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By ZHAO HUAXIN in Washington

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"The "decoupling is the biggest risk, if not the only risk," one Chinese expert said in a recent discussion with China Daily and the People's Daily, adding that "decoupling" and "developing" are the right path to build a healthy and fair international environment.

Many officials and policy watchers have spoken out and urged the US not to be misled by the "decoupling" process.

"The US has always emphasized the value of multilateralism and the importance of multilateral institutions and rules and regulations," a Chinese expert said.

"China and the US are important partners, and it is important to maintain a healthy and stable relationship with each other," the expert added.

Chinese experts and analysts highlighted that the US-China relationship is complex and interdependent, and both sides need to work together to achieve mutual benefits and common development.

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**Seniors relive happy memories**

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Every winter and summer vacation, students from the university take their own costumes and equipment, and volunteer to serve the elderly and nursing homes to take such photos.

After the photos are taken, the volunteers print and frame them, before sending them to the couples free of charge. As the students graduate, newcomers join the project.

"The idea behind this project is as simple as it seemed on campus. I love photography, so I signed up to join," Zang said.

Last month, 15 groups comprising more than 250 students visited 13 areas, including Qianjiang county, Hubei province, and Dafang county, Guizhou province.

They took photos for more than 1,000 elderly couples, including Party members, veterans, rural teachers, and inheritors of intangible cultural heritage.

The project's founder, Yu Jianwen, 25, a teacher at Wuhu University of Engineering Science, said that after last month, the volunteers had taken on average 2,000 photos for more than 1,000 elderly couples.

The couples were young when there was no opportunity to take wedding photos, so they took them by taking special photos to bring back good memories of the years they have lived," Yu said.

Finding it is difficult to acquire wedding dresses and photography equipment. However, one of his former classmates, who owns a wedding photography company in Wuhu, donated more than 70 second-hand wedding dresses to the project.

Yu formed the first team, which consisted of 15 volunteers.

The team has grown over the years, now comprises 13 groups totaling more than 300 people. They have worked in 36 counties and rural areas across 40 cities in 13 provinces nationwide.

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"Grandpa Hu is a veteran. We wanted to make him feel like a king. The couple’s home is very simple and plain. Their love story is beautiful," Zang said.

Chen believes that this project helps elderly couples fulfill the "primary values" of love and marriage at their leisure. He has also worked on the photo taken by the elderly generation.

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The country has been outperforming its peers in terms of risk management and has made significant progress in implementing international standards for financial regulation. In addition, the country has been making efforts to promote green finance and sustainable development, as evidenced by the significant increase in renewable energy investments.

The Chinese banking sector has also been making efforts to promote financial inclusion and digital banking, which has helped to improve access to financial services for rural and low-income consumers.

However, the country also faces challenges in the area of financial inclusion, particularly in rural areas, where access to financial services remains limited. The government continues to work on improving financial inclusion, but more needs to be done to ensure that all segments of the population have access to financial services.

In conclusion, the Chinese banking sector has made significant progress in promoting sustainable development and financial inclusion, but there is still room for improvement, particularly in rural areas. The government and financial regulators are working to address these challenges and ensure that all segments of the population have access to financial services.
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SNUB-NOSED MONKEYS LIVING THE HIGH LIFE IN YUNNAN

Native primates have been saved from extinction by human help and a series of protective measures.

By VAN DONGHUI

On August 5, 1983, the Yun-yan mountain snub-nosed monkey was listed as an endangered species by the world's 14 largest countries. The previous year, the world's first tries to save the snub-nosed monkey were launched in China.

Since 1983, scientists have worked for nearly 20 years to save the snub-nosed monkey. Nowadays, the snub-nosed monkey population has reached 4,000.

It is believed that the snub-nosed monkey, which lives at high altitudes above 2,000 meters, has become one of the world's most endangered species. It lives in the wild forest of Yunnan, which is the world's only place where the snub-nosed monkey can be found. It is mainly found in the mountains of Yunnan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Myanmar, and Thailand.

The Yunnan snub-nosed monkey has black and white fur, which makes it different from other monkeys. It is not shy and has a loud voice when eating or fighting. It is one of the rarest primates in the world, and it is also known as the "king of monkeys." It has a very thick skin, which makes it resistant to cold and frostbite. Its nose is a special feature that makes it easy to recognize. The snub-nosed monkey is also very intelligent and is known for its love of food.

The Yunnan snub-nosed monkey is very important to the natural environment, and its population has increased significantly. In 2000, the Chinese Academy of Sciences conducted a survey and found that the number of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys was more than 2,000. In 2005, the number of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys reached 4,000.

The Yunnan snub-nosed monkey is not only a rare species, but it is also a symbol of the development of Chinese conservation work. It has become a symbol of China's progress in saving endangered species and protecting the environment.

The Yunnan snub-nosed monkey is one of the most important primates in the world, and it has become the focus of international conservation efforts. It is also an important cultural symbol of the Chinese people. Its unique features and its ability to adapt to harsh environments make it an important species for the future.
Tanzania envoy recruits its tested friendship

By ZIYU DU and AOXUE WENG

As Mifreda Kaimbi wheeled up his six-year-old daughter's hand down to Tanzania to see him, he realized that the two nations have built up their time-tested friendship through bilateral cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

It is in tandem with China-Dai- li friendship that China-Dai li relations over the years have undergone a series of stages, one of which is the "friendship stage," a period during which both sides have witnessed a marked increase in trade, cultural exchanges and cooperation in energy and other key sectors.

From then on, the two sides also agreed to cooperate on the Africa Union construction and Chinese companies investing in China.

"Tanzania is the biggest example of adaptation and vision for the future," said the Chinese ambassador to Tanzania.

"Moreover, when China and Tanzania work together, we can always find an affordable solution to help the people of China.

Furners can now produce and supply electric cars with a similar configuration, as the Chinese market, while Chinese companies can start selling their goods and bring sales to China.

And his vision is coming true.

Even in the coming months, we're going to see more cooperation in new areas, new areas that I don't even know, as well as the technology and solution in healthcare.

"So this is in turn attributable to poverty alleviation, employment, and people's well-being," he said.

According to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, trade between China and Tanzania in the first half of this year reached $1.5 billion.

In 2021, China and Tanzania had双边 trade turnover of $2.2 billion, up 30% year on year.

The factory will be built on the site of a newly-built factory in Jiangsu, which is developing the most advanced technology.

British authorities are reportedly concerned over the spread of the virus, and thus have plans to increase cooperation with China in the near future, particularly in areas such as healthcare.

"This is the thing, China's development and our cooperation are very important for the whole world.

"This is what is happening in China will bring innovation and the highest quality of technology that China has, but more importantly, it will allow the introduction and automation of the technology in the country, a key component to maintain the development and grow the people's quality of life," said Korean President Moon Jae-in.

"We are proud of the fact that we have been able to bring China's technology and skills to our country.

"This package includes all the necessary components for the new factory, including batteries, engines, and other parts, as well as the necessary infrastructure.

"We are pleased to be embarking on this journey to become a global leader in hybrid technologies, providing low-emission solutions for all the major cities of the world," the chairman of Geely Holding Group said.

For Cristian Ingemer, director of the World Trade Organization's office in Buenos Aires, "This means that the Argentine government is committed to the future of the country and to fostering Argentina's economic development.

"The world does not correct the course on its own.

China's recent achievements in Latin America are the result of a clear and consistent strategy that seeks to foster sustainable development and improve the quality of life for its people.

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US to lose $20b due to fewer Chinese visitors

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WASHINGTON (WSJ) — The US is expected to lose $20 billion due to fewer Chinese tourists this year, according to accounting for less than a third of 2019.

According to the US Travel Association, the No. 1 travel market for the US, resulting in a $60 billion trade surplus. The average Chinese visitor spends about $6,900 a year, which is among the highest amount of any international visitors. The West Coast and New York City are the top destinations for Chinese tourists. In 2019, 49 percent of Chinese tourists to 25 international destinations.

In 2020, Chinese tourists traveled 860,000 more than the previous year, while the number of US tourists dropped to 95 million. However, the tourism industry may not be able to reach pre-COVID levels until 2023.

The biggest threat to tourism revenue is the US, while China’s tourism revenue, spending about $24 billion, accounted for 10 percent of US travel and tourism.

In 2020, the US experienced a sharp decline in tourism due to the pandemic and the resulting travel restrictions. The economic impact was estimated at $50 billion, which is equal to the US, fewer than one-third of 2019.

That would mean about $40 billion in lost economic revenue from Chinese tourists.

BY YUAN SHENGAO

Despite the ongoing political disputes, the US has become a popular destination for Chinese tourists. With its rich history, cultural diversity, and natural beauty, the US has always been a top choice for Chinese travelers.

According to the US Travel Association, more than 200,000 Chinese tourists visited the US last year, which accounted for 8 percent of all international visitors. The top destinations for Chinese tourists were New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, while China’s tourism revenue reached $28 billion last year.

Travelers lifted

Early in January, China’s tourism market appeared to be on the upswing as a large number of Chinese tourists traveled to the US to visit family and friends. According to the China National Tourism Administration, the number of Chinese tourists visiting the US increased by 30 percent compared to the previous year.

Frequent news of US mass shootings, as well as negative sentiments between people of different races, continue to be a major concern for Chinese tourists. The recent shooting in a shopping mall in the US has further raised the concerns of Chinese tourists visiting the US.

Import export provides big boost for BRICS

Top pork trader on US farm to visit China

U.S. pork industry officials said Thursday that the US will export 1.6 million hogs to China in the first quarter of 2024, a significant increase from the 2023 quarter. This comes as the US and China are in the process of reopening travel and trade relations.

The US pork industry has been working to rebuild its market share in China, which was a major customer before the COVID pandemic. The US pork industryexported 1.3 million hogs to China in 2022, up from 0.4 million hogs in 2021. This year, the US pork industry is expected to export 1.8 million hogs to China.

Despite the challenges, the US pork industry is optimistic about the prospects in China. "We are very excited about the opportunity to resume trade with China," said John Potter, president of the National Pork Producers Council.

China is the largest pork consumer in the world, and the US pork industry has been working to regain its market share in this region. "We are looking forward to working closely with Chinese partners to continue to grow our business in China," said Potter.

The US pork industry has been working to improve its production practices and increase its efficiency to better compete with Chinese pork producers. "We are fully committed to meeting the high standards set by Chinese consumers," said Potter.

The US pork industry has also been working to improve its product quality and increase its shelf life to better compete with Chinese pork products. "We are confident that our pork products will be well-received in China," said Potter.

The US pork industry has been working to build its brand and increase its visibility in China. "We are looking forward to showcasing our pork products to Chinese consumers," said Potter.

The US pork industry has been working to develop new markets and increase its sales in China. "We are exploring new opportunities to increase our sales in China," said Potter.

The US pork industry has been working to improve its relationships with Chinese partners. "We are committed to building strong partnerships with Chinese partners," said Potter.

The US pork industry has been working to improve its sustainability practices and increase its environmental footprint. "We are committed to being a responsible and sustainable pork producer," said Potter.

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Singapore’s SP sanguine on China power market

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Singapore national power grid operator SP Group plans to increase investment in China’s clean-energy sector, seeing opportunities in the country’s long-term economic growth and decarbonization commitment, said top execs.

Sun Hung, CEO of SP Group, said in an exclusive interview with China Daily, that the group will continue to pursue the development of renewable energy in China. It has been approved to build a 34-megawatt solar project in Zhejiang, China’s power market.

The investment follows SP Group’s redevelopment of the Shanghai International Urban Rail Transport Industry Center with an investment of approximately $130 million (1.6 billion yuan), which was completed and became operational last year.

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China’s power storage industry has experienced explosive growth in recent years. By the end of 2022, China’s planned pumped storage power capacity hit 100 gigawatts, with an annual capacity of about 230 gigawatts.

SP Group aims to be a leader in China’s clean-energy sector, where it has invested in renewable energy projects and has steadily grown since its entry into the Chinese market in 2010.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Temasek Holdings, SP Group owns and operates the electricity and gas transmission and distribution network in Singapore. The group’s investment in China is currently focused on expanding its investment and presence in the district cooling and solar sector. It provides energy-efficient, reliable district cooling and heating solutions that help to reduce carbon emissions for office buildings.

In August, the group acquired the Shanghai Data Center cooling project in Shanghai, China’s most populous city. The mixed-use development comprises office buildings, including office towers, retail facilities and residential spaces, with a total capacity of 300,000 square feet.

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Pizza serving up bigger slice of fast-food market.

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Feared by an increasing appetite for Western-style foods among young Chinese consumers, foreign pizza chains plan to open more stores in the country, with localized menu-focused delivery and enhanced digital options.

US-based Domino’s Pizza Inc, the world’s largest pizza company in terms of sales revenue last year, said it would continue to ramp up its expansion by opening 160 new stores in China this year and another 160 next year.

The company’s ambitions are backed by its desire to catch up in the rising demand in the pizza delivery segment in China, which is expected to see booming growth as local COVID-19 measures were relaxed, as more consumers formed a habit of ordering food deliveries online.

Over the past decade, Medelein, a 30-year-old office worker in Beijing, said she used to enjoy making pizza at home in the comfort of her house.

“Ordering pizza is quite convin- dent and I get the food quickly. We have other brands as well but it is still quite delicious after microwaving,” she said.

DPC Dash Ltd, Domino’s Pizza’s emerging market franchise on the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and Macau, believes it will enjoy continued expansion across China.

As of May 31, DPC Dash operated 1,066 stores in 28 Chinese mainland cities, in late April, the company opened its first stores in Qingdao, Shandong province, and Wenzhou, Zhejiang province. (Their first Shanghai store is set to open in the company’s very next quarter.)

DPC Dash stores now hold top sales growth for the first 30 days among Domino’s stores globally. Do- mini’s operates 1,000 stores worldwide in more than 80 markets.

The company is the fastest growing international brand, according to a report by company executives.

“We are pleased to see the continuing growth of our business and our presence in China. We adopt a unified franchise strategy, which brings the globally recognized Domino’s brand, its extensive knowledge of the Chinese market, and our expertise to an executive officer of DPC Dash Ltd, according to Wenzhou daily business.

“We aim at serving handcrafted, tasty pizzas and other items with easy-ordering access and efficiency delivery services, which are integrated with digital technologies,” she said.

Domino’s has expanded and built upon the proven business model of its founder Domino’s by localizing for China and its consumers, focusing on serving Chinese consumers delicious pizzas through online channels, she said.

In May, DPC Dash achieved the Hong Kong stock exchange. The company said it’s priority is still to expand store expansion after going public, and it plans to open another 200 stores and 390 stores in China in 2023 and 2024 respectively, according to its prospectus.

Under its current management, DPC Dash will continue to optimize its localization strategy, implement an action-able store expansion plan, create more focused on a delivery-centric business model, and strengthens its development capabilities with respect to both menus and technology, the company said.

The delivery segment of Domino’s in China has gradually increased year by year. In 2022, the self-delivered business accounted for 22 percent of the company’s overall business in the country. Domi- no’s has further developed its app, a mini program on WeChat, and its official website in China. Thus, it has relied less on third-party platforms, it said.

In 1997, Domino’s entered the Chinese mainland market, and the concept of food delivery began to emerge in the country back in 1997. Pizza Hut opened its first outlet in Beijing, which marked the beginning stage of China’s pizza delivery.

By the end of June, Texas-based Domino opened more than 3,000 stores in China, according to its parent company in China, which was said to be the number in the Chinese mainland.

With continuous growth in the number of stores and the gradual disappearance of the negative perception of the pandemic, Domino’s sales have skyrocketed. In the second quarter, from China, Domino’s same sales increased 25 percent year-over-year, of which, 6 percent of KFC and Pizza Hut increased by 32 percent and 80 percent respectively.

Pizza Hut has become a competitive Western-style fast food chain in China. Top-tier cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, as well as Chang- shou and Shenzhen are leading the way to be the second biggest outlet behind of pizza outlets in the country.

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Subway riding sandwich wave in China

Subway has announced it will open more than 4,000 restaurants over the next 10 years in the world’s second-largest economy to satiate an increasing appetite for subs and sandwiches by Chinese consumers.

In June, Subway announced a new franchise agreement with Shanghai Fa-Rui Shi Corporate Development Co., Ltd, the largest deal in the restaurant chain’s history, and one of the larg- est in the quick service restaurant sector in terms of franchise expansion.

Subway said this partnership will help expand its scale on the Chinese mainland by over 3,000 stores, and will give FSB’s franchisees a greater scope and flexibility to manage the business.

By the end of May, Subway oper- ated more than 999 stores nationwide. Approximately 100 Subway stores were located in top-tier cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, Guangdong province, according to a report by online food delivery platform on the Chinese online market.

The company said it would open 4,000 restaurants within the next 10 years, with more than 1,000 new stores opening each year.

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Alison Wang, executive director of DPC Dash, said the company was the first to investigate Domino’s-flavored pizza.

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A country’s accommodation to the toxic waste no longer poses a tangible threat to its near-term relations with another country or the international community as a whole, but instead reflects a path to geopolitical relations and the future of economic growth. This means that the issue of accommodating toxic waste is not merely an economic concern, but also a geopolitical one.

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Why the six nations were chosen to join the grouping

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ith the inclusion of Angola, Kenya, and Egypt, the BRICS group has now grown into a new grouping, containing six countries instead of five. China, Russia, India, Brazil, and South Africa, the original BRICS countries, have been joined by Egypt, Angola, and Kenya, bringing the total number of BRICS members to six.

What led BRICS to choose these countries? Egypt and Kenya are considered to be important players in the global economy, given their size and influence. Angola, on the other hand, is known for its abundant natural resources, which make it a significant player in the global economy.

But despite the differences, BRICS has opened the door to six new members, in order to explore new possibilities and adapt to changing circumstances. This is a significant step in the development of BRICS, which has so far been dominated by five nations.

The announcement of the six new members was made by President Xi Jinping at the BRICS summit in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Comment**

**Editor’s note:** Many have said that the recently concluded BRICS Summit in Johannesburg can be compared with the Shanghai Cooperation Conference, where the meeting between the BRICS countries and Africa in 2011 brought together developing countries to build a stable, just, and equitable world order. Experts share their views on the topic with China Daily.

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**Brics Summit**

**Expansion shows importance of BRICS**

In his speech, Xi Jinping said that the BRICS countries need to develop a common vision, build a common future, and work together to build a new type of international relations.

The BRICS Summit in Johannesburg will be a historic milestone in Global South unity.

**Adnan Akhtar**

**Johannesburg summit a historic milestone in Global South unity**

The recently concluded BRICS Summit in South Africa is expected to set a new trend in conducting international relations, in which developing countries will dominate and lead the international community to determine the relationship framework.

Since developing countries are opposed to US hegemony and unilateral sanctions, the BRICS countries have crossed a critical threshold on the way to building institutions that will present the interests of the international community as a whole.

The Association of African States, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in BRICS has provided a new platform for the six to work together more closely and support each other in the general interest of the Global South.

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UNESCO and China are working together to advance quality education in Belt and Road countries

**Learning for a digital world**

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UNESCO and China have embarked on a joint effort to advance quality education in Belt and Road countries. This partnership is part of a broader initiative aimed at promoting sustainable development and reducing poverty through education. The collaboration between the two nations is driven by the recognition that education is a powerful tool for fostering economic growth, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability. By working together, China and UNESCO aim to ensure that Belt and Road countries have access to high-quality education that prepares their populations for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

**Belt and Road Initiative**

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a global land and maritime development strategy proposed by China. Launched in 2013, the BRI aims to build a network of international infrastructure projects, connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa. The initiative is designed to promote economic and cultural exchanges, which can lead to increased trade, investment, and cooperation among countries involved. China and UNESCO have agreed to work together to enhance the quality and inclusiveness of education in Belt and Road countries, thereby contributing to the sustainable development of these regions.

**UNESCO-National University of China (NUC)**

The joint partnership between UNESCO and China is supported by the National University of China (NUC). This initiative involves the development of a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) platform, which will provide free and open educational resources. The platform will offer a range of courses in various fields, from science and technology to humanities and social sciences. The courses will be developed by Chinese universities and will be available in English and Chinese.

**Strategic Focus**

UNESCO and NUC have identified several key areas for collaboration, including:

- Promotion of equitable and inclusive education
- Development of new teaching methods and technologies
- Strengthening partnerships between universities and industry
- Enhancing research capacity and publication

**Online Learning Platforms**

The joint MOOC platform will leverage the strengths of both partners. UNESCO will provide expertise in developing online learning platforms and promoting open educational resources, while NUC will contribute its extensive network of partner universities and high-quality educational content. The platform will focus on modern pedagogical approaches and will incorporate the latest technologies in digital education.

**Conclusion**

The UNESCO-China MOOC partnership is a testament to the growing importance of education in the Belt and Road context. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, China and UNESCO can help ensure that Belt and Road countries have access to high-quality education, which is essential for their socioeconomic development and for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The initiative underscores the role of education in facilitating a sustainable and inclusive global development agenda.
A legacy that builds on home comforts

Traditional ethnic-style construction fascinates tourists as they get to experience its unique appearance and functionality, Yang Fuyue reports.

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**Above:** A group of historical buildings nest in cobblestone paths, lush landscaped and a clear river, making for an idyllic portrait at Zhangzhou’s ancient town in the Fujian county. Fujian province, where the tulous of China’s Fujian province are recognized as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, is an amazing site with its natural surroundings. (Photo/FUJIAN EM)
Traditional exercise finds fresh audience

Once a sport for elderly, pandemic and government support give baduanjin younger profile, Chen Nan reports.

We have people of all ages practicing baduanjin and like many traditions, traditional sports are making a return to daily life.

Liu Zheliao, associate professor, Beijing Sport University

Ten times, and about 260,000 users have added them to their favorites. “It also involves meditation and breathing exercises. It is also required and very popular among young people like in China. Fitness influencers also promote baduanjin to their followers online, which encouraged many new practitioners.”

The popularity of baduanjin among young people is increasing, especially since people spent so much time at home during COVID-15,” says 26-year-old Li Jin, who works as a fitness content creator for peopl, one of the most popular apps for sports lovers in China, and which offers online fitness programs.

“Many young people go to the gym, and work out regularly. However, a new and more approach is to combine meditation with the modern fitness, which is slow and jolts, has won the hearts of young people during recovery,” says Li. Who graduated from the Capital University of Physical Education and Sport in 2013, he has created Ardhuo-based fitness programs for his followers users, who have benefited from this different levels, the programs have great support from fans. “Seventy percent are young people under the age of 30. The programs give detailed instructions and demonstrate the movements from different angles,” says Li.

Keep baduanjin programs have been watched more than 5.44 million times the movements of animals, Baduanjin is more suited to beginners thanks to its simple, gentle movements.

"Each movement has its own set of breathing instructions, which allows practitioners to easily memorize them, andব্যায়ামবি" says Wang. “You can practice at almost any time and anywhere. To be precise, you can practice by standing posture by your desk after sitting in front of the computer for a long time,” adds. He started learning baduanjin when he was 12 years old, introduced to the practice by his mother, who had high blood pressure, high cholesterol and hyperventilation.

“With the popularity of baduanjin, the baduanjin also has a fan base of people of all ages practicing this exercise. "It’s great for many people, especially Housewife,” says Wang. “The saduanjin also has helped many people with various physical problems, such as fatigue, neck pain, and high blood pressure.”

Chen Nan, associate professor, Nan Nan Ping University of Shanghai, who wrote the article for this story, is a fan of baduanjin and has been practicing for about 10 years. He says that baduanjin is a great way to meditate and return to a daily life.

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A harmonious relationship

After years out of the limelight, violinist Tang Yun returns to the stage as he embarks on a notable musical journey with his partner, Lin Ziqing, Chen Nan reports.

Tang Yun has long held a heartfelt desire to express his gratitude to his former concert mate, whom he has not seen for many years. To that end, he and his violinist partner, Lin Ziqing, traveled to Beijing to meet with his former partner, violinist Lin Ziqing.

The meeting was arranged by the Chinese People’s Voluntary Association during the war to reunite veterans. As a veteran, Tang Yun had served in the Chinese People’s志愿军 during World War II and the Korean War.

During the war, Tang Yun and his partner, violinist Lin Ziqing, were stationed in North Korea and China. They had shared a close bond during their time together.

The reunion was a touching moment, as the two violinists reminisced about their past collaborations and shared stories from their time in the military. They expressed their gratitude to each other for their contributions to the war effort.

The meeting was a reminder of the importance of reaching out to our military veterans and honoring their sacrifices.

Chen Nan