China, US aim to bring dialogue back on track

Premier calls on Washington to take more pragmatic actions to strengthen cooperation

By WANG RUIZI and ZHENG YAN

The meeting in Beijing on Tuesday between top officials from China and the US is seen as an important step for the two sides to establish a dialogue mechanism and deepen cooperation, analysts and businesspeople said.

During his meeting with US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Chinese Premier Li Qiang said that economic and technological differences between China and the US are essentially beneficial and will ultimately lead China to strengthen dialogue and cooperation with the US in the economic and trade fields. He also exhorted both sides to take more pragmatic actions.

Visiting US Trade Representative Sung Yun-Mei also met with Raimondo. The two sides had candid and pragmatic communications on implementing the important consensus reached at the meeting in Fall in November between the two leaders, both sides announced, as well as on economic and trade issues of common concern, according to Xinhua News Agency.

The meeting is expected to continue over the weekends and possibly extend to Monday if both sides agree, according to business groups.

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BRICS offers a pathway to equality and fairness

By MO XINGHE

BRICS, the grouping of the major emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, was created to represent the “emerging forces” and to better coordinate their interests.

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Based at the Shanghai Museum Art Center, the province owns all the city's 16 districts. There are more than 300 museums located with different specialties, to cater to demand. At present, the programs range from traditional culture, fashion and intricate cultural techniques, to music, dance, coffee, food, makeup and lifestyle lessons.

In April, when the program started registration for the spring semester, thousands of applications arrived.

Ms. Peng Fengying, curator at the Shanghai Museum Art Center, said, "When registration started at 10 a.m. on March 6, more than 2,400,000 people tried to log in for courses given at 123 teaching locations, with 6,047 available seats altogether. The second course was the most popular, selling out in just half an hour.

The full semester for Shanghai's evening art courses starts next month, with its teaching locations across the city and a total of 200,000 seats and offline courses on offer.

Online registration for the new semester began at the beginning of March, attracting applications from more than 64,000 people, for more than the number for the spring semester.

Within a minute of registration starting, 12 courses sold out, including those for handmade leather goods, hiking, Shanghai dialect, jazz dancing, tai chi, cosmetics and yoga. Classes at 13 locations were filled in less than half an hour.

Registration data for the spring semester shows that evening art courses are especially popular among young people. Those born in the 1980s accounted for 50 percent of the places taken, while applicants born in the 1990s took 40 percent.

Relieving pressure

Mango, who used to play drums in a punk band at college, was among the successful applicants in the Spring, but she did not originally plan to take the classes.

"I first tried to sign up for music or dancing classes, but they were all sold out," she said.

She works in management at a State-owned company. Although her job is not too demanding, she struggles to form interpersonal relationships, adding to her psychological stress.

She also enjoys a diverse range of activities in her spare time, trying to try something fresh (and new) most weekends.

The two courses now require a great deal of communication, interaction and contact.

With Chinese cross-talk, or chaoxiang, to a traditional comedic style that relies heavily on language and punchlines, the class has performers perform different roles between two performances, with the goal of making the audience laugh.

An evening art course involves about 30 students. Running for three months, a single course includes 12 sessions, each lasting 90 minutes.

Mango said she enjoyed most of the classes, but some“classmates were from various walks of life. They included programmers who had to work overtime — from Chinese tech giants to salespeople and many people who are cross-talk enthusiasts.

"We prepare a dish once a week in groups at the end of the course. When I prepared an egg dish, that was a hit. Everyone admired the final dish for the final show, everyone in the class seemed to be comfortable with each other, and we grew into good friends," she said.

For the final show, Mango wore a promotional poster she created as an invitation to the class, and Show said she was moved to tears when her classmates applauded.

"I had a lot of friends at that gathering, and my mum showed me that night, and we had a great time. In particular, I feel much calmer now. As long as I have regular chaoxiang, " I said.

Open air events

The evening course, which sold out in minutes, is different from Chinese traditional opera, and the lessons were given by China’s most renowned traditional folk performance artist from the Shanghai Huaju Opera Troupe.

Huaju Opera is popular in Shanghai and Jiangsu and Anhui provinces. During the China Drama (1983), it won the first prize in the national competition. Today, it is performed by 58 halls from regions north of the Yangtze River. Huaju Opera is rich in folk culture, and it is recognized as the national intangible cultural heritage.

Chen, who started to learn Huaju Opera at the age of 9, joined the Shanghai Huaju Opera Troupe in 2002. Over the past 25 years, she has also directed Peking Opera and Ruanju Opera to improve her performances.

"The second dinner I taught at the art course included not only traditional movements, but also those that I performed during my performance," Chen said.

"Most of the students in the class for three-month courses came from 30 to 60, and they share an interest in traditional Chinese opera. They were really happy to have this chance to get close to the art and learn from a professional opera troupe at an affordable price," Chen said.

Chen hopes the participation of professional performers can lead to more evening event courses in order to be badly demanded.

"For our performers, promoting Huaju Opera is one of their lifetime duties. By setting up the art night courses, we are able to cultivate participants’ interest in Huaju Opera, expand our audiences, develop new markets, and inject fresh blood into this ancient art form," Chen said.

She also gained much from the evening course.

"As a teacher, I won the participants’ friendship. The atmosphere in our class is exceptionally good. Sharing a love for the opera, the classmates were always willing to help and encourage each other — even online when someone was absent for business trips," Chen said.

"Sharing their passion, I have a deeper understanding of the characters, and we are close friends and help each other to enjoy the art. It is my lifelong journey to learn Huaju Opera and share it with others," Chen said.

Cultural exchange

Shanghai’s evening art courses are also rich in the number of exchanges in the city.

For the first time, a Chinese opera-making class was set up in the spring semester for foreigners, among the dailyparticipants from countries such as Brazil, Japan, France, Russia and the United Kingdom.

John Wade, a music teacher from the UK, had been in Shanghai, was one of those who enjoyed the class.

"I learned a lot about Chinese opera. Being able to speak to me from my wife. Although Chinese cooking seems very difficult to me, I wanted to try it," said Wade, whose wife comes from Shanghai. The couple just married.

Born in London, Wade first arrived in China with his mother for holidays in 2012, when he was captivated by the nation’s culture.

Two years later, when teaching at a university became available at an international school in Shanghai, he said his choice, and he was born in China ever since.

"Dishes are Chinese food. When I first came here, I used to use Chinese-style cuisine, which we have in the UK. I used to cook a couple of Chinese dishes myself, but I became a vegetarian a little over a year ago," he said.

Although he has been a vegetarian for 25 years, Wade has many options to satisfy his appetite. "I love Chinese vegetarian food and the way the vegetables are cooked. There are many amazing vegetarian restaurants in Shanghai that magically make vegetable dishes taste like meat," he said.

This may be another reason for Wade joining the opera class, where he found that Chinese cooking can be easy and relaxing.

"I discovered my wife’s skills in the kitchen at our night opera course is a top of some of Shanghai’s most basic needs. I feel a very good teacher, extremely patient, and I have to learn how to cook," he said.

With the help of a volunteer translator, Wade learned to make several dishes of traditional Chinese pastry, including that in the shape of dumplings and biscuits as well as desserts — green sweet glutinous rice balls traditionally eaten during dragon boat festival in spring.

"We loved to make one or two new types of pastry during each class. It looked difficult at first but by following the teacher’s step by step, we all succeeded in the end. I took the pastry home after class, and even my father liked it — and he is very hard to please when it comes to food," said Wade.

As a crucial part of Chinese culture, food totally reflects local life and culture.

Wade said, "Although my classmates came from different countries and sectors, we had a pleasant time together. They helped me a lot, especially when I sometimes struggled to keep up with the teacher.”

Over the past two decades, Wade has lived in several locations in China, but he feels Shanghai the best, and he is now spending his 10th year in the city.

"Shanghai is more open and I feel more accepted in the city, as there are so many different cultures here," he said.

"The class was on a Monday night. It was so nice to have the opportunity to forget the everyday life during the evening of the work. There was no pressure during the course, so one can really try something fresh and fun. I would love to try some new lessons in the future.”

Widely popular

In addition to art classes, the full semester also includes practical and lifestyle lessons for better career opportunities.

For example, classes such as Chinese ettiquette and Chinese painting slides have been set up by the university, aimed at helping young people prepare for work.

A sign language class also enabled participants to communicate with people with hearing loss and helped them to help build a volunteer team to serve those with such difficulties.

A social networking class featuring pets and bridge building also has been started in Shanghai.

Cultural exchange is also beginning to grow.

In the spring semester, Shanghai is planning to invite more foreign artists to Shanghai. As the competition heat up, and another will also be added to the Shanghai’s cultural calendar.

Wade Regn on the Bund, which is located in the city's central districts, is famous for its location and its many consumers. The art city is a good place to enjoy the art and culture, the traditional intangible cultural heritage.

An exhibition featuring the life and work of着名 Chinese oil painter, the work of Wu Yan, will extend its opening hours to meet the growing interest in Chinese oil painting.

In addition to the Shanghai Museum Art Center, it is calling for more seminars and master classes to come back to the art program to offer additional public cultural events.

"We hope to build a bridge of communication through Shanghai, where more people can interact with each other, improve culture and exchange different culture physical and mental health. Shanghai is here to offer more cultural courses, and our final goal is to equip them with our own skills and experience," he said.

Such art courses are not confined to Shanghai but have become highly constructed to meet the needs of the people of intellectual and cultural exchange.

Numerous cities across China have introduced their own evening art courses, such as Beijing’s Shichahai Art, Thesoln and Huaju Opera courses, and the evening art course in Shanghai of Huaju Opera, and foreign guests can all participate.
More Saudi students to learn Chinese as relationship deepens

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A closer ties with China, Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Education has said the national public and private secondary schools to teach Chinese language classes next week.

The Saudi Gazette reported that the schools would add a six-day and Mondays for Chinese classes.

An agreement was reached in 2013 by Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman to send students to China to learn the Chinese language as part of a curriculum at all levels of education in Saudi schools and universities.

In December last year, during President Xi Jinping’s state visit to Saudi Arabia, leaders of the two countries signed a agreement of educational cooperation.

By 2015, there were more than 200 Saudi Arabia and Chinese teachers, among them 500 students from Saudi Arabia in universities in China. At the end of 2022, about 2,000 students were enrolled in Chinese language programs.

By the end of 2022, the Ministry of Education, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education, and the Chinese government have reached an agreement to open up to the Chinese language program to mid-level and high-level students in Saudi Arabia. The agreement is expected to be signed in the second quarter of 2023. This will be the first such agreement in Saudi Arabia.

During the agreement, the two sides will send teachers to work in the Chinese language program and students to work in the Chinese language program.

A spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Riyadh said that the Chinese government is fully prepared to send teachers and students to Saudi Arabia. The Chinese government will make all necessary arrangements to ensure that the agreement is implemented smoothly.

China will remain a highly favorable destination for the Saudi Arabian market. The country has a high level of economic development, a large and growing domestic market, and a favorable business environment.

With the improvement of bilateral relations, China and Saudi Arabia will continue to deepen educational cooperation. The two sides will continue to send students and teachers to each other, launch the China-Arabic Bridge, and promote the development of the Chinese language in Saudi Arabia.

Over the past year, China and Saudi Arabia have strengthened cooperation in various fields, with the Saudi Arabian government announcing plans to gradually build a Chinese language program in Saudi Arabia.

The two sides have also signed a cooperation agreement in the field of language learning, which will be implemented in the upcoming months. The agreement includes the establishment of a joint committee to oversee the implementation of the program.

In addition, a Saudi Arabia-China cooperation forum will be held in Riyadh, with the participation of top officials from both countries. The forum will discuss future cooperation in various fields, including language learning.

The two sides have also signed a agreement on the establishment of a joint committee to promote the development of the Chinese language in Saudi Arabia.

China will continue to support and encourage the development of the Chinese language in Saudi Arabia, and the two sides will continue to strengthen cooperation and exchange in various fields, including language learning.

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Outside of the education sector, the Chinese and Saudi Arabian governments have also agreed to strengthen cooperation in various fields, including culture, tourism, and trade.

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Rescued waterfowl in Jilin province nurtured and ready for nature

Chinese merganser released into wild after being first in nation to be artificially incubated

By LUC BENIGNI in Changchun and adjusted for Kyoko Yamato

After being at the wildlife rescue station of the Changchun Forest Nature Conservation Center for nearly three years, the first Chinese merganser ever to be artificially incubated and raised in the Changchun Mountain region, according to an expert, emerged from the stillness of the forest, its black plumes reflecting the early dawn. The female bird was chosen for its ability to incubate a series of eggs and was deemed the perfect candidate for the rescue mission.

The bird, a Chinese merganser, was found in August 2014 near the Tuolou River in Jilin province. It was initially diagnosed with a fracture of its right wing and was brought to the rescue station for treatment. Over the course of 11 months, the bird was treated for its injuries and was subsequently released into the wild.

In June, while being released into the wild from its enclosure, the bird crackled into life and made its way back to its natural habitat. The sight of the bird returning to its natural environment was a testament to the hard work of the rescue team.

The release of the Chinese merganser is a significant milestone in the conservation efforts of the Tuolou River region and highlights the importance of preserving and protecting the natural habitat for these endangered species.

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Support called on to restore biodiversity

By LIU YANG

According to a recent survey, the world is on the brink of losing one million species. The United Nations has set a goal to achieve 20 per cent reduction in the rate of biodiversity loss by 2020. To achieve this goal, the international community must take urgent action. The framework agreed by the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in May in Nagoya, Japan, sets a new agenda for the protection and restoration of biodiversity.

The framework is based on the principle that nature is a public good that should be protected for the common good. It recognizes the importance of biodiversity in maintaining ecological balance and preventing environmental degradation. The framework also highlights the need to address the root causes of biodiversity loss, such as unsustainable land use, over-exploitation of natural resources, and climate change.

The framework calls for: (1) the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; (2) the sustainable management of ecosystems; (3) the prevention of the introduction of invasive alien species; and (4) the prevention and control of land degradation.

These measures should be implemented at both national and international levels. At the national level, countries should develop strategies and action plans to protect biodiversity. At the international level, countries should cooperate to address global issues such as climate change and the loss of biodiversity.

In addition, the framework calls for the establishment of a global fund to support the implementation of the convention and its objectives. The fund should be financed through voluntary contributions from countries and other sources.

The framework also emphasizes the importance of empowering local communities and indigenous peoples to participate in biodiversity conservation. It recognizes their knowledge and experience in managing biodiversity.

In conclusion, the framework for biodiversity conservation is a significant step forward. It sets a clear direction for the international community to take urgent action to protect and restore biodiversity. It is now up to all of us to ensure that this framework is implemented effectively and efficiently.
European Council welcomes 8 more countries into EU after complicated voting process

By HELEN BROWNE in Brussels

The European Council welcomed eight new members to the European Union on Thursday, bringing the total to 28 as the bloc undergoes a major expansion.

The EU's 27 current members were joined by Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta and Poland.

The expansion process, which has been in progress since 2004, has been delayed by disputes over enlargement.

The new members will join the EU on January 1, bringing the total population of the EU to 451 million.

The accession of these countries is expected to boost economic growth in the region and create new opportunities for businesses.

The new members will be required to meet a range of criteria, including political stability, good governance, and respect for human rights.

The process of accession involves the new members being assessed on their readiness to meet the EU's standards and values.

The eight countries are expected to benefit from increased trade, investment, and cooperation with the EU.

The expansion is also expected to strengthen the EU's position on the global stage, with new members bringing diverse experiences and perspectives.

The EU is committed to fostering closer ties with its new members, and is expected to continue to invest in their development and cooperation.

The accession of these countries marks a major milestone in the EU's history, and is expected to contribute to a more united and stronger EU for the future.

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Show of outrage

Demonstrators protest against the opening of a theater for recently settled Muslims in the Yoga in the Streets festival in Istanbul, Monday, New York. (AP Photo/Bryan R. Smith)

Imam Samir Geagea, President of the Catholic Community of Beirut, called on Sunday to help the so-called Christian, Arabic-speaking international microfinance beneficiaries.

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On the 21st day of the summit, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, solicited opinions from international experts in Beijing to release the report, that the Chinese have released their policy report to the world, which shows the Chinese attitude toward the current world situation. This includes escalating tensions, such as territorial and territorial territorial issues, causing economic and social issues for and the Chinese, and the fact that China has already made its position very clear on the world stage.

“China is actively advancing its Africa policy in the face of economic transformation, and further shaping and accepting a rapidly changing world environment, in order to peacefully and steadily develop and advance, while also maintaining a peaceful, stable, and prosperous environment for Africa,” said a Chinese diplomat.

According to a recent report by Xinhua, China has already made significant progress in the African continent, with several countries expressing their support for China’s initiatives. The report notes that China’s investments in Africa have been expanding, and that China is becoming an important partner for African countries.

In addition, China has also been playing a significant role in promoting peace and stability in the region, through its involvement in various peacekeeping missions and its support for initiatives to resolve conflicts.

Still, in the face of the ongoing challenges, China is committed to continue strengthening cooperation with Africa, and to help African countries achieve sustainable development and prosperity.

Fukushima nuke waste treatment questioned

Japan urged to try other means rather than releasing nuclear waste into the sea

By LEONARD SLIEFRO for China Daily

Japan’s international concerns over Japan’s nuclear waste disposal and the country’s decision to release radioactive water into the sea have been raised by many countries.

However, Japan’s decision to release radioactive waste into the sea has not been without controversy, with many countries expressing concerns about the potential impact on the environment and public health.

The Japanese government has faced criticism from both domestic and international sources for its handling of the nuclear disaster in Fukushima.

In this context, the decision to release radioactive waste into the sea has been seen as a further step in the country’s efforts to address the crisis.

However, experts have raised concerns about the potential impact on the environment and public health.

For instance, Dr. Mary S. Myers, an environmental health expert, has warned that releasing radioactive waste into the sea could have serious environmental and public health implications.

“Radioactive waste contains a wide range of potentially harmful substances, including radionuclides that can cause cancer, mutations, and other adverse health effects,” Myers said.

“Releasing radioactive waste into the sea could have serious consequences for marine life, communities that depend on seafood, and even for human health in the future.”

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Banks boost services for private businesses

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A dozen Chinese banks, mostly major state-run ones, have been giving details in advance to support the development of private businesses, against the backdrop of China’s renewed efforts to boost the private sector, seeking to ensure such measures have the potential to enhance private enterprises’ access to quality financial services and inject new impetus into the sector eventually, and help them better withstand the current economic downturn.

“Difficulties facing the Chinese economic sector are mainly from difficulties facing the private sector,” said Qian Feng, an economist at the China Academy of Social Sciences, which is part of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China’s Commission for International Business and Economic Relations.

China's private enterprises have gained great achievements in terms of development in recent years, with their share of GDP surpassing 50 percent, said Qian, who was also the chief editor of the report "China’s Private Enterprises: Development Highlights and Evaluation" released by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences last December.

In addition, China private enterprises also play an important role in driving innovation and employment growth, of which the latest data show the sector's contributions to China’s 2020 GDP growth reached 7 percent, according to Qian. He said the sector has provided major support for the implementation of the "China Made in 2025" strategy, the "New Urbanization Program", and "Clear Water and Green Mountain are Golden Treasure" policies.

In recent years, the Chinese government has attached great importance to the development of private businesses, as some of the rules have been lifted and anti-monopoly enforcement has been tightened.

Alex Lai, chief economist at the financial services firm Capital Economics, said in a recent report that China’s private sector “remains one of the few bright spots of the global economy” amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lai said the factors behind this include the government in Beijing’s efforts to reduce the cost of doing business, in combination with wide-ranging proposals to support the sector.

China’s National Development and Reform Commission said on Monday, in a press release, that China’s private enterprises are now playing a more significant role in the national economy as the government is making efforts to further improve the business environment.

The NDC, which is the top economic planning body under the State Council, China’s Cabinet, said it has implemented a series of policies to promote the development of private enterprises.

The NDC’s efforts have been widely welcomed by China’s private enterprises, which have expressed confidence in China’s economic recovery and development.

In his annual address to the National People’s Congress on Monday, Premier Li Keqiang said China’s private enterprises are expected to make broader contributions.

For example, Chinese enterprises are expected to make broader contributions in the country’s efforts to boost the domestic consumption and the economy’s new development pattern.

The NDC has also called for efforts to improve the business environment for private enterprises.

On Tuesday, the NDC said it has set up a special panel to study and assess the business environment for private enterprises and public services, and the panel will provide suggestions and policy recommendations to the government.

The NDC said the panel will also focus on the business environment for private enterprises in the country’s new development pattern, which emphasizes the development of the domestic market and the promotion of the new industrial and information fusion.

The NDC said it will identify and support the development of private enterprises in key industries, including the high-tech, new energy, and biomedicine sectors.

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**Expo enhances China, NE Asia high-tech ties**

CHANGANCHE - A raft of high-tech achievements and agreements attracted the attention of many conference participants at the Second Korea-China NEV (new energy vehicle) Expo, which concluded on Sunday in the city of Suqian in Jiangsu Province.

A host of projects were signed during the five-day expo, setting a new record in the scale of related project investments, said Lin Qiqian, a NEV expert and chairman of the National Automotive Innovation and Development Association.

"Compared with their Japanese counterparts, Chinese NEV companies are generally young and energetic, which helps China's scientific and technological capacity to develop rapidly," said Hamane Hajime, an executive advisor to the Japan Science and Technology Agency.

In recent years, advanced fields, including new energy, modern agriculture, digital manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, healthcare technologies and environmental protection, have witnessed numerous new technologies that have been developed, and standards recommended by international organizations.

"I am optimistic about the prospects for China's science and technological development, and I am delighted to see the rapid progress of China's scientific and technological capacity," said Lin Qiqian.

Toshiro Shido, regional CIO for Panasonic China, said the company has long been dealing with a problem involving the difference in usage between cars in Europe and China, which is embodied in cooperation with Chinese, European, US and Japanese automakers, and products and products, and also serves customers to take a look.

"This is in wind, solar and other renewable energies. China's rapid development of new energy technologies and enterprises has enabled China to achieve rapid development of new energy in the first place. The commercialization of new energy has been remarkably successful in the last five years, and the country will continue to lead the world in this field.

**Energy storage highlighted for nation's green transition**

**Technology believed to play key role in maintaining stable power supply**

By ZHENG XING

As demand for clean, renewable energy sources surges, there is growing interest in how to maintain a stable and reliable supply of energy, a critical issue for China.

"Energy storage systems, which can stabilize the grid and enhance the reliability and efficiency of renewable energy sources, are crucial for ensuring a smooth transition to a low-carbon energy system," said Ye Sung-ho, an expert in the energy department of the China-Green Energy Research Institute.

According to Ye, the current landscape of energy supply is powered by traditional fossil fuels, which are not only environmentally friendly but also costly.

"Energy storage systems can play a pivotal role in the transition to a low-carbon energy system," Ye said.

**German firms double down in Hefei's NEV cluster**

HAIKOU - German enterprises are doubling down in their investments in China as they grow their new energy vehicle industry to tap the market potential of one of the world's largest economies.

China has seen a significant increase in the production and sales of NEVs this year. During the first six months, China's NEV output was up 61.7% year-on-year, while sales rose 40.7%.

"While there has been a drop from last year, this year still sees a positive trend," said a source from a German-owned company.

"The Chinese market is a key player in the global electric vehicle landscape and is critical for the development of new energy technologies," said a source from a German-owned company.

Hefei, capital of East China's Anhui Province, has turned into a magnet for German investors, with the number of NEV enterprises in the city reaching 500, according to data from the local government.

The city is home to several important NEV enterprises, such as Volkswagen Group and Bosch, which have set up research centers and production bases.

"The government is very innovative and proactive, and it has taken a host of positive policies to promote the rapid development of NEV industries," said a source from a German-owned company.

"This year, the NEV industry has seen further cooperation among German companies, with a number of major companies reaching cooperation agreements.

The NEV industry in Hefei has also seen significant progress in terms of innovation and technology development. The city has established a high-level management structure for NEV industries, with the support of the local government and Hefei University.
CHINA MARVELS

Editor’s Note: This new series in China Daily celebrates various technologies, industries, infrastructure and capital goods projects for being the world’s most impressive in their class. They are also a testament to the tremendous progress China has made in recent decades on the back of its reforms and opening-up policy, as well as the nation’s drive for high-quality development and a modern industrial system.

BORING’S EXCITING

What’s common to Melbourne’s West Gate tunnel, Tel Aviv light rail service’s Green Line tunneling work, Copenhagen’s Sydhavn Metro Line extension and Doha’s drainage tunnel project? Well, they have all been made possible by Chinese-made tunnel boring machines (TBMs). That’s phenomenal because until 2008, China used to import TBMs.

TBMs are used to excavate tunnels, subways, tunnels and sewer lines. CONTRAST is a vital tunnel boring technology, which can be used to cut and dry or wet rock, hard sandstone and hard, iron ore in situ. So these giant machines can cut through different rock and rock formations and are suitable for use in urban areas.

A TUNNEL FACTORY INSIDE

TBMs minimize the impact on the surrounding ground and produce a smooth tunnel wall, helping certain tunnel projects run through unstable geological conditions.

KEY NUMBERS

Demand for TBM units for subway construction projects in China

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OVERSEAS PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY CHINESE TBMs:

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- Denmark: The Sydhavn-Metro Line’s underground in Copenhagen
- Israel: The Beer-Sef Tel Aviv light rail service
- Qatar: The drainage tunnel project in Doha
- South Korea: The construction of the Seogang Port Power Station
- Switzerland: The construction of a nuclear power plant
- Bangladesh: The construction of a new railway

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WELL KNOWN DOMESTIC PROJECTS THAT USE CHINESE TBMS:

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- Zhengzhou Tunnel project
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- Shanghai Metro project
- Hefei Tunnel project
- Xiamen Underwater Tunnel project

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Incremental improvement, but intent of ‘US’ controls and restrictions is clear

The recent agreement between the US Department of Commerce and the Chinese embassy in Washington, DC, is a much-needed step in the right direction. The two countries have been locked in a trade dispute for over two years, and this agreement could potentially ease the tension.

The agreement includes a list of restrictions that Chinese companies must follow to avoid US sanctions. The list includes restrictions on the production and export of certain advanced technologies, such as those used in the semiconductor and telecommunications sectors.

The US has imposed these restrictions on Chinese companies in an attempt to reduce China’s technological capabilities and slow its economic growth. However, the agreement shows that the US is willing to engage in dialogue and find solutions to the trade dispute.

The agreement is a positive step, but it is important to note that the restrictions are still in place. The US will continue to monitor China’s compliance with the agreement and may impose additional sanctions if China does not act in good faith.

In conclusion, the agreement between the US and China is a positive step towards resolving the trade dispute. However, the restrictions still in place mean that the US is not completely satisfied with China’s cooperation.

South China Sea not arena for flexing muscles

Despite the Chinese-state claim that they were making “strategic moves” to avert a potential military conflict, the United States, Australia, and the Philippines have continued to increase their military presence in the region.

The US and Australia have held joint military exercises in the region, while the Philippines has continued to build up its military capabilities. These moves are seen as a response to China’s increasing military assertiveness in the South China Sea.

While China has continued to assert its maritime claims in the South China Sea, it has also been engaged in efforts to build up its economy and improve its living standards. The country has been investing heavily in infrastructure projects, such as the Belt and Road Initiative, which has led to significant economic growth.

In conclusion, while China and the US continue to compete for influence in the region, it is important to note that China is also focused on improving its economy and living standards. The region is complex, and it is important to work towards a peaceful resolution of the ongoing disputes.
World reminded Fukushima disaster continues

The release of radioactive water from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan on Thursday shows the continued impact of the nuclear disaster. While the remediation efforts are ongoing, the memory of the disaster lingers, reminding nations of the risks associated with nuclear power and the need for responsible management.

The immediate consequences of Japan detonating the radioactive water into the sea will be felt by the coastal community of Fukushima. Due to the nature of the disaster, they suffer the immediate and urgent impact, as well as the long-term consequences of their environment. The contaminated water has the potential to leak and may pose a risk to marine life.

Since the Fukushima disaster, the focus has been on remediation efforts, including the cleanup of the reactor sites and the treatment of contaminated water. While progress has been made, the challenges remain, and the need for continued vigilance and international cooperation is crucial.

The contaminated water contains a range of radioactive elements, including cesium-137, strontium-90, and plutonium. These elements are highly toxic and can travel far in the environment, posing a risk to marine life and human health.

The release of radioactive water into the ocean is a reminder of the complex and far-reaching consequences of nuclear power. It is a stark reminder of the need for caution and responsible decision-making in the face of such significant risks.

Shawn Burnie

How to attract more investment from China and increasing Foreign investment invited to be the 324 Masts in America to attract more foreign investment. The US government is considering a range of measures to boost investment, including tax incentives, regulatory changes, and other policies to create a more attractive investment climate.

Recent laws have created a number of significant incentives for foreign investors, including the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which offers a range of benefits to businesses, as well as the recently enacted tax cuts for small businesses.

China has been a model for innovation in recent years, with its rapid growth and development. China is working to attract further investment from the US, and this will continue to be a priority for the US government in the coming years.

Zhang Meng

Kang Bing

New professions need to be more strictly regulated

Editor's note: There has been a proliferation of new professions, some of which have become key drivers of consumption for young people. Despite the benefits, there is a need to strictly regulate them, because not all of them are harmless, and some even harm the lives of young people.

As the number of Chinese people choosing to work on something other than work ever increases, the situation is changing. Gifts, special trains and airplanes, all of which have become popular, can be bought at a price. But this is not free.

According to reports, there are about 300,000 companies providing designated drivers service in China, which range from a few dollars to a few thousand. Last year, the companies received 29 billion service fees, with the market size reaching 50 billion yuan ($7.4 billion).

Many people have taken up part-time jobs as “purchasing agents,” buying goods for their friends or family members. While this may be a way to make money, it is important to be aware of the risks involved.

One such example is the “group buying” model, where a group of people can collectively purchase products at a discounted price. This can be a way to save money, but it is important to be aware of the risks involved. For example, there may be a risk of being scammed or losing money.

Some people are even offering paid services for writing the homework or doctoral theses.

But don't take risks. You can be "helped" by a boyfriend or a girlfirend to submit the homework of your family and relatives. If you, or someone you trust, is waiting for the phone call of "Dear, I have something that I want to tell you," you should think twice.

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Beyond militarization

Economic prosperity will bring peace to the Global South, while digital economy will deliver freedom from US dollar dominance and unilateral sanctions

DARYL GUPPY

GLOBAL VIEWS

The hope that a thinking understanding of this complex situation makes it difficult for the US and China to find the right choice. Chinas has shown no inclination to deviate from the model of bilateral trade and investment strategies. The US is committed to continue to strengthen its global economic and security strategy.

The US, Japan and the ROK agreed to continue their joint annual trilateral meeting in East Asia, to discuss the latest developments in the region. They have committed to continue their joint military exercises and to strengthen their defense cooperation. The US has also endorsed the plan for a joint military drill with the ROK and Japan, scheduled for later this year.

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“Getting a modern take on China”

Students from 28 countries and regions are gaining insights into China’s rapid transformation through the “An Overview of Modern China and City Development” summer program, offering eye-opening experiences and global perspectives. Li Xinran reports.

Our objective surpasses mere international exchanges on summer programs. We aspire that all our international friends can gain profound and comprehensive insights into China’s modernization.

Zhen Gong, a teacher at Beijing International Studies University

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**Fashion that looks good enough to eat**

Desserts you may have noticed the emergence of new, captivating trends in the dessert industry: "Japadoll" and "bento-inspired" desserts are now quite popular. These trends involve the use of bright and colorful ingredients to create visually appealing and artful presentations.

**Fill your cup with a ‘gap day’**

Many young people are embracing the concept of a “gap day” as a way to relax. A “gap day” is a day of solitude within a bustling schedule.

Young people are embracing “gap days” as a way to relax, evoking the notion of seeking out new life experiences instead. In the context of a “gap day,” Chinese magazine *Modern Weekly* dedicates its 30th anniversary issue to “a day of solitude within a bustling schedule.”

But what sets the “gap day” apart is its readiness to quickly return to one’s work or studies. Many young people perceive this form of leisure as more of a “gap day” than its activities rather than a complete “break.” Therefore, the notion of a “gap day” has evolved into more ambitious and longer durations, providing more opportunities to explore new interests and experiences.

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Above: Students from the “An Overview of Modern China and City Development” summer program visit the Palace Museum in Beijing on Aug 10. Below left: Laokho Kone Kasi (right) takes the high-speed train to Xining New Area on Aug 12. Below right: Elizaveta Krasikova (right) takes traditional Chinese attire at the Summer Palace in Beijing on Aug 12. Photos provided to China DAILY
In a journey of self-improvement and empowerment, the Million Miles women’s soccer team in Tianjin is not only rekindling dreams but also breaking down barriers and cultivating lasting connections. Chen Xue reports.

More than a game

Xiaolan (pseudonym), 33, is the world’s best soccer player. When she discovered a new way to shine, a new animal named Captain Female Bondage, during her primary school years. "The depiction of strength and empowerment in the show ignited a fire within me," she said. However, Xiaolan soon encountered discrimination in her passion. "Many people questioned the idea of girls playing soccer," she said. "They believe that a girl should have the demeanor of a girl, and should engage in more feminine activities like dancing or swimming."

Throughout Xiaolan’s life, she often played soccer with boys and girls alike. She was too tall to fit in the female football team. She entered high school, however, the physical disparity between boys and girls became more apparent, leading her to feel increasingly uncomfortable playing soccer with boys. She stopped engaging in the sport, not only when she was in high school and college student, but also when she started working.

A few years ago, Xiaolan received an invitation from her husband’s team. A female team, in join a local group of female soccer players in Tianjin. This opportunity allowed her to reignite her childhood passion. This year, the team took a gold medal at the national league tournament, which she named Chezai Blues in Chinese and Million Miles in English.

She explained that the team formally came from the famous video by Song Dynasty poet Bai Juyi (779-852). "The poem proved once and again, I look for her soul. That is who I am. I’m still the girl I found there when I was eight years old," she said.

It’s a very simple way to express my gratitude for being able to meet such wonderful women who share the same interests and appetites,” she explained.

Being given the opportunity, Xiaolan takes pictures of the many coaching sessions and allows them to be shared on Xongzhao — an online platform for sharing photos — to show the fun activities and train like other women.

Chen Xue was one of those women.

Finding my place

Li Xia, 22, a student at Tianjin University of Technology and Economics, once encountered Million Miles, which was mentioned in the Vanke Cup’s opening ceremony. She was particularly impressed by the theme song, which was composed by a student. "I was particularly inspired by the song," she said.

Her passion for sports grew from there. After high school, she dreamed of being a volleyball player. "I didn’t play on the team because I wasn’t tall enough," she said. "I found a different way to express myself."

At the beginning of her college years, she found that the female soccer team in her college numbered only 10 members. "I thought of myself as a woman," she said. "I wanted to join the female soccer team."

"I was told that I was too small to join the team, and that I didn’t have the strength to play," she said.

Despite the coach’s discouragement, she continued to work on her skills. "I practiced harder than anyone else in the team," she said. "I finally made it onto the team, and I’ve been improving ever since."

She said the team has helped her grow in confidence and self-esteem. "Before I joined the team, I was very shy and unconfident," she said. "Now I feel much better."

Diversity is a female player "respected me with love," Li said. "Her experience is amazing, focusing shorter hair and a more feminine playing style. But I held solid to the team."

Even worse, Li has found a sense of belonging on the field. During the summer holidays in first-year school, she would go out for a day or two, or even every day, as long as she knew she would be able to remain as a member of the Chinese men’s soccer team. She retains her ability to play in the World Cup finals for the first time in 2006.

The indigenous nature of soccer is particularly resonated with Li. "I had the same idea, too," she said. "I hope that my existence is recognized."

At first, there was a lot of pressure on her because she was a girl. However, the coach and other players understood her struggle and supported her. "I felt a lot of pressure, but I also felt supported," she said.

She thrived, rather than facing the challenge to rise. Li took the initiative to facilitate the search for the first female soccer team in Tianjin, which led her to the discovery of Million Miles and subsequently joining the team. "I was given the chance to participate in the game and I was excited," she said. "I felt I had to seize the opportunity." She has become an important player, leading the team to victory in the league.

Her story is not unique. The women’s soccer team in Tianjin is not only rekindling dreams but also breaking down barriers and cultivating lasting connections. "I believe that the soccer team builds a unique significance within the team since you are also the final line of defense. This position carries more than just a sense of responsibility, but also a sense of honor," she said.

For the ball, the risks involved with being highly skilled are sometimes more daunting. While she has faced challenges, she has also enjoyed success. "I think the team has helped me improve my skills," she said. "I have been able to push myself to the limit."}

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**ZEEKLY**

**At just 15 years old, one Chinese pianist is already wowing global audiences with his impressive musical talent and emotional depth.**

By YOUNG YUN and PAN MEITONG

On Jun 13, with the imaging snow outside, 16-year-old Ni Chenchu joyfully played the piano with the key to China in his hands. The young pianist, a student of the Nankai University of Arts, is a three-year-old grandchild of the pianist Ni Zhen, and his surname and surname are both of the Ni family. Ni Zhen, born in July 1932, is a well-known pianist in China and the first pianist in China to receive the title of "National First-Class Senior Artist." His home is in the City of Nankai, Tianjin, where he has lived for more than 60 years. Every time he plays the piano, he can hear the echoes of his father, Ni Chenzhe, a pianist of the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, and his grandfather, Ni Zhen. However, his father, Ni Chenzhe, passed away when he was 8 years old. Ni Zhen died in 2021.

Ni Chenchu, born in Aug 2007, is the only child of Ni Chenzhe and Ni Yuanyun. As a child, he was often shown playing the piano and reading books. At the age of 4, he could play the entire "Summertime" from "Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue". His father, Ni Chenzhe, a pianist of the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, showed him the joy of musical expression and the beauty of music. Ni Chenzhe's love for music and his talent for playing the piano were inherited by Ni Chenchu from his father. At the age of 11, he was invited to perform at the First International Music Festival in China. Since then, he has received numerous awards and recognition for his musical talent.

Ni Chenchu's parents, Ni Chenzhe and Ni Yuanyun, are both pianists. They have been teaching music for many years and have a deep understanding of the art form. They encourage their son to practice and perform regularly, and always provide him with positive feedback and encouragement.

Ni Chenchu's favorite pieces include Chopin's "Nocturne in C-sharp minor," Beethoven's "Appassionata," and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 1." He has performed these pieces in various concerts and competitions, gaining recognition and praise. In 2021, he was invited to perform at the International Piano Festival in Tianjin, where he played with the Tianjin Philharmonic Orchestra. His performance was a great success and received high praise from the audience and music critics alike.

Ni Chenchu's parents are proud of him and support him in his musical journey. They believe that music has the power to enrich one's life and that it can be a source of inspiration and joy. They encourage him to continue pursuing his passion and to always strive for improvement.

Ni Chenchu believes that music is a universal language that can bring people together. He enjoys the challenges of playing different pieces and the joy of connecting with audiences through his music. He is determined to continue his musical journey and to achieve his dreams.

**Gen 2 Stats**

This statistic shows the penetration rate of smartphones among young netizens in China in 2021 and 2022. In 2022, 81.1% of young netizens aged 12 to 23 years used smartphones. The penetration rate among young netizens has been increasing year by year. In 2021, 76.3% of young netizens aged 12 to 23 years used smartphones. This trend is expected to continue in the future, as more and more young people are adopting smartphones as their primary means of communication and entertainment.

**Changing job views, changing mindsights**

Due to the epidemic and the rapid development of technology, the employment situation has changed significantly. A new trend has emerged: more and more young people are shifting their attention to the concept of flexible work, such as remote work, freelancing, and entrepreneurship. This trend is driven by the desire for autonomy and flexibility, as well as the desire to pursue personal growth and fulfillment. This trend is particularly evident among young netizens, who have grown up in a technology-driven society and are more comfortable with digital tools. They are more willing to try new things and experiment with different forms of work. This trend is expected to continue in the future, as more and more young people are embracing flexible work and entrepreneurship.