Xi emphasizes need for green growth in China

By CAO BENGDE

President Xi Jinping emphasized the need to maintain strategic resolve to advance ecological progress while making the nation a green, low-carbon, and beautiful country.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in instructions released Tuesday, China’s first National Ecology Day.

He said efforts should be made to maintain strategic resolve to advance ecological progress on the new journey of building China into a modern socialist country in all respects, urging efforts to enhance environmental governance with proactive efforts to improve the quality of the environment.

Storm fury

Local residents inspected the damage caused by a landslide triggered by Typhoon Chan-Hom in Abyaneh, Zoroastrian, western Japan, on Tuesday, experts warned.

Inclusiveness, sustainability are hallmarks of Belt and Road

The Belt and Road Initiative is a mammoth project that is aimed at building a new Silk Road with new concepts, new mechanisms and new practitioners.

The Belt aims to multi-directional, independent, balanced and comprehensive development, aligning policies among the participating nations, creating both hard and soft connectivity, promoting unprecedented trade, coordinating financial structures and resources, and improving people-to-people connectivity.

It is also open and inclusive and welcomes all parties to join, including those that consider themselves China’s rivals.

Policy coordination is an important guarantee and an essential precondition for joint development. The Belt and Road Initiative has been incorporated into important documents of international and regional organizations such as the United Nations, the G20 and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. More and more countries in the region have signed the spirit of the initiatives.

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For example, the China-Laos Railway, linking into the China-North Korea railway, was commissioned in December 2016. The total length of this year, the railway transported nearly 3 billion metric tons of cargo, up 17.5 percent year-on-year.

The Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, which is about to start operation, will greatly ease congestion along one of the most densely populated travel corridors in the world.

Furthermore, through the China-Brazil cooperation, Fuzhou Port has taken a leading position in the channel of commerce and has become the largest port in Latin America.

The Belt and Road Initiative has been hailed by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. The Belt and Road will be a bridge to bring prosperity to a broader and deeper global economic integration.

Emission cap in focus as hotter 2024 predicted

Last month was the hottest July in 24 years, and the world is likely heading toward an even warmer 2024, scientists noted on Monday, underlining the urgency to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The average global temperature in July was 0.3°C above average, making it the warmest July in the 140-year record of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, scientists at the agency said on Monday.

In July, the global average temperature of the year from a (historical) perspective, July 2023 was also likely the Earth’s warmest month on record, they said.

Their point was echoed by the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which noted in a report on Monday that last month was 0.3°C warmer than any previous July and any other month in its global temperature record, which dates back to 1880.

The institute said the hotter-than-normal July continues a long-term trend of warming, driven primarily by human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, as the top five hottest months of July since 1880 have all been in the past two years.

The findings are consistent with a paper titled “The Rise of the Global Climate 2023” that the World Meteorological Organization released in April, which noted that the years 2021 to 2023 were the eight warmest years ever.

The extreme weather, which has affected many millions of people in July, is, unfortunately, the harsh reality of climate change and a foretaste of the future,” WMO’s Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said, according to a press release from the United Nations agency on July 31.

“The need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is more urgent than ever before. Climate action is not a luxury but a must,” Taalas said.

Gavin Schmidt, director of the NASA Institute, said the rising global temperatures are being reported in real-time that people are experiencing locally.

2023 may also warn of another milestone because now the heat waves we are seeing in North Africa, the Middle East, the US Southwest, and China and southern Europe are being directly impacted by the fact that the whole world is warming,” Schmidt told reporters on Monday.

In the United States, July 2023 was a hot month and a month with severe rain and severe temperatures impacting much of the nation, NOAA said in a release last week. It said the average temperature across the contiguous US last month was 0.9°F above average, which July 2023 ranking as the 15th hottest month in the last 126 years, according to the climate record.

In China, temperatures in July averaged at 22.5°C, which is 0.9°C degree higher than in normal years, the China Meteorological Administration said on Monday.

In 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China will roll out a new action plan to achieve carbon succession before 2060, which will also aim at effectively reducing emissions well before 2060. The goal he said is to make China a “green country” once its emissions peak before 2030.

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For the love of learning

Students study the territory of a primary school in Deqin county, southwest China’s Yunnan province, in a mission away from Kunming, known as Mout Dessert in the West, on Monday. /Photo by Guo Deyao, page 3
Boars: Compensation measures introduced

By Lu HOUYING

The newly revised List of "Extinct or Endangered Wildlife Species with Significant Ecological, Scientific and Historical Values" in China has been approved by adding more than 100 new species, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration said. Attention has been drawn to the reasons behind the adjustments to the list and the potential benefits the changes will have on wildlife conservation efforts.

Last month, the administration said the new list included not only added hundreds of species but also removed some species from the original list, released in 2000. Zhang Zhongping, a veteran of environment in Beijing Normal University, said Science and Technology Daily, "Experts who adjust ed the list reexamined the ecological, scientific and social values of extant wildlife and considered factors such as population and threats to the animals' lives." The new list includes five species of terrestrial wildlife, with lists accounting for the majority, said the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

Zhang said 19 species of terrestrial wildlife have been added to the new list, "the main conservation threats to the species in their natural habitats, such as local extinction, habitat destruction and population decrease, have been eliminated. In the new list, all the species are included in the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species," said Zhang.

There are 50 species of terrestrial wildlife that were removed from the new list, "the main threats to the species in their natural habitats, such as local extinction, habitat destruction, and population decrease, may still exist, but have been eliminated in the current habitat, despite the risk of extinction." said Zhang.

The species that have been removed and added to the list are listed as follows:

Species with increased population: 20 species have been removed, including some species that have been added to the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species, such as the leopard, tig er, and Asian elephant, which have been removed from the list because their populations have increased.

Species with decreased population: 30 species have been added, including some species that have been added to the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species, such as the Chinese pangolin, giant panda, and Asian elephant.

The new list will be used as a basis for legal measures to protect endangered wildlife species, such as the use of poaching licences, and the protection measures in the form of financial compensation for residents whose land has been affected by wildlife.

For example, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs has revised the relevant laws and regulations to provide compensation for residents whose land has been affected by wildlife species.

Some residents have received compensation for their land, which has been affected by wildlife species.

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs also added several species that are widely distributed, including large populations, no risk of extinction, or stable population.

Before removing the species from the list, wild boars have been proscribed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and a poaching licence was required to hunt the species.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs requires a hunting permit for hunting wild boars. The licence was required for hunting wild boars.

We should treat the new list as an important reference for the protection of endangered wildlife species.
Boarding schools in Tibet “optimal choice” for students

By YANG ZEKEN

Tibet Education Bureau The boarding schools in the Tibet Autonomous Region are considered the most advantageous educational model for local students and families, researchers said on Thursday.

Tibet’s unique geographical and cultural conditions, researchers said, determined Tibet’s education, in which boarding schools have to play an irreplaceable role.

The decision in establishing boarding schools in Tibet was primarily driven by the wide spread use of the educational environment by the school-age children with different family backgrounds, it said in a statement.

In some regions, there are significant differences in the standard of education between local, urban, and rural areas.

At some boarding schools with strong foundations, students can receive high-level scientific education.

"It was impractical to establish a school in each county and post-pandemic education. We thought students would be better off in the boarding schools," the statement said.

"Noting that a boarding school in Tibet is the only option for a student and their families, it was considered that only boarding schools could solve the problem,“ the statement said.

"This school also offers special care and/or shelter for the children of key workers and families who are highly involved in the pandemic," the statement said.

"Through these boarding schools, the students can receive a special form of education and culture," said the statement.

"These schools also offer special education for students who are unable to participate in the educational activities due to medical reasons or other reasons and their families need to attend a lot of conferences,” it said.

"These schools have contributed to the education of people from different family backgrounds. "They are a significant part of the region's modernization. The major advantage is that students will be better off in boarding schools," the statement said.

"Large-scale boarding schools can provide a good learning environment for the children of key workers in the boarding schools," the statement said.

Demand for security

A new leak on Monday after a leak in the pipeline during a protest against violence in Peru’s Antonio Rondón. Security forces arrested three protesters and detained two others.

The leak, the third in three days, occurred near the foot of a mountain in the province of Huánuco, where the pipeline runs.

The pipeline runs from the town of Cusco to the capital, Lima, and was built by the Peruvian government in the early 1970s.

The pipeline was built to provide Lima with a reliable water supply, but it has been repeatedly shut down due to leaks and other problems.

The leak occurred at a point where the pipeline crosses a river, and water from the river entered the pipeline, causing a leak.

The leak caused a number of problems, including the loss of water for local residents and businesses, and the need for emergency repairs.

The pipeline, which transports water from the Andes to the coast, is a crucial part of Lima’s water supply system and provides water to more than 3,000,000 people.

The pipeline was built in the 1960s and has been in operation for more than 50 years.

The pipeline has been shut down several times due to leaks and other problems, including a leak in 2019 that caused a loss of water for local residents and businesses.

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China has drawn red lines for its major ecological conservation areas, covering an area of 303 million square kilometers, accounting for 30.4% of its land area, which is crucial for biodiversity and environmental protection.

Blue line outlines 'red lines' for areas of conservation

China's Ministry of Natural Resources has issued a notice to all departments to prevent the destruction of ecological conservation areas.

Legislative progress helps safeguard environment

We fully eliminated content inconsistent with the construction of an ecological civilization in existing laws, in order to ensure the uniformity of legal documents and make them more powerful in the fight against pollution.
Chongqing — During a gathering of amateur guqin players in Changning, Southwest China, numerous audiences eagerly lined up for a chance to play the traditional instrument due to the recent return of the 20-year-old educator from Australia.

The venue was filled with the soul-stirring sounds of the guqin, a traditional Chinese musical instrument — a traditional seven-stringed zither — showing the generous spirit of Zhu Guanjian, a 20-year-old expatriate from Australia who shared his passion with local audiences.

"I believe my guqin recital to be the pointer of protecting our cultural heritage, as we worry that the cultural heritage could some day be lost. The ancient heritage can only truly make sense if we can keep it alive," said Jean, who also performed an instrumental music recital in grassland of Australia.

The guqin has existed for over 3,000 years, and represents China's connoisseur musical instrument, famous for its solo music. The guqin was listed as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2009 to protect the memory of all the nations.

Jean once was an online teacher and a famous guqin music teacher. In his free time, he learned playing the guqin. During his third year, he invited two guqin teachers, including Li Jie and Wang Xi, both famous in this field, to build a room with his £90,000 (1.2 million yuan) to teach students who were practicing guqin. In addition, he worked as a guqin teacher to help students to learn and to keep the tradition of the guqin alive.

The students of Jean, a 20-year-old expatriate from Australia, have always been interested in China's culture, which shows the guqin as a symbol of them.

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Hawaii fires: Questions remain

As death toll nears 100, residents complain about government response, lack of warnings

By HELEN WELLI and AMEER ALHALDI

The death toll on the Hawaiian island of Maui from the deadly wildfire crisis is expected to go beyond 60 confirmed deaths, a state official said Monday, as Hawaii’s governor expressed that government inactionconstituted “a failure of leadership.”

Some residents in Lahaina, the tourist-coated town that was almost entirely consumed by the fires in late July, were angry on Monday about whether wildfires warnings were loud enough and early enough and whether government officials were adequately prepared.

Fueled by winds gusting up to 60 miles an hour, the inferno burned more than 1,000 homes and displaced tens of thousands of people. The property damage from the fires was estimated at $2 billion, said one official.

The deadly blaze destroyed or damaged more than 2,000 buildings, 90 percent of them residential, causing an estimated $2 billion in damage, officials said.

The 10 residents who have been perished but Lahaina to visit their property. Maui County’s briefing on the most deadly wildfire in history was led by Mayor Arakawa, who said the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

For those people who have walked into the ashes of their homes, “It’s like you’ve lost your family,” Arakawa said at a conference in Maui, saying there are thousands of people who have lost their homes.

Hawaiian Electric Industries has crews on the ground sorting through debris powered by power equipment played no role in setting fires. Local officials said that almost all the power equipment that might have contributed to the fire was already powered down.

Study links air pollution to dementia risk

By MAYBIZ KIOHNO

A newly published study in the US has found that air pollution (PM2.5) can increase dementia risk in older adults.

The analysis found that five factors from agriculture and fires are most strongly associated with increased risk of developing dementia, the study said.

The analysis of four studies showed that at least 12 percent of the participants developed dementia in the follow-up, and 39% of the patients of total PM2.5 were associated with greater dementia severity.

PM2.5 are fine, inhalable particles that come from natural and human-made sources, such as wildfires or vehicle exhaust.

The study has significant implications for public health, as the findings could help identify populations at risk and inform interventions to reduce exposure.

The study also found that people exposed to higher levels of PM2.5 were more likely to develop dementia, but the specific mechanisms underlying this relationship remain unclear.

The findings have important implications for policy and public health, as reducing air pollution could help prevent dementia in older adults.

The study also highlights the need for further research to better understand the underlying mechanisms and to develop effective interventions to reduce exposure to PM2.5 and other air pollutants.
Ecuadorian President Lenín Moreno and the leader of the MNP, Luis Macas, sign the peace deal at the Cotaparo military base in Quito on October 2. **BY DARIO MATTOS**

The last remaining rebel group in the country, the Movement for the National Liberation (MNP), has signed a deal with the government on October 2, bringing to an end nearly 30 years of conflict in the South American country.

The deal was reached after months of negotiations and follows a series of meetings between the two sides in recent months. The agreement includes measures to address the root causes of the conflict, such as economic inequality and political repression, and provides for the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of the MNP fighters.

Under the terms of the deal, the MNP will hand over its weapons and surrender to the government, and its fighters will be granted amnesty for their past actions. The government has also agreed to provide financial compensation to the MNP fighters and their families, as well as access to education and job opportunities.

The accord was signed by President Moreno and MNP leader Luis Macas in the Cotaparo military base in Quito. The deal has been hailed as a significant step towards peace and reconciliation in the country, which has been marred by conflict for decades.

The agreement also calls for the creation of a Truth Commission to investigate human rights abuses committed during the conflict. The commission will be financed by the government and will have the power to punish those responsible for atrocities.

The deal was welcomed by human rights organizations, which have long called for an end to the conflict and for justice to be done for those affected. The accord also seeks to address the root causes of the conflict, such as poverty and inequality, with a focus on economic development and social inclusion.

The agreement comes amid growing international pressure on Ecuador to address the conflict and to find a peaceful resolution. Several countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, have called for an end to the violence and for the parties to come to the negotiating table.

The deal was signed on the same day that the government announced the deployment of additional security forces in the area to prevent any potential unrest. The government has also promised to provide economic incentives to those who自愿放弃武装斗争.
Briefly

Russia

Russia launches massive blast at fuel station

At least 30 people were killed in an explosion that blew a fuel station in a forest in Russia's Frunze district, officials said on Tuesday.

The blast was caused by a tanker truck, officials said.

Japan

Israeli forces shoot dead 2 Palestinians

Israeli forces killed two Palestinians on Monday afternoon while they were standing in a field in the southern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military said the two men were armed with rifles and grenades and tried to throw them at Israeli troops.

Japan

Japan sees travel chaos as Typhoon Lan makes landfall

Japanese travelers have been warned to expect travel chaos as Typhoon Lan makes landfall in the country.

The typhoon is expected to bring heavy rain and wind to parts of Japan.

China

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Hollywood silenced, echoing across nation

Hollywood has been silent in the shadow of the explosion in Beirut.

"Let our silence echo across the nation," a statement read.

Japan

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Zeiss sees rosy prospects in industry solutions biz on back of China’s NEV growth

By ZHOU Nanning in Beijing

China’s NEV market has expanded by leaps and bounds in recent years, becoming a new growth point of the national economy. The auto industry’s viability and competitiveness are underpinned by China’s NEV industry, which has thrived in recent years and now faces an investment boom. The country’s NEV industry is expected to continue to grow and develop steadily in the future.

As the world’s largest car market and a major producer of NEVs, China has a long history of car manufacturing and a strong foundation in the auto industry. The country’s NEV market is expected to maintain its growth momentum in the coming years. The government has unveiled a series of policies to support the NEV industry, and the domestic NEV market is expected to continue to grow.

The government has set ambitious targets for NEV sales and production. According to the government’s plan, NEV sales are expected to account for 10% of total new-car sales by 2025. The NEV industry will play a vital role in realizing the country’s carbon emission reduction goals.

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Ten years ago, when someone was sick, they usually had to wait to see the doctor, and patients sometimes had to travel a great distance to see a doctor. Now, telemedicine services are available online, and patients can see doctors from their own homes.

The development of telemedicine services has greatly improved the efficiency of medical treatment. By the end of 2022, the number of medical institutions in China reached 17,785, among which 1,682 were telemedicine institutions.

In addition to being convenient, telemedicine services are also highly efficient. For example, the average waiting time for patients to see a doctor in a telemedicine institution is only 10 minutes, while the waiting time in a traditional hospital can be several hours.

Dr. MedGPT, a telemedicine platform developed by Alibaba Cloud, has become a widely used telemedicine service in China. According to the latest statistics, Dr. MedGPT has served more than 5 million patients so far.

However, telemedicine services are not without challenges. One of the biggest challenges is the accuracy of medical diagnosis. Telemedicine services rely heavily on the accuracy of medical images and patient data, which can be influenced by a variety of factors.

To address this challenge, Dr. MedGPT uses advanced artificial intelligence algorithms to analyze medical images and patient data. This has greatly improved the accuracy of medical diagnosis and reduced the error rate.

In conclusion, telemedicine services have brought great benefits to patients. With the development of telemedicine, people no longer need to travel a great distance to see a doctor. Telemedicine services have greatly improved the efficiency of medical treatment, and the accuracy of medical diagnosis has been greatly improved.

In the future, telemedicine services will continue to develop and improve. Dr. MedGPT will continue to use advanced artificial intelligence algorithms to improve the accuracy of medical diagnosis and reduce the error rate. At the same time, telemedicine services will also continue to develop new functions to meet the needs of patients.
Comment

Camp David meeting attempt to weave Seoul closely into Washington's designs

T he virtual meeting of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his counterpart, Japan’s Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, on Thursday was undoubtedly a preparation for the meeting of the leaders of the three countries—US, Japan, and South Korea—scheduled to host at Camp David, Maryland, on Friday.

The scheduled meeting of the three countries’ top diplomats, ranging from the Kusunose Meetings held in 2013 on the Taiwan Strait, to the US-Japan Security Consultative Committee, to the strong joint communique on security issues.

Both Blinken and Motegi said they had agreed in their talks to make the 31st US-Japan Summit “an opportunity to reaffirm our close alliance and promote our shared values and interests,” and they said they would continue efforts to ensure the “free and open Indo-Pacific.”

The US-Japan Summit is set to be a focal point of efforts to build on the South Korea-US-Japan trilateral alliance to promote cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

In a bid to strengthen the alliance, US President Joe Biden has prioritized efforts to advance the trilateral alliance between the three nations, and he has already made visits to Seoul and Tokyo. The US-Japan summit is expected to be a key moment for the Biden administration to further advance the alliance.

For Biden, the US-Japan summit is also an opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to the alliance, which has been crucial to US regional and global strategy. The Biden administration has been working to strengthen the alliance and ensure its ability to respond to challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

In terms of content, the US-Japan summit is expected to focus on a range of issues, including economic and security cooperation, as well as efforts to address challenges in the region, such as North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs.

The summit will also likely discuss efforts to promote regional connectivity, including the US-Japan partnership in the Indo-Pacific economic framework (IPEF), which aims to promote economic cooperation and connectivity in the region.

The US-Japan summit is an important opportunity for the Biden administration to demonstrate its commitment to the alliance and to highlight the importance of the US-Japan relationship in the wider Indo-Pacific region.

In conclusion, the US-Japan summit is set to be a key event in the Biden administration’s efforts to strengthen the alliance and ensure its ability to respond to challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

To watch the U.S.-Japan summit live, you can visit the official websites of the U.S. State Department and the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

For more updates on the US-Japan summit, follow the official Twitter accounts of the U.S. and Japanese leaders.

In summary, the US-Japan summit is expected to be a key moment for the Biden administration to further advance the alliance, and it is an important opportunity for the US and Japan to demonstrate their commitment to regional security and economic cooperation.

Beware as Japan revives militarist past

Japanese Liberal Democratic Party veteran and former National Security Council advisor Katsuyoshi Nakayama visited the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo on Monday, saying “we need to listen for war winning.”

“Nothing should be further from the truth,” the former defense minister said in a statement Monday, referring to reports that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party had asked the cabinet to consider the possibility of placing a statue of a comfort woman in front of the shrine.

“I am not a member of the ruling party, but I have always been a critic of the government’s move to revisit the Yasukuni issue,” Nakayama said.

Nakayama is one of several politicians who have spoken out against the government’s plans to place a comfort woman statue in front of the Yasukuni Shrine.

The shrine is a controversial issue in Japan and Southeast Asia, as it is considered a symbol of Japan’s wartime aggression.

In the 1930s and 1940s, Japan forced thousands of women, mostly from China, to provide sexual services to its military forces.

Japan has long denied that the women were forced into prostitution, and the issue remains a sensitive one in Japan and other countries.

In conclusion, the issue of comfort women is a complex and sensitive one, and it is important for Japan to address it in a responsible and respectful manner.


US loss of credit rating a wake-up call

The downgrade by Fitch Ratings of the United States sovereign credit rating from AAA to AA+ on Aug. 3 could serve as a wake-up call for the US. Following the latest downgrade and a similar move by Standard & Poor’s in July, only Moody’s maintains a triple-A status for the US. The US descent reflects long-standing, structural fiscal issues that cannot be addressed with short-term patchwork measures.

Debt-to-GDP ratio much higher than AAA median

The US government’s general government debt to GDP ratio, which stood at 103.9% in 2021, is more than twice the AAA median of 46.3%. While the US government’s debt ratio is lower than the median in 2010, the US fiscal conditions were much better at that time.

Debt-to-GDP ratio is still relatively high

The US government’s debt ratio is still relatively high compared to other AAA countries. In 2021, the US government’s debt ratio was 118.4%, while the median for AAA countries was 22.6%.

US government debt ratio higher than expected

The US government’s debt ratio is higher than expected, with the country facing a significant fiscal challenge.

Italy kowtowing to Washington to exit BRI will sacrifice itself

In 2019, Italy became the first ever G7 member country to sign a memorandum of understanding on bilateral cooperation with China, under the Belt and Road Initiative. Since then, Italy has been pouring huge financial resources into the initiative, especially in the field of infrastructure.

In 2023, the Belt and Road Initiative is now playing a crucial role in global governance. The initiative has become an important platform for international cooperation and has been widely recognized by the international community.

The Belt and Road Initiative is a major geopolitical strategy that has the potential to shape the global economic landscape. It is not only a significant economic initiative, but also an important platform for cultural exchange and diplomatic relations.

China and Italy have a long-standing friendly relationship, and the Belt and Road Initiative is a natural extension of this relationship. The initiative has the potential to bring mutual benefits to both countries and contribute to global economic development and stability.
Global insecurity

The US and EU must realize that overstretched security concepts will ultimately harm their own security interests

EU foreign policy is the new cold war

The US and Europe clearly see that their pre-stakes have eroded. Their current policies are an effort to preserve the alliance.

The trade and investment relationship provides the foundations of the transatlantic relations. But the two sides are at odds on the scope of security.

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Virtual bonding across the Strait

The popularity of Chinese mainland social media platforms in Taiwan is giving rise to greater engagement and connections among youth. Wang Xingwei reports.

In today’s digital world, social media holds significant importance for the young generation. It acts as a媒介通过 which they absorb cultural insights, gather personal experiences, and slowly shape their self-perceptions while gaining a better understanding of the world.

However, sharing lifestyle on Xian- hongtang is just one example of online cross-strait exchanges among young people, with Taiwan users also frequenting various other social media platforms popular on the Chinese mainland. Both Yang and Ho said that they believe in a “bridge” leading to a larger platform, where they have access to even more interesting content, such as Chinese social media such as Xianhongtang, Xiaohongshu, and Douyin.

The platform is open to new users, and for the first time, it has even been featured in Taiwan media, either on social media or in local TV programs. Despite this, the platform’s popularity is still unknown to many, like this young woman from Taiwan who is currently visiting the Xianhongtang Museum in Beijing.

The latest hit song, Xiaohongshu, draws inspiration from the ancient Chinese ghost stories collection, Liaozhai Zhuan. xsz

Ghost stories get new life

Zhou is a city in Shandong province, to which a new wave of popularity thanks to hit song, Xiaohongshu. The song, inspired by Liaozhai Zhuan (Strange Stories: From a Chinese Studio), a collection of Chinese ghost stories by Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) writer Pu Songling.

In the collection of 300+ stories, Pu Songling has expressed his unique style from across the country after the song was released. He was looking to know more about the stories themselves.

In the face of voluminous Schumann, Pu Songling Museum — previously under-construction — was finally opened to the public on September 1st. "Liaozhai" refers to ancient stories from ancient China. It was the first research on the collection. Comprising nearly 500 books, the building is full of ghosts, spirits, immortals, and demons, as well as young scholars and legendary beauties.

Today, visitors can walk along the Liaozhai Path near the Pu Songling Museum to explore more details of the ghost stories. The park is a same case, which also has an introductory area, and various landscapes formed like Liaozhai Zhuan and take their own "ghostly photos."

WANG XINGWEI
Living in a world of love like never before

Today’s multifaith societies have welcomed new perceptions and expectations for romance and relationships for Chinese youth

Wang Yuting reports

The Titanic may sink, but my ship won’t.

When building and maintaining an intimate relationship seems too hard for many young people, some of them may turn to another direction: admiring the relationships of others — even if they are not real.

Zhang Yan, a recent graduate of South- ern University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, has been into “shipping” — the act of imaginatively matching two people together as a couple — for quite some time. She has paired fictional characters in anime and TV series as well as real-life celebrities.

For many young people, shipping serves to attain a sense of happiness and fulfillment, similar to the feeling one gets after admiring admirable things. It’s one of the ways humans release their passion and emotion,” she said.

Since 2020, ship fans have recognized the term— a friendly, positive, and humorous way to refer to the shared emotional experience of “shipping”.

In Zhang’s view, shipping has an overall positive impact on people’s perceptions on love. The in-depth exploration of the emotional meanings and choices of couple pairings by fans, along with the analysis of the emotional changes within them pairing, serves as a form of romantic observation. Through this, young people can discover diverse types of intimate relationships.

I don’t think shipping can replace real romance, but it can certainly augment our sense of happiness within specific periods,” Zhang said. “Of course, this sense of happiness can also be derived from other places, but perhaps we are more interested in different interests. What we want is the ability to freely allocate and manage our sources of happiness.”

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Sharing is caring

Through his efforts in health education and promotion, Chinese gynecologist Tian Qiqiao aims to create a solid foundation for prosperous societies at home and abroad, Chen Xue reports.

By MEI WEN

Tian Qiqiao, 34, once headed a town's community health service center in the western Hunan Province. He has been carrying out health education work in this area for more than 10 years.

Tian graduated from the Hunan University of Science and Technology in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in health education. In 2008, he began to study public health at the Sunshine Hospital of Changsha. In 2011, he received his master's degree in public health education from the Hunan University of Science and Technology.

In 2013, he began to work at the Hunan Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2015, he went to the University of California, San Francisco, for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship.

Tian's research interests include education, promotion, screening, and prevention. He has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Tian is the first author of a study published in the peer-reviewed journal *Trends in Infectious Diseases and Therapy*. The study found that the incidence of tuberculosis is decreasing in China.

Tian has also been involved in several public health campaigns, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and the control of communicable diseases.

In 2014, Tian founded the Tian Qiqiao Foundation, which focuses on health education and promotion. The foundation has carried out several projects aimed at improving public health in China.

Tian's work has been recognized by the Chinese government, and he has received several awards for his contributions to public health.

Tian is currently working at the Hunan Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention, where he continues to carry out research and public health education.

Ancient handicraft finds new purpose

By MENG WEN

Zhang Xia, a 36-year-old woman from Zhejiang, has been making traditional Chinese handicrafts for more than 10 years.

Zhang learned embroidery from her mother, who is a well-known embroidery artist. She started making embroidery in her early 20s and has since become a skilled and experienced artist.

Zhang is a member of the Songpu Embroidery Art and Culture Association. She has been featured in several exhibitions and competitions, and her work has been exhibited in art galleries across China.

Zhang's embroidery is characterized by its intricate designs and vibrant colors. She uses a variety of techniques, including couching, knotting, and chain stitching.

Zhang is also a member of the Zhejiang Embroidery Art and Culture Association, and she has been involved in several projects aimed at promoting traditional Chinese embroidery.

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If you only treat patients who are already sick, you can help a limited number of people. But if you share information about health, a larger group can learn how to prevent problems early on. This is actually more valuable for society:“—Chen Xue, a gynecologist at Hunan Provincial Maternal and Child Health Hospital in Changsha

Tian Qiqiao’s (from left) initiative for the Launching Ceremony of the Global Development and Youth-South Cooperation Fund’s Medical Exchange Training Project at the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone on July 19. Above: Tian provides occupational therapy to local medical staff in Sierra Leone on Aug. 5.

The lack of comprehensive education in Chinese schools is also a concern for Tian. As society is still seen as sanctified, many patients and doctors neither have sufficient scientific knowledge to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases nor know the differences between various forms of contraception.

“Often, it’s not the right information that causes problems, but People need to be aware that there is a difference between sex education and sex contact,” Tian explained.

Before his journey to Sierra Leone, Tian had just returned from a medical mission in rural areas of Zhejiang Province, where he was part of a team of 12 doctors.

The medical destination in Zhejiang was much better than that of Sierra Leone, but local medical education was lacking: still prevalent from seeking professional help when facing health problems. Too busy with agricultural work and raising children, women often overlook their own well-being, which unfortunately results in delays for timely treatment.

“It is important for people to deepen their understanding of healthcare and make their own health a priority. Otherwise, there could be serious consequences,” Tian said.

The medical team dispatched to China witnessed the stark contrast: in these rural areas, patients may view physician visits as merely focusing on economic development and having little to do with medical issues, but Tian didn’t see it that way.

“A healthy population is crucial for rural development,” he said. “In these villages, if someone knows a few basic things like cervical cancer, it can quickly detonate the whole family. And there will be no time for patients to get help with their problems.”

In 2015, the World Health Organization set a target to eliminate cervical cancer by 2030. As an advocate of the medical and health education of the Sierra Leone government, China has dedicated itself not only to establishing the local health education but also to assisting other countries in achieving this goal.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of China sending medical teams to other parts of the world. Since its first medical team was sent to Algeria in 1959, China has sent more than 160,000 medical professionals to 160 countries and regions, helping millions of people.

However, sending medical practitioners abroad has limitations. According to Tian, the limited efforts in Sierra Leone were more than just providing short-term medical care for patients. They were dedicated to knowledge transmission and local health workers in the latest techniques so that they could conduct medical care independently. Tian’s team is also arranging for local doctors to visit China for brief training sessions.

“Sierra Leone is better than simply giving them fish. This is precisely what we’re bottling,” said Tian.

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