Deadly Hurricane

The United States recently witnessed two Chinese firms, Great Wall Motor Co. and Qingxiang Tech, enter the global automobile market. The Chinese companies have been making waves in the automotive industry, particularly in the electric vehicle segment, where they are gaining traction.

Great Wall Motor, a leading Chinese car manufacturer, recently announced the launch of its new electric SUV, the Cannon. The vehicle is equipped with advanced features such as autonomous driving technology and has been receiving positive reviews from consumers.

Qingxiang Tech, a relatively new entrant in the industry, has also made significant strides. The company's latest model, the QX Electric Car, has been praised for its innovative design and eco-friendly features.

These developments highlight China's growing presence in the global automotive market. As countries increasingly focus on sustainability and electric mobility, Chinese firms are becoming key players in shaping the future of the industry.

**By BY XUN**

**BRICS ties talk global trade, recovery**

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**Chinese tourism industry is eyesore, as detrimental**

Chinese tourism officials are holding a meeting to discuss ways to attract more foreign visitors, as the country is facing a critical period with the peak season soon approaching.

**By ZHAO HANSHAN**

The executive order that Chinese President Xi Jinping signed in May to tighten control over Chinese companies doing business in the United States has been implemented.

Specific companies that should be blacklisted are those that have engaged in economic and technological theft or whose actions are likely to pose a threat to China's national security, economic and technological interests.

The list includes Huawei, ZTE, and several other Chinese tech giants.

**By ZHAO DONG**

The Chinese government has announced new measures to support the tourism industry, which has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The measures include tax reductions, subsidies for travel agencies, and increased tourism infrastructure investments.

**By YANG ZEN**

The United States has recently launched a new program, the "Volunteer Rescuers" initiative, aimed at recruiting volunteers to help with natural disasters.

Volunteer responders should be trained in mission-critical water rescue and emergency medical care.

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Floods: Green channel for rescuers needed

By ZHANG YU (in Zhuozhou), HUO zhanyao@sina.com

An island boat was plucked by strong waves after being caught by strong waves in only a week ago as it was being used by a rescue team in east China’s Hebei Province. More flood waters flooded into Zhuozhou, Hebei on July 22, the worst flood disaster in Hebei’s history. The Zhejiang New Rescue team from neighboring Zhejiang province, said to the reporter that the island boat had been brought several residents to safety.

The team, comprising more than 100 members, rushed to Zhuozhou on July 24, after hearing that floodwaters were trapped at home after their properties were partly destroyed in floodwaters. Liu said.

"The team used a total of 12 boats to rescue more than 2,000 people. The team also took part in 50 missions to resupply relief supplies. "We are glad to provide help during the disaster, because saving people is our only duty and mission," said Liu, who founded the Zhejiang New Rescue team in 2020. The team is registered with the Zhejiang Civil Affairs Bureau.

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China's consumer price index in 2023 compared to previous years.

China's consumer price index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices that purchasers pay for a market basket of goods and services. It is a key indicator of inflation or deflation in the economy. The CPI is calculated by the National Bureau of Statistics of China and released monthly. The data is frequently used by policy makers, economists, and the media to assess the overall economic health and inflationary pressures in China. A rising CPI may indicate inflationary pressures, while a falling CPI may suggest deflationary pressures.

**Allegations:** US seeks to degrade, smear China

**Tech:** Biden order is latest restriction

Reconstruction outlined in Beijing after flooding

By ZHENG JINRAN and WANG SONGMING

Beijing has outlined a post-disaster reconstruction plan, aiming to achieve basic recovery in one year and comprehensive improvement in five years as well as long-term sustainable development, after torrential rainfall caused by Typhoon D打ち caused devastating floods in the capital.

At a conference on Wednesday at the National Convention Center in Beijing, Mayor Chen Jining said that Beijing's official, developed economic zones were reported, especially in recent years. Beijing's metropolitan Longhuangshan and Mentougou districts, near the city center, suffered.

Nearly 1.5 million people were affected and 25,000 economic zones were established. "We face a new urgency, an urgent need to improve urban planning and management," said Chen.

A total of 500 geological disasters were reported, more than 10.3 times higher than the average annual occurrence rate.

Floodwaters in the collapse of Shiyou counties and 700 houses were also inundated, over 10,000

In the lakes of small and medium-sized towns in Beijing, "We need to focus on the flood control, the flood control and the increase of urban areas within a year, this risk. Post-disaster recovery and reconstruction work will be fully completed in three years with improvement in disaster prevention and rescue conditions," said Chen.

According to the vice-mayor, the steps for achieving long-term sustainable development will include optimizing the functional layout of urban areas and improving infrastructure and services.

Beijing has considered a systematic and comprehensive assessment of reconstruction and management needs for major management, transport, power supply, water supply and drainage plans and implementation and fund plans.

Pan Jiajun, director of the Beijing Water Resources Authority, said on Wednesday that based on flood forecasting, the city predicted in million-ruble forecasts of irrigation, rainfall, and lakes for floodwater storage M hours in advance. "Flood control facilities were fully utilized to control floodwater in a proper way," he said.

According to the vice-mayor, the flooding in the downtown area of Beijing was caused by the rainfall. The city carried out a number of measures, along with various rural welfare measures, to ensure the safe and timely delivery of unsupervised support during the evacuation process. The city also said, adding that the continuous support would be used to estimate the number of flood-affected people, who are estimated to form a feasible form of government assistance.

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Black cat cafe works its magic

Wuhan shop aims to put an end to the fear of animals seen as unlucky

By CHEN MINGJING in Beijing

There are two ways to forget about your troubles: Go to a cafe or work through them. At the Cat Cafe in Wuhan, a city in China’s Hubei province, about 30 furry creatures, each wearing a name tag, wait with open arms on the left side of the cafe, while you order your drinks. On the right side, the cats are perched on shelves or stretched out on benches. In between is a tangle of cat beds, which are scattered with toys and blankets. The cafe’s appeal is all about the black cats, most of whom are rescued cats before being adopted by their new owners. While many stress on surviving in the crowded and chaotic city, the cats at the Cat Cafe are comfortable and seemingly enjoy their time in the cafe. While warming themselves, the cats have also lifted the spirits of their local residents and other people from further afield.

The manager of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Service Center, who manages the cafe, said it was the first non-profit cat cafe in the city, and all the profits are used to help homeless cats.

The 41-year-old, who is also a director of the museum, said he opened the black cat cafe to dispel the myth that such felines are “unlucky” and “evil”, as depicted in the remainder of the country. During the past 17 years, a lot of people have come to be adopted cats, but many also choose to visit the cafe. “Actually, in traditional Chinese culture, black cats are special as they are considered the spirits of the dead and bring luck. They should be treated respectfully”, he said.

So are black cats as reserved and mysterious as folk tales suggest? Well, perhaps not. Having two young women open the door, some passion and energetic “cat workers” waited and greeted them. When the visitors sat down, one cat snuggled against the bottom of one woman’s pants, while another climbed onto her knees. Some of the cats simply fell asleep against the guests’ laps.

Boiled rice, a type of rice that is served in a bowl, is also a cat-friendly treat. One of the most well-loved monthly events is a tea ceremony, explaining its strong appeal of service. Bo said the cats were selected for their calm, outgoing personalities and they have been trained to adapt to a social environment with many cats and strangers.

“Besides, they know most of the grand song will be held for these cats. On the walls, there are portraits of cats and a number of names left to be visited. One need, I hope, every day will be happy and healthy every day.” Another added.

The cat cafe’s average age is 2 to 3 years old. One, named “Teacher”, has only been living there for 20 days after association workers saved him from the streets. “Teach” had a serious eye infection, and when its owners found him, along with its mother and kitten, they called the association. The infection was so bad that a veterinarian had to remove one eyeball. “I hope one day we can be a platform for people to learn about cats and promote the idea of animal protection.”

Bo said, “Humans and animals should share this world equally. For various reasons, many animals struggle to survive, so we need more channels to work people how to coexist peacefully with animals.”

The idea seems to be working. After the cafe went viral, a lot of people came to visit. A woman from the southwestern city of Chongqing, who bought a kitten through the association’s work, described the cafe as “a great place, where I can come to pet and relax.”

“Even if I can’t take a cat home, it’s worth the trip just to spend an hour here.”

Shanghai, a national hub of the cat industry and has become an important center of about 30 TV dramas.

GETTING INTO THE CATS' RHYTHM

The manager is a self-proclaimed Cat’s Lovers’ Club founder, performing the grand song of the black cat group, which bears a similar history, since its name is inspired by the work of the Intangible Cultural Protection Service Center. When the grand song was performed during an edition of the Pet’s Arts Festival in the city, it immediately captured the audience with its charm.

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**Wuyishan National Park aims to grow sustainable tea sector**

Scientific advances and restrictions on land use are helping to raise the incomes of local growers and protect the environment, *Hu Yumeng* reports.

In recent years, the Wuyishan National Park, centered on its beautiful landscapes and the renowned tea, has taken significant steps to upgrade its reputation and attract more tourists, while sustainable strategies are being adopted to raise the incomes of local people.

Home to one of China’s largest and most diverse subtropical forests, Wuyi West is the only place in the country where Wuyi rock tea is grown.

“Wuyi rock tea, known for its mineral-rich soil, feels as if it possesses a distinctive and crucial function in China’s biodiversity, the soil and evokes of the region,” said Huang Shulin, who heads the Wuyi Shangwan, an independent research institute of Wuyishan National Park.

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The need to strike a balance between forest and tea production and the local environment has emerged as a unique challenge for the Wuyishan National Park, which covers 1,260 square kilometers as it embraces the eastern provinces of Fujian and Jiangxi. It was established in 2002 as one of the first batch of China’s national parks.

The park authorities said the facility is a valuable area of 4.65 sq. km, accounting for 3.5 percent of its total area.

The authorities have cooperated with tea experts to devise a holistic strategy for the protection and green development of the Wuyi tea industry and biodiversity, ensuring the sustainable development for generations to come.

**Modern methods**

After the Wuyishan National Park pilot program was launched in 2002, the use of illegally reclamed tea mountains had been prohibited, reducing more than 1.7 square kilometers within the park’s boundaries.

Despite promoting traditional gardening techniques, local growers have chosen from existing cultivation areas or using new parcels of land, the park remains committed to supporting the local tea industry and improving the farmers’ lives.

Newly, the approach has shifted toward sustainable tea cultivation practices, including existing plantations and improving the quality of Wuyi rock tea.

By prioritizing quality over quantity, the farmers can maintain their market competitiveness while safeguarding the environmental integrity of Huang West.

“On the one hand, we must preserve and protect the existing areas for the benefits of the plants and farmers, and on the other, new land must be cultivated,” said Huang Shulin, who is committed to the park’s management bureau.

However, existing tea growers and merchants can continue their operations by providing the best environment and well-being of the local public.

**Leveraging technology**

Fostering sustainable agricultural practices is at the core of improving efforts for the park’s tea industry. Growers are encouraged to minimize the use of pesticides and artificial fertilizers, and employ organic and natural alternatives to protect the ecosystem and human health.

The use of organic manure that use the “tea forest” and “tea” models have been introduced to the park, the authorities provide financial support for the sustainable tea cultivation practices.

As the practices are implemented, the park’s tea becomes more popular, with increased demand and export potential.

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**I’m delighted by my first taste of a new experience**

For many people, tea is not part of their daily life. Like casual wine, it has become a popular beverage for its health benefits and relaxing properties.

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Wuyi rock tea is bold and holds its own on its own. The people who like it love it.

What’s next? The possibilities are endless, and with the growing appreciation for tea as a beverage, the future looks bright for this traditional drink. 
**World**

Neighbors urged to seize momentum

Seoul to move to renew trilateral meeting with Beijing, Tokyo, group says

BY YANG HAN

No longer the main topic, the talks among South Korea, Japan, and China have been put on hold since Japan's new prime minister, Kishida Fumio, took office in December. However, the three nations are again considering the possibility of resuming trilateral talks on economic, security, and cultural issues.

The three nations have been divided over the issue of historical and territorial disputes. Japan and China have been at odds over the Senkaku Islands, while South Korea and China have been divided over the issue of the so-called "comfort women." The United States has been trying to mediate the disputes, but progress has been slow.

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Concorde makeover

The joint Chinese-Swedish reflect close cooperation in tough times, experts say

By TAN YINGZI in Chongqing

WASHINGTON: China and the United States during the recent bilateral discussions in the world today, are actually just making the right decision. China and Sweden have a long history of cooperation and friendship, which is an asset for the future. Today, we are taking this opportunity to reflect on the cooperation and friendship between China and Sweden.

China-US relations are one of the most important relationships in the world today. In this context, the cooperation and friendship between China and Sweden are significant, as they are not only good for the two countries, but also for the world as a whole. The cooperation and friendship between China and Sweden have a bright future.

This is the second time that China and Sweden have held such a high-level meeting. The previous meeting took place in 2013. Since then, the cooperation and friendship between China and Sweden have continued to develop and strengthen.

On the economic front, China and Sweden have a long history of cooperation and friendship. Swedish companies have invested heavily in China, and Chinese companies have invested in Sweden. The two countries have a strong economic relationship, which has contributed to the development of their respective economies.

In terms of culture, China and Sweden have also had a long history of cooperation and friendship. Chinese culture has been introduced to Sweden, and Swedish culture has been introduced to China. The two countries have a strong cultural relationship, which has contributed to the development of their respective cultures.

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**BRICS ties support trade, recovery, MSMEs**

By LI YUNSHEN

BRICS cooperation and coordination among BRICS members — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa — are expected to strengthen world economic recovery as well as the multi-polar and multi-track trends that now characterize global politics.

**Stronger cooperation and better coordination among BRICS countries**

Among the BRICS, it’s clear that more and more countries are focusing on strengthening multinational cooperation. The BRICS leaders have repeatedly emphasized the importance of promoting coordination among the BRICS to strengthen the BRICS mechanism and bring down barriers to strengthen the BRICS cooperation mechanism.

**China’s leading dairy producers**

China’s leading dairy producers are making greater efforts to reshape the sector with intelligent manufacturing. China’s dairy breeders are reaping the benefits of smart factories and high-quality production.

**Phonemakers swear by smart chip brains**

Chinese brands ramp up R&D in bid for competitive edge in global market**

By MAI SHENZHEN (read and translated by CAI YUAN)

Chinese smartphone manufacturers are in hot pursuit of chip design capabilities as they continue to research and develop high-tech chips and terminal equipment.

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BCG: Generative AI tools to gain more ground in banking

As application speeds up, consultancy underscores fairness, accountability

By FAN FEIFEI
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As fast-developing generative artificial intelligence technology is expected to be applied in various fields of the banking industry, more efforts are needed to ensure the safe and responsible use of AI, given that data security and privacy are rising priorities, according to a report released by global consultancy Boston Consulting Group.

The report said that generative AI will replace human beings in doing a large number of repetitive, simple and basic tasks, thus reducing costs and improving operational efficiency, which will give birth to new business models and bring about disruptive changes to the banking industry.

Although the use of generative AI in the banking sector is in a trial phase, it will cover multiple scenarios, such as sales, lending, product development and investment consultation services, it noted, adding that the application prospects of such cutting-edge technology in banks are broad and promising.

The report said that as far as promoting the large-scale commercial use of generative AI, there is a need to improve computing efficiency, expand the capacity of large language models (LLMs) and expand the diversity of data, which means fine-tuning and the deployment of LLMs in the banking industry should be done locally.

In order to leverage new technology to promote the transformation of the banking industry has become a consensus, said the spokesperson for a Chinese AI research institution, the total industry should speed up the application of the relevant technology, seize opportunities and seize the wave of change.

Despite all relevant institutions that are equipped with large amounts of data and capable of processing various types of images, text, audio and video is the key technology underlying AI, the AI market has developed rapidly.

Although the barriers to developing generative AI services are still challenges, the future is bright, said Wei, partner of BCG.

In China, numerous AI-related scenarios and applications are gradually emerging, and the development of the market is accelerating and the trend is obvious.

Last month, the Chinese authority issued an AI code of conduct for enterprises, which will take effect in November. It is believed that the code of conduct will improve the technology usage and development, according to industry insiders.

The report said that the technology can be used to improve the quality of services, the safety of financial transactions and the customer experience.

Despite different dietary habits, taste preferences are amazed and impressed by the brewing process of mature vinegar...
Chinese video games expand global reach

By CHINA DAILY

Shanghai-based developer’s Genesis Impact leads buzz chart

According to a report recently released by mobile game platform App Annie and research company Sensor Tower, video game apps generated over US$26.5 billion in revenue globally in 2022, with revenue surpassing US$60 billion.

China’s competitive edge

China’s competitive edge is no secret anymore. With the country’s vast market and growing number of gamers, the Chinese video game industry is expanding its global reach and securing a significant share of the market.

China’s gaming industry has been growing at an impressive pace, with revenues exceeding US$26.5 billion in 2022. This growth is largely attributed to the country’s large and ever-growing number of gamers, estimated at over 630 million.

China’s gaming market has been leading the world in several areas. Its mobile gaming market is one of the largest in the world, with revenues exceeding US$20 billion in 2022. The country’s gaming industry is also attracting significant foreign investment, with many international companies entering the market.

China’s gaming industry is also known for its innovative and creative content, with many games becoming global hits. Games such as "Genshin Impact," "Honkai Impact 3," and "PUBG Mobile" have gained popularity worldwide, attracting players from different countries and regions.

China’s gaming industry is also benefiting from the country’s rapid technological advancement. China is home to many of the world’s largest and most advanced technology companies, which are investing heavily in the gaming industry, driving innovation and creativity.

China’s gaming industry is also facing challenges, such as rapidly changing consumer preferences and increased competition from other regions. However, the industry is adapting and innovating to meet these challenges, with many companies focusing on developing new and innovative games.

China’s gaming industry is also benefiting from the country’s large and growing number of gamers, who are increasingly demanding high-quality and innovative content. This demand is driving the industry to continually innovate and create new and exciting games.

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Tokyo should change its ill-chosen course

The United States is known to be the world’s most powerful country. The US National Security Agency has sponsored a wide array of global surveillance activities over the years. Among those is the PRISM program enabling the agency to collect and analyze communications of billions of Internet users by tapping into data centers of technology or internet companies such as Microsoft, Apple and Facebook, among others, including emails, chats, photos, and videos. Xixiyans, which is used to collect intelligence, and songs and movies worldwide, and the Upstream Collection program, which targets public conversations and communications from the internet backbone, such as mass email traffic. This denies people their privacy. 6F and 6G, are other prominent examples.

Paul Nakasone, the new head of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and commander of the directorate of the NSA, has also admitted that US military has aggressively learned to spy on billions of people online. He has explicitly stated that he has “learned” how to spy on the internet communications. But this does not only affect Japan. He has also indicated that he has “learned” how to spy on millions of people in his offices, companies and government agencies, as well as those of its allies.

It is in the hope of following in the US footsteps that China, Japan and the US are engaging in a cyber war that is directly related to subverting China’s political system. 

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On August 12, 1978, Japan and China signed the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, formally ending the war that had lasted for nearly 80 years. This event was a historic moment for both nations, signaling a new era of cooperation and mutual respect. However, the relationship between Japan and China has been marked by ups and downs, with periods of tension and conflict.

Consider the other parties

To begin with, it is a matter of perception. If we see things only from our own standpoint and fail to consider the other party's perspectives, the relationship between both sides will inevitably deteriorate. This issue also applies to Japan-China relations. For instance, when US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi in Tokyo earlier this month, the US-UFO coalition called for cooperative ties between the two countries. However, China's actions were also perceived as a response to US efforts to contain China. Donald Trump's policies have added to the complexity of the situation. Defying a right-wing group of civilians, he has taken on various countries, leading to a shift in the relationship between the United States and China.

The leaders of Japan and China are currently in hot debates over the situation. Japan's move to enter talks with China has stirred up discussions about the impact of the situation on the region. Japan and China are both important players in the global economy, and their cooperation is crucial for the region's economic development.

Mei XinYu

Food security top priority and global climate impacts

The recent shift in the weather pattern has brought extreme temperatures and heavy rainfall to many parts of the world, including Japan and China. The phenomenon is known as the "global heat wave," and it is causing severe damage to agriculture and food security. In Japan, rice production has been significantly reduced due to the adverse weather conditions. In China, the heavy rainfall has led to flooding and landslides, affecting the infrastructure and economy.

Their grain imports have already been significantly increased due to the drought. China's and Japan's dependence on imported grains will continue to rise in the coming years, with the risk of food shortages and price spikes.

In conclusion, food security and climate change are interlinked issues that require urgent action. The international community should work together to address these challenges and ensure a sustainable and healthy future for all.

Nei Kang

Only effective investment can help promote consumption

Increasing consumption and investment is key to achieving China's development goals. The country has a large domestic market with vast potential for consumption. However, consumer demand remains relatively low, and the government is taking steps to stimulate consumption through various measures.

In addition, the real estate sector is still a major driver of the economy, and the government is considering measures to support this sector. One potential solution is to increase the supply of rental housing, which can help reduce the pressure on the housing market and make it more affordable for young people.

By strengthening the social services system, the government can help people have more money which they can spend on consumption.

While many analysts believe that China's policies have helped lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, the country still faces challenges in terms of consumption. The government should consider increasing consumption incentives and promoting consumption-friendly policies to boost domestic demand.

In conclusion, investment in infrastructure and education, as well as efforts to improve the social services system, can have a positive impact on consumption. The government should also consider promoting consumption-friendly policies to boost domestic demand and ensure a sustainable economic growth.
GLOBAL VIEWS

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Meaningful connection

By transforming Laos into a land-linked country, the Laos-China Railway has great potential to help boost regional development

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on the economy, society, and various sectors over the past two years, both in Laos and other countries in the world. However, the Laos-China Railway project has successfully connected Laos and China since it commenced operations on December 3, 2021, coinciding with the commemoration of the 46th anniversary of the establishment of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. The railway, covering more than 1,500 kilometers, connects Laos’ southeastern city of Vientiane to China’s capital city of Beijing, transforming the landlocked country of Laos into a land-linked nation, delighting it with the Belt and Road Initiative as a component of the gradual implementation of the Laos-China Economic Corridor.

Recognizing the significance of this endeavor, political authorities and governmental bodies of both Laos and China reached a consensus to undertake the construction of the Laos-China Railway project. To ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this project, a collaborative effort led to the establishment of the Laos-China Railway Company Limited. This entity is characterized by a shareholders’ structure in which the government of Laos possesses 50 percent of the shares and the Chinese government possesses 50 percent of the shares. It is estimated that the railway will yield an annual rate of return of approximately 6.3 percent based on the findings of the economic and technical feasibility studies. It is imperative to note that while the direct financial returns may not be undeniably high in comparison to other business investment projects, it is deemed a sound investment return compared to its own scale and infrastructure investment projects.

The project is generating both direct and indirect benefits not only for Laos and China, but also neighboring countries.

The railway is a significant infrastructure investment with great potential to foster the social and economic growth and development of various sectors and businesses, thereby enhancing the quality and pace of economic growth in Laos. It has the capacity to position Laos as a novel transportation hub, facilitating efficient and expedient import-export activities, accommodating large volumes of goods, mitigating risks, lowering transportation costs, offering congestion on highways, reducing traffic and warming pollution, and providing smaller passengers with increased alternatives. Also, the utilization of abandoned land has been effectively implemented to generate economic output, particularly in terms of fostering community development within the corridor and adjacent to rail stations. The objective is to generate employment opportunities during both the construction phase and the operational phase of the service. By means of the project, Laos will be more competitive and capable in terms of revenue within the region of trade. It is expected that Laos-China will be able to attract increased international tourism, including cargo transport, and attract foreign direct investment. Based on the railway’s potential and business, it is expected that Laos-China will generate substantial revenue.

The Lao–Vietnamese railway project is the first of its kind in bringing the railway line closer to the Laotian people, and making it easier for local residents to commute to nearby countries. This has also generated a potential two-way flow of business, which is expected to generate substantial revenue for the national economy.

This initiative will facilitate the expansion of transportation and logistic services, and make a positive contribution to the socioeconomic progress of the country, thereby enhancing its economic development potential. The Lao–Vietnamese railway project is expected to significantly enhance regional connectivity and foster mutual advantages, thereby improving substantial momentum to the economic and social progress of Laos, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and China.

In addition to the above benefits, the Lao–Vietnamese railway project will enhance connectivity and logistic services, and its impact will be significant not only for the two countries but also for the larger region. This will facilitate the economic development of the region and contribute to the regional integration process. This initiative will also have a positive impact on the economic and social development of Laos and Vietnam, and contribute to the regional economic integration process.

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The subjects featured were mostly returned to their original natural habitat and jointed before having their picture taken. They are now living in a natural environment, and enjoy the natural beauty of their new homes. Through their looks, bodies of whales, giraffes, pandas, and other species were portrayed in a realistic way, reflecting their natural state of running, flying, or walking. 

Shanghai is the beginning of China’s efforts to protect species that are in danger of extinction. By providing living spaces for these species, they can be rescued from their original habitats and placed in a natural environment, allowing them to be observed and studied in their natural state. This approach is a major step forward in the preservation of wildlife and biodiversity, and is an important contribution to the global effort to protect our planet’s natural heritage.

Prize-winning snapper wins acclaim for her captivating images that combine photography with an artistic aesthetic, Yang Feiyue reports.

BODIES OF WORK

Invasive species threat puts crayfish on menu for attention

By WANG RU

A awarding summer evening and peak fishing season is a time for those who enjoy fishing for crayfish. The temperature is mild and a good time with friends. Delicate crayfish is a popular dish as an appetizer on many tables, but many may not realize that it is actually a species that threatens ecosystems. The presence of invasive species can have a significant impact on aquatic animals and plants.

Crayfish should be treated as a potential threat to ecosystems and should be controlled through measures such as better management practices. When dealing with the invasive species, their threats can be minimized and their impact on the environment reduced.

The story is featured in Invasive Species: A Manual for Scientists and Managers, a book written by scientists and authors from the Netherlands. The book is a valuable resource for those interested in understanding and managing invasive species.

In this regard, the book provides valuable insights that can be applied to the management of the invasive species threat, which is a significant concern for conservationists and policymakers worldwide. The book is highly recommended for those interested in invasive species management and control.

The book covers various aspects of invasive species management, from identification and control to the development of sustainable strategies. It is an important resource for scientists, policymakers, and practitioners working in the field of invasive species management.

Through their latest work, the photographer has demonstrated a strong commitment to conserving biodiversity and highlighting the importance of preserving the natural world. The images are a testament to the photographer’s dedication to capturing the beauty of the natural world and raising awareness about the challenges facing our planet.

In this work, the photographer has combined her artistic talent with her passion for conservation, creating captivating images that showcase the beauty and diversity of the natural world. The images are a powerful reminder of the importance of protecting our planet’s biodiversity and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.
Reaching out through theater

Fifteen US teens perform beloved Chinese children’s play in Mandarin to astonish Beijing audiences, Yang Xiaoyu reports.

I magine that on your first trip to a foreign country as a teenager — be it Italy, Greece or Germany — you’ve been tasked with performing a play for a local audience in their language. It might seem daunting, but imagine the thought of it requires you to translate, and not only that, but to memorize your lines in a completely new language. This is a nearly impossible task for many students, but for the 15 students who attended Brown University’s Missoula Children’s Theatre Institute in Beijing, the task was made possible.

The institute, founded in Missoula, Montana, is a summer theater camp for children and young people to study theater under the guidance of a professional theater director. The 15 students were from the United States, and they spent two weeks in Beijing, learning Mandarin and Chinese culture. They were able to perform a play in Mandarin, a language they had never heard before.

The play they performed was “The Boy Who Cried Wolf,” a classic fable about a boy who tells a lie so many times that no one believes him anymore.

The students were divided into two groups, and each group performed their own version of the play. The first group performed in Mandarin, while the second group performed in English.

The students were able to immerse themselves in Chinese culture, learning about traditional customs and practices. They were also able to bond with their fellow students, many of whom they had never met before.

The performance was a huge success, and the students were overjoyed to have been able to perform a play in a language they had never studied before. They were able to show their talent and hard work to a live audience, which was a great experience for them.

The students were impressed by the audience’s reception of their performance, and they were thankful for the opportunity to perform in a different language. They were also grateful for the chance to connect with people from different cultures and to learn about Chinese culture.

In the future, they plan to continue their love of theater and to continue learning about different cultures. They hope to perform in different languages in the future, and they look forward to the opportunity to perform in front of different audiences.

The experience was a powerful one for the students, and they are grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this unique experience.
Craftsmans's diligent undertaking shows character

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In the eyes of a Leperon, carving oracle bone inscriptions might seem quite a boring job, as it is slow and monotonous. But Liu Hai, who has practiced this art for nearly 30 years, is not going to adjust his style. From calligraphy and cultural relics exhibition, to usual pursuits of his little...