Young people inspired by Xi’s care, support

President’s letters, visits firm up students’ resolve to better serve nation’s development

By ZHOU MO in Beijing

For Chinese athletes Wu Yunchen, the opening ceremony of the Chengdu World University Games on Friday was an occasion to remem-
ber forever.
The 100-meter runner, who turns 26 on Friday, will partici-
pate in a parade at the ceremony, which will be attended by President Xi Jinping, and the thought of his presence on her birthday is “more than a dream come true.”
Wu’s attendance at the opening ceremony of the international mu-
tant event for university athletes is a symbol of the country’s inno-
vation and care for the young people’s needs, especially athletes, and is a postgraduate student at Beijing Sport University.
The president has held frequent exchanges with university students over the years, expressing his deep concern for them and offering encouragement to achieve those dreams.
Writing letters is one of Xi’s pro-
ferred ways of communicating with people from all walks of life, includ-
ing university students. In May, he replied to a letter from students at China Agricultural University in Beijing, encouraging them to continue to improve their academic and working performance.

Air power

Visitors admire a 1-2-meter statue of Xi Jinping on Wednesday at the Air Force Open House Activity and Beijing Air Show in Changping District. The one-day event, which ends on Sunday, is expected to attract nearly 700,000 visitors.

US should stop smearing and sanctioning Xinjiang

Propaganda and disinformation about Xinjiang, Xinjiang’s autonomous region, are spreading short of achieving their objectives, as the facts are revealing it—-not just by the people, but also in the minds of the masses.

The latest trade shows that Xinjiang’s commerce with foreign nations is growing progressively in the first half of this year, reaching 400.5 billion yuan (64.6 billion), up by more than 45 percent compared with the same period last year.
The data show that two months after the US之新疆, Xinjiang is seeking to become an important stop for the Belt and Road Initiative, the world’s largest cargo route.

Giant panda Yuan Meng arrives in Sichuan

The public is passionate about giant pandas here in France, and I believe it’s a global passion, so it’s truly an amazing event. The conservation of the species is of utmost importance to us.

Rodolphe Delord, president and CEO of the Four-Beauval Foundation

Chinese President Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday.

Desperate measures

Yuan Meng, the six-year-old male giant panda born in France, arrived at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in southwest China’s Sichuan province on Wednesday morning, the first trip by a panda to the country.

On Friday, several people had good

US could be the Beijing of the 21st century

In-depth

For some young people in China, scooters are not only a mode of transport, but also a fashion statement to express personality and a philosophy of living life to the fullest. They rent scooters and try to discover the fun of riding around in different cities and taking photos and videos to share their journey.

Local scooters are well-known in Sichuan province, with their distinctive design and style.

YOUTH'S FIND FREEDOM IN CUSTOMIZED SCOOTERS

From cute to retro, new generation expresses itself by personalizing two-wheelers

By ZHU MEILING

Internet company in Beijing, checked a checkerboard mask and the famous Monopoly with the miniaturization logo to decorate his own scooter.

She used black and white colors on most of the scooters, offset by a yellow floor mat and glove.

“IV is a typical retro style,” she said.

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The scooter cost about $418 (in RMB), and the modifications were about $350. This makes it a reasonable option for short-distance travel. I also enjoy the convenience of the scooter.

The manufacturer of the scooter, Zhejiang Baidu, also spent a lot of time and effort on the design of the scooter. The seat is made of leather and is very comfortable. The scooter also has a storage box at the front, which is perfect for carrying small items.

I am very satisfied with my scooter, and I would recommend it to others. However, I do have a few suggestions for improvement. First, I would like to see more options for the storage box, such as a lock or an additional compartment. Second, the scooter could benefit from better insulation to prevent the battery from overheating.

In summary, the scooter is a great option for short-distance travel, and I am very happy with my purchase. I would recommend it to others who are looking for a convenient and affordable mode of transportation.
Kim pays tribute to Chinese martyrs amid key anniversary

In his reply, Xi expressed his support for the 125th anniversary of the university, including Beijing Normal University, by reaffirming that China is committed to promoting the development of China and the peaceful resolution of disputes. He said:

“China is a big country and is determined to take the lead in promoting the development of China and the peaceful resolution of disputes. This is the main theme of this anniversary.”

Xi also lauded the university’s contributions to the cause of the Chinese Communist Party and added that the university has been a leader in the field of Chinese studies. He said:

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Campaign launched to properly run malls and places

By LIO WANGHUI

The Ministry of Civil Affairs will carry out a guide to the naming of places in villages, to correct bizarre and arcane names in an effort to promote rural revitalization.

By WANG XIANGDUO (deputy director of the ministry’s social affairs department), the campaign is necessary to provide solutions for places without names, multiple places that have the same name and places that have unusual names.

He made the remarks at a national conference on July 15.

Wang also said that the campaign will name natural places such as mountains, rivers, lakes, grasslands and small lands.

It will also name rural roads, streets and major agricultural infrastructure and places offering public services in villages.

The naming of facilities and locations should prevent the use of unusual names (strange names) such as foreign names and exotic names, he added.

According to the ministry, a lot of place names under protection will be abolished to better protect local culture and heritage. Place names with a long history, distinctive features and important historical values should be included in the list. Place names that should also be changed at this time.

Residents are encouraged to anthology of place names, such as village-level publications, delivery stations, postal offices and libraries, improving the naming convention of rural places.

Hong Kong book fair ends in success as attendance increases

By MIKE GU

Hong Kong book fair has ended in success as attendance increases.

A special Tibetan-style yak race is held during an annual horse race event in Yushu, Qinghai province on Tuesday. The four-day event showcases Yushu’s unique culture in sports, arts and other aspects.

By ZHAO ZHENZHAN in Beijing

An intelligent bullet train, part of the Xingyang series, rolled off the production line in Xingyang, Henan province, and will soon go all the way eastwards across Zhejiang province.

The bullet trains, specifically designed for the upcoming Asian Games, will provide a high-speed transportation network between Hangzhou, the main city of the games, and the five other cities of Yangzhou, Wuxi, Jiujiang, Shangrao and Nanchang in Zhejiang during the 19th Asian Games and Asian Para Games in September and October.

The eight-carriage train can carry up to 1,059 passengers and travel at a maximum speed of 350 kilometers per hour.

Wii and 5G network features are available on the train, and some carriages have intelligent interactive terminals that will provide travel information for passengers, wireless screen protection and various forms of entertainment such as music. Furthermore, the addition of 5G telecommunication means the speed of data transmission on the train will be over 60 times the transmission speed on other trains.

The bullet trains are also equipped with a variety of cameras, including 80-120 wide-angle rear-view cameras.

On 25 November, the Shanghai Museum held a press conference to announce the release of its 2021-2022 art exhibition schedule.

The museum will follow the theme of "Shanghai Art and Design: A Tale of Three Cities" and present a series of exhibitions, including "Shanghai: Artistic Modernity" and "Shanghai: Artistic Innovation.

The exhibition will feature over 100 works of art, including paintings, sculptures, and installations, showcasing the development of Shanghai’s art scene from the early 20th century to the present day.

The Shanghai Museum is one of China’s most prominent cultural institutions and is known for its extensive collection of Chinese art and history.

The exhibition is part of the museum’s ongoing efforts to promote cultural exchange and education and to foster a greater appreciation of Shanghai’s rich artistic heritage.

Exhibition activities set Universiade spirit

By WU ZHONGQI

In anticipation of the Chengdu 2021 World University Games set to continue on Friday, the campus of the "World most beautiful" Chengdu University welcomed 10,000 students for its art fair, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents and express their creativity.

The fair features a wide range of activities, including a poster-making contest, a painting exhibition, and a dance performance, among others.

The event is open to international students and local residents, promoting cultural exchange and fostering a sense of community among the student body.

The fair also serves as a platform for students to learn about each other’s cultures and gain new insights into the diverse world.

The World University Games is a major event that involves athletes from different countries, promoting peace, understanding, and unity.

The fair is expected to bring joy and inspiration to all those who attend, reflecting the spirit of the Universiade spirit.

By CHEN MEILING

A man died after he was accidentally shot while watching a game at a shooting club in Shanghai, China.

A local police station received a call about a shooting incident at an indoor shooting range in the city.

According to a notice released by the Shanghai police, the victim, a man surnamed Li, was shot in the chest and died on the spot.

The shooting occurred at around 9:30 a.m. on the same day.

An investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the incident.
AMUR TIGER
COMING IN FROM THE COLD

The big cats are expanding their territory in China every year.
Li Hongyang reports.

MEASURES TO PROTECT THE RARE CATS

Experts from China and Russia cooperate on research about surveys of the tiger population and jointly monitor data sharing, animal management and rescue.

PROTECTION
Rangers cleaned hunting traps and placed infrared cameras in forests to monitor the tiger population.

The national park management plants trees in the park to make it a favorable habitat for tigers and other animals.

FOREST

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Rise in forest stock (2008-23)

Sika deer

Wild boar

Rise deer

Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park

Typical vegetation and terrain in the region are shown.

Since the national park’s pilot program began in 2007, the animal population has risen and the park is seeing remarkable results.

COLLABORATION
Experts from China and Russia exchange information, visit China’s reserves, and attend Russian meetings.

Tiger population from 1920

The national park’s management works closely with Russia and the number of tigers has risen during the past 10 years.

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Europe faces nature’s wrath

Climate change concerns mount as heat, storms batter region

By JONATHAN POWER in Brussels

The fragility of climate change across all the intense heat waves gripped the continent last month was underlined on Thursday.

Researchers are drawing the deadly hot spells in areas, including Europe, could cause more significant and frequent mass outcrops of wild heat and cold.

European researchers in this era so far this year, on Monday, at 6.2°C exceeded.

While extremely strangled under the oppressive heat, most of the existing heat waves are closing down more than the deadly consequences accrued.

Mega-heat is recorded and the intensity of many extreme heat waves has been rising in the world.

Air quality in various regions of the Mediterranean, Africa, China, and Vietnam, were also hit hard.

Temperature in Greece has exceeded 40°C in the Athens region, and fire blazes are being reported to affect about 150,000 people in a month.

Three times reports showed that about 2,000 people were being recorded in the island of Crete, some 1.7 million kilometers away, while the Island of Greece is also reported to be an extreme risk of wildfires.

Raging wildfires in Greece have burned down to near a firefighting plane crash, killing two pilots.

A third fire was found dead as a result of heat waves killed.

Thousands of volcanoes have returned to the United Kingdom from the ISIS, and have also reported in the Island as eastern Turkey.

The IPC reported that the existing ones have closed down more than the deadly consequences accrued.

He also said climate change will “make it even more dangerous with far more powerful storms, and our existing systems will only increase.”

Firefighting planes from Turkey induced the fire to the faces of 200 people on Monday.

Fires are also occurring across Syria and Iraq’s Grand Canyon.

Researchers have described extreme heat as a “silent killer” taking a heavy toll on the population, and those with existing medical conditions.

Researchers published this month data and as such, over 6,000 people may have died in Europe’s sweltering heat around 38.8°C.

Russia raises age limit for military service up to 30

By REI QIN in Moscow

Having raised the age limit for military service to 30, Russia has expanded its options for military service.

This change is expected to make Russia more attractive to potential recruits, and may help to address the challenges faced by the country’s armed forces.

The move is also seen as a way to reduce the burden on the country’s already stretched budget.

Last year, Russia announced a plan to increase its military personnel and combat personnel by more than 30,000 people.

On Monday, the Duma passed the bill, which will raise the age limit from 25 to 30.

The bill, which was introduced in December, was aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the country’s armed forces.

The move is also seen as a way to reduce the burden on the country’s already stretched budget.

The official reason for the change was to make Russia more attractive to potential recruits.

Roadside tragedy

A court in Brussels has convicted eight people over a street explosion in March 2016 at the City’s’ Zaventem airport.

A bomb was exploded in a suitcase at the airport security, the day before the terrorist attack occurred.

The court found that the explosion was caused by a bomb that was planted in a suitcase that contained explosives.

The suspects were all charged with terrorism.

Psychological treatment

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Key suspects convicted in Brussels 2016 attack trial

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European residents and officials have been charged with terrorism.

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Fed rate hike to raise pressure on borrowers

By MIN HEE RHEE
in New York

The US Federal Reserve’s latest rate hike will put more pressure on bor-
rowers, many of whom are already stretched.

The central bank raised interest rates by a quarter percentage point, still deviated from market expectations.

The increase, the Fed’s 13th in the current cycle, is expected to lead to more

omit outsize in terms of economic activity, and inflation. The checks of

those effects remain uncertain. The outcomes may require timely

adjustments to inflation risks,” the rate-setting

Fed’s Open Market Committee (FOMC) said in its policy statement.

In a news conference after the release of the FOMC minutes, Fed Governor

Philipie Hafner said: “It’s ser-
iously possible that we would raise the federal funds rate again in the

second quarter, according to es-
motion polls reported by Reuters.

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CSRC: Capital market to spur development

Regulator says top leadership's guidance will boost investor confidence, reforms

By MA SHI

The US Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly backed legislation that would require US companies to disclose the existence of private companies controlled by them on the US stock market in the first half of this year, netting $700 million in revenue.

The legislation, introduced by Senators John Cornyn and John Thune, seeks to improve the financial reporting of Chinese companies operating in the US. It also seeks to enhance the transparency of the Chinese stock market.

The US Senate on Tuesday passed the bill, which is aimed at China, by a vote of 83-11, with 10 Republicans joining 73 Democrats in favor.

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Unilever to spend more on high-end laundry products in nation

By ZHOU WENGJIAN

Unilever company said it has strong confidence and determination in the China market, one of its biggest driving forces of growth, and it aims to make more investments in the luxury laundry products sector to meet increasingly high-end, diversified demand from consumers.

The Laudoroom, a high-end laundry brand founded in New York by two Swiss experts in 2006, entered the Chinese market in 2017 and was later acquired by Unilever in 2019. The company has witnessed strong demand and boosting business performance, exceeding expectations.

Earlier this year, the Laudoroom launched its Asia Innovation center in Tianjin, and the site has become one of Unilever’s study and development centers globally. The company plans to invest more in plant-based laundry products and those made with enzymes.

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With the domestic washing and cleaning industry developing rapidly, the filing speed of brands on domestic market is constantly improving—a total of 300,000 bottles of laundry products can be rolled off the line weekly. Typically, it takes more than two or three years from product to final identification of the product, the company said.

“China’s high-end consumer goods market is increasingly growing and many people have shown higher demand for premium products than other countries. We have cooperated with prominent universities such as Tsinghua University and other R&D centers to explore and optimize our products in terms of quality,” said Wang Jiyu, research and development head of North China region.

Unilever is marking the 100th anniversary of entering China this year and the company has witnessed significant growth in the last century. Currently, Unilever is the third largest market globally.

Li Xiaoping

Shanghai Daily secretary of Liaoning province

Liaoning banks on closer ties domestically, overseas

Northeast China province to ramp up logistics to spur trade investment

By YONG WUSONG

Shenyang Daily

Shenyang, April 9

Serving a trillion yuan ($180.9 billion) target each for foreign trade and investment by 2021, Liaoning province will enhance ties with major foreign economic partners and neighboring markets of China by breaking its efforts in logistics services to help product gain a major role in boosting the economy of the Northeast China region, officials said.

“Boosting the advantages of a complete supply chain, the province will strengthen business with major economic hubs,” said Li Xiaoping, secretary of Liaoning province.

Liaoning will also step up building a cross-border trade corridor covering sea, maritime and railway routes to support in solving a key global logistics hub, he said.

The province set a target of 1 trillion yuan each for its trade and investment by 2021 and plans to expand the number of China-Europe freight trips by 50-60 percent by 2020.

BMW is one of the leading foreign investors in Liaoning. The company launched in May with near 110 billion yuan in factory project in Shenyang, the provincial capital.

Since 2000, the automaker has invested nearly 110 billion yuan in its Shenyang production base, making it the largest globally—which sold out approximately one-third of BMW cars around the world.

“Opportunities and win-win cooperation have been the foundation for BMW’s successful development in China,” said Zhao Zhihao, the company’s executive vice-president. The brand plans to strengthen long-stored research in China, a vibrant and thriving market, and better understand the needs of local Chinese consumers with customized products.

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**BUSINESS FOCUS**

**Desert rail loop brings tourists, prosperity**

**Transport mode, key infrastructure propel Xinjiang onto accelerated development track**

**URUMQI**—An estimated 100,000 students aged between 3 and 12 have been trained in the region as part of an initiative to improve schooling quality and infrastructure. The program, aimed at providing basic education for children in rural areas, is expected to benefit some 5 million students by 2025.

**The Pearl**—Xinjiang is a key part of China's Belt and Road Initiative, with several major projects under way. The construction of the Xinjiang-Uygur autonomous region has been crucial in developing the region's infrastructure, which is essential for economic growth and social development. The region is home to a diverse population and offers a rich cultural heritage, making it an attractive destination for tourists and investors.

**XINHUA**—The Xinjiang region has made significant progress in renewable energy, with plans to increase its share of wind and solar power. The region is also a hub for trade and transport, with major highways and rail networks connecting it to other parts of China and the wider region. The Xinjiang region is rich in natural resources, including coal and oil, and has the potential to become a major contributor to China's economic growth.
US rushing to turn AI into a new weapon

The question is not to ask, or not to be. It is even a question of whether to use it or not. The question is how we will use it.

The United States turns almost every major new weapon, AI included, into an instrument of war. The claim that this weapon will be able to defeat the AI of the enemy nation is a lie. The United States' Secretary of Army Secretary Blake and President of the National Science Foundation said that the United States is turning AI into an instrument of war. The United States uses AI to mobilize resources and strategically dominate the world. The United States uses AI in terms of military strategy and national security. The United States uses AI to achieve its strategic goals. The United States uses AI to achieve its strategic goals. The United States uses AI to achieve its strategic goals.

BRICS acts for collective good of Global South

The BRICS platform, which began as an idea in 2008, has become a powerful force in world politics. The BRICS group includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, which account for 43% of the world's population and 26% of the world's GDP. The BRICS group is increasingly becoming a powerful force in world politics.

Since its first summit in 2006, BRICS has been actively promoting cooperation in the fields of politics, economy, culture and people-to-people exchanges. BRICS has launched a series of institutional arrangements, including the BRICS Business Council, the BRICS New Development Bank, the BRICS High-Level Panel of Experts and the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement.

High school students visit university campus, enjoy basketball

Many high school students were given the chance to visit universities and enjoy basketball, and the number of those who are interested in higher education is gradually increasing. University campuses were open to the general public, allowing students to experience the unique culture and environment of each university.

What They Say

Concerns that basketball following path of soccer

US-born basketball player Kyle Wiltjer, the former Chinese national basketball team member, has signed for Guangzhou Longmen F.C. in the Chinese Super League. Wiltjer is a versatile player who can play both forward and center, and he has been a key player for Guangzhou Longmen F.C. in recent seasons. Wiltjer's signing is seen as a significant addition to Guangzhou Longmen F.C.'s lineup, and it is expected to boost the team's performance in the upcoming season.
Guideline to boost private economic development for public good

The Communist Party of China Central Committee and the State Council issued the guideline on July 15, 2023, to guide the promotion of the private economic sector and improve the quality of its products and services. The guideline is intended to foster a better business environment, enhance public confidence, and help China develop into a modern socialist country.

The guideline reinforces the importance of the private sector in China's modernization drive, which is essential to achieving the country's economic and social development goals.

The private sector is the largest employer in China, providing employment opportunities for millions. It is also a main contributor to China’s economic growth and development, and its role cannot be underestimated.

Zhao Yushuo and Gao Yanyi

Cao Lei

New regulations important to build Sino-US mutual trust

The recent high-level exchanges between China and the United States have contributed to the development of Sino-US relations. These exchanges have showcased China’s openness to economic reforms and its commitment to the global economy.

The new regulations are of great importance to deepening Sino-US mutual trust. They are expected to provide a positive signal to the international community.

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GLOBAL VIEWS

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Strategic misjudgment

India should realize that depending on and aligning with the US to counter China is Washington’s trap

With the normalization of bilateral relations in 1990s, China and the US gradually launched a strategic partnership and developed a basic framework of cooperation that served to stabilize the bilateral relationship. In the late 1990s, the US supported China’s accession to the World Trade Organization. China, for its part, has been willing to accept the rules of the international trading system. In the early 2000s, both sides supported and cooperated with each other on the question of the US-led counterterrorism strategy. China and the US were both committed to maintaining their respective core interests.

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In this context, it is more important for China and India to do by developing a core strategic relationship that reflects the common national interest of both countries and promotes the overall stability of international relations. The US needs to understand this, and it needs to accept the fact that China and India are on the same side of the table in the international system. The US is a great power that needs to work with China and India to promote peace and stability in the region.

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Classic love story gets modern twist

When it comes to classical Chinese romantic tales, Romance of the Western Chamber, set to charm a new generation, Chen Nan reports.

Top: Key characteristics of Peking Opera, Romance of the Western Chamber — Gu Yingjing (center), Zhang Zhiqiang and Zhang Yingying — which will be staged at Macau Studio Theater in Beijing on Friday. Above: Director Ye Shaolin announces the production at a news conference in Beijing on July 20. [PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY]

Written by Yuan Dianzi (1772–1832) playwright Wang Ruihua, in the story of a young scholar Zhang Yingying, daughter of a court minister, falling in love after meeting to choose his bride.

Since Cui is secretly "watched" by her mother, Zhang has to express his love in a sweet way by reading a poem on the wall of the temple.

When a group of robbers besiege Cui and her mother, Cui's mother declares that she will allow her daughter to marry whoever can save them. With a friend's help, Zhang manages to rescue them, but the mother refuses to honor her promise because he is poor. With the help of Cui's maid, Hongning, they eventually marry despite the opposition.

The classic story has been adapted into various art forms, from contemporary plays to traditional Chinese opera, such as Kun Opera and Peking Opera.

On July 20, the China National Peking Opera Company announced a latest rendition of Romance of the Western Chamber, which will be staged at Macau Studio Theater in Beijing on Friday.

Peking Opera, also known as jutang, is a 200-year-old art form that combines acting, singing, acrobatics and martial arts.

"The story of Romance of the Western Chamber is very popular among Chinese audiences. It is a precious work supporting the freedom of marriage. For the feudal society, love was not supposed to be a basis for marriage, so most marriages were arranged by the parents," says Wang Yong, president of the company. "It is full of drama, narration, music, heartbreak and a happy ending."

Ye Shaolin, 90-year-old Peking Opera actor, is the director of the latest adaptation of Romance of the Western Chamber.

Back in 1959, marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, a Peking Opera production, Romance of the Western Chamber, was adapted by Chinese dramatist Tan Xiaoe (1908–1989). Actors and actresses from the China National Peking Opera Company and the Jingju Theater Company of Beijing performed in the production.

Ye father Ye Shengan, played the role of Zhang, Zhang Jie played the role of Cui and Du Zheng played the role of Hongning.

"It was an all-star cast and that 1959 version is considered a classic," says Ye Shaolin, who was trained as a Peking Opera actor. He has followed in his father's footsteps, specializing in performing romantic, young male roles. Ye also played the role of Zhang Sheng many times in his decades-long career. The new version, Ye Shengan's student, Peking Opera actor Zhang Bing, will embody the character.

The 1959 version was nearly four hours long, but this new version will be about two-and-a-half hours, to make it more appealing to contemporary audiences.

Yi Shaolin also notes that Zhang Jingnan (1959–2019), a famous Peking Opera actor known for his char, has taken on the leading role of Zhang Jie in the 2009 version of the opera. "This film also introduces the best-known Peking Opera performers and makes the most innovative forming style of Zhang Jie," and has been launched by generations of Peking Opera performers since.

With this rendition of the Western Chamber, Peking Opera actors across Zhang Wei, who was trained as a Peking Opera actor in this style, will play the role of Cui.

Zhang spent a posttraining, learning and performing with the Tourism Municipal Youth Peking Opera Troupe. The head of the troupe, Zhao Xinchun, who is a Peking Opera actress specializing in this role, taught Zhang throughout her time with the troupe.

"Word by word, one movement after another, she taught me how to perform the role of Cui. Though I have 25 years of experience as a Peking Opera actress, I grew quickly and gained more knowledge about the role of Romance of the Western Chamber during the past year," says Zhang.

Li Chen, a young Peking Opera actress, who specializes in playing主线, or young, unmarried female characters, plays the role of Hongning, who is a key figure in the story. She is the go-between, who is Cui's lady-in-waiting and Du's sister, and accompanies Cui's mother to her marriage. Thanks to the popularity of the story, Hongning has become a symbol for modern females in Chinese culture.

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By PM of The Telegraph

French pastry chef Pierre Hermé, who has conceived more than 2,000 macaron recipes, will publish a book on plain-based desserts in October.

Believed the "Piqueau of Patisserie," Hermé believes that a more people pay attention to health, avoiding excess fat will become even more important. Besides lowering carbohydrates and fat by 50 percent, he wants to preserve the delicious fla-

The book will have many illustrations and delicious vegetarian recipes, Hermé says.

"Plain-based or vegetarian des-

Among the long list of desserts, macaron, a classic French pastry, with buttercream, ganache, or fruit chatterladed between two chocolates is considered a "French trap" in Shanghai. The series, which contains three flavors: raspberry, blueberry, and chocolate, with lemon ganache, was previously only available in Britain and France starting in February.

I am very proud and pleased of our new collaboration. For the past 20 years, I have been continuously creating and reinterpreting my macarons creations, which is also my favorite and promised field of crea-

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Movie trilogy brings one of China’s most well-known and beloved mythological stories to life, Xu Fan reports.

Creation of the Gods 2: Kingdom of Storms, the sequel and instalment of the eponymous trilogy, brings to life a series of renowned characters, such as Lao (above right) (the heroe-der-horse), already portrayed by Li Sun; the sage Jang Zuzi (below, center), portrayed by Huang Bo; and Yin Zheng (above left), depicted by Xi Philip and whose autobiography writing in the original novel. PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Dream retold for the silver screen

Over the span of a decade, film director Wangshun, who recently celebrated his 51st birthday, has meticulously devoted himself to a singular project: treating his stories and infusing the Creation of the Gods trilogy.

"To honor民俗 the fantastical world portrayed in the mythological tales, Wangshun visited New Zealand to meet with director Peter Jackson, and learned from his experiences directing The Lord of the Rings trilogy," said Jackson said he felt exhausted most days. We benefited from his experience and drew up the scheduling make-sure it suited me and helped me avoid feeling tired every night. I was even more impressed by the results and didn’t feel disturbed during the shooting," said Wangshun during a recent interview.

With a huge budget, the trilogy begins its production in 2016. It took just six years to make the characters, which is considered a record in the industry. The cost exceeded 200 million yuan (about $30 million), but is still far less than the total cost of the two previous installments. The cast consisted of 4000 extras and there was a staff of 2000 people (including Chinese American actress Alice Liu Phung), domesticated by his Chinese master Xu Rongxiang named Xiang Bo and Lu Xianjian, as well as actress Yuan Qian.

As the tales also feature a group of young princes who possess extraordinary martial arts skills, the director selected 240 young actors, most of whom had not previously performed in a movie but were part of 10,000 applications, meeting the acting and skills, such as horse-riding and archery.

Xiao depicts the crucial role of Daq — a fìn demon who disguises himself as a striking beauty. To help the actresses portray their roles, which sometimes involves the roles of both animals and humans, Wangshun mandated that they regularly visit the zoo and closely observe the similarities between the two roles. Additionally, the director assigned her the task of writing the biographies of various divas and reporting them.

Now, audiences can judge for themselves the finale of the filmmaker’s work. The third installment of the franchise, Creation of the Gods 2: Kingdom of Storms, has been drawing Chinese movie lovers to cinemas nationwide since its July 28, becoming one of the biggest summer box-office hits.

Focus on the human

Creation of the Gods tells the story of how heaven and earth are thrown into chaos by an arrow of justice attributed to the jealous deities. The trilogy once again brings to life the heroes of Franklin (The Imitation of the God), a Ming Dynasty chivalric novel that has sparked popular TV series and animation films.

The ancient novel, running 300 chapters, captures historical records with mythology, transporting readers into a fantastic world where humans, celestial beings and monsters co-exist.

In the original story, a household tale for many Chinese, the tyrannical King Zhou becomes captivated by Daq, the fìn demon which takes possession of a beautiful woman’s body. The running creature entices the ruler into indulging in debauchery, abusing his power and mercilessly slaughtering innocent people.

Jilu, a prisoner of a supernatural territory, rises to rebellion, leading the armies of his territory to resist the tyrant.

As immediate join the two figures — with support from the original novel, Wangshun establishes his unique aesthetics and cinematic language.

Explaining his interest in abandoning the original storyline, the director said: "Since I was young, I have been passionate about Chinese history, mythology and traditional art. After doing some research and comprehensive study of Chinese and global art history, I have found that there are certain elements of aesthetics that remain consistent throughout the ages. For example, there is a single moment of a nation. Mythological epic, Hua, is connected to Xian culture to present a way to reflect this consistency."

Currently, all the scenes of the trilogy have wrapped up their final shooting and the movie is set for post-production.

The director, who is also helming two other projects, including one about the legendary Ming Dynasty warlord Zheng He — he says that he hopes audiences will appreciate his adaptation and be willing to follow how characters’ destinies unfold over the next two installments.

During the interviews, the director referenced the Emperor of the American western Joseph Campbell, stating that "many movies are childhood dreams". However, it appears that the director again dreams to purse his personal dream, probably driven by his obsession with Daq’s beauty.

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Bringing words to life

Relic restorer Fang Baisong has spent his career developing special techniques to revive ancient texts inscribed on bamboo and wooden strips, Wang Ru and Liu Run report in Wuhan.

Relic restorer Fang Baisong shows how to protect wooden and bamboo strips unearthed from a tomb in Jingzhou, Hubei province.

There is a ‘golden time period for protecting such cultural relics. I cannot afford to lose any steps, since I believe that, the faster I work, the more precious the cultural heritage can be rescued.”

Fang Baisong, museum curator

Charity program ushers in new chapter for historical books

By WANG KAIHAO

The Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, spans across 750,000 square meters in the heart of Beijing. Many visitors are struck by its architectural splendor and numerous collections of former royal art and treasures. How can you ensure that the historical treasures you see are in good hands?

Established in 1925, the Museum has since then been working on the protection and preservation of cultural relics. The museum has created various programs to promote public understanding of cultural heritage.

Charity programs aim to raise funds for the museum. In the past, these programs included the “Save the Old” campaign, which sought to raise money for the preservation of ancient buildings and cultural sites. In recent years, the museum has shifted its focus to digital preservation, aiming to preserve and share the rich cultural heritage of China.

The museum has partnered with several organizations, including the China Union Bank and the Beijing Government, to promote cultural heritage conservation. In addition, they have also collaborated with universities and research institutions to conduct research on cultural heritage protection.

One of the main challenges faced by the museum is the preservation of ancient texts inscribed on bamboo and wooden strips. These ancient texts are written in a language that is no longer spoken, and thus require specialized techniques for reading and preserving.

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Another challenge is the preservation of the physical integrity of the ancient texts. The museum uses a variety of techniques to preserve the physical structure of the texts, including water treatment, air treatment, and chemical treatment.

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