Time to harness full potential of Sino-Kenyan cooperation

By CHEN YAN

Several people reported that a new song written and performed by Chinese pop star-vegetarian Dukang, who kept himself out of the headlines for years, would go viral on social media.

However, the recording wouldn’t be
published until later. The album of<br>Chinese songs was released on September 13.

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Games: Thousands of competitors attracted

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"The stories of Chinese student-athletes who excel at these Games by drawing on examples of sporting spirit can attract more young people to athletic activities and inspire people to take part in sports in important, as this can have a deep influence on their life."

For example, in order to win a medal at the Games in Chengdu, will not change the low achievements have been achieved by Chinese twin brothers Xin Jialong and Xin Jialing. In 2019, they entered Peking University, and since childhood, sports have played a key part in their lives. Xin Jialing, who finished sixth in the men's discus at the Games, said: 'We learned these sports from our own teachers and we are now kids, and we trained more professionally in middle school. We first practiced in the school's gymnasium and then outside on the playground. Our father [Jianqin] trained us when we were young, and we gradually became our hobby and passion. 'The twins attended middle school in Beijing, where they continued to train. Xin Jialing was born first, said this was quite a tough time for them. Each day, they had to train late at night after completing their school work, but their passion for sports and their support from their father helped them get through. 'If my brother had asked me, I might miss some details of his training, but I have to be there. We look after each other and our advice and encouragement to one another. It's always better for us to be together," said Xin Jialing, who finished fourth in the men's discus at Chengdu.

Despite falling to win a medal at the Games, the brothers' love of athletics remains as strong as ever. Xin Jialing said: 'I was so proud to attend the opening ceremony as a member of the Chinese delegation. I felt the passion of Chengdu and all the people here. This will be a lifetime memory for me. I will now train harder in sports and also at law school!' Since moving to Chengdu, my brother and I have been given a lot of support from the university and the community. We will continue our studies and will work hard to achieve our goals.

A number of elite coaches and team leaders, including former Olympians and world champions, are behind the student-athletes who excelled at the Games in Chengdu, and the coaches' participation in university sports is always welcomed. One such example is Ding Ning, who joined the Chengdu Games as deputy head of the university talent squad. 'I just told the players competing in the World University Games for the first time that they needed to be focused, play each match well, and have the best preparation,' said Ding. 'A young player told me two days before the Games that she was very nervous playing in front of a home crowd. I told her that she needed to get used to the noise from the stands and consider it as support.'

Competitive return

Ding, one of the most iconic players in the history of Chinese table tennis, won a gold and an silver medal at the 2019 London Olympics, before pocketing another two gold medals later at the Games in Rio de Janeiro.

After retiring in 2021, Ding presided over special matches at Peking University, where she graduated from. She then returned to competition in Chengdu in a new role as deputy head coach.

Ding's philosophy has evolved in university sports. For example, we used to focus solely on skills, but now we place more emphasis on the mental and physical condition of an athlete. We also have smart equipment to monitor athletes' vital signs during training, which is very helpful in preventing their injuries and avoiding accidents," said Ding.

Chinese badminton icon Li Xuerui, who won the women's single gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics, was a star coach at the Chengdu Games. "I'm proud to coach the Chinese badminton squad at the Games. They trust me, and I shoulder this responsibility. I just want to pass on my experiences to the younger generation of players," said Li, who retired in 2012 before becoming a university badminton instructor.

"I never took part in the World University Games as a player, but student-athletes can always make an impression with their energy and vitality, and they love the atmosphere at the Chengdu Games," said Li.

"From being a player to becoming a teacher, my role has changed, and the feeling is very different. When I was a player, I just focused on myself, but now I have to think more about my students and how to attract more people to the sport of badminton.

"The World University Games are a great platform for young student-athletes to experience a major international event. The experience they have gained in Chengdu will last them for sure."
Song: New album praised for combining music genres

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Dachang’s sporty voice easily won a news platform, Dailian News, on Monday. His songs are not only an expression of national pride but also his passion for sports.

On August 2, rock musician Wang Rong, who has become a hero for the public, sang in an interview that Dachang’s emotional and proud voice was perfect for the experience of traditional Chinese culture and the perfect expression of the spirit and soul of China.

China: Atmosphere meant to draw athletes

China has declared itself ready for the 2024 Paris Olympics by showcasing its culture and traditions.

Korea: China’s atmosphere meets with a good response

Korea was enthusiastic about China’s cultural exhibits.

Kenya: China is a magnet around the world

Kenya has been impressed with China’s cultural exhibits.

World University Games close with fond memories

Governor: Chengdu has become more vibrant, beautiful and comfortable because of athletes

By UTE PFA in Chengdu

Chengdu’s 2023 World University Games was concluded on Tuesday night in Chengdu, Sichuan province, with widespread praise from officials and athletes alike.

Declaring the games closed, Liyan, acting president of the International University Sports Federation, said that the event has made the dreams of millions of students come true as they have been able to participate.

The closing ceremony was held at the Chengdu Opera Art Music Hall. It was the first time in the world that the closing ceremony of a large international sporting event has been held in a park, according to the organizers of the games.

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the ceremony.

The ceremony aimed to leave the audience worldwide with fond memories of a unique Chengdu, the city that the world has been able to learn about and fall in love with its beauty, the organizers said.

Huang Qiang, executive director of the organizing committee of the games and governor of Sichuan, said that Chengdu has become more vibrant, beautiful and comfortable because of the athletes.

Many athletes have put on performance honours, performed for such events, enjoyed dining in the city and cried over great memories, he said.

Chengdu always welcomes you to come back.

All the services were just great and perfect. Thank you for all, said a line in the videos.

At the closing ceremony, he said he appreciated the efforts made by all parties in hosting the Chengdu games.

Erik Larsson, secretary-general and CEO of the International University Sports Federation, said the Chengdu games have offered young people from all over the world the opportunity to see and explore China themselves, which is particularly important given that people sometimes may have been influenced by the wrong picture of the country in Western media.

David Schnitzler, president of the Continental University Sport Association of Germany, said the Chengdu games have offered students from across the globe a chance to experience the true nature of China.

President of the student athletes’ union from 137 countries and regions, he added that Chengdu has opened doors to the Chengdu games, which opened up new opportunities.

Despite the China’s tricolor flag with 100 stars and all 30 medals, Chengdu was full of joy and pride.

China led the medals tally with 100 medals, 30 gold, 20 silver and 50 bronze. China was in second place with 31 gold, South Korea and Italy took 17 gold and 17 silver and ended up in third and fourth places, respectively, out of South Korea and China.

“Amazing” was the world that best describes their experience of the Chengdu games.

Amir Saint, an archer from Iran, said that he was impressed with the services and facilities at the Chengdu games.

The service of the volunteers, transport facilities, the facilities of the athletes’ village and the food all were of high level, Saint said.

During the closing ceremony, the FISF flag was handed to a representative from France, which will host the 22nd FISU World University Games in 2025.
### Olympic retrospective

**By XU CHUNZHAO in Hangzhou**

With 41 million visitors during the 2022 Winter Olympic Games held in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, the city is ready to host a large-scale international event. The city has already hosted many important events, including the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2022 Winter Olympics.

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Hangzhou, a senior official in charge of organizing the festival, said, "The festival not only boosts Hangzhou's international appeal but also enhances its cultural and tourism resources.

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### Qingdau beer festival a global success

**By SUN BUSHENG in Qingdao**

With a history of 379 years, Qingdao beer has won numerous awards and is recognized as a national treasure. The Qingdao International Beer Festival, which was held in 2022, attracted over 2 million visitors from around the world.

**The festival showcased not only our local economy but also bolstered tourism confidence.**

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### Rail trances to nurture new talents in Laos

**By LIU WANGCHUN in Beijing**

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Chinese GREENTREE has been helping residents live more productively.

CLEANING EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN MORE JOBS AND HIGHER INCOMES

By SUN BUSHENG in Taiyuan and LI YUN in Beijing

Sanya, or "Forest Lake," a suburban town located in the Hainan province of China, is known for its beautiful forests and scenic views. The town is also known for its vibrant community and strong sense of inclusiveness.

The town has a rich history dating back to the Han Dynasty. During the Song Dynasty, it was a center for trade and agriculture. In the 18th century, it was a center for the production of cloves, and it remains a hub for the production of cloves today.

Today, Sanya is a major tourist destination, with many visitors coming to experience its natural beauty and cultural heritage.

The town has a number of attractions, including the Sanya Botanical Garden, the Sanya Zoo, and the Sanya Water Park. These attractions attract thousands of visitors each year, helping to boost the local economy.

However, the town faces challenges, including pollution and the need for better infrastructure.

The town's leaders are working hard to address these challenges, and they are making progress in improving the quality of life for residents.

During the past decade, the town has invested heavily in infrastructure and development, including the construction of new roads, bridges, and public transportation systems. These investments have helped reduce traffic congestion and improve access to jobs and medical care.

The town is also working to improve its environment, with efforts to reduce pollution and promote sustainable development.

In the future, the town's leaders hope to continue to invest in infrastructure and development, while also preserving its natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Sanya is a great place to live, work, and play, with plenty to see and do for visitors of all ages. If you're planning a trip to China, be sure to make Sanya a stop on your itinerary!
World

Powerless to storm.

By Julian Shaffer in London, julian.shaffer@ft.com

Norway puts pressure on Meta overoca privacy concerns

Sweden's Data Protection Ombudsman Alexander Ahlstrom has accused Meta of "messing around" with its privacy settings and "deliberately misleading" users.

In a report, the ombudsman said Meta had been "arrogant and disrespectful" in its handling of complaints about the social media giant's privacy practices.

He added that the company had been "ignoring" a series of findings by the organisation over the past year, and had "failed to take adequate action to address" the concerns.

The ombudsman said Meta had failed to "understand the gravity of the situation" and had "neglected" its responsibility to protect user data.

In a statement, a Meta spokesperson said: "We disagree with the Ombudsman’s conclusions and will appeal the decision.

"We value the feedback we receive from users and are committed to improving our privacy policies and practices.

"We have made significant changes to our privacy settings and have increased transparency around how our data is used.

"We will continue to work closely with the Ombudsman to address any concerns they may have.

"We are committed to protecting user privacy and ensuring that our products and services are trustworthy and secure."
Trade links ‘enduring’ though imports decline

More than 37 million people live in poverty in US, data show

More than 37 million people in the US are living in poverty, as many struggle to afford basic necessities such as healthcare and a permanent place to live, according to data from the country being the richest nation in the world by gross domestic product.

When family budgets are squeezed, we tend to see neighbors getting food assistance because food is generally their most expensive expense, and it’s hard for families to cut back on food costs.

While poverty affects people in towns and cities nationwide, it is particularly a problem for residents in rural areas. In towns and cities alike, poverty rates were 15 percent, while black families had a rate of 25 percent in 2021, according to the US Census Bureau.

The stark figures from the US Census Bureau show that in 2011, 16.7 percent of the entire population was in poverty. Out of that number, 25 percent of black families - or 21.4 million people, were of all races were living in poverty, data from The Center for Analysis of Social and Economic Policy found. More than 37 million people are living in poverty, further highlighting the growing food insecurity.

Poverty is defined as living on less than $25,000 per year, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint drills ‘showcase’ for US arms industry

By KARL WILSON

The curtain came down last week on one of the biggest military exercises held in South America - Talisman Sabre.

More than 30,000 troops, including observers from 13 countries, took part in the “war games” which began on July 7.

Talisman Sabre is part of a bigger alliance, and a significant part of the US military’s strategy in Asia as well as Europe.

It’s a showcase for the arms industry, and it’s a showcase for the arms industry, and it’s a showcase for the arms industry.

The演习 are an opportunity for military leaders to showcase the capabilities of their nations’ armed forces and to build relationships with their allies.

“Talisman Sabre is one of the largest joint military exercises in the world,” said a defense official.

“Talisman Sabre is a unique opportunity for our armed forces to work together and build mutual understanding and respect,” said another defense official.

Joint exercises are important for several reasons:

First, they provide an opportunity for military leaders to showcase the capabilities of their nations’ armed forces and to build relationships with their allies.

Second, they are a way to demonstrate a country’s commitment to defending its allies and its own interests.

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Export boom caps strong body of NEV sales

China now world’s top vehicle exporter

BY LIU YUN

NEVs give edge, made body of 2023 figure at 5m units; data put Japan at No 2

BY LIU HUIHENG

China surpassed Japan as the world’s largest vehicle exporter in the first half of this year and confi

CNPC method drives green push to oil, gas sectors

BY LIU YUN

NDRC, PIB to issue new draft policy

Asian Safeguards

Handsets send quake warnings to users

BY MAO RUI

Smartphone earth-quakes have become a hot topic in China as people turned to high-tech solutions for more timely alerts. The popular application Earthquake-img 1 in China for daily use.

Vale assesses more capital for low-carbon solutions

BY ZHENHUI CHEN

Brazilian mining giant Vale SA has raised 4.5 billion reais to invest in low-carbon solutions along the steel valve chain in China, according to its top executive.

The country’s demand for steel is expected to reach 800 million tons by 2030, boosting significant production capacity due to its large scale. Decarbonization, in its broadest term, refers to the reduction of carbon emissions, whether like manufacturing or energy production.

Vale said it believes China’s steel demand will remain robust and plans at high level supported by supply, a positive trend for the long term, boosting major opportunities.

It also refrains from its current production capacity for the long term to strengthen its position in the Chinese market.

The company has said previously that it is cooperating with some 50 steel companies to pursue iron-making solutions for the steel industry, including many leading Chinese steel companies.

“As policymakers in China have set out iron-giving instructions since the second quarter of 2023, property-driven demand in steel has gradually bottomed out, substituting steel’s role in demand growth in China,” said the company.

Vale has stepped up investment and local cooperation in the country in recent years. In March, it announced seven agreements with various Chinese partners that were expected to strengthen its position in China, one of the largest producers and consumers of steel in the world.

The country has been actively exploring technologies for the decarbonization of the steel value chain, said Zhu Li, a senior vice president at the Shanghai Branch of Bank of China.

Multinational mining companies like Vale play major roles in supporting China’s transition to a low-carbon steel industry, as China’s steel mills rely on overseas suppliers for most of their iron needs, Zhu said.

According to Chinese data, the company has been the largest customer since 2023 to China’s steel industry and is expected to continue its long-term commitment to the Chi

BRIEF

Yunna see export boom in farm products

In the first half, the export value of agricultural products of Southwest China’s Yunnan province reached 53.6 billion yuan (8.1 billion dollars), ranking first in the region of the country.

The export value of fruits and vegetables from Yunnan ranked third and fruit in China, respectively, and the export destinations were mainly ASEAN countries, according to Yunnan authorities. In the first quarter, Yunnan ranked fourth in the country in terms of overall export of agricultural products.

Marine industry posts strong recovery

The marine economy in China continues to exhibit rapid recovery in the first half. The total output value of the marine industry grew by 1.5% year-on-year, the trade surplus reached 8.8 billion yuan.

The major political activities and economic conditions of the marine industry in the first half of 2023 have been good.

International digital expo coming

An international digital expo with the theme of “Green,’s and the Internet of Things” in the development of the industrial internet, according to the information office of the provincial government of Shandong Province and the China’s national intelligent and automated enterprises and policy makers, experts said.

A week after the People’s Daily reported that China is the world’s largest vehicle exporter, China’s NEV sales reach new high, with over 5 million in the first half of the year.

To produce China’s Petroleum Corp’s “zero-carbon crude oil reformer” is drawing interest from the international community.

Further reforms of crude oil from fossil fuels to renewable and sustainable energy sources are expected to come.

CNPC, a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), has been working on a “carbon-free” crude oil reformer system.

The project aims to convert petroleum refining and processing into green energy systems, as well as to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

CNPC is planning to invest 153 billion yuan ($24.9 billion) in the project, which is expected to be completed by 2025.

CNPC’s crude oil reformer system, developed by the company’s subsidiary, CNPC Engineering, is designed to transform crude oil into a low-carbon energy carrier.

The project is expected to have a capacity of 100,000 tons per day, which is equivalent to the annual output of one million barrels of crude oil.

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Beef imports increase, satisfying many palates

**McDonald’s China bullish on biz prospects in nation**

By WANG ZHENQIANG

McDonald's China said it is on track to open a total of 50,000 stores by 2030, propelled by domestic localization in its expansion, digitization and supply chains, and with an eye on the post-pandemic future.

On the 30th anniversary of McDonald’s China’s partnership with CITIC, CITIC Capital Partners and The Cheung Kong Group, with McDonald’s maintaining 20 percent of the Chinese unit, the company has thrived with some months closing, covering more than 1,600 cities, offering a range of products, including beef, and keeping up with the fast changing lifestyles of urban and rural China.

In a recent interview with China Daily, founder and CEO of McDonald’s China, Peng Cheung, said that the company has invested new store formats including the “THH” shops, which offer contactless pick-up without entering any store delivery fee, thanks to the country’s technology-driven old-fashioned chain-like businesses.

Industry insiders believe that with the economic recovery, the catering industry is quickly picking up, and China’s beef consumption will continue to grow in the years to come.

“China is the first half of our stores in terms of revenue alone in the second and third level cities,” said Peng.

“Fast food chain to propel digitalization for growth, eyeing 10,000 stores by 2028”

**Rising vet care gives medical devices maker uplegs**

By ZHANG YIRAN

With rising demand for animal medical services, domestic medical device manufacturers are making uplegs to develop and produce medical devices for pets.

A 2022 White Paper on China’s Pet Medical Industry jointly issued by the National Veterinary Drug Industry Technical Innovation Alliance, China Veterinary Drug Association, China Shanghai Veterinary Medical Association, and East West Small Animal Veterinary Centre and Shanghai-based pet medical platform LovePet showed that in 2021, the country’s veterinary market reached 160 billion yuan, up by 25 percent year-on-year, with the latest big-growth in the medical devices industry.

And in the past two years, the market has increased year-on-year. In addition, smart diagnosis and high-end equipment for animal healthcare are on the rise.

In June, the Development and Reform Commission of Shanxi Province issued a policy memorandum on pet medical science and technology, proposing a plan to develop high-end, high-tech pet medical equipment manufacturing that can cultivate strategic industry.

In July, the country’s industry increased year-on-year. In addition, smart diagnosis and high-end equipment for animal healthcare is on the rise.

In June, the Development and
China’s dental implant industry is expected to undergo a major transformation amid rapidly rising prices.

The country’s first bulk procurement project for dental implants has seen prices rise on average by almost 50 percent, according to the National Healthcare Security Administration.

The program mainly targets public hospitals, covering 72 percent of annual demand for dental implants across the country, and patients are expected to save a billion yuan ($361 million) as a result, according to the administration.

The price cut took effect in late March or mid-April, depending on the region.

The dental implant procedure to replace missing or decaying teeth incurs the cost of medical consumables, such as dental implants and restorations, as well as medical service fees.

Previously, the total cost of dental implant surgery was as high as 30,000 yuan per person. According to a survey by the administration in September 2022, about 40 percent of respondents had complained about the differential pricing and called for a centralized procurement program to make the service more affordable.

The adjusted service fee for dental implants in public hospitals had dropped to 4,500 yuan per tooth.

The pilot application of dental implants has brought a major therapy benefit, said Xue Xuan, a medical device analyst at Jiangsu-based Changing Healthcare service platform.

“The price drop will help increase patient visits to dental institutions, especially during the basic treatment period. In addition, the bulk procurement project aims to increase public knowledge and public health,” said Xue Xuan.

Industry experts said domestic competition will be accelerated in the upcoming consumable end of the market.

Homogeneous dental implants are seen as the new trend and the market share of domestic brands is rising rapidly.

Data from the NHI showed that by the end of 2022, about 10 million products were registered and launched in China, of which 98 percent were imported products. The market share of domestic brands was only 5 percent.

“Dental implants made in China lack technology and experience, and there was not enough clinical data support,” he said.

In terms of techniques, domestic brands are mainly following the same line as their foreign counterparts. At a certain stage, brands like Nobel Biocare and Dentsply-Sirona can be seen in the market.

In China, dental implant technology is an example of Niche Biocare, and other dental implant brands are expected to enter the market with their own technologies.

“Dental implant technology is still evolving, and the market is still developing. It is possible for domestic brands to catch up and catch up,” he said.

Among domestic companies, they still adopt second-generation technology of simple wiring and screwing out and enjoy the same competitive advantage.

China’s overall oral care market is developing rapidly, thanks to rising awareness about oral health.

Chen Lin, a 30-year-old office worker in Beijing, has a wide range of oral care products, including electronic toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, mouthwash strips, and toothwhitening powder.

“I spend around 3,000 yuan ($415) on oral care every month. During the examination alert, I try to turn off the light to avoid brushing my teeth, and I also use other related products as well,” she said.

With about 750 million people suffering from oral health problems, China’s overall oral care market is expected to reach 120 billion yuan ($16.4 billion) in 2023, or about 33.8 percent of the world market, according to a report by China’s Commerce Department.

In terms of products, toothpastes and toothbrushes are the core categories, while the orthodontic category is the latest front for the industry.

Brands are actively entering the online market, and the combination of electric toothbrushes is high. Competition among oral hygiene product manufacturers is expected to rise.

“With the constant increase of people’s living standards, the demand for oral care is also becoming increasingly strong,” said Wang Xinyu, a medical device analyst at Viadata.

Up to 40 percent of people prioritize the functionality while purchasing oral care products, rather than blindly pursuing cost-effectiveness.

“Currently, the oral care market in China has gone through the 1.0 stage of basic care, and the 2.0 stage of advanced care, transitioning to the 3.0 stage of refined care,” said the white paper.

With the growing demand for oral care, the market for oral care is also becoming increasingly strong, said Wang Xinyu, a medical device analyst at Viadata, a Jiangsu-based healthcare service platform.

With the trend toward care individualization and health improvement, businesses should ensure the quality of products and services, and provide customers with low-cost, low-noise, and high-quality products.

Businesses from Viadata showed that between 2021 and 2022, there were 10 new investment deals in China’s oral care market, with the total amount surpassing 1 billion yuan.

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“The competition points are services, skills and talents, market insiders said.

“Judging from the NHI news, the price reduction means the quality services of dental implants is allowed, the service costs. The example in reform with advanced dental care models, the price premium now can be up to 20 percent.”

“The price cut is expected to improve the quality of dental implants in the region, according to the news.”

“With the current policy of national centralized procurement is fair, a trend that will bring higher quality and lower prices,” said Li Zuo, founder and CEO of China-based MeiWei Dental Group.

“Braces, the Matthew market in downtown services— where large companies are getting bigger and smaller ones will contract — will increase, Li said.

For small companies, rising orders may not necessarily mean a rise in profit—there may even be a profit decline. They will pay special attention to the changing demand of consumers and adjust business strategies accordingly.

“Leading companies suggest that this is due to the advantage of better service experience and additional services, although they need to bear the cost of quality control, quality is also an important factor,” Li said.

Data from the China National Committee on Aging showed that by 2022, over 30 percent of elderly people would accept dental implants, which means that the elderly are more and more people are concerned about their teeth care and quality, while 40 percent of these over 80 and 90-year-olds had lost all their teeth.

A report from a market consultancy (IBI Research, in 2021) showed that the overall market value reached 161 billion yuan, up 46.3 percent year-on-year. The domestic dental implant market makes up roughly 70 percent of the global market, with domestic enterprises accounting for 45.5 billion yuan, adding up to 15.8 billion yuan.

“Despite the great differences between the two, the number of dental implant implants is expected to reach 4.2 million in 2024, the highest in the world in the last few years,” the report noted.

For professionals, the main challenge is quality control, and the path to this is the establishment of quality control standards, said Hu Changchun, a senior manager at Changing Healthcare service platform.

“Overall, the implant industry’s growth is expected to continue, and the quality of products will be improved. The implant industry will enter a new era of development,” he said.
Biden administration needs to put pumice mouth where to get floor under relations

As the Biden administration has made efforts to travel to Asia, its Asian strategy is reportedly working on opening new lines of communication to tackle contentious issues. According to relevant sources, two new working groups are being formed to focus on Asia Pacific issues, and a third group appears to be considering whether to initiate talks with China. Speaking on CNN's show on the sidelines of the Aspen Security Congress in Colorado on July 27, after his anticipated trip to China, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the two sides are trying to strengthen their "flows of communication" to work out differences.

"We are working to put some stability into the relationship, which has been now for some time at a somewhat shakey point," Blinken said. "We are working not to lose the progress that we've worked so hard to put together, but we're also trying to make sure that the country that we're working with is in a position of transparency, and is exposed to the world, and it understands that our relationship is not just a matter of maintaining stability, but that we are working to achieve our security goals."

On the US side, the administration made sure that the issue of Xinjiang came up. "We will talk about Xinjiang at every opportunity because we believe it's important that it's a part of our relationship with China. It's not just about the economy, it's about values, human rights, and the rule of law that we believe in." Blinken said.

But the Chinese side took a different approach. "We will continue to talk about Xinjiang, but we will also talk about the broader issues. We want to work on strengthening our economic cooperation, promoting trade, and increasing people-to-people exchanges," Chinese Foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

The US state media also revealed that if the US wants to stop China, it must first solve its own domestic issues. "We believe that the US needs to address its own internal problems before it can effectively address China," a Chinese diplomat said.

National compliance key to biological weapons ban

In the upcoming session of the UN, the US has been arguing for a new biological weapons ban treaty, which has been opposed by China and Russia. The US has been using its influence in the UN to push for the treaty, but China has been providing counterarguments based on the principles of non-intervention and national sovereignty.

According to a report by China Daily, China and Russia have repeatedly warned the US against trying to push a new treaty. "We believe that a new treaty is unnecessary and could undermine the current international order," a Chinese diplomat said.

On the US side, the State Department has been emphasizing the importance of multilateralism in the push for the new treaty. "We believe that a new treaty can help promote global security and stability," a US diplomat said.

But China has been pushing for a more constructive approach. "We believe that the current framework of non-proliferation is sufficient and effective," a Chinese diplomat said.

The US has been using its veto power in the UN Security Council to block China's proposal for a meeting on the issue. "We believe that the US should respect China's position on national sovereignty and territorial integrity," a Chinese diplomat said.
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In Japan, the ROK could gain by boosting trade relations with China.

Japanese enterprises, on the other hand, are also more likely to buy from China. In 2012, Japan’s imports of rare earth metals were 35.5 percent of the world’s total rare-earth reserves, with an estimated stock of 6 million tons. The US only has an estimated 5 million tons of rare earth reserves. The limited reserves, coupled with a lack of return on previous investments in rare earth mining, make it especially challenging for the US to achieve profitable production levels. According to Goldman Sachs estimates, only China’s rare earth annual production level, the West will require an investment of at least $2 billion. The high costs involved in mining and refining rare earth elements means a significantly low profit margin.

Therefore, the US is forming alliances to build a rare earth magnet supply chain. However, it cannot succeed in its efforts without China’s help, the US and its allies cannot refine and purify all the rare earths, and the US has the technology and mining industries to produce rare earth magnet supplies.

However, the rare earth refining technologies used by Australia and the US are still far behind China, and the US has only a single point of rare earth supply chain, which is China. China’s rare earth enterprises, driven by the US mining technologies, are starting to acquire some advanced rare earth refining technologies and set up production bases in the US. In addition, it is difficult for the US to develop its own rare earth mining technologies.

Nevertheless, the US still has certain advantages: It has large imports of rare earth elements, which are used in many sectors such as defense, advanced manufacturing, and military, etc. The US can use its economic and military resources to promote the US rare earth mining industry. However, the US mining technologies are not yet mature, and the US faces challenges in the long run.

The China-Japan-Korea trilateral cooperation in rare earths is not only a means to develop the rare earth mining industry, but also a tool to promote cooperative relations among the three countries, which will help the three countries to develop more effectively and sustainably.

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Difficult for US to rebuild rare earth supply chain

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Invested in the future

Chinese infrastructure projects in Latin America and the Caribbean have increasingly been in renewable energy sector

By ENRIQUE DUSSEL PETERS

A number of long-term mechanisms for regional agricultural cooperation — such as an agricultural cooperation forum and annual regional agreements — should be established to promote the development of agriculture in the region. The Belt and Road could also be used to promote the development of food security, ensuring food safety, and agricultural security. Such initiatives could also help address the need for food security in the region.

Furthermore, Chinese companies should explore new opportunities to promote the development of renewable energy and agricultural cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean. This would help ensure a sustainable and resilient regional food system.

China is currently the largest investor in renewable energy projects in Latin America, providing capital and expertise for the development of clean energy infrastructure.

In addition, the Belt and Road Initiative could serve as a platform for promoting renewable energy projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. This could be achieved through public-private partnerships, joint ventures, and other forms of cooperation.

The Belt and Road Initiative has already been successful in promoting the development of renewable energy in other regions. For example, the Belt and Road has helped promote renewable energy projects in Africa and Asia.

Overall, the Belt and Road Initiative offers a unique opportunity to promote the development of renewable energy and agricultural cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean. This would help ensure a sustainable and resilient food system in the region.

Chinese companies should continue to invest in renewable energy and agricultural projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. This would help ensure a sustainable and resilient food system in the region.
Model storytellers

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Tree therapy

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news platform Xinhua Daily first posted a picture in April of a row of trees near a house in Beijing, “When I was hanging my clothes on the line, I felt like it was the tree that was feeding me,” she explained to a video in Xinhua Daily.

At present, one-hundred people are working on the project, which they hope to conclude in two years. They want to plant as many trees as possible in urban areas.

Despite the success, some people are concerned about the long-term sustainability of tree therapy. Would it be ethical to replace the tree leaves with artificial ones? “We are working on a solution that combines technology and nature,” said the project manager.

Students across China have taken part in the China Daily Model United Nations Conference, held at the Tsinghua University International Conference Center in Beijing, on August 31. Photo provided to China Daily.

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Chinese cultural summer camp a hit among students

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A special table tennis match was held at Shanghai Normal University (SNU) in Shanghai, Northeast China’s Liaoning province, on July 16. It was between Sarah Vlad from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and Zou Ze, the table tennis training director of the SNU’s student exchange program, according to the Romanian University’s vice chancellor.

Vlad’s passion for table tennis began at a young age. He was drawn to the flexibility and agility of the sport and spent much time practicing. He is considered a great player, well, compared to the Romanian student-athletes.

Although he didn’t win the match, he reported getting to play against a priceless opponent. “My table tennis skills improved a lot after playing and learning techniques from Zou. It also gave me a deeper understanding of Chinese table tennis,” said Vlad, adding that he learned table tennis is China’s national sport. “I like to play table tennis more than just as a game here—it’s an integral part of Chinese culture,” he said.

This marks the 30th anniversary of the signing of friendship protocols related to Liaoning province and Bucharest County. It was through the summer camp that Vlad and other Romanian students had the opportunity to come to SNU for a five-day visit, starting from July 11.

In Bucharest, they experienced Chinese culture through Chinese language learning, taste of Chinese food and cultural activities. “The camp allowed us to gain a better understanding of Chinese culture,” said Ioana Multeanu, executive dean of the SNU.

Ioana Multeanu, whose 30th birthday happened to fall during the summer camp, was deeply moved by the efforts of her newly made friends. In order to make her feel welcomed in China, the summer camp volunteers prepared a birthday-themed classroom in advance, ordered a cake and prepared gifts for her, including traditional Chinese headscarf and a pair of floral earrings. "Through the Chinese language courses and field trips to Kuahuqiao area, the students from Romania were able to fully experience the profundity of Chinese culture,” said Florentina Dascal, dean of the SNU.

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Crafting a world at his fingertips

Inheriting his family’s renowned legacy for making dough figurines, Lang Jiaziyu is injecting new creativity and cultural elements into the craft, ensuring its popularity stays forever young. Meng Wenjie reports.

Lighting up the Hangzhou Asian Games

By CHEN XUE

observed reporter

In 1993, when the 12th Asian Games was going to be held in Beijing—the first time a Chinese city hosted the event—the flame was lit at the foot of the Great Wall mountain in Tibet. It was a 13-year-old Tibetan girl named Damo.

Now, 30 years later, when the 19th Asian Games comes to open on Sunday in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, there is a second Tibetan girl: Tang Lang, who was born in 2000, but already has both accomplishments of masters of the craft. Through the efforts of the second generation of inheritors, Dough Figurines Lang was inscribed on China’s second national list of intangible cultural heritages.

Growing up in a family renowned for its expertise in the art of dough figurines, Lang Jiaziyu developed a fascination for the process of weaving dough from a young age. She was only 5 years old when I saw my father to make dough figurines. Lang recalled, “I made a small doll in a sitting posture, which took me two or three hours.”

However, this craft, which has been passed down through generations, is not something that a year-old beginner can master overnight. “It’s not easy,” said Lang, knocking as he reflected on his first creation. “I intended to make an adorable doll, but instead, I made an ugly, middling-sounding doll.”

But with the support and encouragement of his father, Lang made great progress and finally got the chance to showcase his skills in the previously mentioned national demonstration. Reflecting on this event, Lang described it as a “typical experience.” “When national leaders bestowed it on my works, I was deeply moved and admired them, offering generous praise about their cultural value. I felt a great sense of pride,” he said.

Nowadays, traditional craftsmen are somewhat less in appeal among young people. In order to be more in tune with younger generations, he and his family have begun to incorporate new forms and trench elements into their works. For example, he has drawn inspiration from foreign characters in anime such as The First Slam Dunk, Minions, and Chibi Maruko Chan. However, Lang didn’t do this for long. “I realized that foreign characters may not be the best way to promote traditional Chinese crafts,” he said.

Later, he started including his own ideas and observations about current social events in his works. For example, in honor of the health care workers who fought against the COVID-19 pandemic, Lang made a piece for an International Women’s Day that features a figurine incorporating both the classic figure of Chinese beauty Li Chunying as portrayed in Peking Opera and a healthcare worker in a white coat. And in 2020, Lang created a series of dough-based figurines paying tribute to national heroes and workers who had shown selflessness and courage during the short film series “China Abbreviations.”

“What we need now is to open up and more ideas inspired by traditional Chinese aesthetics. My most recent idea came to me on a visit to the National Museum of China. I found that traditional aesthetics do not require much interpretation. Through art forms, one can directly perceive traditional Chinese wisdom of the ‘harmony between nature and humanity’,” he said.

But bringing such feedback, Lang is encouraged to continue promoting traditional culture and he believes that young people are still drawn to traditional Chinese handicrafts.

“Today, the best hope lies in the hands of Lang Jiaziyu. The younger generation is deeply concerned about the protection of intangible cultural heritages and cannot just ignore them,” he said.

To promote our narrative both at home and abroad, Lang Jiaziyu is determined to create the greatest possible platform for showcasing his culture and arts to ensure that Chinese Zen can spread to the world.

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