Sino-US ties at new ‘crossroads’

Two nations can explore the right way to coexist, work together to prosper, says Kissinger

By CAO JIESHENG

President Xi Jinping, who kicked off a new term on Thursday, visited the United States, marking the beginning of a new chapter in Sino-US relations. His latest trip comes with expectations of a potential shift in the previous China-US relationship amid a series of high-level official engagements between the two countries.

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President calls for bolstering farmland protection, quality

By XU WEI

President Xi Jinping underscored on Thursday the importance of bolstering the protection and quality of farmland and forestry, as part of broader efforts to beef up agricultural production and ensure China’s food security.

In his speech, Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, stressed the need to build up the nation’s potential for grain production through farmland protection and better agricultural technology during a meeting of the Central Commission for Financial and Economic Affairs.

Xi said those who are responsible for the commission, including officials at the provincial level, should lead the task of ensuring the nation’s food security. The commission’s work will be essential to realizing the management of farmland and forestry.

The meeting highlighted the government’s ongoing development and expansion of a farmland and forestry system as an important part of farmland protection and improvement.

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**Hope: School nurtures futures**

*By Emilia Y. Ayinnan*

The school day at Kungu Primary School is a race against time. The clock ticks away, urging students to complete their daily tasks as quickly as possible. Yet, despite the frenzied pace, there is a palpable sense of anticipation in the air. For many of these children, this is their first taste of structure, a stark contrast to the chaos of their daily lives. 

**Help on the way**

In Kungu Primary School, children from the troubled Eastleigh area of Nairobi, Kenya, are given a second chance at life. The school, with its green classrooms and spacious grounds, is a beacon of hope in a community that has seen more than its fair share of challenges. 

**Long way to go**

Despite the progress made over the last decade, there is still much work to be done. The school struggles to provide the basic necessities, from food and clothing to access to medical care. The children, who have never known a life without struggle, are determined to make the most of the opportunities presented to them.

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Brenda Achino, 60, said education is the key to a better future for her granddaughters. “I have no doubt that education will change their lives,” she said.

**Left:** A student raises her hand during a class at the Kungu Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya. **Right:** Students listen to their teacher during a class at the school. 

**Left:** Students wait to wash their teeth in clean water. **Right:** Pupils perform traditional dances during a break between classes.

**Students play during the morning break at the playground outside the school.**

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TOP NEWS

Shenzhou XVI crew completes first spacewalk

Astronauts fulfilled a host of tasks, including installing camera devices, during operation

By ZHAO JUN
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The Shenzhou XVI crew members completed their first spacewalk on Thursday, attending and interacting with ambitions outside the Tiangong space station, according to the China Manned Space Agency.

Mission commander Major General Jing Baoqiang and mission engineer Zhai Zhigang donned their eighth-hour spacesuit and returned to the Wentian module at 9:40 a.m., the agency said in a news release.

This was the 13th spacewalk carried out by Chinese astronauts.

Professor Guo Huihuan, the third member of the mission's science payload specialist, stayed inside the space station to provide support, the news release said.

During their spacewalk, Jing and Zhai held a total of 10 tasks, such as installing a special support frame for a space-based solar power system, checking the mechanical structure and unlocking and testing a space station module, as well as helping the crew to complete their spacewalk.

Jing, who is in his fourth spaceflight, is a veteran of 10 spacewalking tasks.

As of Thursday, Jing and his fellow crew members had completed 12 tasks and are in good condition. They will return to the space station, which is now inside five and a half orbits, to prepare to return to Earth in November.

In memory of Bruce Lee

By ZHAO JUN
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The celebration of Bruce Lee's 80th birth anniversary and the release of his new martial arts movie, "Like Father", have been taking place in the United States since Friday.

The celebration started at a special screening event held on Friday evening at the Chinese Culture Village, a cultural center and museum in Los Angeles, California. The event was attended by many Chinese and American movie stars, as well as martial artists who had worked with Lee in their own films.

Country's ODI to maintain upward trend

China's outbound direct investment (ODI) is projected to maintain an upward trend in the second half of 2023, following the growth of its private companies and enterprises, as well as the rapid expansion of top market openings and market access, according to a report by the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation.

"China's ODI is expected to expand in tandem with the global economy's growth, and as China's companies and enterprises have gradually expanded their presence in emerging markets," said a researcher at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation. "As China's ODI has become a conduit for the exchange of cultures, the cross-cultural exchanges have contributed to China's ODI, which has been recognized as a key factor driving the country's economic development."
Eyes-carousel coordination

By ZHANG YU

Courts in South China’s Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region are expected to strengthen judicial cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions in the three cities, local judicial authorities said on Thursday.

According to the zone’s three courts, which will collaborate on various CPR issues such as improving the quality of CPR trials, issues related to resources, information resource sharing and the development of judicial skills, the three courts have agreed to cooperatively develop a paperless legal community within the region.

Chairman of the Beijing-Haidian District People’s Court, Jin Tianhui, and Justice of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei regional court, also agreed to cooperate on pilot projects in the region, including digitizing all legal papers.

The signing ceremony was held in Beijing-Haidian District People’s Court on Thursday.

The initiative is expected to improve the judicial protection of intellectual property rights in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area in Beijing-Haidian District People’s Court.

There are already 37 courts in Beijing with jurisdiction over such cases involving intellectual property rights, including 14 grassroots courts.

By YANG JING

Claymore dance

WOMEN OF THE World Group plans to celebrate the beginning of the Torch Festival in Beijing, Jiangsu province, on Wednesday.

The Torch Festival, an annual festive event for non-profit organizations, will also be held in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou in Guangdong province to promote social advancement.

More nursery services needed, experts say

By WANG XIHAO

Experts and officials have highlighted the significance of stepping up affordable nursery care as a part of efforts to reduce the financial burden on parents raising children and address social issues.

According to experts, the nursery service is still lacking in China.

A 2022 survey by the Academy of Macroeconomic Research (AMR) under the National Development and Reform Commission said the country’s nursery capacity has been increasing, but the supply of nursery services and affordability remains stark.

Some experts have called for the objective of keeping 6 to 8 percent per capita in the next five years, which would require another 2.5 million nursery capacity.

China’s National Children’s Center, under the National Development and Reform Commission announced in December that 32 of the country’s provinces lack high-quality nursery staff members.

The center said that the development of nursery workers has lagged behind the pace of educational institutions for nursery schools or senior high schools, and the nursery service is lagging behind. 

Also, the center said that there are at least 700,000 nursery workers needed to fulfill the current demand.

The center urged the government to implement the national plan for kindergarten development and nursery care to provide more nursery services.

Universidade to help promote hydrogen fuel cell vehicles

By PAN JUN

To help promote hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, the Universidade of the Olympic Games in Beijing, the Universidade of the Beijing Olympic Board, the Universidade de São Paulo, and other universities are coordinating their efforts to introduce hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

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**Guidance greeted as stimulating for entrepreneurs**

By YU CAI in Beijing, and ZHAO ZHONGYU in Shanghai

China's latest guidance to drive the development of the private sector and support more private enterprises, allowing them to make key decisions and run their firms, has fuelled optimism among entrepreneurs and industry experts.

The Ministry of Commerce recently released two documents to drive the development of the private sector. Notably, the guidelines encourages entrepreneurs and companies—especially small and micro ones—to actively explore new businesses.

Jingfang, Fujian province, has managed to attract short-term capital through a steady improvement in the county's GDP. The private sector has developed strongly, contributing to its economic growth.

**Briefly**

Guangxi’s H1 trade surges 43% to $47b

By NIU JING in Nanning

Guangxi’s H1 total trade increased 43% year on year to $47 billion (US$34 billion) in the first half of the year, according to the region’s Customs, up 6 percentage points compared with the first half of 2021.

**Plans aim to drive Shanghai economy**

By ZHOU JIE in Shanghai

Shanghai’s two major plans to develop cross-border e-commerce and the roll-out of the3rd batch of fiscal policies to be rolled out this month will help drive the metropolis’ economy, experts said on Thursday.

The two main drivers of the cross-border e-commerce sector, industry leaders and industry experts, will meet on Thursday to discuss major issues in the industry, according to the Shanghai Commerce Bureau.

Meanwhile, according to the Ministry of Commerce’s 11th five-year plan for Shanghai's e-commerce industry—made in 2009, the total annual addition of more than 1 billion yuan ($14 million) in the first five years was 1 billion yuan ($14 million).

The total number of e-commerce platforms has more than doubled since 2009. The total sales of e-commerce platforms has increased by more than 1 billion yuan ($14 million) in the first five years was 1 billion yuan ($14 million).

**Rebound on corp debt quota easing**

Experts: PBOC, SAFE show ample policy reserves will safeguard RMB

By YU ZHOU in Beijing

The yuan rebounded on Thursday as a quota of corporate debt transactions, a measure designed to help China’s debt market have rebounded. Experts also said the yuan was able to keep its recent strength against the yen.

By ZHOU JIN in Beijing

During the conference on Thursday, Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology XU Xianmin highlighted the key role of small and medium-sized enterprises in boosting innovation, saying the ministry is making and taking measures to promote the private sector.

And the NDRC said as a recent news conference that it will continue to play a role in facilitating communication between private enterprises and the government.

Looking into the future, the NDRC said it will further enhance cross-border e-commerce, thoroughly examine and eliminate policy-making mistakes, and make demonstrate progress to build a stronger, more prosperous society.
Trade body: PV power to surge

Centralized and distributed plants see surging demand, surplus risks, profit challenges

By Li Jiaxing

Photovoltaic (PV) installations will surge in China this year, reinforcing clean energy's dominant role in the country's green transition, a trade body predicted on Thursday.

Wang Ruixin, honorary chairman of the China Photovoltaic Industry Association (CPIA), raised his projection for this year's newly installed capacity of solar power from 105 gigawatts to 300 gigawatts.

Wang predicted both centralized and distributed PV plants in the solar industry will grow in the second half. Both of such market peaks locate in the Gold Desert and other regions.

He noted that several uncertainties, like those over the integration of solar power into the grid, electricity distribution and integration of existing infrastructure, might pose challenges and make market prospects more complicated.

The report said the use of solar power in transportation and offshore solar power will increase faster.

Zhao Yanfeng, an analyst at PV consulting firm Fudan Consulting, said the solar industry's rapid growth may intensify competition, adding that surplus capacity appears likely and may push some companies "out of the game." The analyst said.

Yang Yaofei, deputy head of the electronic information committee of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, said the departments concerned are accelerating the pace of standardization for the stabilization of PV techniques.

These experts said will help promote healthy development of the PV industry, and also challenges like construction of low-quality VN facilities, and supply-demand imbalances.

The Chinese PV industry in the first half has been robust, according to data from the National Energy Administration, newly installed capacity reached 28.45 gigawatts in the first half, driving up newly installed reasonable power capacity to around 110 million kWh, which accounted for 77 percent of the country's new installations of all energy sources.

According to the NPA, newly installed capacity of solar power grew greatly, amounting to 46 percent year-on-year to 4.0576 billion kWh by the end of June. Total installed capacity of renewable energy surpassed 13.5 billion kWh.

Several PV leaders are anticipating that their first-half net profits will double the back of sustained growth in market demand and price drops of upstream silicon materials.

In recent, PV-focussed company Yingli Solar Technology Co Ltd booked the profit, with its net profit projected to soar at least tertium to a range of 100 million yuan (14.6 million US dollars) to 220 million yuan.

Major Chinese PV player Zhongwei Solar Co also revealed its half-year performance forecast, estimating a 304 percent to 349 percent year-on-year surge in net profit, which is expected to be between 56.8 million yuan and 64 million yuan.

Zhong Ruiwen, chairman of solar power company LONGi Green Energy Technology Co Ltd, said the company aims to double its share of PV modules to 8 GW and expand its share of silicon wafers to 100 GW this year, to capitalize on the booming demand for new PV installations.

Zhang Xia, a solar analyst at energy research provider BloombergNEF, said China's strengths are a comprehensive PV supply chain and significant own reductions, relative to the technological advancement, solidifying the country's leading role in the global supply chain. He said the number of monthly trillion solar installations is more than 70 percent of the global supply chain.

CPIA data showed that in the first half, export value of China's PV products surpassed 40 billion US dollars, 17 percent year-on-year. Longyuan solar silicon wafers and solar cells cost accounted for a large share of total exports.

"Rising orders from home and abroad have contributed to the profit growth," most of the downstream PV facility manufacturer, who also enjoyed a reduction in production costs due to declining silicon prices, however, material production increase in the upstream has had a "rough times," said Li Beiping, head of the China Institute for Studies in Energy Policy at Xian University.

Experts call for R&D investments in booming hair health sector

By Li Jiaxing

China's hair health sector requires greater investment in research and development to keep up rapidly and meet rising consumer demand, industry experts have said.

The average weekly expenditure on hair-related products and services is about 1,850 yuan (US$266) of which 1,710 yuan is used for hair care and the remainder is used for the treatment of hair diseases, an industry expert released earlier in the year for the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences showed.

The total market size of China's hair health sector is expected to hit 100 billion yuan by 2025, according to the China Hair Health Market Forecast Report.

The domestic market size of medical treatment industry alone is more than 20 billion yuan, growing in a compounded annual growth rate of 20 percent, a fourfold increase from five years ago, said a report from China's leading hair care conference, the National Hair Care Conference.

"Nowadays, it's not difficult to observe a trend that more and more young people are struggling with hair health problems, which has brought about huge market potential," said Zhang Jie, founder of Yongqi Medical Group, a Beijing-based hair-related health industry service provider.

However, a relevant diagnosis and treatment rate of hair disease has not been fully established to provide customers with efficient and scientific solutions, Zhang said.

"It usually doesn't take more than five minutes for the consultation process of my hair-loss issue at a public hospital's dermatology department, because general hospitals tend to have their limited medical resources to serve more troubled patients," said Tan Li, who has been suffering from hair loss for the past five years. "I still hope to benefit from public hospital's professional diagnosticians and treatment as well as better treatment environment as both a patient and consumer." said the young man.

The future of the hair health sector that emphasizes both clinical and laboratory diagnosis and treatment, as well as innovation in research on hair care.

By Zheng Xin

Three Gorges launches history-making wind farm off Fujian shores

According to a latest annual report released by the China Daily World Foreign Offshore Wind (CFOW), Out of the 50GW+ that was based planned to be built by 2050, some 50 percent (25GW) was off the China's Fujian province.

"China said to be the country most capable of meeting the annual installation capacity of 20GW+ in offshore wind and equivalent to about 25GW+ in terms of hard cash and reducing approximately 135GW+ of carbon emissions every year," said an anonymous source.

"Unlike other offshore wind sectors, this particular offshore segment is considered a key player in the development of world-class in China, as the country is seen as a driving force to develop renewable energy to combat fossil fuel emissions and promote wind power," said an anonymous source.

"Chinese dominance of the fast-growing wind power industry is expected to further grow, especially considering the existing wind power base, China has been the fastest country in the world to meet its carbon reduction goals." said an anonymous economist.

"The government views the offshore sector as a "sacred land," and the offshore wind power market is expected to achieve a cumulative installed capacity of 40GW+ by 2030, with a cumulative installed capacity of 90GW+ by 2050, and a market share of 53 percent market share.

Chinese wind power equipment experts have been growing rapidly, with the local offshore sector accounting for more than 80 percent of the entire offshore wind power market, adding 35 GW+ of wind power capacity and more than 15 GW+ of wind power capacity.

"China's current installed capacity of offshore wind power is 74GW, with the country's offshore wind power industry expected to become a 5G industry by 2030, with a market share of 53 percent market share.

"The offshore wind power industry in China is expected to become a top-tier player, with an installed capacity of 105GW+ in 2025, and 130GW+ in 2030." said some industry analysts.
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Powering a Paralympic dream

Support from container terminal helps Greek skier compete at highest levels

A custom sit-ski device donated by Piraeus Container Terminal, a Greece-based subsidiary of Chinese shipping giant COSCO Shipping, is helping skier George Sfaltos achieve his dream of competing in the Milan-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games. Until last year, the 40-year-old Greek skier was using an old, borrowed sit-ski, scheduling as he could not afford new equipment which would boost his chances of qualifying for the Games.

"Without it, I would not even be able to do the training I need... I feel a great honor and obligation to do my best," Sfaltos told Xinhua News Agency. Sfaltos competed in the Rio 2016 Paralympic Summer Games in swimming and last October he finished fourth in the men's Sitting Biathlon event during the World Para Swimming Championships.

Sfaltos also suffers from a car accident in 2009 that changed his life. Sfaltos and sports helped him to get out of the house and to feel like a valuable member of the community again. Sports also helped him to show that people from disability groups have much to offer, he said.

Sponsors play a vital role in a country like Greece, which has gone through an acute debt crisis in recent years. Resources are limited and donations from private companies make a big difference, according to athletes.

"PCT came and helped to make my dream come true, I would not be able to afford to participate in skiing events, because it is a very expensive sport," Sfaltos said.

The donation came about through the local NGO "Love Can for Life," which since 2005 has been helping people with mobility difficulties. Oikian, the president of the NGO, had spoken to the company about Sfaltos's case.

"They gave him so much hope... the PCT made it possible for him to achieve his dreams... The response was immediate," Oikian said.

Last year, in recognition of its accomplishments in corporate social responsibility, PCT became a certified member of CSR HELLENES — the leading Greek NGO promoting responsible entrepreneurship and corporate sustainability.

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Left: George Sfaltos trains with a donated custom sit-ski device on a ski slope in central Greece on Feb 19. Right: George Sfaltos (right) with his wife at a ski resort in central Greece on Feb 19. Photos by LENTOS PHOTOBOY / XINHUA

Left and center: George Sfaltos trains at a tissue center in Athens, Greece, on March 1. Right: George Sfaltos sets up his custom sit-ski device at home in Athens, Greece, on March 7. Below: George Sfaltos traverses a slope with his sit-ski equipment. Photos by LENTOS PHOTOBOY / XINHUA
Special bond develops after unusual encounter

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Russia warns against any ships traveling to Ukraine

BY REN QIN in Moscow

Reuters reported that any ships traveling to Ukraine's Black Sea ports would be at risk of possible military action after a likely ship carrying military cargo docked at a Black Sea port.

"Russia has decided that the security and naval security of the Black Sea is of public interest and crucial to national security, and therefore demands that all ships visiting the Black Sea should be inspected," said a press officer of the Russian Ministry of Defense.

According to the press officer, the Russian Ministry of Defense had obtained information that a naval vessel from a foreign country was planning to visit the Black Sea, which is a highly sensitive area in terms of national security.

The press officer emphasized that any ships entering the Black Sea would be subject to thorough inspection and monitoring by the Russian military, and that any ships found to be carrying weapons or military equipment would be denied entry.

The statement came amid rising tensions between Russia and Ukraine, with both countries beefing up their military forces in the region.

However, the Ukrainian side denied the reports, saying that there were no signs of any military vessels approaching the Black Sea.

A Ministry of Defense source told reporters that there was no indication of any foreign naval vessels in the Black Sea, and that the ministry had not received any requests for a naval entry.

The Ukrainian government had previously accused Russia of planning to build a naval base in the Black Sea, a claim that Moscow has consistently denied.

Russia has a long history of wanting to maintain control of the Black Sea, which is a key transit route for shipping and energy transport.

The Black Sea is also a strategic location for the Russian military, as it provides access to the Mediterranean Sea and the Caspian Sea.

The Russian side has not yet commented on the reports.

The Black Sea is one of the world's most strategic and disputed regions, and any increase in military tensions in the area could have significant implications for regional and international security.
Meeting with former United States secretary of state Henry Kissinger in Beijing on Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping said 52 years ago when the world was at a critical juncture, Chairman Mao Zedong and Kissinger himself had made a historic contribution to the normalization of China-US ties.

It was a Hong Kong people's movement decision that has not only benefited the two countries but also changed the world. It is a feat the world has seen in less than half a century of meaningful, profound interaction between two great nations, said the Chinese president.

Kissinger has visited China more than 40 times over the past half-century, playing a key role in the normalization of Sino-US relations. The Joe Biden administration should take a leaf out of his book.

Kissinger was in Beijing to coincide with an official visit to Beijing by Biden to talk climate envoy John Kerry earlier this month and Joe Biden administration officials to travel to China in a month following the visit of US Secretary of State Blinken. Such intercontinental high-profile visits are indicative of the two sides' resolve to strengthen the Sino-US comprehensive strategic relationship.

Measures for bigger, better, stronger private sector

The post-pandemic recovery of the economy in various stages as expected. Compared with the previous quarter, the economy saw a year-on-year growth rate of 3.5% in the second quarter this year, and only 0.4% in the second — while all the economies in the world are recovering. Although the government and society in various countries have been working hard to curb the pandemic, the results are not yet encouraging.

This is the key reason for the sudden growth of private enterprises. The private sector is widely expected to have stepped up for high-quality economic development and an indispensable business environment. It is a must. In this, the central authorities rolled out a flurry of measures on Wednesday to create a more positive environment for private enterprises.

These measures should bring confidence among the民企 and send a message to various private enterprises in the country that the authorities are positive and working hard to create a favorable environment for them to try again. All the measures, including improving the business environment, are meant to protect the rights and interests of private enterprises and foster a better business environment for a bigger, better, stronger, private sector.

Chinese American scientists victim of coercion

A study released by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences at the end of last month painted a picture of the American academic community. It analyzed an online survey conducted on behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the Chinese origin and research and academic work in the country.

The study found that 37% of the respondents were of Chinese origin but only 27% identified as Chinese American and 36% thought about leaving the United States for another country due to the Chinese government's political interference in the United States.

The NAS Asst. Secretary for China's Initiative launched in 2018 by the Department of Justice. The initiative, supposedly formalized the concerns of the Donald Trump administration about alleged "Chinese economic espionage" on the backdrop of the trade war, was wagging against China. As many, it primarily targets members of the Chinese diaspora, a notable feature of Chinese diaspora is for getting the alleged "economic espionage" on the backdrop of the trade war, was wagging against China. As many, it primarily targets academic and academic research centers.

This year, Japan, the largest recipient of Chinese students, announced that it will offer up to 16,000 scholarships to Chinese students. The UK, the second largest, offered up to 17,000 scholarships to Chinese students. The US, the third largest, offered up to 9,000 scholarships to Chinese students.

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COMMENT

Lloyd Chan

More policy stimulus can be expected

China's economy has slowed after the record-setting, robust rebound early this year. And policy makers will keep a close watch on recession risks ahead for this year. While the persisting real estate and property market slowdown will put pressure on the government's fiscal consolidation, China's policymakers will be keen to provide support for the economy in the coming months. So there is a good chance we will see some sustained support to the post-domestic growth, especially during the second quarter, down from 20 percent during the first three months of the year. So it's not surprising that the new round of policy stimulus started during the second quarter, this seemingly robust pace was matched by the Federal Reserve's move to reduce the rate hike by 0.5 percentage point after the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, hit the rate on July 20.

The establishment of a supportive policy system to encourage couples to have two or three children has become a social public policy requirement.

The plan would see the number of births increase, with those deciding to have two or three children would receive subsidies, financial aid and other forms of support. This is one of the major reasons for the proposal. But the government needs to be cautious about the potential side effects. It is not a guarantee that the proposal would lead to a baby boom. The rate of fertility will be determined by a number of factors including the economic situation and social stability. Therefore, the government needs to be aware of the risks and challenges, and make sure the proposal is implemented in a way that is beneficial to the society as a whole.

In the past few years, the Chinese government has been encouraging couples to have more children. This is because the country is facing an aging population, and the number of births is projected to peak in 2021 before declining to zero by 2050. The government needs to prepare for this demographic transition. And it needs to ensure that the country's economic growth is not disrupted by a decline in the workforce.
GLOBAL VIEWS

Editor's note: The world has undergone many changes and shifts in recent years. Emerging debates and scholars from China and elsewhere are working to build mutual understanding on many problems the world faces. For this purpose, the China Waltz Institute of China Daily and the National Institute for Global Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, jointly present this special column: The Global Strategies Dialogue, in which experts from China and abroad will offer insightful views, analyses and fresh perspectives on longer-term strategic issues of global importance.

ZHOU ZIHOU

Side by side

China offers examples of best practices that can help accelerate the development of African countries.

The coming years will be a key period for developing countries to accelerate industrialization and catch up with the developed world. China has made major progress in this regard. Africa is still at the initial stage of modernization and development and is facing a promising future. The two sides need to cooperate closely and mutually, and can learn from each other's civilization and form a community with a shared future for mankind in the new era.

China-Africa cooperation contributes to the building of a multipolar world, realizing a more equitable and fair international order, and helps shape a world where different civilizations coexist harmoniously.

History has proved that a single indigenous power system cannot break away from the old pattern of imbalance, power politics, division and confrontation. Today, emerging economies and developing countries are assuming a greater role in global governance. China and Africa are the continent with the most developing nations. The two sides joining hands will strengthen the world's development and accelerate the evolution toward a multipolar world.

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African solutions to African problems

Instead of taking sides in international geopolitical struggles, the continent is happy to collaborate with countries such as China that treat it as an equal partner.

African students are driving higher education in China. In 2016, there were over 80,000 African students in Chinese universities, and the numbers are growing at a rate of 20 percent a year. While pursuing their education in China, African students are building vibrant communities dedicated to a partnership between China and Africa. For example, the Tsinghua University Chinese Academy of Sciences (Tsinghua Science Park) currently has more than 3,000 African students. Many such African students are grateful for the Chinese government's efforts to attract them and others are eager to collaborate with all countries who choose to work with us as equal partners.

China is Africa's strongest supporter and others are welcome to support Africa's development on mutually beneficial terms. We simply don't have strategic, geopolitical, or economic interests in Africa, and we're not interested in Africa's growth. We're interested in Africa's development. We're interested in Africa's development. We're interested in Africa's development. We're interested in Africa's development. We're interested in Africa's development.

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Lush and expansive forests come into sharp relief against the presently unoccupied mountains looming over Litang County.

In the early 2000s, the nurseryman from the southwest province of Yunnan, 40s, "is a prima donna who forest ranger He Wu shuns to know as the back of his hand."

For more than 20 years, He, in his 40s, has contributed himself to the protection of the forest in Litang County that sits in the southwest of Sichuan basin, the home of the historical town of Litang, the capital of Sichuan's Nujiang prefecture.

He mostly wears a pair of silver-framed glasses and a casual collared coat, and his son's small and slanting eyes and the severe leather shoes are indicative of his outdoor life.

Every day, He spends three to five hours patrolling the forest area that has grown to over more than 1200 hectares under his watch since 2004, observing and recording plants and other ecological conditions.

He is not a person to be impressed, such as filing logging or a past thief. He led his team to improve immediately and report to the forest department to achieve the goal in the bed.

"During dry and windy periods, we have to keep a special eye out for fire hazards," He says.

Since 2006, the government authorities have started to set up reforestation and greening measures. He joined the force right after graduation from a college in the province where he studied forestry.

He has joined all major ecological construction projects that were aimed to preserve the natural forest and increase forest coverage.

"Seen from the air, the mountains are like a mountain-wearing glasses," he jokingly went down to do preventive forest protection ideas among the more than 60 villages in the ownership.

"Our forest zone is very big, with long roads running through it," He says.

The factories and forest are distributed in an interrelated way, so the supervision of forest affairs makes fire control in the forest tough, he adds.

Therefore, He has made a point of becoming more aware of the importance of fire safety to local villagers, who have become familiar with his regular visits and affectionately call him "Brodie the Fire".

"We have also mobilized WeChat groups to engage villagers and put up fire-prevention notices to ensure everyone is aware and involved in the cause," he says.

Related rules and punishment measures have also been laid out.

At the same time, He's authorities have arranged specific times for villagers to burn the residues of their fields, with He and others standing by to give advice and maintain a watchful eye throughout the process.

"By addressing their problems, it has helped endear forest protection work in local residents," He says.

To date, the forest coverage rate has been raised to 67 percent, compared to the 40 percent recorded at the beginning of the 1990s, according to local authorities.

More than 60 percent of the forest has been marked as a source of high-quality environmental subsidies and artificial afforestation has helped in creating a forest area of approximately 2,535 hectares, with the main tree species being Pinus yunnanensis, Pinus armandii, spruce, and fir.

It is a far cry from the past, when "local ecological conditions were relatively fragile when I first arrived," he says.

Back in the 1980s, several large-scale logging incidents happened, wreaking havoc on the forest. Worse still, the simple local agricultural produce and low yields forced local families to starve under the pressure of logging.

As a result, local people suffered from serious deforestation and the deteriorating ecological environment.

He, lining, beer, and local in Litang, says his childhood memories are marked by howling winds and barren mountains.

"The sound would be stirred upon the wind. Now and sometimes, and if we went there we were being blown away," says He Shunting, who has served in the forest protection work since the 1950s.

As He Wu and his team here persistently publicized the need for forest protection, local awareness has grown.

"Villagers have even developed their own awareness for forest preservation, and residents have taken the initiative to implement them, especially after using the accomplishments of He Wu and his team to protect the forest.

"Today, those who used to rely on the woods for their livelihood no longer engage in reckless logging," He Wu says.

"Instead, they actively participate in forest conservation efforts, and many people living in wooden houses will report to the forestry work station whenever they need even a single piece of wood," he adds.

Environmental improvement is evident, as indicated by the rising number of wild animals.

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Top left: Blooming potato flowers can be seen in Tai’an township, Yueling county, Yunnan province. Top right: A bird-eye view of Tai’s woods. The local forest abundant in edible mushrooms. Patrolling the forest is a daily routine for He Wu and his colleagues. The beeches the public can identify edible mushrooms during the patrol. Below: Tuling stew mountains can be spotted from alai during the forest patrol. Entire story at http://www.china-daily.com.cn

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LIVING IN NATURE’S POCKET

By ZHANG KUN in Shanghai

This year’s Music in the Summer Air (MISA) festival took place in the streets of Shanghai from July 9 to 15, performing classical music in public spaces, for free. Among the events were an Air Festival by Georg Philipp Telemann, to bring out the best in the city’s music.

"You are much closer to the audience than playing in a formal concert hall," says Yin Xiong, the director, who was a graduate of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. "This year we're inviting more people to come and enjoy the music."

Also, there are all kinds of concerts when you play in a public space, she says. At Xinglong Park, they played an adapted version of Orff’s "Carmina Burana," accompanied by the city’s chorus. "They made a piece of music and I had to play it on the saxophone. It was quite a special experience of the audience." Founded by the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra in 2010, MISA is a cross-medium music festival centered on classical music. The festival's first major shows (when scenes were required) took place from July 7 to 29, featuring 30 events at various locations in downtown Shanghai, including historical sites and landmark buildings.

The ultimate goal is to build at least 1,000 parks in Shanghai by 2025. Among the new public parks located in downtown Shanghai are some spaces that previously belonged to institutions. One such park is situated within the French-style historical building located at No. 67 Wuming Road in Xuhui District. The three-story garden with red walls and white walls is presently the office of the Shanghai Research Institute of Science. It previously served as the residence of senior officials of the Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank of France.

When the park opened, it was a pleasant, highly accessible and eco-friendly urban green space for residents. The park also includes an outdoor area designed by the landscape architects of the Paris-based Atelier Leon. It features a variety of green spaces, including a children’s playground, a basketball court, and a small garden with a fountain.

Located in the park is a small fountain, which is a popular attraction for both residents and visitors. The fountain is surrounded by a beautiful garden, providing a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere for people to enjoy.

Xuhui Park, located in the heart of the city, is a great example of the successful integration of public green spaces with urban life. The park provides a welcoming space for residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. It is a testament to the city’s commitment to creating green spaces that are accessible and enjoyable for everyone.
Fighting to understand the concept of beauty

Artistic endeavor transforms rural village into creative hub

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On July 11, the dance production made its mainlain debut at Beijing Tianyuan Performing Arts Cen- ter, while a digital version was used to stream the production during the sixth China Miilifang International Dance Festival held on July 11 and 12.

Joining in as chief director, artistic director of the Hong Kong Dance Company, Convery was positioned with an online screening in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced performing arts venues to cease operations.

“The Chinese martial arts have a long his- tory and they are iconic symbols of tradi- tional Chinese culture. Off the stage of Chinese martial arts, the Hong Kong Dance Company has explored southern Chinese art and have inspired many audiences,” Convery says.

He has since studied contemporary dance and joined Guanzhong Modern Dance Company, one of China's first profes- sional dance and performance companies. In 2002, he joined Hong Kong Dance Company and started working as its artistic director for three years.

“I first learned Chinese-style dance from Yu Yuen, the son of the Yu family, who was born and raised in Dali in Yunnan province. At 11, he came to Beijing to study dancing at the Beijing University of China. He later studied contemporary dance and joined Guanzhong Modern Dance Company, one of China's first professional dance and performance companies. In 2002, he joined Hong Kong Dance Company and started working as its artistic director for three years.

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