High hits from summer box-office coffin jingsing

By XI KUN

Chinese films have been making a strong showing at the box office this summer, with thrillers and action-packed dramas driving ticket sales. The film "Lost in Space" has become a hit, grossing over 8.7 billion yuan ($1.2 billion) in China, making it the biggest grossing film of the year so far.

Despite being released during the Spring Festival holiday, the most lucrative box office event in China, "Lost in Space" has managed to perform well, surpassing the gross of the previous leader, "Spider-Man: No Way Home," in its opening weekend.

The film's success can be attributed to its compelling storyline, which follows a group of astronauts as they journey through space to find a new home. The film features a star-studded cast, including a mix of Chinese and international actors, which has helped attract audiences.

Alongside "Lost in Space," other films such as "Animal Kingdom" and "The Concert" have also done well at the box office, indicating a healthy climate for Chinese filmmaking.

Trouble on the streets

By YU TING

Despite the success of Chinese films, the box office still faces challenges such as piracy and distribution issues.

Piracy remains a significant issue in China, with illegal downloads continuing to be a problem. The Chinese government has been taking steps to combat piracy, including increasing penalties for those caught downloading or distributing copyrighted content.

Distribution is also a challenge, with limited theater outlets in rural areas and a lack of support from local governments.

However, the film industry in China is continuing to grow, with new films being released regularly and a strong demand for domestic cinema. The future looks bright for the Chinese film industry as it continue to produce high-quality films that appeal to both local and international audiences.

Sponge cities play vital role amid climate change impact

By LEI HONG

Sponge cities, which are designed to absorb and store rainfall, have been gaining popularity in China as a way to address the impact of climate change. The concept is based on creating "sponges" that can absorb and release water to help regulate the city's water cycle.

China has set a goal of having 80% of its cities as "sponge cities" by 2030, with a focus on creating green spaces, improving water quality, and reducing the risk of flooding.

The concept has been met with resistance in some areas, with concerns about the cost and feasibility of implementing the system. However, the benefits of sponge cities have been highlighted in cases where they have been successfully implemented, such as in Tianjin and Hangzhou.

China's efforts in this area are seen as a significant step towards addressing the challenges posed by climate change.
Floods: Upgraded infrastructure urged

A view of the Yongding River in western Beijing on Tuesday taken from the new Heping Bridge, with a white for the 2022 Winter Olympic in the background. (Xinhua) / CHINA DAILY

By ZHANG YU in Beijing

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the Pilot Technical Guidelines for Special Areas Construction, designating Beijing among the pilot cities for this concept. The guidelines aim to ensure cities have the ability to adapt to environmental changes and effectively respond to natural disasters, functioning in a way similar to nature.

Government departments, including urban planning, drainage, transportation and landscaping, are involved in guiding the process. The guidelines also indicate that in areas prone to flooding, efforts should be made to prevent urban areas from being flooded, and to keep green areas open, along with forums made from permeable materials should be provided. Other efforts should include constructing green spaces such as trees, lawns, wetlands, ponds and channels with urban wetland park networks and green water-mother drainage systems.

The guidelines state that in order to build such cities, efforts should be made to protect urban areas from flooding, according to a statement released by the ministry.

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Left: Residents view an area damaged by floods in Zhuzhou town, Yangzhou city, Jiangsu province, on Monday. (Photo/China Daily)

Right: A vehicle is stuck between buildings in a flooded area of Mianyang city, Sichuan province, on Monday. (Photo/China Daily)

Lack of awareness highlighted after rescue teams evacuate stricken villagers

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Left: Daily news coverage are delivered to Zhuzhou, Hainan province, on Monday. (Photo/China Daily)

Right: Rescued residents wait outside the north side of a building on the second floor of the building in Zhuzhou, Hainan province, on Monday. (Photo/China Daily)
Earthquake hits county in Shandong province

By WANG SHUANG and SUN YUAN

A magnitude-5.5 earthquake hit Shandong province on Sunday, killing at least 35 people and injuring 149. The region appeared to be in shock, with images showing the damage to buildings and infrastructure.

The earthquake struck at 9:50 a.m. at a depth of 10 kilometers, according to the epicenter, the Shandong Provincial Department of Emergency Management. It was felt in many parts of Shandong and Henan provinces, as well as in Beijing, Xinhua said.

Many people reported a quick shake on their mobile phones or desktops in seconds.

In Beijing, the Beijing Earthquake Administration said warning mechanisms allow for timely warnings for people and special industries.

Zhong Liang, a company manager in Beijing who was in a business meeting when the earthquake hit, said, “I was shocked. Calls from my family woke me up, and I turned on the quake alert warning on my phone. Thanks to technological advances, we now receive timely warnings on our mobile phones.”

Zhong said the Beijing government is very prepared in issuing alerts for possible earthquakes on a regular basis, which some citizens appreciate.

“Unfortunately, there are still some challenges in this area, such as the difficulty of setting up ground sensors. For example, our company is currently laying down sensors to measure real-time data,” he said.

The earthquake also caused damage to parts of Resident’s gas pipeline network. To ensure the safety of residents, gas supply will not be available until repairs are completed on the local pipelines.

Huang Xingui, deputy director of the Institute of Energy Research of Tsinghua University’s School of Energy in Beijing, said the earthquake has posed a significant threat to pipelines and other infrastructure.

“Overall, it is a reminder to residents and local governments to improve safety measures in the pipeline industry,” he said.

The network does not provide vital information for people’s lives, including earthquake casualties, improve emergency evacuation infrastructure and promote emergency science research and international cooperation on disaster reduction, China Media Group reported.

In nearby Dezhou, a city in Shandong province, many residents were reported to have fled to courtyards, the provincial government said at its official Weibo account.

PeopleⒸ can be a collapsed brick wall in Dezhou, Shandong province, which caused damage and displaced the provincial government’s 233,939-acre campus.

BRICS summit expected to yield major outcomes

By CHEN XUESHI in Nanning and XIAO JING in Beijing

BRICS leaders are expected to agree on a series of outcomes at the summit, which opened on Wednesday, according to Xinhua.

The summit is the first BRICS leaders’ meeting since 2018, when the annual gathering was held in Brasilia. It is also the first BRICS summit since the COVID-19 pandemic, which has posed a significant threat to the international community.

The BRICS countries are expected to discuss steps to counter the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the BRICS News Agency said.

Pertaining to the BRICS Development Bank, the bank has said it will continue to support the countries’ economic recovery and development.

BRICS leaders are also expected to discuss ways to strengthen regional cooperation and security, the agency said.

Market: Nation urges stability in housing sector

By LI TING in Beijing

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Security: State should respect the rights of peace, development, cooperation

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Restrictions offer no real protection and damage bilateral relations, experts say

By IRWIN WELLE

The United States has imposed sanctions and export controls on China, actions that have bilateral implications to their lower point in decades.

Although the US has said the measures are for national security reasons, they can also be seen as part of an unfolding so-called Thucydides cycle, laying the groundwork for a potential imperial conflict.

The term Thucydides trap was popularized by US political scientist Graham Allison, to describe a tendency toward war when a rising power threatens to displace an existing great power as a regional or international leading power.

Much of the recent US focus on China has been its exporting the result of US policy, such as semiconductor, which Washington accuses China of counterfeiting and using to military use.

However, the US, with its many technological capacities, can be used to be both civilian and military purposes.

Two experts: China's daily transactors and the retaliatory measures are being step up China's economic and advanced under the current national security or military offensives.

Jack Norgard, principal of the global research firm Miller Strategy, Inc., said, "Looking at the whole world today, the US economic measures aimed at China, from the Huawei restrictions to the current onftensive investment restrictions, the desired purpose is to protect American companies and jobs.

That's the desired purpose. The challenge here is the US trying to solve a complicated problem with relatively simple solutions. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd, for example, will not return to the US smartphone industry by the end of this year, research companies say, after a US ban on equipment sales declared the company's consumer electronics business.

Huawei should be allowed to pursue its own 5G chips domestically using its own alliance in semiconductor design tools with chipmaking equipment from multinational Co. Researchers think the most challenging is whether companies covering China's smartphone sales.

A return to the 5G phone market would create a turnover for Huawei, which had only three years had been in survival mode. Huawei's consumer business revenue peaked at $106 billion in 2017-2018, but fell by almost 50% year on year.

The Shenzhen-based company once rode with Samsung and Apple to be the world's top smartphone maker until US restrictions began in 2019 to cut off access to chip-making tools essential for producing its most advanced models.

Millage said that 20-30 years ago military technology and civilian technology were easy to distinguish, so early national security protections by the US focused on strategic materials or the export of sensitive materials or weapon manufactur-

The US Treasury, which oversees OFAC.

OFAC includes representatives of 16 US departments and agencies, including Defense, State, Commerce and Homeland Security Centers White House offices and takes part in the process.

"The US government is making rules with respect to bound investment...there's hardly been any measure (of history) along these lines, ever," Gupta said.

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Arthur Anan, in an article for the Bettor revealed the current of China's technology to "Japan's definitive", which has been what we have seen as the US objective. "The goal is to unambiguously and simultaneously block trade deals under the US-centric alliance and lead to a more coordinated response to Beijing's 'aggressive' technology acquisitions and efforts for the US to buy into Beijing's efforts to change China's technology.

The US has imposed unilateral sanctions on technology companies, which has contributed to the US administration, and China first of all in terms of country, affecting almost half of the world's population.

For the 19th year of the US technological superiority over China, the US may find the total impact to be more severe, and the US has been the leading among the US technological dominance on the US.

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The purpose to deny China's access is to high technologies, many of which can be commercial applications, or have only commercial applications and do not have military applications, he said.

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NY electronic giveaway events sparks riot

By MINH-NGUYEN LEE in New York

Not only did youngsters who went to Union Square in Manhattan hoping to land a new PlayStation Vita being distributed there by Sony end up being injured, but many of them also ended up being arrested.

Hundreds of people were injured or arrested outside Sony headquarters in New York City on Saturday night, after Sony's Priority Pass Line broke down.

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But when the company failed to deliver on its promise, hundreds of people gathered outside the store, many of them trying to get a hold of a new PSVita console.

The crowd became unruly, and police were called to the scene.

Several people were injured, and at least two were arrested.

The company later announced that it would give away the PSVita consoles to pre-registered customers in a different location.

The incident has sparked outrage among consumers, who have accused Sony of not following through on its promises.

Some have called for a boycott of Sony products, while others have called for the company to be held accountable.

The incident has also raised questions about the company's ability to manage large-scale events and distributions.

It remains to be seen how the company will address the concerns raised by consumers.

But the incident has underscored the importance of clear communication and transparency in managing such events.

Companies must take steps to ensure that they are able to deliver on their promises, and that they have the resources in place to handle any unexpected developments.

Failure to do so can result in public outrage and loss of trust, which can be difficult to recover from.

As such, companies must take a proactive approach to such events, ensuring that they have the necessary resources in place, and communicating clearly with their customers.

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New policy steps fill economists, experts with fresh growth hopes amid challenges

By OUYANG MEILING
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China has pledged efforts to bolster the private sector with a series of positive measures to support healthy and sound development, fueling growing efforts to revive the economic momentum and contribute more to the gloomy outlook.

Experts hailed the latest moves, including the top-level guidance and two documents on enhancing the vitality of the private sector, as part of the supporting policies to better implement the guidance.

Wang said a recent news conference that the commission will ramp up efforts to promote the mechanism for boosting private investment. According to Wang, the NBS will work with all the parties concerned to expedite the formulation of detailed plans for the implementation of the guidance and will make full use of the support policies.

The NBS will continue to address issues faced by private enterprises, promote targeted implementation measures and effectively assist private firms in resolving difficulties, Wang said.

The NBS said several symposiums in July to alleviate private enterprises’ concerns and support their sustainable development. And it said a recent new briefing that it will continue to play a role in facilitating communications with private enterprises.

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The private sector, which was instrumental in China’s economic recovery over the past few years, has contributed more than 60 percent of GDP, 70 percent of technological innovation and 80 percent of urban employment, official data showed.

Meanwhile, Zhu said that private firms still face many daunting pressures on rent, production, finance and labor costs, as well as the broader economy facing new challenges and the economy’s recovery.

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Estonian athlete’s Chengdu videos on Douyin prove a big hit with fans

By KANG YINGJUN

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Basketball buddies help women’s team capture gold after five straight victories

By MIKE FAYTON in Chengdu

With five straight wins to capture gold, China’s women’s basketball team crowned the champion at the Chinese University Games, and a number of young stars shone in the process. Among them, one of the brightest is Liu Tingting, who has been dubbed the Shaquille O’Neal. The 2.04m tall and 100kg big has been a dominant force on both offense and defense, mimicking the style of NBA legend O’Neal. After she helped the Chinese squad win the final on Saturday against Japan, 99-91, “There are a lot of teams who want you, UK, or with that of France. And I just want to thank all of you who support us,” said Liu, who has also been nicknamed “Big Baby” by fans. “I just feel that the experience at the Chinese games is very valuable for my future. I have a high-level event for a very long time. This is a new achievement for me, and I have gained a lot. I will continue to pursue what I have learned here, and I will keep training and growing. After winning gold in Chengdu, Liu said she was so thrilled that she was even a bit dizzy during the celebration.”

South African swimmers make a splash with their silver medal spree

By WANG XIAOFU in Chengdu

South African swimmers Kayphona Corbett and Ethu Gallacher have a lot in common — both have bright smiles, a passion for swimming and a newfound appreciation for fish. The pair, competing at the Chengdu University Games, also won identical headbands featuring a medallion depicting the pond at the Beijing Lake Sports Aquatic Centre. “My teammate winning is ours winning, and I am very happy that we get to share this moment and be healthy friends,” said Corbett, the 20-year-old medalist of the women’s 100m breaststroke at the games in Shenyang province. She had won another silver medal in the women’s 200m breaststroke.

Gallacher has also bagged three silver medals — one in the women’s 100m butterfly, one in the 100m freestyle and the last in the 50m freestyle. “We shared each other’s victories and joys, and we shared each other’s problems and pains with each other,” said Corbett. “It’s not just about our skills, but how we enjoy the sport, and it’s about being there for each other.”

At the Chengdu games, Gallacher annotates against her lifetime record — China’s Zhang Ying, who set the two gold medals at the World Aquatics Championships in Finlandia, last August. For Corbett, the two years have been complex in setting new benchmarks. “It’s so good to race against the world champion. It’s something you can’t buy from books,” she said. “It is amazing to be able to show what each other’s qualities and each other’s disappointment. It just helps me to grow.”

Gallacher also took a cut from another transformist, who advised her to “just enjoy it!” “It’s so simple but so true. When I was behind the block, I told myself just enjoy the experience, and it worked,” she said. At the Chengdu games, Gallacher

Liu Yuqiong (left) and Han Xia, stars of China’s women’s basketball team at the Chengdu Games, sit at a news conference at the event. [ZHUANG WEI/CHINA DAILY]

French fencer crowned after thrilling performance

By LE VENTIC in Chengdu

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RAISING THE BAR
Stars of the future serve up feast of world-class action in Chengdu

World champion Qin Haoyang, who went unbeaten in the men’s backstroke at last month’s World Aquatics Championships, slices through the waves on his way to winning the men’s 100m backstroke title at the Chengdu games on Aug. 2. XINHUA

China’s Wu Yanni powers down her lane on route to claiming silver in the women’s 200m hurdles. Wu clocked a personal best 22.76 seconds to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Victoria Putor of Slovakia (right) won gold. WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY

Jiang Qiming / China News Service

Zhang Jingyin of China delivers a spike during a Chengdu games men’s volleyball semifinal loss to Italy on Saturday. XINHUA

Lei Cheok-ieong of Macao, China competes in the men’s wushu gunshu at the Chengdu games on July 30. Lei finished third. XINHUA

Meng Mingkuan (left) of China and Arian Salimi of Iran battle in the men’s taekwondo 68kg title bout which Meng won on Aug 3. XINHUA

Right: Chinese rowers celebrate winning gold in the women’s eight at the Chengdu games on Sunday. XINHUA

Nahomi Sakai of Japan competes in the rhythmic gymnastics ball competition on July 30. XINHUA

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Naruha Suzuki of Japan competes in the rhythmic gymnastics ball competition on July 29. WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY

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Chengdu, capital of southern China’s Sichuan province, has become a popular destination for Alfred Knizen thanks to the city’s improved international flight network.

Since 2019 the Chengdu airport has had a new free policy for foreigners holding valid international travel documents issued by any country or region and staying for 144 hours and not to exceed the country or region within 72 hours, and as of this past January, Chengdu has opened 120 international and regional routes.

The city’s reputation as the home of giant pandas is a major attraction for Knizen. The Chengdu Research Base of Giant Pandas Breeding, located in the northern suburbs, is a rare-see destination as it houses the world’s largest population, over 250, artificially bred pandas. Visitors can observe the pandas through fences or glass windows, and even see new babies in the maternity ward. There are also many real pandas. Swans and geese are also in abundance at the facility.

With a history spanning more than 4,000 years of civilization and 2,300 years of cultural development, Chengdu is regarded as the hometown of the civilization, and the Jinsha Site Museum, located in the western part of the city, tells the whole story. The history of the Jinsha site can be traced back 3,000 years, and the site has yielded precious cultural relics made of gold, bronze, jade, ivory, lacquerware.

In contrast, a mere 12 kilometers away, Qingcheng Mountain, located in the northwest, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is one of China’s most revered Taoist holy sites. Another attraction is the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, which still functions in the city of Dujiangyan, 1,930 meters away. It has protected Chengdu from water and drought challenges for over 2,000 years, earning Chengdu the title of “land of abundant blessings.” In 2000, Qingcheng Mountain was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

For fans of the Romance of the Three Kingdoms, the hometown of Chengdu is to history as the capital of the Shu Han during that period (221-263). This year, the Wuhou Shrine in Chengdu remains the most famous memorial site for the hero of the tale in China.

During the Western Han Dynasty (202 BC to 82 AD), Chengdu was known as “The City of Brocade” in honor of its beautiful emma- tions, and the city was a significant producer of the silk products on the ancient Silk Road. Today, thousands of miles away from the Wuhan Shrine, is now one of the most famous commercial pedsites in Chengdu and was once the location for the Silk Road of silk weaves.

Chengdu also has deep cultural heritage in poetry. Prominent poets such as Li Bai and Du Fu wrote “The Song Dynasty” (897-907) and “You And I Will Be In the Song Dynasty” (900-915) in Chengdu, representing the blending of northern Roman culture and southern-style song. As the capital of national culture for more than a thousand years, Chengdu is called as “the intellectual home” of the residence.

For tourists who appreciate Chinese tea culture, a visit to the Shuining area by the Jinsha River near Zuozhan Bridge is recommended. With a history dating to the end of the Tang Dynasty (618-907), and the Siling of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), Shuining is recognized as the world’s oldest distillery by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The fronting side of modern Chengdu is highlighted in the Jinsha Area, an area that connects Daxue Road and Taikou L shopping center. If you want to experience Chengdu’s traditional culture, you may visit Jinsha Park. It’s here for the food, there are hundreds of local snacks to choose from.

As for entertainment, visiting Chengdu Dongmen can be a good chance to take a boat and experience the unique charm of the river with its singing birds, delicious cuisine and beautiful light show along the river.

Korean-style restaurants have also been brought to life in Chengdu for 12 years and there is much more to experience, including the panda or sampling Sichuan hot pot. "This people is very hospitable," Knizen said. "I would say come to Chengdu to experience the rich culture of the city, as well as the eating of many kinds of foods, such as "Sichuan hot pot" and "panda.""
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COMMENTS

Editorials

Beijing and Canberra should go with the grain of their improving relations

B eijing and Canberra should go with the grain of their improving relations because both have reaffirmed that it is in their national interests to strengthen their robust strategic partnership. This is a very important message at a time when relations between major countries have been disrupted by various factors.

On April 7, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Australia and met with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. The two leaders held an important round of talks. Both sides expressed their desire to continue to advance the in-depth strategic cooperation between China and Australia. In July, the two countries exchanged diplomatic notes and mutually declared their support for each other in their achievements and development, as well as their commitment to the comprehensive strategic partnership.

China and Australia are major countries. Their mutual trust and cooperation are important to the stability and prosperity of the region and the world. Both nations are major contributors to global governance and have a considerable impact on the global development process. Their cooperation and dialogue are crucial for maintaining regional and global stability.

The two sides have a lot of common interests and should make every effort to maintain the momentum of progress in their relations. China and Australia should continue to work together to promote mutual trust and understanding, and to expand cooperation in various fields.

The Chinese government has firmly affirmed its principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other countries, which is a fundamental principle of the United Nations Charter. The Chinese government has always been committed to maintaining regional and global peace and stability, and it will continue to support and promote dialogue and cooperation between China and Australia.

Taiwan-related issues are a sensitive and thorny issue that have been of concern to both sides. China and Australia should respect each other's core interests and concerns and avoid any actions that could undermine the progress of their relations.

Both China and Australia have a strong interest in fostering a healthy and stable environment for economic and trade relations. The two countries should continue to strengthen their cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, education, culture, and tourism.

In summary, China and Australia should continue to work together to promote mutual trust and understanding, and to expand cooperation in various fields. This is in the interests of both countries and the region as a whole.

Opportunity to build consensus for peace talks

China has long advocated the establishment of a regional security configuration in the Indo-Pacific that is based on consultation and dialogue, and respects the diverse realities and interests of each country. This is a principle that is widely accepted by all sides.

On April 7, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Australia and met with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. This meeting was a significant step towards strengthening the strategic partnership between China and Australia. The two leaders exchanged views on a number of issues, including regional security, economic cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges.

China and Australia have a long history of friendly relations. Both countries have a long tradition of mutual respect and understanding. This tradition has been reflected in the strong bonds of friendship that have been formed between the Chinese and Australian peoples.

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Chinese students need to find right path

On April 7, Chinese students participated in the special SPRING event titled "Discovering Australia" in the heart of Australia's capital city, Canberra. This event was organized by the Australian government to provide Chinese students with an opportunity to experience Australian culture and society.

Chinese students should be aware of the diversity of Australian culture and society. They should be open-minded and respectful of different cultures and traditions. They should be willing to learn from each other and to share their own knowledge and experiences.

Chinese students should also be aware of the challenges of living and studying in Australia. They should be prepared to face the challenges of adapting to a new cultural environment, as well as the challenges of academic and professional development.

Chinese students should be encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them in Australia. They should be encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, to engage in cultural exchanges, and to take part in community service.

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COMMENTS

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6G to improve connectivity of all things

Mobile communication has been in existence for more than a decade, and the development of 5G will continue to be the key to extending the Internet of Things (IoT) into the digital world of the future. In the past four decades, each generation of mobile communication has brought a new network to people's daily lives, enhancing efficiency and convenience. In the long run, 6G technology will not only contribute to the development of the IoT, but also to other sectors, such as health care, energy, transportation, and education, creating a new digital world for people's lives.

6G technology

6G is the sixth generation of mobile communication technology and is expected to be available in the mid-2030s. It will bring significant improvements over 5G, including higher data rates, lower latency, and more secure and reliable communication. 6G technology will enable a wide range of applications, from enhanced mobile broadband to mission-critical services, and it will support a variety of use cases, from mobile virtual reality to autonomous vehicles.

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6G technology will be based on the following key features:

- Higher data rates: 6G will provide data rates of 100 Gbps or more, compared to 5G's 10 Gbps.
- Lower latency: 6G will achieve latency as low as 1 millisecond, compared to 5G's 10 milliseconds.
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- New use cases: 6G will support a wide range of use cases, from enhanced mobile broadband to mission-critical services.

6G technology will be developed by a variety of research institutions, including universities, government agencies, and private companies. 6G technology will be an integral part of the future digital world, and it will have a significant impact on various sectors, including healthcare, transportation, and education.

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GLOBAL VIEWS

LIN BOQIANG

A global power

By assisting Africa in the construction of electric infrastructure, China can bring in international standard regulations in the new-energy sector.

In the face of growing threats from climate change, countries around the world are now under increasing pressure to reduce their energy consumption. Collaboration between nations significantly reduces the costs of energy innovation and ensures a positive influence on global climate governance. Over the years, China has established stable and mutually beneficial cooperation relations with various African nations, and there is vast potential for China-Africa cooperation in the sector of energy transition.

Recently, the cooperation focuses on two main aspects. The first is the comprehensive cooperation on clean energy such as wind and solar power, leveraging African abundant clean energy resources and China’s strength in industry chain to achieve mutual complementation. As many regions in Africa are located near the equator, they are geographically making them resource-rich for solar energy. Additionally, the continent has vast plains and mountain areas as well as various regions, frequently divided by rivers from both the ocean and the landlocked Benin rich wind power resources. However, due to present financial and technological constraints, the development of clean-energy resources in Africa has been slow. China has accumulated considerable technical experience in these energy sectors such as wind and solar power through years of development. With this experience, China can provide African countries with comprehensive support and technologies. Therefore, in 2018, Beijing and Addis Ababa initiated the Belt and Road Initiative, China’s cooperation model for foreign aid and a win-win cooperation mechanism. On the one hand, new energy companies in China are the providers of power supply and construction and the power devices of China’s energy system. On the other hand, African countries can provide Africa’s rich new-energy resources and develop and construct new-energy projects.

The second aspect that the cooperation focuses on is supporting China’s Belt and Road Initiative. Africa faces the construction of electric infrastructure, which is one of the key issues in this era. The achievements of China in this field not only help to promote regional economic development but also enhance the prosperity and stability of the continent. Moreover, more favorable policies are also being introduced to promote such cooperation. For example, the Belt and Road Initiative and China’s energy cooperation with African countries can serve as a non-traditional power platform to provide China’s market and market to construct and promote more renewable-energy projects.

Secondly, it is important to strengthen cross-border energy cooperation. Both sides need to maximize the benefits of their respective regional energy cooperation. The Belt and Road Initiative has been widely recognized by the international community. China has invested significantly in local infrastructure projects, and China’s Belt and Road Initiative is a platform to promote the construction of the energy infrastructure in Africa.

In conclusion, China is committed to enhancing cooperation with African countries in the energy sector. Through its technical experience, resources and new-energy technologies, China can provide African countries with comprehensive support and infrastructure development.

MICHAEL DUNFORD

What plus entails

If more countries join BRICS at its next summit in Johannesburg it could set the stage for a more believable and democratic world order.

The next BRICS Summit, to take place in Pretoria, South Africa, from Aug. 22 to 26, is expected to mark a major shift in forward in the development of the BRICS bloc. The bloc, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, has been a key player in the global economic and political landscape, and its role is expected to grow even more significant if more countries join the BRICS bloc.

The BRICS members have already underscored the importance of encouraging the use of local currencies in financial transactions between BRICS countries and their trading partners. This move reflects the bloc’s commitment to promoting economic cooperation and stability in the global economy. The BRICS bloc is also expected to continue its efforts to enhance financial integration and cooperation, including the expansion of their currency swap agreements. These efforts are aimed at reducing the reliance on the US dollar and boosting the importance of local currencies in international trade and investment.

In addition, the BRICS bloc is expected to continue its efforts to promote greater cooperation in areas such as trade, investment and economic development. The bloc has established various bodies to coordinate and implement initiatives in these areas, including the BRICS New Industrial Policy Initiative and the BRICS High-Level Economic and Finance Committee. These initiatives are aimed at enhancing economic cooperation and promoting shared development among BRICS members.

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Bringing hearts and minds

Public welfare program sees volunteer doctors visit medically ill-equipped rural areas to not only offer people free consultation and treatment, but also provide training and knowledge, Cheng Yuezhu reports.

Usually, when we need to seek such treatment, we have to go to the county hospital. But this time, the experts came especially for us. Both diagnosis and medication are free. I am very grateful.”

Yutong Niu, rural resident of Huangzhou town, Shandong Taiabao autonomous region.

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Providing training sessions for local medical staff and giving health lectures to local residents. “I even set up an emergency service to house medical emergency; we can’t go out, we can ring and the doctors will come here as a volunteer once again.”

Shi Xixi, head of the Zougu county team and the Zougu County People’s Hospital.

On July 11, the doctors and volunteers were picked up by multiple teams and arranged to the county’s hospitals and counties.

Among them, a team of around 15 doctors took the charge and rode mountain roads to Zougu county, an area at an altitude of around 4,000 meters.

According to Taixi District, deputy head of Zougu county, the county has a total of 156 healthcare facilities, but there is only one-county level hospital and the rural majorities are the ones in the village clinics.

“Zougu county covers a vast area, but with a dispersed population. The medical infrastructure in the remote rural area is relatively weak as compared to other counties or regions,” he says.

Among the chronic diseases faced by residents of Zougu, mostly are blood diseases, high blood pressure, and diabetes. This is exacerbated by the severe shortage of skilled professionals and organizations to treat them.

Zougu county’s health center is one of the county’s 17 health centers at the township level. Only one of the area, its patients come from both the local community and the neighboring towns.

Chairman Shi, Party Secretary of Zougu, estimates that in the first half of 2023, more than 90% people visited the center to attend the free medical consultations.

The towns and 22 villages have a population of around 65,000. About 70% of the local residents suffer from coronary heart disease, respiratory diseases, and other medical disorders, common health issues found in high-altitude regions.

“They have been very much looking forward to the China Doctors medical team’s arrival. Previously when they encountered complicated health problems, they had to take long journeys to cities or nearby provinces, where they might face many difficulties including making payments, traffic and language,” he explains.

“I hope that we can have more events like this in the future. It’s a very meaningful project, as it not only facilitates communication and imaging among different ethnic groups, but also allows local residents to benefit from top-notch medical resources and more convenient medical support.”

It’s the fourth time Li Fan, an attending physician of internal medicine at Beijing Rehau Hospital, has participated in the program.

“It was a matter of chance when I was first invited to the program, but after attending the first trip, I must have joined them whenever I could. I am only too willing to follow the team and explore the rural regions and get to know the areas and their people,” he says.

Compared to the regions the team went to during previous trips, he says the living conditions and medical services in Zougu county are insufficient in comparison.

“We used to have only one doctor here. But after the visits, many more doctors and nurses came here.”

As a result, the doctors also have the responsibility of providing training sessions for local medical staff and giving health lectures to local residents.

“Even if we can offer emergency services, we can’t just sit on remote footpaths. If people in these areas are meaningful,” Li says.

But also, we need to bring doctors over for consultation, to help the residents gain access to medical professionals and improve their medical services.

In Linyi, head of the Zougu county team and the Zougu County People’s Hospital, and Linyi University of Chinese Medicine’s affiliated hospital, proposed that traditional Chinese medicine might offer an effective solution for improving medical services in rural areas.

“Their remote areas, where medical equipment is lacking, traditional Chinese medicine can play this role to some extent, because the local people need pain relieving remedies according to the signs and symptoms,” he says.

According to the program foundation, over the past 3 years, more than 30,000 medical staffs from Beijing provided consultations and a 30km (18 miles) car and bus ride was offered to the Gucheng People’s Hospital, offering medical support to over 400,000 local residents.

Around 800,000 people from various ethnic groups attended the program’s 75 health centers, while more than 50,000 medical students from local professional training sessions, and over 2000 children with congenital heart diseases received free surgery.

This year’s consultation served more than 52,000 people, accounting for approximately 7 percent of Zougu county’s total population. A total of 273 lectures and forums were hosted, and medications and medical supplies worth 22 million yuan (US$3 million) were distributed.

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Grassroots life promoted

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The China Writers Association has been promoting literary works that feature depictions of grassroots life, the achievements of poverty alleviation and prosperity of rural villages and townships.

A collection of four full-length literary works has been published under the association’s Literary Plan for a New Era, scheduled to be currently being edited and set to be published in 2024.

These forthcoming works also include online literature and children’s books.

The literary plan aims to help contemporary authors grasp the breadth, profundity and complexity of the changes to rural life, and to explore the paths rural areas have been taking to pursue modernization, says Zhang Hongyan, party secretary of the association.

He was addressing a seminar launching the plan in Linyi, Shandong province, on July 11.

Zhang said the plan aims to promote the spiritual legacy of distinguished authors like Liu Qian (1934-1976), Zhao Lin (1908- 1979) and Zhao Shun (1908-1966), whose works are rooted in the lives of ordinary people.

By curating the literary plan, Zhang hopes to discover emerging authors, especially those who have grown up in the countryside and have experienced the historical changes there, and stresses the importance of selecting dedicated editors and collaborating with influential literati, journalists and publishing houses to find talented writers and potential works.

According to Liu Zuo, head of The Writers Publishing House, which implements the literary plan, they have received around 100 literary manuscripts since the plan was launched last year in June.

Qinghai province, Lina Tao (Yangge by the Bonam River) will be adapted into a movie; it includes a novel, the publishing house has signed in copyright export contracts for the four projects, which means that some of these works will be translated and published in various countries, including Russian, German, Japanese and Arabic.
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What’s on

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The porcelain, produced by official kilns of the late Song and Yuan Dynasties (960-1368), is widely considered a symbol of imperial power and grace in the long history of Chinese ceramics, and is known as a precious Chinese blue. The magnificent quality gives it the name "Elysian blue".

Future and eternal

In 2015, the Today Art Museum launched a inaugural called the Palace of Fine Art, to become the heron museum and museum in global art, culture and technology. The project, funded by Dior, intends to showcase and integrate Chinese-Occidental arts and Chinese-Occidental culture in a new way.

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T here's a thrill to the way live fashion shows play out, with models strutting down the runway, legs bare, their bodies showcasing the latest in haute couture. It's a spectacle that draws attention to the most captivating pairings of design and fabric, the most innovative interpretations of beauty and style. But it's not just about the models and the clothes; it's also about the audience, the viewers who are drawn to the runway, come to experience the spectacle, and be inspired by the creativity and ingenuity on display.

In recent years, however, the fashion industry has had to adapt to the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Traditional fashion shows have been replaced by digital presentations, livestreams, and virtual reality experiences. While these changes may have been met with some resistance at first, they have also opened up new possibilities for the industry, creating new opportunities for designers and brands to reach a wider audience.

One example of this is the recent virtual fashion show held by the Chinese fashion brand Simbol, which showcased a collection of sustainable and ethical clothing. The show was streamed live on various platforms, allowing viewers all over the world to experience the event from the comfort of their own homes. The collection featured designs that were both stylish and environmentally friendly, highlighting the company's commitment to sustainability.

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In conclusion, the fashion industry is a dynamic and ever-evolving field, and the virtual fashion shows held by Simbol and Huanhuo are just two examples of the many ways in which the industry is adapting to the current state of affairs. These shows are not just a reflection of the current state of the fashion industry, but also a testament to the ingenuity and adaptability of designers and brands. As the industry continues to evolve, it will be interesting to see what new possibilities emerge and how the industry will continue to innovate and adapt to the changing landscape.