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By XU XU in Johannesburg

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China-Africa economic links create impetus for recovery

By LU ZHIHUA

Trade and investment between China and Africa are strengthening and becoming more mature, and they are proof of the successful building of a China-African community with a shared future, according to experts and business representatives.

"China and Africa have established a number of cooperation mechanisms and platforms, promoting new economic and social development, making China-Africa relations more solid and strong," said Wang Wei, president of Guangdong-based Jiangxi Zhonghao Group Co., Ltd.

The Minister of Commerce stated, "The imports and exports between China and Africa amounted to $932 billion last year, growing 51 percent year on year. In particular, China's exports to Africa amounted to $416.9 billion, up 52.7 percent year on year, while imports from Africa reached $515.4 billion, 46.9 percent.

Trade and investment cooperation between China and Africa is deeper and developing further, and a large number of initiatives involving China's participation in Africa's infrastructure projects has been conducted," said the minister.

"Companies from both sides are continuing to push forward the development of Africa's infrastructure and industrialization. In the past 10 years, the number of projects in the industrial sector has increased by more than 100 percent, and these projects are more diversified and advanced than those in the past," she added.

"We spontaneously conducted a comprehensive assessment of the third Belt and Road forum and found that Africa is the most important part of the Belt and Road cooperation," she said.

"Africa is expected to become China's top economy cooperation in the near future," she added.

"The Belt and Road Initiative is a common interest of the global development goals," she said. "It is expected to bring a party to the global cooperation and development process, and its success will benefit everyone."
Africans hold high expectations for BRICS meeting

By CAO DESHENG

Twenty-two years ago, when South Africa's former President Nelson Mandela said it is “wise to keep the open doors of South Africa always open for trade and for all its peoples,” not a single one of us would have imaged the reality we see before us today. 

Twenty-two years ago, when BRICS was born, the world was a place of relative tranquility. The cold war was at peace, only the distant sound of guns could be heard in the world, and the era of globalization was in full swing. 

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In mid-August, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) announced the resumption of international flights, which had been suspended due to the pandemic. This decision marks a significant step towards the recovery of international travel.

### Routes to Australia and Europe Have Recovered

China and Australia have experienced the first wave of international flight resumption. The resumption of flights to both countries has been gradual, starting with limited flights and increasing gradually.

### Three Levels of Preparation

To ensure a smooth resumption of international travel, three levels of preparation are required. This includes pre-flight, airport, and post-flight procedures.

1. **Pre-flight preparation:** Passengers need to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing and receive a negative result before boarding.
2. **Airport procedures:** At the airport, passengers will undergo temperature checks and are expected to wear masks at all times.
3. **Post-flight monitoring:** Passengers will be required to self-isolate for a certain period upon arrival.

### Challenges Ahead

Despite the resumption of international flights, challenges remain. Security measures, such as the 14-day quarantine period, are in place.

### Countries with Successful Recovery

Some countries have already started international flights, including:

- **Australia:** Flights between Australia and China have been resumed.
- **Europe:** Flights between China and Europe are being cautiously resumed.

### Challenges of the Recovery

The recovery of international flights faces several challenges, including:

- **Safety concerns:** Ensuring the safety of passengers and crew is a top priority.
- **Economic impact:** The resumption of flights can help boost the economy, but it requires careful planning.
- **Public health:** Maintaining public health is crucial to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### Conclusion

The resumption of international flights is a significant step towards恢复正常化, but it requires careful planning and execution. Countries need to collaborate to ensure a safe and smooth recovery of international travel.
Wildlife returns to famous lake in wake of cleanup

Ulanhuul Nur's environment is improving every year, thanks to government initiatives. Yuan Hui reports from Hohhot with Hou Liqiang in Beijing.

Irrigation area projects facilitate progress in water conservation

By YUAN HUI in Hohhot and HOU LIQIANG in Beijing

The Hetao Irrigation area, which occupies an area of 66,500 square kilometers in the eastern Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, is one of the largest water resources projects in China. It benefits 1.5 million people and 100,000 hectares of farmland.

In recent years, efforts have been made to improve the irrigation system and increase water efficiency. The project has achieved significant progress in water conservation, which is crucial for sustainable development and environmental protection.

In such context, however, the amount of water diverted to the area from the Yellow River for irrigation purposes has fallen from 8.1 billion cubic meters in 1950 to roughly 5.8 billion in 2018, said Chen Xiaoyu, a professor at Inner Mongolia Normal University.

Ulanhuul Nur is also playing a key role in water conservation efforts. The lake, located in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, is one of the largest freshwater lakes in China.

In 2010, the Ulanhuul Nur environment project was launched, with a focus on improving water quality and ecosystem restoration. Since then, the lake's water quality has improved significantly, and a variety of wildlife have returned.

For example, the white-tailed crane, a bird that was once found only in the Ural Mountains, has now been spotted in the area. The number of bald eagles, a type of bird that was once extinct in China, has also increased.

Moreover, the lake has become a popular destination for tourists, boosting the local economy and raising awareness of environmental issues.

In conclusion, the efforts made in the Hetao Irrigation area and Ulanhuul Nur project have demonstrated the importance of water conservation and biodiversity protection.

Chen Xiaoyu, the cooperative's director general, said it has made great progress in water conservation since its launch. On average, 1,500 cubic meters of water have been diverted to the area.
Enhancing Solidarity and Cooperation To Overcome Risks and Challenges And Jointly Build a Better World

Your Excellency President Ramaphosa,
Members of the BRICS Community,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to extend my warm greetings to all of you at this 10th BRICS Summit. Ten years ago, when I was still the Deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, I attended my first BRICS summit in Russia as the BRICS were just beginning to forge a new path toward unity and cooperation. In 2012, when I was the President of South Africa, I attended my first BRICS summit in Brazil as the BRICS were now beginning to focus on issues of development. Today, in South Africa, I am attending my fourth BRICS summit as our countries are now focusing on how to build a more equitable world.

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Thank you.

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Sefcovic appointed new chief of EU Green Deal

By CECHI VENDRIN in Brussels

Reappointing his appointment on Tuesday, the European Commis sion announced that former chief of staff of the European Commission Hoferd would be the new chief of staff of the EU Green Deal.

On Tuesday, Hoferd confirmed that he would take up the role of chief of staff of the EU Green Deal.

In a statement, Hoferd said: “I am proud to have been appointed to this important role. I look forward to working closely with the European Commission to achieve our climate and environmental goals.”

Hoferd joined the Commission in 2018 as chief of staff of the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker. In this role, he oversaw a wide range of issues, including climate and energy policy.

He also served as chief of staff to former European Commission President Frans Timmermans, where he was responsible for coordinating the Commission’s work on climate and energy policy.

As chief of staff of the EU Green Deal, Hoferd will be responsible for coordinating the Commission’s work on the implementation of the Green Deal across all policy areas.

He will also work closely with the European Parliament to ensure that the Green Deal is implemented in a way that is consistent with the Commission’s strategy.

Hoferd has a strong track record in climate and energy policy, having worked on these issues for over a decade.

In his previous role, he was responsible for coordinating the Commission’s climate and energy policy, including the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the EU’s climate targets.

He also played a key role in the development of the EU’s strategy on clean energy, including the EU’s ambition to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

Hoferd’s appointment is seen as a major step in the Commission’s efforts to implement the Green Deal, which is seen as a key part of the EU’s efforts to meet its climate targets.

The EU Green Deal, which was launched in 2019, sets out to make the EU the first climate-neutral economy by 2050.

India’s partial ban on rice exports affects globe

By KEVIN CHEN in Hong Kong and AMRANIB ABARIH in Tokyo

India, on the world’s leading rice exporter, is causing an impact on rice-exporting countries with its ban on rice exports, with international and domestic rice prices soaring.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Thursday that the country would temporarily stop exports of all rice varieties, including basmati rice, to manage domestic supplies.

The move comes amid concerns about rapidly rising rice prices in some countries, which have been affected by the global Covid-19 pandemic.

India’s decision is expected to have a significant impact on global rice markets, as the country is one of the world’s largest rice exporters.

The ban on rice exports is likely to affect prices in several countries, including Japan, which imports a large amount of rice from India.

Japanese government has already said it is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing to take action if necessary.

As a result, rice prices in Japan have soared, with some wholesalers reporting a 50% increase in the price of basmati rice.

The ban is also likely to affect the supply of rice in the United States, which imports a significant amount of rice from India.

The US government has already said it is monitoring the situation and is ready to take action if necessary.

In addition, the ban is likely to affect rice prices in other Asian countries, such as Thailand and Vietnam, which also import a significant amount of rice from India.

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Japan’s move dubbed ‘terror’ act

India becomes fourth country to land on moon

India’s successful moon-landing mission is a major milestone in the country’s space program. The spacecraft called Chandrayaan-2 landed on the moon on September 7, 2019, which is the first soft landing on the moon by a country in the southern hemisphere. India joins China, Russia, and the United States as the fourth nation to achieve a lunar landing.

The spacecraft carried a rover called Vikram, which was designed to conduct scientific experiments on the moon’s surface. The mission was a joint venture between the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Department of Space.

Chinese brands looked to impress at textile show

China’s textile industry is rapidly growing, with the country being one of the world’s largest producers and exporters of textiles. At the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, Chinese brands showcased their latest products, with many focusing on sustainability and innovation.

One of the highlights was a range of sustainable fabrics, such as recycled cotton and hemp, which were praised for their environmental benefits. Another trend was the use of advanced technologies, such as 3D printing and CAD software, to create unique and custom designs.

Many Chinese brands also emphasized their commitment to ethical and fair labor practices, which is becoming increasingly important in the global fashion industry.

Pacific Islanders urge Tokyo to rethink toxic waste release

In an unprecedented move, Pacific Islanders have called on Japan to rethink its decision to release contaminated water from the Fukushima nuclear reactor into the Pacific Ocean. The decision has sparked protests and concerns about the potential impact on marine life and human health.

The plan to release the water has faced widespread opposition from Pacific countries, who are worried about the potential for radioactive contamination to spread to other parts of the ocean. The release is expected to begin in 2023 and could take several years.

Experts have warned that the water could pose a significant risk to marine life and coastal communities, particularly in the Pacific region.

Read more about the Pacific Islanders’ call to rethink the plan here: [Link to article].
Auto sales growth beckons on govt support measures

Financial stimulus, favorable policies, bigger charging network underscored for experts

By LI FUSHENG

The government in Changsha, capital of Central China’s Hunan province, has encouraged 30 million yuan for vehicle buyers.

These comprehensive purchases in the city between July 17 and Sept. 30 will receive an incentive of up to 6,000 yuan per vehicle.

Chen Shihua, deputy secretary-general of the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, said the measures will help stabilize the growth potential of the vehicle market in China, the largest in the world since 2009.

Chen expects total deliveries are expected to grow further compared to 2022. Statistics from the CAAM show that 15.7 million vehicles were sold in the first seven months, up 28 percent from the same period last year.

Peng Gong, head of China Auto at UBS, is also optimistic about the vehicle market. He said the decrease in passenger vehicle sales in July was primarily due to the high comparative base and, despite the clip, sales were the second highest in the months over the past decade, suggesting “strong momentum.”

Statistics from the China Passenger Car Association show that wholesale sales in July were 2.17 million units, down 13 percent year-on-year, and 1.65 million units in the first seven months, up 29 percent year-on-year.

And Ting, an analyst at China Auto & Parts at Nomura, agreed that the favorable policies would be a boost.

“Considering the role of the automotive industry in China’s economy, especially the NEV sector, the recent announcement of favorable policies for vehicle consumption is in accordance with market expectations, and the vehicle market will get a boost in the short term,” Ting said.

He said the stimulus will give the prior year that started earlier this year, which swept across the market, a helping to restore consumers’ confidence as well.

Ting said that he is optimistic about total vehicle sales in China this year however, with China acting as the high comparative base last year, as a global economic downturn.

He said more efforts are needed to improve the charging network to ensure the steady growth of the country’s NEV sector.”For the sector to continue growing remains the biggest obstacle,” Ting said.

More than 1.14 million charging piles were added from January to June, up 41 percent from the same period in 2022, according to the China Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Promotion Alliance.

By the end of July, there were 6.08 million charging piles in the country, according to the alliance. These accounted for 46 percent of NEV’s charging piles on Chinese roads, said the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Chen at the CAAM expects demand for NEVs, favored by favorable policies, will continue to grow in the high-speed growth.

Total NEV sales are expected to reach 9 million units this year, up from 6.8 million in 2021, he said. From January to July, new NEV sales reached 4.2 million units, or 47 percent year-on-year, accounting for 28 percent of total vehicle sales in the same period.

Summer work camp

Children of builders check out a model of the Xinjiang Linker railway line in the construction site of the project during a recent summer camp held by China Railway Construction Corp. in Nangong’s Hands, Hebei province. The summer camp was organized by the Beijing Headquarter of the China Railway Construction Corp., which works on the railway line along the Xinjiang-Sichuan High-speed Railway. The tunneling and signal equipment installation work has finished successfully earlier this month. The line, which is to be in service in the second half of 2024, starts from Nangong in Hebei, passes through Xinjiang and will end in Sichuan, according to China Railway Construction Corp. (CRCC)’s unit working on the railway line along the Xinjiang-Sichuan High-speed Railway. The tunneling and signal equipment installation work has finished successfully earlier this month. The line, which is to be in service in the second half of 2024, starts from Nangong in Hebei, passes through Xinjiang and will end in Sichuan, according to China Railway Construction Corp. (CRCC).
Classic store to call it a day as habits change

Shopping styles winnow out some operators, create new ones 30 years on

By WANG YUNXI in Shanghai

After operating for nearly three decades as one of Shanghai’s busiest business districts, Pacific Department Store Co Ltd is shutting up shop to fit the city’s needs.

Once a shining landmark with department stores in the opening city the store was transformed on Aug 8, with the decision being made as it was in agreement with the city government, said an announcement by the department store.

“I’ve made a lot of memorable purchases at the department store, which was once my favorite shopping spot,” said Lu 30, a 22-year-old who was born in Shanghai and often goes to the store. “I will definitely miss the city’s classic store.”

While Pacific Department Store-branded stores are still open for good, its neighboring Six Department Store – which also took a different strategy by spending 700 million yuan ($104 million) during original openings, according to the local Xinmin Evening News.

The retailer’s different responses reflect how Shanghai’s commercial districts are evolving as the city transitions into an international consumption hub.

“Changes” should always be the forerunner for any retail business looking to expand its appeal. A shopping mall that stays unchanged for 20 years is instantly doomed to take away, and Sun Yuehong, head of research and consultancy for the property consulting group JLL, said earlier this month.

“The changes in the districts of the city have to follow the latest consumption trends, owing to the preferences of younger generations introduced by their consumption experiences, including playing video games, VR games, mini-theaters, hand bags as well as cartoon and art exhibitions.”

Apart from Pacific Department Store and Shanghai’s biggest department store, Zhabei District Pacific Department Store No 2 is also undergoing reconstruction and collaboration agreements.

“With a focus on economic development, consumers’ habits and preferences are continuously changing and some old-style department stores need new changes,” Qi said.

For the past two years, we can find similar stories like that of Pacific Department Store being reopened. The only solution to stagnation in such stores is to be constantly adapting to consumers’ needs.

There are few classic city-level department stores in Shanghai.

— Nanjing Road, Huaihai Road, SiChuan Road and DongTing Road. Along with the urban development plan, some of these districts doubled or tripled in size in the 1990s.

During 2000-2010, over 200老头fund-funded stores including Pacific Department Store were introduced into the city as a breed of suburban stores. The city has since decommissioned the retail market with fashionable and good

Shanghai’s retail sector looking up amid recovery

By WANG YUNXI in Shanghai

With retail and consumption figures continuing to rise, Shanghai is accelerating business development by boosting shopping mall and retail space supply.

It is predicted that the number of new square meters of new space will be released in the second half of 2022 according to CRFE, a commercial real estate research firm.

A separate report issued by the Shanghai Council of Shopping Centers in late April said that the city’s number of shopping malls was expected to rise above 30,000 by 2023, a 24 percent increase in such a swing-up year.

This year, the council also pointed out that as China’s new economic cycle continues, the city will intensify competition among the various players in the market.

Below is the selection of new shopping malls in Shanghai that stand out because of their interests in social media platforms Xiaohongshu, the Chinese equivalent of Instagram.

Panlong Tiandi

Panlong Tiandi was officially opened to the public by the state-owned Shui On Land this April.

Situated in Shanghai’s Jingan district, Panlong Tiandi is one of the first suburban village renovation projects opened in the city.

By introducing an urban retail concept containing urban nature and the future, Panlong Tiandi, jointly built by Shui On Land and Hang Ji Property, will be the first to combine commercial and residential facilities.

Within its total area of more than 83,000 square meters, Panlong Tiandi contains an individually designed shopping mall and a green space, which includes six stores as well as a 500-seat outdoor terrace, as well as about 10,000 square meters of outdoor sports venues.

Baoxian ZX

Baoxian ZX, officially known as Baoxian ZX creative center, the mall is situated along the city’s main Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street and comprises multiple themed sections before transforming into a shopping mall focused on the culture of alilinna, conte, game, food, and movie, and JOC, the family.

Living of Generation Z is its name, the shopping center has introduced abundant first-floor stores and flagship stores related to the JOC concept, including the first overseas store of Shanghai’s famous, the first Hego department store and Shanghai’s first Baoxian ZX themed pop-up store, among others, according to a Baoxian ZX Observer report.

Xiandao (style E)

After renovations and upgrades, Xiandao (style E) features its own theme area, which was about 1,000 square meters of outdoor theme space.

Tan An 5000 Trees

Located in British designer and architect David Chipperfield’s project, a 24-storey office building in Shanghai’s West Nanjing Gardens of Balan.

Situated along the city’s biggest urban landscape Xintiandi zone, which literally means new heaven and earth in Chinese.

Baoxian ZX, renowned for young and dynamic retail styles, half of the mall is packed with flagship stores and newly set up stores of different tiers.

The shopping center narrowly doubled its floors from the prevision of 300 to 200 in January to ensure consumers more personalized options.

On the back of Shanghai’s goal of building itself into a global fashion hub, 30 percent of the mall’s space was dedicated to retail units.

In its initial phase of Tan An 5000 Trees, was officially launched in late 2021, a total of 20 details stores were introduced, in its 29,500 square meters of space, including a Dior flagship store and the first China store, as well as the first store in China, as well as the first store in December 2022.

The second phase of the project is currently under development.
BRICS an important building block to work for a fair and just global order

Cai Meng

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ning on the group’s spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, BRICS is taking the first opportunity of their first summit in more than three years to build consensus on important issues and shape the future of the group. The potential expansion of the group will further boost its role on the international scene.

Seventeen years on from its inception, BRICS is being increasingly looked upon as a major force for global governance and the development of the world, a reminder of BRICS’ potential that will further boost its role on the international scene.

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EU’s digital Services Act referral milestone

The EU Digital Services Act, which came into force on Friday, will have big changes to how the Internet giants, such as Google, Facebook, Twitter and Apple, operate in the European market. Together with the new rules in the EU, Britain, Italy and Germany will use the decision to base their own regulatory framework for big tech companies.

The EU says the act will “flexibly” be used to base their own regulatory framework for big tech companies.
Japan must pay for radioactive water damage

In a rare move, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has requested China to return to the nuclear fuel processing plant in western China that was damaged by a reactor accident. The decision comes after years of discussions and negotiations between the two countries.

China has been developing an advanced reactor design, which is expected to be operational by 2025. However, concerns about the safety of the reactor have led to delays in its construction.

The IAEA has been monitoring the situation closely, and has noted that the reactor is not yet ready for operation. As a result, the IAEA is requesting that China return the reactor to the factory for repairs.

China has agreed to the request, stating that it is committed to ensuring the safety of the reactor. The country has also pledged to work closely with the IAEA to address any concerns about the reactor's safety.

The IAEA has praised China's cooperation, and has called for similar cooperation from other countries that are developing advanced reactors. The agency has also urged other countries to provide support to China in its efforts to develop advanced reactors.

The IAEA report, released in February, highlighted the importance of international cooperation in the development of advanced reactors. It noted that the world is facing a growing demand for energy, and that advanced reactors can play a key role in meeting this demand.

The report also noted that the development of advanced reactors requires significant investment, and that international cooperation is essential to ensure that these investments are made in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.
China and Arab states enjoy a long history of friendly exchanges, vigorous cultural interactions and thriving trade. The two ancient civilizations have become important partners along the Silk Road and the maritime Silk Road. With the establishment of the Belt and Road Initiative, China and Arab states have entered a new phase of development. 

The Belt and Road Initiative was proposed in 2013 by Chinese President Xi Jinping. It aims to build on the ancient Silk Road traditions and develop a new network of trade routes linking China with Europe, Africa and Asia. The initiative has now grown to include 170 countries and international organizations.

China and Arab states have a long history of cultural exchange. In ancient times, the two regions had extensive trade relations. The Silk Road, a network of trade routes that connected China with the Mediterranean world, was an important symbol of this exchange. Today, the Belt and Road Initiative continues this tradition, promoting economic and cultural cooperation between China and Arab states.

China and Arab states have also made significant progress in trade and investment. In recent years, trade between the two regions has grown rapidly. In 2020, China and Arab states traded for $250 billion, up from $170 billion in 2019.

However, there are still challenges to overcome in the area of trade and investment. For example, the trade structure between the two regions is not yet balanced, with China exporting mainly high-tech products while Arab states export mainly raw materials.

Despite these challenges, the Belt and Road Initiative offers great opportunities for China and Arab states to further enhance their cooperation. By working together, they can address these challenges and achieve mutual benefits.
Director bets on latest thriller to raise awareness

Terrifyingly accurate depiction of people falling prey to unscrupulous, violent gangsters set to shed light on online fraud and gambling scams, Xu Fan reports.

After wrapping up the shooting of his theatrical debut feature, My Deer Lie, in 2011, Xu fans turned to the internet, immersing himself in headlines and news stories in search of inspiration for his new movie.

His attention was grabbed by the news of a criminal syndicate operating in South China, a region rife with crime. The story’s authentic and tense atmosphere was a perfect match for Xu’s vision of a movie that would shock and captivate. The result is a suspense thriller, No More Baibu, a surprise summer blockbuster.

A poster for No More Baibu, a suspense summer blockbuster.

The movie, whose release was announced on the internet, is a departure from Xu’s previous work, which has often focused on themes of family and relationships. No More Baibu takes a more serious tone, exploring the world of online fraud and gambling.

The movie’s protagonist, portrayed by Xu, is a man who has been scarred by his experiences with the criminal underworld. He has been forced to turn to a life of crime to support himself and his family. The movie follows his journey as he seeks to escape his past and find a better life.

Xu has worked hard to ensure that the movie is as realistic as possible, and has consulted with experts in the field to get the details right. The movie’s use of real-life scenarios and characters makes it a powerful tool for raising awareness about the dangers of online fraud and gambling.

In conclusion, No More Baibu is a must-see for anyone interested in the world of crime and the need for greater awareness of the dangers of online fraud and gambling. With its compelling story and realistic portrayal of characters, No More Baibu is sure to be a hit with audiences everywhere.
Adding art to ancient architecture

Music festival held in heritage structures heralds start of Quanzhou’s drive to bring a fresh perspective to its cultural inheritance, Xu Lin reports.

While architecture is like soundsound form of music, music is architecture with sound. Adding music infuses architecture with vitality.

We believe the experience will also interest architects in the culture and history of the instruments and architecture.

The performance recently took place at the Confucius Temple and School in Quanzhou, Fujian, one of the 12 cities in the city that were jointly listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

“Music was an example of such innovation. We maintained the authentic urogong style, while introducing novel elements,” she adds.

She says the key is the deep affections that young people hold for Chinese traditional music, music and art. This foundation enables the successful promotion of such heritage.

While preserving with local sung opera Daitian, Nanyin, the Confucius Temple held an exhibition for sample performances being passed down from generations to members.

While architecture is like soundsound form of music, music is architecture with sound. Adding music infuses architecture with vitality. The festoon is remarkable and it should be widely promoted, as China has many ancient buildings,” she says.

She says that this kind of music festival highlights the essential roles of both ancient buildings and musicians.

Performing music in ancient architectural surroundings is not a simple process. The music should match the building in accordance with its characteristics and history.

“Different sites are different, and the architecture should reflect the surrounding environment and expertise to validate various fields, including historical research, musical understanding and architectural knowledge,” she says.

Kong Fu-ming, who was invited to attend the event, said: "I was once a fishermen. In the days of my fishing, I was only a fisherman, but now I can do this kind of project. I was once a fishermen, but now I can do this kind of project. I am an artist, and I am happy to do this."
Delivering a feast of poetry

Food takeaway rider who finds respite from his daily work stress in writing poetry publishes his second collection in as many years, Chen Nan reports.

Poetry is like a distraction from stress and an opportunity to record life. Whether it’s coping with pain, dealing with emotional situations, or coming to terms with life struggles, poetry makes me confident and happy,” says Wang, describing how the income from his first book — about 10,000 yuan — had made his wife very happy.

“With poems, I always describe myself as a sentimental person and I don’t understand why I enjoy writing poems,” he adds. “But now, I have a small room in Kunshan, which also contributes to this.”

“Your work is a reflection of your characters, your heart. Sure enough, your poems have already touched them.”

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Shandong farmers draw an unusual income

JINAN — Many people’s mental images of Chinese farmers consist of rural workers who make ends meet. However, in June, rural Shandong, the province has replaced these typical tools with two technological novelties. The province is located in Hebei, a city known for the cultivation of rice. It is not the only flower that has given rise to the province’s new industry. The Shandong province has also become a new home for rice farmers, who have seen their income rise.

The rice farmers also cultivate wheat, corn, soybeans, and peanuts, but have not seen such a significant rise in income.

There are 40,000 people, including farmers, who have been able to earn a living from the cultivation of rice. However, the income per acre is not as high as it is in other parts of China. The average yield per acre is only 1,000 yuan, which is significantly lower than the national average.

A few hours after the harvest, the farmers take their rice to a nearby processing facility, where it is dried and packed into bags for sale. The bags are then sold to retailers, who sell them to consumers. The farmers are paid a price per bag, and the money is returned to the farmers in the form of a cash payment.

The rice farmers in Shandong are not the only ones to benefit. The province has also seen an increase in tourism, with many tourists flocking to the area to experience the rice fields and the local culture.