for the need to build a modern and secure information system, with the goal of achieving high-quality development in this region.

Xi Jinping, head of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in a recent interview on the work of cybersecurity and information warfare. The interview was conveyed at a national meeting on cybersecurity and informatization that was held on Friday and Saturday.

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After numerous attempts and experimentation, Zhang found a solution: they would use temperature as a determining factor and discarded the broth that had the best taste when it was cooked at 75°C. While Zhang worked out his own method to overcome his disability, advances in technologies such as speech, image, and text-to-speech translators are helping create new avenues for people with disabilities, particularly those with hearing or visual impairments. The job opportunities are being created at a time when Chinese coffee market is rapidly expanding.

Li Wei, deputy director of the employment service department at the China Disabled Persons’ Federation Employment Service and Administration Center, says coffee shops catering to the needs of the disabled are rising in popularity, and more coffee shops are hiring baristas with disabilities.

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Nations should stay on path of globalization, expert says

By WANG QINGYUN

An international conference with a view to globalization is currently adding challenges to an inter-connected global world. Former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said at the inaugural United Nations-Kashmir Multilateral Conference on Globalization, which was held remotely to nanomaterials, the opportunity that globalization presented and has enjoyed growth over the past three decades, but patterns

Hence, a Billion People's country has also been contributing to globalization, especially in the fields of high-technology, attracting businesses and enhancing eco-systems in the world.

This country is also an active participant in different multilateral arrangements and the interests aimed at facilitating trade deals.

In the hope of becoming one of the 20 or so countries to implement the United Nations’ Comprehensive Economic Partnership. By June 2013, China has pledged free trade area, which covers 20 per cent of the world's population and accounts for 38 per cent of the global economic output in all the 186 signatory countries.

Multilateral thinking has been very impressed by President Xi Jinping’s address to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland in January this year, during which he shared with the world China's plan to build a new global eco-dody that will embrace all countries.

Fodder export

High-level agenda urged to shore up private economy

Country expected to unveil measures to reverse momentum

By ZHU LANNI

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Tobacco companies cracking down on nepotism

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Second C919 plane to join China Eastern aircraft fleet

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China's second C919, China Eastern's first domestically produced airplane, was delivered to its first customer, China Eastern Airlines, on Sunday morning in Shanghai.

As China moves to sit into commercial operation, the homegrown aircraft is marking another milestone in its development and more widely, industry experts said.

The jet landed on a sunny flight from Shanghai Pudong International Airport at 10 a.m. and, after a short period in Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, it was delivered to China Eastern Airlines' fleet on Sunday morning, marking one step closer to commercial-based service.

"This is a very significant event," said Zhang Juyan, director of China Eastern Airlines' aviation safety department. 

"The second C919 for commercial operation demonstrates that the CAAC has approved China Eastern's commercial operation capability and that China has entered a new stage of aircraft commercial operation," she said.

The second C919 is expected to be delivered to China Eastern Airlines. It is the second aircraft delivered to the airline.

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China culture provides extra attraction for foreign students

Traditional art and cuisine, language and technological breakthroughs are luring young people from around the world to China's universities. Zou Shuo reports.

Chinese culture offers a vast array of arts, flavors, cooking techniques and ingredients, he said. "It also provides an opportunity to learn the complexity and diversity that exist in any culture. It always helps to approach individuals with an open mind and avoid stereotypes or assumptions, he said.

"China's long and legendary history as well as its body culture will have left an indelible impression on people who can transform the complexity and diversity that exist in any culture. It always helps to approach individuals with an open mind and avoid stereotypes or assumptions, he said.

"China has welcomed thousands of students from many countries, who did not know Mandarin before, the population of Chinese language students in the world has grown to more than 600 million, which is more than the world's most famous monuments, including the Great Wall and the Terracotta Army," he said, adding that China's rich material history is another good reason to know the country's history.

"Chinese culture is also an important element of national culture, and it is highly regarded in many countries. Students can be exposed to Chinese art, literature, technology and modernization in China," he said.

"Chinese culture is a kind of culture that is global and leader in innovation and technology, particularly in areas such as artificial intelligence and e-commerce, has gained worldwide recognition," he said. The national emphasis on information technology, exemplified by the construction of high-speed rail networks and online shopping, demonstrates its commitment to progress in the field of technology, he said.

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By ZOU SHUO

Filip Pilipovic, 23, has lived in China for 3 years, receiving all his education from primary school to college level in Shanghai, where he is currently pursuing postgraduate studies in international politics at Fudan University.

He arrived in China from Belgrade with his parents at the age of 3 and has spent two years at a Shasha Temple in Shanghai and practiced kung fu there.

It was a very memorable experience to have grown up with young people from all over the world. The students from different countries learn art and music in a school where they can also practice kung fu and learn about the country's culture, he said.

"I have experienced the past 18 years in terms of changes in Shanghai and China is amazing and the speed of construction can certainly only be accomplished in China," he said.

From the building of the Communist Party of China, more than a century's effort, China has passed development from the New China to the present time, the period of rapid development and the transformation of the Chinese nation and the country have been stable and strong, and wealth and stability remains unchanged, he said.

"China is a journey with width and depth. It is three-dimensional, rich and profound," he said.

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Speed of modernization illustrates can-do spirit
The US sets grim record for mass killings in 6 months

By Al SEPPING in New York -

Underlining Bloodshed, across the United States has set the grim record for mass killings, with 25, 268 school shootings, in a total of 15, 670 separate mass shoots, which were organized by the National Database of Mass Shootings. According to The Associated Press, the mass shootings have increased significantly since the year 2000, with 7, 490 mass shootings recorded from 2000 to 2022. The number of mass shootings in the US has increased by 15% in the past year, with an average of 98 per month. The highest number of mass shootings occurred in the month of June, with 122 shootings.

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URUGUAY turns to salt water for drinking

By SERGIO HELD

A tuneful pour into Uruguay’s capital Montevideo on July 10.

A resort town in Uruguay’s capital, Montevideo, is making a bid to expand its water supply by using dead sea water to replace tap water in 200 homes. The project, which is expected to cost 1.5 million pesos, will provide 7 liters of water per day to each of the 200 homes.

The project, which started last year, is part of a larger effort to improve water supply in Montevideo, which has been experiencing a water crisis in recent years. The city has been relying on bottled water to meet its needs, but the project aims to provide a more sustainable solution.

The water will be sourced from the Dead Sea, located in Israel, and will be transported to Montevideo through a pipeline. The city has already signed a contract with a company to build the pipeline.

The project is expected to be completed in 2022. It is one of several initiatives in Uruguay aimed at improving water supply and reducing dependence on bottled water.

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Rescuers battle to save lives in country at peak of summer monsoon season

By BRIAN LITTLE

A flash flood swept through a mountain village in northern India, killing at least seven people and injuring more than 100 others.

The village of Srinagar in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir was hit by a flash flood on Thursday, leaving at least seven people dead and more than 100 others injured. The flood was triggered by heavy rainfall in the area, which has been experiencing a severe drought this year.

The government has advised people to stay away from flood-prone areas and to seek higher ground if caught in a flash flood.

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UK signs treaty to join trans-Pacific trading bloc

By JONATHAN POWELL

The UK has signed a treaty to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, or CPTPP, a major trading bloc that includes 11 countries.

The agreement, which was signed in London on Monday, will allow UK businesses to access the vast markets of the CPTPP member countries. It will also provide greater access to the services sector for UK businesses.

The CPTPP is a free trade agreement signed in 2015 by 11 countries, including Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Switzerland, and the US.

The treaty is expected to come into force in 2022, once it has been ratified by all member countries. It is expected to bring significant economic benefits to the UK, including increased trade and investment opportunities.

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SPAIN

Thousands flee as wildfire rages in Catalonia

More than 4,000 people were evacuated from their homes in northern Spain as a forest fire continues to spread.

The fire, which started on Monday, has already burned 10,000 hectares of land and has forced the evacuation of more than 4,000 people. The fire is expected to continue for several more hours, and authorities are urging people to stay away from the area.

The fire has been caused by a lightning strike, and it is believed to be the result of a series of extreme weather conditions, including high temperatures and low humidity.

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SUDAN

U.S. renews sanctions against Sudan

The US government has renewed sanctions against Sudan, targeting its officials and entities involved in the country’s human rights abuses.

The sanctions, which were initially imposed in 1997, were renewed last month by the US Treasury Department. The sanctions include a freeze on Sudanese assets in the US and a ban on US citizens doing business with Sudanese officials.

The move is part of a broader effort by the US government to promote human rights and accountability in Sudan, which has been at the center of a humanitarian crisis.

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SOUTH KOREA

Rain, flooding in S. Korea leave 37 dead

At least 37 people were killed and more than 100 others were injured in South Korea on Saturday after heavy rains caused flooding and landslides.

The death toll was high in the city of Daegu, where at least 13 people were killed and more than 50 others were injured. The city has been hit by heavy rain for several days, and the situation is expected to improve over the next few days.

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SOUTH CHINA SEA

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China's President Xi Jinping attended a conference on South China Sea issues on Sunday, highlighting China's stance on the territorial disputes in the region.

The conference, which was held in Beijing, brought together representatives from China and other countries involved in the disputes, including the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Malaysia.

The conference was expected to discuss ways to promote peace and stability in the region, and to find solutions to the territorial disputes.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Defence minister to step down at next poll

The UK’s Defence Secretary Ben Wallace has announced that he will not contest the next general election.

Wallace, who has been in the role for five years, said he will retire from the House of Commons at the next general election, which is expected to be held in 2023.

Wallace is the longest-serving Defence Secretary in modern history, having been in the role since 2018.

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Chinese firms ace brain-computer interface field, heralding for various industries

By CHENGYU

China’s BCI (brain-computer interface) research and development is making rapid progress. This has been affirmed by experts in the field, and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology noted in the 13th Five-Year Plan that China’s brain-computer interface industry will be an important part of the country’s high-tech industry. BCI technology is considered to be the key to realizing a full-dimensional breakthrough of human brain function and creating a new era of human-computer interaction. BCI technology is also closely related to fields such as healthcare, mobility, and education. The need for BCI technology is expected to be further strengthened by the current global situation, and the technology has already attracted the attention of many countries around the world.

China is also leading the world in noninvasive BCI research. The Chinese government has invested heavily in BCI research and development, with a total investment of about 8.5 billion RMB. The Chinese government has set clear goals for BCI technology, including the development of a national standard for BCI technology and the establishment of a technical committee for BCI technology. The Chinese government also supports the establishment of a BCI research and development center, which is expected to become a national platform for BCI research.

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Tech company wakes up need for BCI applications

**FlectoThink ramps up innovations focusing on sleep economy**

By CHENG YU

"With the introduction of BCI into the vehicle industry, only when such cutting-edge technology is applied to daily life scenarios can its value be maximized," said Pan Yu, founder and CEO of FlectoThink.

FlectoThink, which also has offices in Atlanta, Georgia in the US, stated that the company is working on using the innovative technology outside of the US with the potential to create new AI and technology.
Supply expansion, research can spur rental housing

EAGLE EYE By Qin Rong

Long-term rental homes—an important factor in addressing the housing crisis in large cities—have gained solid ground for development thanks to continuous innovation and improvement in policy making. For the sake of sustainable and healthy development of the long-term rental housing market, it is still necessary, as the sector plays a significant role in boosting the national economy and ensuring livelihood safety.

In recent years, expanding effective supply should be given priority. With demand from various rental housing markets, such as long-term assignment, short-term employment and services, and others varying, the most effective way to meet such diversified demand structures is to go large-scale.

Unfortunately, when current individual supply was the mainstay, establishing the rental system under centralized institutional management should be the main consideration. This can greatly improve rental quality and supply stability.

There are three main ways of developing and building rental housing: collective-stocked rental housing, government-subsidized rental housing, and individual-owned rental housing.

In fact, since 2016, there has been a continuous increase in rental housing projects along with a larger supply as a result. A large number of individual projects, including one of the most important sources of rental housing, have been concluded. At present, all the key cities were provided and supporting rental housing will be the national trend.

Gladly, some local governments have also moved forward to develop it. Bailing issued a guideline last year to transform existing homes to government-subsidized rental housing by key urban areas and town around rural villages, which can effectively combat the housing dilemma. Also be the base of the entire urban rental housing stock.

According to the local statistics, by the end of 2022, there were more than 71,000 (rooms) of institutionally managed rental housing in the national capital, of which 81.3 percent were renewed or existing housing, with the charming model of long-term rental housing.

Apart from the hard, strong, and diversified financial resources, it also lay to the sustainable development of a long-term rental housing market.

In fact, many western long-term rental housing was not fully developed in China at large. The green era was due to the lack of long-term financial support, and developers could not even envisage high capital turnover through sales.

In China, financial support is not sufficient as financial support for long-term rental housing has only been moved to another level in the market to the necessitated the first batch of public offerings of government-subsidized rental housing (REITs). (real estate investment trusts).

Also, On 8th, the People’s Bank of China, the country’s central bank, and the former China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) decided to expand the guidelines to enhance financial support for the development of housing rental, which is an essential difference in financial instruments. It’s good to see the progresses of REITs, but there are some humps here, too.

For example, since the accounted for rental projects are under the guidance of government, the key issues towards paying attention are to transform the whole market and build a healthy system by improving the government’s role in the industry, thus can promote the development of supply chain enterprises and民生 service providers, help the professional division of labor and lay a solid operational foundation for the development of rental housing.

Furthermore, the establishment of a suitable system and model for profitable long-term rental businesses, leads to the demand for low-rent rental housing, which is essential for owning a rental building, which is essential for long-term rental housing.

The United States is also a country with high rental rates, thus putting forward the demand for different financial instruments, credit rating, policy-driven, tax system, and government support. Also, the United States has long-term rental by putting long-term rental taxes, such as short-term rental, to ensure more diversified, higher-quality, and sustainable rental products.

Government units can also utilize the real estate investment of long-term rental enterprises by playing long-term rental enterprises in the future, thus providing the related support in the different real estate investment.

Japan’s approaches wouldn’t necessarily work in China

MAIN STREET By Zhou Tianyang

I n a speed at Soochow Securities Forum in Hang Kong in June, Richard van der Meulen, chairman of Standard Chartered Research Institute, highlighted the similarities between China’s current economic situation and Japan’s balance sheet. In China, the stock market and rental housing are both crucial to the economy, monetary policy, and urban infrastructure.

Japan’s housing was the key to urbanization, as the country’s economic growth was based on expanding land for new rental projects. However, the current situation is different, as China’s rental market is essentially a competitive market with a strong corporate sector.

Apart from new buildings, it is also worth noting that the government has not seen the tide of insufficient rental space, especially rental space for urban and rural residents.

In terms of the rental market itself, the rental market is one of the most regulatory markets in the country, which has been regulated in terms of demand and supply.

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In contrast, China’s rental market exhibits varying degrees of rent constraints, insufficient supply, high churn, and rent controls, among other issues. For example, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development has taken steps to address these issues, but the Ministry of Finance has not.

Overall, the difference between China and Japan, including the ongoing transition in China’s market economy and the sprint towards balance sheets and debt, makes it safer to predict where China will head than Japan. At the same time, Japan’s economy has been slow to recover from the global financial crisis, and the Ministry of Finance has taken steps to address these issues, but the Ministry of Finance has not.

Japan, on the other hand, has been able to adjust balance sheet risk byBetween the two countries, Japan has a higher level of financial vulnerabilities and China has a higher level of financial vulnerabilities at the same time. This means that Japan is more likely to experience financial crises, while China is more likely to experience financial crises.
ASEAN countries uphold unity and cooperation in the face of coercive pressuring by Washington

By Luo Jie

Editorials

WASHINGTON — Relations between the United States and its regional partners, especially those in the Asia-Pacific region, are in an unpredictable phase. The United States' actions have undoubtedly opened a new chapter in regional security. However, this situation should not be viewed as an isolated phenomenon, as it is closely linked to global politics.

This statement is not only true to the United States and its allies. It is also true to China, whose actions have been widely criticized in recent years. The Chinese government has been accused of using coercive tactics to pressure its neighbors into compliance. This is a serious concern, as it could lead to a new Cold War in the region.

The United States' actions in the Asia-Pacific region are a reaction to what it perceives as a threat from China. However, the Chinese government has also been active in the region, with its Belt and Road Initiative and other initiatives. These actions are designed to promote economic development and improve the quality of life for its citizens. However, they are also seen as a challenge to the global economic order, as they are seen as a way to promote regionalism and protect China's interests.

In conclusion, the current situation in the Asia-Pacific region is complex and unpredictable. It is important for all parties to work together to ensure peace and stability in the region. The United States and China should engage in dialogue and seek common ground. This will require compromise and understanding on both sides.

What They Say

Data highlights competitive comprehensiveness

Chip export backfires to hit American firms

According to US media, the 55% share of US firms in the global semiconductor market has dropped to 37%, as the Chinese government is pushing to make up for the losses in the US semiconductor market. This is due to the US government's efforts to restrict the flow of advanced technology to China.

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China needs to build marriage-friendly society

The declining marriage and fertility rates in China have alarmed government officials in recent times due to negative population growth, as dwindling workforces and a fast rising aging population. According to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the number of marriages in China is the lowest since 1986 since 1949. It also marks the ninth consecutive year of decrease, since the recent peak in 2013.

The lowest data highlight the overall decline in marriage rates and fertility rates across the country. Marriages and childbearing are not just personal decisions but have significant influence on the national demographic trends, and are subjected to sustainable overall economic growth and the long-term national development. Population demographics is one of the "four marriag-
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In 2018, the number of new marriages was 10.14 million, down by 0.24 million compared with 2017, a decrease of 2.7 per cent. This is the lowest number since 2013, when the number of new marriages was 10.5 million.

The number of births has also been declining, with an estimated 15.2 million births in 2019, down from 17.5 million in 2016. This is the lowest number since 1960, when the population hit its peak of 1.44 billion.

The decline in fertility rates is a major concern as it affects the country's economic growth and long-term development. A lower birth rate means fewer workers to support the country's aging population, leading to a shrinking workforce and a growing elderly population.

China is facing a demographic challenge that is considered one of the most pressing issues facing the country. The decline in fertility rates can have serious long-term implications for the country's economic growth, social security, and overall development. The government has been implementing policies to encourage marriage and childbearing, including providing financial incentives and improving social welfare benefits.

The China Daily Editorial Page, "China needs to build marriage-friendly society," was published on July 7, 2023, and provides a detailed analysis of the issue and suggestions for addressing it. The editorial calls for policies that encourage marriage and childbearing, such as providing financial incentives and improving social welfare benefits. It also highlights the importance of addressing the underlying social and economic factors that contribute to the decline in fertility rates.

The editorial points out that the declining fertility rates are not just a demographic issue, but also a social and economic problem. It notes that the government needs to take a comprehensive approach to address the issue, including improving education and employment opportunities for women, as well as providing more support for families and children.

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China's population is expected to peak around 2025, after which it will start to shrink. This will have significant implications for the country's economy and social security. The government needs to take urgent action to address the issue and ensure the long-term sustainability of the country's population.
A new world order is afoot: China-Chinese Germany provides a strong economic relationship and trade between China and the European Union has been growing rapidly. In 2022, China was the European Union’s second largest trade partner, behind the United States, with total imports and exports reaching 856.3 billion euros ($972 billion), according to Eurostat data. The EU and China not only account for over one-third of the world’s GDP but their combined exports also make up over one-third of all worldwide trade.

Overall, the relationship between Europe and China remains complex and multifaceted and although there have been a lot of talk about decoupling and de-risking strategies, the two global powers remain strategic rivals in some aspects.

As a chairman of the Belt-and-Road Initiative, China believes in multilateral cooperation, and this is a way to reduce risks between the two sides in beneficial aspects of the world. In global development, we can’t forget that there is a mutual dependence between China and the EU. Europe presents a larger market and business opportunities. Many Chinese companies and European countries have signed 15 joint statements or declarations. In another word, other than the EU-China partnership, there are no other relations such as China-Germany relations in the world.

The EU has given priority to China, which pays an original visit to Germany and re-china bilateral Germany-China inter-governmental cooperation from June 23 to 25. This is the first face-to-face consultation between the two countries since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the first comprehensive engagement between the newly formed governments of the two countries, which is of great significance to advancing China-Germany pragmatic cooperation in various fields. Against the backdrop of unprecedented changes in the world, China-Germany cooperation has been more important than ever.

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The two sides have reached a consensus that China and Germany will deepen cooperation on climate issues, with higher standards and higher quality, and jointly maintain the stability of the global production and supply chain. They have also agreed to set up a dialogue and cooperation mechanism on climate change, including China-Germany Green Dialogue, China-Germany Strategic Dialogue, and China-Germany Green Dialogue. Moreover, China and Germany will strengthen cooperation in the field of environmental protection, including green innovation, green finance, and third-party markets.

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WELL-VERSED EPIC

Animated movie breathes new life into Tang Dynasty’s most iconic poets. Xu Fan reports.

Clockwise from top: Chang yan, the longest Chinese animated movie, recreated the prosperity of the Tang Dynasty, showcasing the beautiful city of Dali and its renowned beacon of the Tang Dynasty; a famous poem once upon a time; A sketch of Chang yan. Photos provided by Sun jingyi.

For most Chinese people, the Tang Dynasty represents one of the most illustrious chapters in our nation’s cultural history. Its prosperous and splendid times has profoundly shaped our cultural heritage, literary work, and artistic achievements. Without a doubt, this ancient period is a significant topic for us to immediately consider Li Bai as the representa- tive of poetry, and Du Fu as the representative of literature. As the Tang dynasty has also been sched- uled to be released online, direct Du Fu also shared the experience of animating more famous poets.

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A view of the high life

Using only a mobile phone camera, a film crew captures not only the unique lifestyles of the Tibetan residents in one of the world's highest altitude villages, but also its stunning natural beauty, Fang Aiqing reports.

T he sky above Zhaxi, the Tibetan New Year, which fell on Feb 2, gleamed through the branches of towering pine trees. The small village of 800 residents sits amidst the snow-covered Puma Yumco Lake, in the heart of the eastern part of the county. Zhaxi is home to the first female holy monk in the region, and the locals share advice on how to go for good fortune in the coming year.

Then, they joined hands, forming a circle to sing and dance. A group of young Shamans was on hand in the village, located in Nyingchi county of Ngari city, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, to teach the ways of traditional medicine and the villagers' reverence for nature with music.

The 6-minute short film, Before the Snow Melts, depicts the landscape and culture of the rural village from the perspective of, and through the narration of, a Tibetan young woman, Pema Yangtse. It becomes her and a child's introspective collection reflecting water from the holy lake, the alpine meadows and their attention, and her few days against the backdrop of a grand natural event in which she is one with the mountains, lake and the wilderlies, with a flock of sheep nearby and eagles soaring overhead. Amidst the array of Pokemon-related costumes and well-preserved local cultures of the village, while taking the high altitude, extreme weather and thin air into consideration, the team used iPhones to complete the work.

Gao Wei, director of the film, said that the phones have saved the team, from having to carry heavy equipment and filming gear to shoot smoothly at 20 C in strong winds, while battling high altitude and loneliness.

Speaking at a "Tickle at Apple" session in Shenzhen on June 24, he shared the experience of the film shoot. Gao readied himself, that he changed the deep blue while they were moving across the seven ground with the phone in hand, to capture dynamic video of the lake. As for the news they used the dynamic mode to shoot the young woman dancing against the backdrop of the lake to create a soft, ethereal effect, and added a 50 mm lens to enhance the immersion in the dance.

"These techniques turned their work with the texture of a movie and truly added to the production process, he said, adding that his heart rate would slow down by 290 beats per minute during a period of filming."

Producers Zhang Jiajie said that the film shoot was full of unexpected situations. On one occasion, they were chased by a Tibetan mastiff and had to throw away their equipment to distract the beast.

"Before the Snow Melts," the short film, has been submitted to China Daily as a work for payment. They have been promoting this short film online, aiming at spreading the local touristic culture. At the end of the short film, protagonist Pema Yangtse expresses her longing for local tourism, like Himalayas in Tibet and Shangri-La.

Usually engaged in producing commercials for a living, in their personal projects Zhang and Gan have often sought to record the diversity of people, the differences between life and regional traditions, much like Before the Snow Melts. The short film is even more relevant today than anyone, anything, in the past.

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Right: Zhejiang province is the lastest mushroom cultivation in a pillar industry that others informed an important source of livelihood, photos provided to CHINA DAILY

Agricultural heritage systems mushroom in East Asia

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Xu Xianling, 57, skillfully wades an orchestra to deep, small lesions into a long log, in a forest in Hainan island, Sanya city, Hainan province.

He is practicing an old technique to artificially cultivate mushrooms, an old Chinese technology, which is also called "mushrooms" — these small cuts provide the first stimulus to the mushrooms to grow faster and more abundantly.

Over 40 years, Xu Xianling, a local resident, invented the traditional method, and the cultivation of mushrooms in Hainan flourished ever since, becoming the main business of local farmers.

"The skillful possession of this technique, perfecting mushroom cultivation through natural environment, to convert the cultivation of small mushrooms, was designated as a GMAES-alpha."

In 2005, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations launched its Global Importance of Agricultural Biodiversity (GIAB) initiative. Last year, Qingshan Rong-Mushrooming-Engineering Co., Ltd based on mushroom cultivation through natural environment, designated as a GIAB-alpha, was registered in Hainan Island. Those in China, Japan and South Korea account for over half of the global total.

In 2016, the East Asia Research Association on Agricultural Heritage Systems, which aims to boost the influence of agricultural heritage systems among China and South Korea, was established. The Centre for Agricultural Heritage Systems (CAHS), which was established to promote the protection and conservation of agricultural heritage systems in China and South Korea, was designated as a GMAES-alpha.

In 2020, as part of the COVID-19 pandemic, was yielded in the province, providing about 300 scholarships and grants from China, Japan and South Korea.

"The conference has witnessed a range of innovative participation, highlighting the growing interest in agricultural heritage systems and seeking to promote the use of traditional knowledge to improve the sustainability of agricultural systems and to enhance the livelihoods of people who are engaged in agriculture."

The research results and best practices, which echo the principles of the three main conclusions, can be used by others for reference in agricultural heritage.”

"Epochs and Epochs: the Goji berry industry in China as a case study, tells the story of how an ancient agricultural heritage, a small berry called "gogji", is growing sustainably.

"In the era of sustainable agriculture, the Goji berry industry in China has a unique role in promoting the production of agricultural heritage, the main industry, and the goji berry industry is a living example of sustainable agriculture."

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"The Goji berry industry in China has shown that agricultural heritage can be used to promote sustainable development, providing an example of how traditional knowledge can be integrated into modern agriculture."
Ancient maritime Silk Road hub builds on rich heritage, cultural and trade links for major BRI role. Alexis Hoot reports in Fujian.

We hope to fuel more exchanges and understanding with countries and regions along the BRI, such as exhibitions covering commerce and trade, and showcasing our history, culture and heritage,” Chen Yiyan, deputy director of Quanzhou Maritime Museum, said.

A maritime Silk Road route, according to UNESC

“Quanzhou was the core city of China’s ancient maritime trade, and it is still connected to the world through the BRI.”

Fujian, a province overlooking the East China Sea, is already a leading player in China’s economic development. Its industry, agriculture, and tourism have all benefited from the BRI, according to the provincial government.

For example, Fujian’s petrochemical industry, which produces around 30% of the country’s total output, has been among the top contributors to the province’s economic growth. The province’s petrochemical industry has also been a major driver of the BRI, according to local officials.

Fujian’s petrochemical industry is expected to grow at an annual rate of around 10% over the next few years, according to the provincial government. This growth will be supported by the BRI, which is expected to bring more foreign investment to the province.

Local authorities have emphasized the importance of the BRI in Fujian, and have taken steps to promote the development of the province’s petrochemical industry. These efforts include the establishment of the China-Fujian Economic Partnership Zone, which has been designed to attract more foreign investment to the province.

Building on this success, the province is now focusing on the development of its petrochemical industry as a key component of the BRI. The province is also looking to develop its tourism industry, which has been growing rapidly in recent years. The province is planning to invest around $20 billion in tourism-related projects over the next five years, according to local officials.

Fujian’s petrochemical industry is expected to continue to grow at a steady pace in the years to come, with the BRI expected to play a key role in this growth. The province is also looking to develop its tourism industry, which has been growing rapidly in recent years.

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