Beijing slams US stopover by Taiwan official

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The remarks came in a statement issued by the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, which said the visit “in recent days has seriously undermined China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

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Students: Careers develop on global stage

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"I am willing to step out of my comfort zone, as remaining there without ambition or motivation is too boring." - Li Yaqing, 47, who pursued a master's degree in the history of film at University College London after leaving her print media job in Shanghai, which she held for 30 years.

From left: Zhong Daping, 41, quit her job in the internet industry in Beijing to study at the University of Florence in 2010; Dong Nai, 34, completed her master's at Northwestern University and now works for the company Box in Shanghai; Li Yaqing, 47, has previous memories of studying at University College London in 2008. PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

"I want to understand the culture of European society, admire its culture, sense and all four seasons. Studying in Italy appeared relatively straightforward, and the cost was acceptable. It was the best choice for me," Zhang said.

In early 2019, she began preparing for her overseas studies. Her goal was to be admitted to a language school, and she then pursued a master’s degree in Communication Theory at the University of Florence. However, the academic challenges were more demanding than she imagined. Zhong chose a program from the Literature and Philosophy Department, which helped her resolve this problem with a partial scholarships and fellowships and with the support of people willing to help. During her two-year stay in Italy, she freelanced for the Italian newspaper "La Republica" andarta association for young people affected by the pandemic.

Zhong would have graduated in October, but chose to postpone her studies because of the pandemic.

"At my age, obtaining this master's isn't about finding a better job. Studying abroad is an experience, even though it isn't as smooth as I imagined. Life presents challenges after another, and they are never-ending. After experiencing all this, I've become stronger. It doesn't mean everything will be smooth sailing," said Zhong, who plans to travel more often to explore and understand local culture after she graduates.

Last year, she plans to send her son to London, where her daughter worked before studying abroad at the University of Dundee and seeking work in the city's local community center.

"Most people don't want to live a predictable life. Life can bring you many different experiences. You never know what to expect. Some may want to stay clear of you. When I look back on my life, the experiences I have been through will have a significant impact on you, so this has become a unique journey," Zhong said.

To Tal, who plans to study business at Fudan University, said: "People studying abroad often want to explore the unfamiliar or to embrace the future, all have their own goals and challenges in their decision-making power lies in their hands, and to make the best choice they need to consider the pros and cons based on their personal circumstances."

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Paying the price for a better job...
Guidelines unvedied
to boost foreign investment

Exits of multilateral firms express confidence in nation's market

By ZHANG NIAN and WANG KELU

China has issued new guidelines and furthered the policies concerning the multilateral corporations.

The newly issued guidelines are part of a broader policy document released on Sunday by the Ministry of Commerce. The document, covering such topics as enhancing China's openness to the outside world, setting up a system of foreign and domestic companies and providing tax incentives to foreign investors and sector-management mechanism for overseas investments. Other topics include increasing protection of intellectual property of foreign firms and providing local funding for foreign projects, China Daily reported.

China will create a market-oriented and international business environment, give full play to the roles of the state's small-scale effort and large-scale participation, and promote foreign investment more vigorously and effectively, according to the document.

Foreign investors are encouraged to establish and develop research and market major science and technology projects, the document said. For instance, in the field of the country's FIGA bioinnovator will be accelerated and promoted.

The State Council also emphasized the commitment to ensuring that foreign-invested enterprises enjoy equal treatment in government and current activities according to the law. The government will introduce relevant policies and measures as soon as possible to further clarify the specific standards for "transnational corporations."

Mr. Jin, chief consultant at a global consulting firm, said China needs to "facilitate more foreign investment legislation in areas such as high-end manufacturing and trade servicing, as well as financial and insurance services." The government should also be further actively developing the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

"Huaqiao China's size, location, and pool of human resources is second only to the United States, which makes it an ideal production base for transnational corporations. It also has a complete industrial infrastructure. We estimate that the zone will bring over 90 billion yuan in invested capital in the coming years,” Mr. Jin said.

China’s presence in the Belt and Road region is solid.

"The China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, established in 2004, is today a mature free trade area with a trillion-yuan volume, which has been continuously upgraded and will soon enter a new phase of development," Mr. Jin said. "It is expected to have an annual output of 100 billion yuan and be the world's most dynamic market and one that will certainly match the coming years."

China is transforming from being the "world factory" to a high-end manufacturer, with growing domestic and overseas consumers, leading towards market-oriented and international business environment.

The trend toward localization is going to be prominent in many sectors over the next several years, Mr. Jin said, adding that domestic firms, automobiles, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, and green energy, Atlas Coffee will invest 30 billion yuan in the construction.

For this reason, the Belt and Road Initiative is expected to attract more investment from China and the broader Chinese landscape during the Belt and Road Forum.

"The Belt and Road Initiative is the most important opportunity for China and the wider world to share the opportunity and benefits of the Belt and Road Initiative," Mr. Jin added. "This is a global opportunity for China and the world to share the opportunity and benefits of the Belt and Road Initiative, which was proposed by China and has been supported by the international community."

"BRICS countries have complemented in opportunities, costs and market access. All these prospects are not going to be free," Mr. Jin said. "China and the Belt and Road Initiative asked to be a "paltry-international" business model, but also the leverage of the Belt and Road Initiative in the world."

"China is at the forefront of building a new type of international relationship framework that is characterized by equality, mutual respect, and win-win cooperation."

"The Belt and Road Initiative offers a new paradigm for international cooperation, setting a new benchmark for international cooperation."

"The Belt and Road Initiative is a platform for cooperation and mutual development and an effective way to promote the development and progress of China and other countries.

"China has a memorandum of understanding with China in 2006 to jointly promote the Belt and Road Initiative. And China also signed more than 200 joint agreements with 121 countries and 28 international organizations related to the Belt and Road Development.
Editor's note: Portraits of Chairman Xi are in the Ediger-Steven Nunnemacher video series, which aims to explore every- thing China does with small, fast-moving story lines showing their understanding and experience. The video series delves into the topic of Chinese ways of thinking and research, which represents the CPC's commitment to governance.

In 1930, Chairman Mao Zedong visited Xunwu county in Gansu, Jiaozuo province. During his visit, he conducted social and economic research in the town to understand the economic situation in rural areas and small cities at that time, and later wrote the well-known “Jiaozuo rural people.”

The mayor of the People’s Republic of China had completed his mission based on the real situation by analyzing different sectors in Xunyu, including transport, commerce, communications, and handicrafts. The research was thus a significant part of China's governance, emphasizing the importance of thorough research and making decisions based on real economic situations.

When Mao was conducting his research in Xunwu, he said that he had an interesting conversation about the town with the mayor.

“Of all the villages doing business in Xunwu, which group is the most engaged? Who is the richest?” Mao asked the mayor.

“Which farmers in Xunwu are well-made and well-behaved?” Mao then asked.

The mayor failed to answer the question this time. However, Mao could see from the mayor’s face that the best farmers in the area were the best-tax-paying farmers. This was an important factor in understanding the economic situation.

Mao believed that the quality of the farmers could provide insights into the economic situation, and he wanted to see the best-tax-paying farmers in the area to better understand the economic situation.

The research and findings of the Chinese Communist Party have played a significant role in guiding China's development and growth. The Party has always been committed to understanding China's economic situation and making decisions based on real economic situations.

Clockwise from top: No investigation, no right to speak, Mao Zedong’s famous maxim is immortalized in the yard of the Xunwu Research Memorial Hall. Above: Four portraits of Mao Zedong in Xunwu. Red Alert: “Report from Xunwu” and “The Opposition to Domestic Idiots.”


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The solid and practical problem-solving ideology is seen as a common thread in Chinese political philosophy, which forms the DNA of the Communist Party of China.

Jiaozhuo and Nathan Williams report.
RURAL SPORTS REEL IN FANS

By ZHU XINGXIN, XANG JUN and WU YUNCHI in Guizhou

Soccer, basketball and volleyball are the three major sports in China and are even popular in the country’s rural areas. This year, after the successful staging of the “Village Super” (Volleyball) Leagues in Guizhou province, the “Village Super (Basketball) Leagues”, known as Chinese country basketball, also showed a sensational event, attracting thousands from both home and abroad to the southwest province.

The soccer league, known as the “Village Super”, consists of 20 teams from various villages and ethnic groups in the province, including Miao, Tujia, and Bai. The players are amateurs from all walks of life, including farmers, students, businessmen, police officers and children aged 10 to 16.

On the evening of July 19, the final of the Village Super drew thousands of people to a fully-packed stadium. Since its launch on May 19, the league has attracted over 3 million fans.

The charm of rural sports events has not only attracted fans to the stadium but also to the internet. With the continuous promotion of the rural revitalization strategy, rural sports are expected to have greater development opportunities.

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From left: Liu Yanhua (left), a former member of the National Women’s Volleyball Team, plays with several children using a stool as she warms up for a “Village Volleyball Association” game in Wenchang city, Hainan province on July 21. A village soccer ball outside the stadium before the “Village Super” final on July 29. “Villagers play a basketball game in Taiping Village in Taijiang county on July 23.

From left: An aerial photo shows villagers playing a beach volleyball game in Longtan Village, Wenchang, Hainan on July 20. Spectators pack a stadium to watch the final of the “Village Basketball Association” staged in Taiping Village, Taijiang, on July 26.
Flood of misery

Pain, anger as Hawaii fire toll reaches 93

LAFEHUA, Hawaii — Anger was growing over the official response in the Polynesian town of Lafehua in the Samoan territory of Samoa, where a wildfire that started in the rain-swollen mountains has killed at least 93 people, according to officials. The official death toll is not expected to change, but the number of missing people has dropped to 13, according to the Samoa Red Cross Society. The fire started in the rain-swollen mountains and quickly spread, burning thousands of acres of land and forcing thousands of people to flee their homes. The blaze has forced the closure of several roads and has led to the evacuation of several communities. The Samoa Red Cross Society has set up a helpline for people affected by the fire. **September 27, 2023**

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Trade deal solidifies China-S. Africa ties

**Firms see growth potential as pact expected to create job opportunities**

By NEUMUNDO MILLES

Joao Pessoa, Brazil

China-South Africa relations have received a fillip with the signing of a deal that opens up to 100 billion dollars in trade, investment and infrastructure projects. The deal includes a 10-year, $6 billion fund to support projects in South Africa. The agreement was signed at an official ceremony at the Ministry of Economic Development in Pretoria. The move is seen as a significant step towards deepening economic ties and boosting trade and investment between the two countries.

**South Africa's Economy Minister Eustace:**

"This agreement is a testament to the strong bond between our countries and our commitment to furthering our economic partnership. It will provide a significant boost to our bilateral trade and investment, and we are looking forward to seeing the benefits materialise in years to come."

**Trade deal comes as South Africa and China cement economic ties:**

The deal comes as South Africa and China cement economic ties, with both countries looking to benefit from the growing demand for Chinese goods and services in Africa. The agreement is expected to create job opportunities and boost economic growth in both countries. **September 27, 2023**

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Chinese sporting event thrills Bay Area

By CHANG JUN

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CHINATOWN IN US HIT BY GENTRIFICATION

Skyscrapers and rising rents threaten to undermine vibrant cultural centers

By BELINDA ROBINSON

In New York

Chinatowns across the United States are being irrevocably changed by large-scale development, gentrification and real estate interests that aim to attract the culture that made them so vibrant, displacing long-time residents.

In Manhattan’s Chinatown the looming footprint of the Manhattan Square, a 73-story skyscraper, is expected to be built on an area of over 2 million square feet, which could be the end of Chinatown’s past. “This is the end of Chinatown’s past,” said Charles Li, a community activist. “This is going to change Chinatown’s past.”

In Philadelphia, the 28-story ‘Palace of the Moon’ is currently under construction, changing the skyline of Chinatown. “This is going to change the skyline of Chinatown,” said John Lee, a resident of Chinatown. “This is going to change the identity of Chinatown.”

In Chinatown, the site of the 2022 Chinese New Year parade, the traditional, such as swimming and volunteerism, and the new, such as yoga, dance classes, common to people of all ages and backgrounds, which is a result of the evolution of the festival in recent years.

Some are worried that Chinatown, which is an integral part of Chinese American culture, is going to lose its identity. “This is going to change Chinatown’s identity,” said Li. “This is going to change the identity of Chinatown.”

In Oakland, California, residents are using social media to express their concerns about the future of Chinatown. “This is going to change Chinatown’s future,” said Su, a resident of Chinatown. “This is going to change the future of Chinatown.”

In Indianapolis, where the Chinese community is also growing, there are concerns about the future of Chinatown. “This is going to change Chinatown’s future,” said Su. “This is going to change the future of Chinatown.”

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**H2 growth hopes surge on buoyant equities**

With real estate on the mend and consumption upgrade strong, bull run in sight

By MEI JING in Shanghai

Despite rising inflation in the US and the recent move by the Federal Reserve to taper its bond purchases, the world’s second-largest economy is expected to see a strong growth in the second half of this year, according to Morgan Stanley.

Morgan Stanley, a top US investment bank, said that China’s economy has entered a new upswing and that the country has the potential to lead the world economy.

In its latest report, Morgan Stanley said that the Chinese economy is expected to grow by 5% in the second half of this year, compared to 4% in the first half.

The report also said that the Chinese government has been proactive in implementing policies to support the economy, such as reducing tax rates and increasing spending on infrastructure.

It also noted that the country’s fiscal and monetary policies have been effective in stimulating economic activity.

The report added that the Chinese government has been focusing on developing the real estate sector, which has been hit by the pandemic, and is also investing in new technologies such as artificial intelligence and 5G.

Morgan Stanley said that these developments are expected to contribute to sustained growth in the country’s economy.

However, the report also noted that there are some risks to the country’s growth, such as the ongoing trade war with the US and the need to address environmental issues.

Overall, the report concluded that China’s economy is expected to remain strong in the second half of the year, with the country poised to lead global growth.
Experts say risk appetite will recover despite liquidations, low income so far

By MEL JING in Shanghai

While the mutual fund market was relatively sluggish in China in the first half of the year, both measured by issuance and market value, it can be expected that the following months could see a marked improvement in appetite and performance, the industry predicts.

According to financial information provider Vela, the Chinese mutual fund market saw a total of 193 new mutual fund products released in the first six months, down 13.8% year-on-year. The total issuance value was also reduced by 22.1% year-on-year to 4.84 trillion yuan (US$758.7 billion).

While the average fundraising of one new mutual fund product was 80.6 million yuan in the first half of 2022, the average fundraising in the first six months was trimmed to 15.1 million yuan on a yearly basis.

To cope temporarily with new product releases, up to 90 extended their fundraising period in the first half, the majority to the third quarter. More focused mutual fund products.

At least six mutual fund products, tracking the photovoltaics panel industry, got approved by China Asset Management in March and April, the funds are meant to be invested in the solar panel industry.

In addition, 15 fund management companies have submitted 56 Innovative Fund Management Qualification applications, and have submitted over 300 new fund management application documents.

Mutual funds to turn around after sluggish market run

BRI helps CEFC tap green biz in Central Asia

By ZHANG GONGHAI

Chinese enterprises led by China Greenhouse Gas Group Overseas Investment Co., an overseas investment arm of China Energy Engineering Group, recently embarked on a transformation journey to Central Asia, aiming to develop projects globally for green-energy transition.

Recently this month, a bright train carrying solar modules left Xinjiang province, with the construction sites of two upcoming photovoltaic power plants, of 140MW and 34MW capacity each, in the Balkhash and Kashagay regions in Uzbekistan. In the following months and years, more than 40 such bright trains will be sent to these destinations to build the groundbreaking 1.8GW power projects.

The project is said to be the first of its kind in the Central Asia region, and one of the results of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The project is expected to generate 2.6 billion kilowatt-hours of clean electricity and mitigate carbon emissions by about 2.6 million metric tons annually. It will help improve the local power infrastructure and upgrade its power consumption, said Lin Xiaoshan, CEO of the project.

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BRI experts call for a sustainable approach to cooperation among the China-Central Asia Summit in May. In the first half of the year, new energy investment in the Central Asia region, and one of the results of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The project is expected to generate 2.6 billion kilowatt-hours of clean electricity and mitigate carbon emissions by about 2.6 million metric tons annually. It will help improve the local power infrastructure and upgrade its power consumption, said Lin Xiaoshan, CEO of the project.

Beyond its green impact, the project is also about to set up a comprehensive green economy to benefit local communities.

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EAGLE EYE
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A against the backdrop of global economic downturns, China set an annual GDP growth target of over 5 percent for 2023. However, various growth drivers witnessed a significant slowdown. The country’s economic momentum remains intact, the quarter-on-quarter data still showed an increase, but a quarter-on-quarter decrease by only about 0.8 percent.

Theoretically, such a quarter should show some degree of seasonality in growth in order to achieve a positive year-on-year goal. Therefore, although the year-on-year growth rate could be plausibly, the quarter-on-quarter data did not support that. China’s future economic growth pressure during the second half of this year is evident.

China’s role as a manufacturing hub has also faced some uncertainty. Even as it continues to import more goods, its demand is likely to decline. This is because global supply capacity expansion is currently more focused on the West, where domestic supply chains are more robust and resilient.

Furthermore, as the first quarter’s preliminary data marginally improved, any growth could be attributed to a lower base in 2022. The increase in March was driven by the economic recovery in the previous months, which led to a rebound in production. This growth was followed by a gradual decline afterward. Other sectors also mirrored similar trends. Moreover, both urban and rural areas have experienced declines in consumption.

Online consumption has also witnessed a decline, limiting the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact. Limited offline consumption is attributed to online consumption growth of over 10 percent, which has fallen to 10 percent since the beginning of this year. Given the diminishing influence of factors such as consumer protection on China’s economic growth, it is important to understand and address the challenges.

In the primary sector, China’s agricultural output has significantly increased. This is because China’s agricultural production has been stable, and the country is self-sufficient in food production.

In the secondary sector, the manufacturing industry has been robust. This is evident from the year-over-year growth in the manufacturing sector, which is also supported by the improvement in the high-tech manufacturing sector.

In the tertiary sector, the service industry has also witnessed growth. This is evident from the year-over-year growth in the service sector, which is also supported by the improvement in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Overall, China’s economy remains strong, and the government’s efforts to stabilize growth have been effective. The country is well-positioned to maintain its economic growth momentum in the coming months.

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MAIN STREET
By Sheng Bin

China’s consumerDR demand is becoming the largest in the world, accounting for over 40 percent of global retail sales in imports worldwide. The country’s consumerDR demand has grown at an annual rate of over 10 percent and is expected to continue growing.

China has transformed itself into a manufacturing hub over the past few decades, with its production output growing at a rate of over 10 percent per year. This growth has been supported by the government’s efforts to promote industrialization and technological innovation.

In the service sector, consumerDR demand has been growing at a rate of over 10 percent per year. This growth has been driven by the rapid development of the tourism and hospitality sector, as well as the growth in the education and healthcare sectors.

Overall, China’s consumerDR demand is growing at a rapid pace, driven by the country’s rapid economic growth and rising living standards. The country is well-positioned to continue its growth trajectory in the coming years.

Time to repose taxation for long-term high-quality development

Aiming to reduce corporate income taxes, the Ministry of Finance, along with various departments and local governments, has released a new set of policies promoting tax-related measures, in terms of credit losses, insurance, export tax rebates, and trade facilitation. China’s tax burden has been reduced and adjusted for expanding imports.

A large number of academic studies and data have shown that the reduction in the technological and institutional costs of different regions, and the country has maintained a higher concentration in the service sector.

The service sector, as China’s key economic driver, has been growing rapidly, and the country is poised to continue its growth trajectory in the coming years. The service sector is expected to become a major driving force for the country’s long-term economic development.

In the industrial sector, the country is expected to maintain its growth momentum in the coming years, driven by the government’s efforts to promote industrialization and technological innovation.

The country is also expected to maintain its growth momentum in the agriculture sector, driven by the government’s efforts to promote agricultural modernization and technological innovation.

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Fiscal-monetary balance key to steady growth

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US should show some nouts in South China Sea

Despite the initial fait accompli with the deployment of the aircraft carrier, there are several important points to consider. First, the People’s Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) should show restraint and not engage in provocative actions, especially in the face of Allied navies and the Chinese Navy. Second, when communicating with the United States, it is important to remain calm and not allow emotions to interfere with rational judgment. Finally, it is crucial to maintain our own standards of military behavior, ensuring that our actions remain consistent with our national interests.

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Absurd to deny development nation status

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China is a responsible stakeholder in the international system. It is a member of the United Nations. It is a member of the World Trade Organization. It is a member of the World Bank. It is a member of the International Monetary Fund. It is a member of the International Olympic Committee. It is a member of the International Criminal Court. It is a member of the International Labour Organization. It is a member of the International Monetary Fund. It is a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency. It is a member of the World Health Organization. It is a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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Building bloc

Increasing its representativeness would help BRICS assume a greater role in addressing the challenges of the new era.

The term BRICS first appeared in 2001 in an article by economist Jim O’Neill. He derived the initials from Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, the five countries that he forecast would become the world’s next economic powerhouses. In addition, these countries have large populations, which could boost their economic development through increasing their purchasing power. Over the past 20 years, this materialized, but in a heterogeneous way. Some countries have made rapid progress, while others did not. The inclusion of South Africa into the BRICS, with the incorporation of South Africa into the BRICS, and annual meeting will be held later this year.

The world is undergoing immense transformation, due to new global challenges. Among them is a desire to adopt peaceful measures for conflict resolution, the lack of solidarity in efforts to harmonize with the environment, and the significant technological impact on products, services, and processes. In this context, there is a need for the BRICS and other similar institutions to articulate new governance principles and actions to adapt to the latest global modernization processes.

The issue of global security has already taken a sizable chunk. The implementation of peaceful actions to strengthen the integrity of our planet is a priority. China has made an essential contribution to this matter by proposing the Global Society Initiative.

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, world military spending increased by 4% in 2019 over the previous year, reaching a record $1.9 trillion. Global spending grew by 19% in the past 20 years. In 2019, 14 countries spent more than 2% of their GDP on defense. The arms race by some countries does not contribute to world peace. Only through global peaceful policies can sustainable development be realized for humanity. This future could be even better if the amount necessary for maintaining countries' sovereignty is deduced from this cost. Moreover, the surplus is used to mitigate major global social problems. Sustainable development in the BRICS to this line of thought would be of great importance, given their immense worldwide representation.

The issue of social inequality is a global challenge that deserves the urgent attention of all countries. Global inequality is directly related to the mismatch between living conditions for the world’s population. However, in recent decades, socioeconomic inequality has increased instead of decreased. The BRICS will be essential for the future of humanity to improve the living conditions of all inhabitants of the planet, regardless of gender, color, religion, or any other attribute.

The need to rezone harmonious relations with nature is another major global challenge that will affect countries regardless of their level of development. In recent years, we have observed intensified natural disasters and environmental degradation, which require laudable policies regarding the preservation of the environment. Their global goal is representation, the need to create new rules to prevent and control pollution, reduce diversity, and ensure the sustainability of ecosystems, and implement concrete steps to reduce the amount of garbage produced on the earth's surface.

The speed of development and application of digital technologies will strengthen or reduce the gap in the coming years. In the future, the BRICS will become much more efficient in addressing the challenges in the digital development era. Challenges such as trade, investment, and environmental factors concern the BRICS in the digital economy.

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The many charms of an ancient instrument

Videographer, teacher and lifelong student promotes love of guqin music to the masses, Cheng Yuezhu reports.

Against a serene natural backdrop, like misty blurriness on the surface of a lake, a tree, flowers, leaves swaying, and birds singing in traditional Chinese attire, guqin player Xu Chaoxiang creates an immersive experience for his audience.

Better known online as Mr. Hancock — like a female hero in martial arts film — Xu adopted a new alias when he decided to start uploading videos in which he plays the guqin. He has over seven years' experience. The 27-year-old Chinese traditionist, who has been playing the instrument, has been around for about 3,000 years, and was inscribed in 2009 by UNESCO as Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Xu's name is known for putting to the next generation, the guqin's legacy, its regulations and arrangements of popular music.

With an intense passion for music and art, Xu studied various arts as a youngster, from dancing and learning to play the guqin. The Chinese plucked zither, in learning Western instruments like the piano and clarinet.

"To me, guqin has an affinity for traditional Chinese music, and learning Chinese instruments can make me more familiar with them. After all, the five tones of the traditional pentatonic scale flow in my blood," she says.

"It is an experience of learning the guqin, which the first took up at the age of 9, now it has a solid foundation for learning the guqin. The other instruments I have learned also contributed to my musical journey, giving me a better understanding of harmony and the balance between tension and relaxation," Xu says.

Xu entered the Wuhan Conservatory of Music in Hubei province, where she specialized in traditional Chinese music. As the conservatory encourages students to expand their learning, she chose to add the guqin to her repertoire, an instrument that had long appealed to the composer.

After graduation, she continued to improve her playing while giving guqin lessons at her teacher's studio, and occasionally performing at commercial events before opening up a studio of her own.

"I feel that the guqin is something that I am willing to work on for a lifetime. To be able to master the instrument, it is like a lot of effort, and comes with great responsibility. There's so much to be done," Xu says.

In addition to teaching, she embarked on a new journey into the realm of social media. Some of her first videos were dedicated to showcasing, making arrangements of contemporary music, such as popular songs or TV series themes, and these videos have been published in two books.

"The reason I research and adapt these songs is because I believe that the guqin has a strong, expressive power," Xu says. "It's not limited to playing traditional pieces. In fact, some of today's music can also be played on the guqin, discovering the instrument's charm in the process."

"Many of her videos are filmed in natural surroundings, which she feels reflects her wish to take her guqin on a journey through the natural landscapes of China. She uploads the videos to popular social media platforms, so that more people are able to appreciate its charm and also learn about it, which also helps deepen their understanding of traditional Chinese culture."

"The most prominent on one of her videos is "Voyage of the First Snow". It is a sensation that seems to reach the heart. The distant, ethereal nature of the song makes it resonate with ancient music." Xu says. "The melody itself is resounding with the traditional sound of the guqin, the music is resonating with the music of traditional Chinese culture."

"In every piece, I practice the guqin. I feel that after many years of practice, I can now open my eyes again, everything seems more vivid than before," Xu says. "Reviewing a particular piece also involves learning the history and culture it embodies. When I started to understand the emotions and aesthetics of the guqin players of the past, I began to truly grasp the beauty and depth of traditional Chinese culture."

"She continues to teach and make videos, Xu Feilong says that he will continue to align between tradition and innovation. This includes her research, so that she can be able to further analyze and present ancient music, as well as leveraging the strengths of the guqin, and presenting it as she makes adaptations."

"I was fascinated by the guqin," Xu says. "I've been able to attract people into guqin music, and many have even started learning to play. This brings me immense joy," Xu says.

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Ethnic harmonies

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The 9th edition of the Joy Dancing Beijing Culture and Tourism Festival, a week-long cultural event, kicked off on August 5, attracting visitors from all walks of life.

The opening ceremony saw the participation of hundreds of young artists, speakers, and performers, from both home and abroad, presenting stunning performances including folk dances, songs, and traditional martial arts. The event aimed to foster harmonious cultural exchanges between China and the world.

In the opening gala, performers showcased the beauty of Chinese folk culture, drawing a mixture of traditional and modern elements. The performance included various ethnic groups, highlighting the diversity and richness of Chinese culture.

This initiative is in line with the Belt and Road Initiative, fostering cultural exchanges and dialogues between China and the world. The festival continues to be a platform for showcasing the unique cultural heritage of China and its diverse ethnic groups.
CULTURE

Pianist’s music brims with the joys of spring

After years in the UK, Xiao Di is a big part of its Spring Festival. XING VI reports in London

As her life in the United Kingdom begins to wind down this summer, pianist Xiao Di is in the midst of a two-month residency in London, where she has been invited to play in various venues as part of the City of London Festival. Xiao Di is a prominent figure on the UK’s classical music scene, having performed extensively across the country and internationally. She has collaborated with some of the most renowned orchestras and performers, earning praise for her technical skill and interpretative depth.

This year, Xiao Di is tasked with performing a solo recital at the Birmingham Town Hall in November. She is expected to bring her unique style and musicality to the forefront, captivating audiences with her ability to transport them to the heart of the music. Xiao Di has a deep understanding of the repertoire she performs, which includes works by British composers such as Benjamin Britten and Edward Elgar.

Xiao Di is well-known for her ability to engage with her audience, and her performances often leave listeners enthralled. She has a natural rapport with her listeners, and her playing is characterized by a combination of technical mastery and emotional depth. Her performances are often described as transcendent, with audiences frequently remarking on the way she brings the music to life.

Xiao Di began her musical journey in China, where she was born in 1978. She started studying the piano at the age of five and made her debut at the age of nine. She studied at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and later went on to study at the Royal College of Music in London. In 2000, she was awarded a PhD in Music from the University of Bristol, where she focused on the music of Eastern Europe.

Xiao Di has been recognized for her contributions to the cultural exchange between China and the UK. She has performed in numerous venues, including the Royal Albert Hall, the Barbican Centre, and the Royal Festival Hall. Her performances have earned her critical acclaim and have helped to bridge the cultural gap between China and the UK.

When asked about her upcoming performance in London, Xiao Di said: “It is an honor to be invited to perform in such a prestigious venue as the Birmingham Town Hall. I look forward to sharing my music with the audience and hope to bring a sense of joy and inspiration to their day.”

Xiao Di believes in the power of music to bring people together and to foster understanding between cultures. “Music has the ability to transcend language and cultural barriers, bringing people from different backgrounds together. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in the UK as part of the City of London Festival, and I am confident that my music will resonate with audiences here.”

Xiao Di’s performance at the Birmingham Town Hall is part of a larger cultural exchange between China and the UK, which is being facilitated by the City of London Festival and the China-UK Cultural Exchange Programme. The programme aims to promote cultural understanding and to foster closer ties between the two countries.

Xiao Di’s performance will take place on November 11, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Birmingham Town Hall. Tickets are available online and at the Town Hall box office.

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Maestro brings Chinese sounds to London

By XING VI in London

Every second month, during the summer, the award-winning Chinese pianist Yu Jing Cheng plays in the UK as part of the UK-Chinese Classical Music Festival. Cheng, who has performed in some of the world’s most prestigious venues, has been described as a “master of the keyboard” and has been invited to play in some of the most exclusive concert halls in Europe. Cheng’s music is a fusion of traditional Chinese music and Western classical music, creating a unique sound that has captivated audiences around the world.

Cheng’s latest concert, which took place in the Royal Festival Hall, marked the conclusion of his UK tour. The concert featured a selection of works by some of China’s most renowned composers, including Zhao Wing, Zhang Xiaowei, and Li Xingyi. The audience was left breathless by Cheng’s virtuoso performance, which was a testament to his technical skill and interpretative depth.

When asked about his performance, Cheng said: “It was a privilege to be invited to perform in the UK as part of the UK-Chinese Classical Music Festival. I am always inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of the audience, and I look forward to returning to perform in the future.”

Cheng believes that music has the power to bring people together and to bridge cultural gaps. “Music is a universal language that can connect people from different backgrounds and cultures. I am committed to sharing my music with the world and to promoting cultural exchange.”

Cheng’s upcoming performances include a concert in the United States and a tour in Europe, where he will perform in some of the most exclusive concert halls. He is also planning to record a new album, which will feature some of his most popular compositions.

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