Nature’s fury

US to arm Ukraine with depleted uranium tank shells

By AI HEPPING in New York

Rumsfeld on Thursday called the US decision to send to Ukraine antiaircraft, anti-tank rounds containing depleted uranium a “bulletproof act.”

“This is not just an escalatory step, but it is a reflection of Washington’s outrageous disregard for the world’s conservation of using this kind of ammunition in a conflict zone. This is, in fact, a criminal act, I cannot give any other assessment,” Basdeo Panday, Trincomalee Premier in Sri Lanka, said, according to state news agency Yarsa.

But the Pentagon announced Wednesday that for the first time the US will send the armor-piercing ammunition: DUCMs, depleted uranium tank rounds (DURs), to Ukraine worth up to $700 million.

Depleted uranium, used in depleted-uranium tank rounds are part of a new billion-dollar arms package for Ukraine worth up to $700 million.

It is part of more than 300 instances of their dangerous output, sometime last years, on children and other civilians who mistakenly dismiss and destroy depleted uranium.

The New York Times reported Thursday that from American officials who were never mentioned, and the Biden administration is planning to send more depleted-uranium tank rounds abroad because they were key to helping Ukrainian troops compete.

But the US wanted to send more depleted-uranium shells to Ukraine for its Chukhunets’ tanks.

When Russian President Vladimir Putin described the weapons as a “bunker buster” and the UK Ministry of Defense said it had used depleted uranium in its armaments for decades and serves Moscow of deliberately spreading depleted uranium.

The move to send the depleted-uranium weapons came following the White House’s decision to send Ukraine cluster munitions, which are banned by more than 300 countries because of their devastating effects on civilian areas.

In March, the Pentagon said that it would send a small depleted uranium shipment to Ukraine for its Challenger 2 tanks.

BRICS offers vision for new global order

By Deena Kirkoch

The world is emerging from a period of unprecedented economic challenges. Amidst these challenges, BRICS (the 5 emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) emerged as a new dynamic force in the global economy.

China, as the largest emerging economy, has been at the forefront of the global economic recovery. Since the 2008 global financial crisis, China has been the engine of the global economy. The Chinese economy has continued to grow at an annual rate of 8% to 9%.

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Lee, 21, died from cerebral edema, or swelling of the brain, on July 20, 1973.

The star, in search of something to celebrate, had crisscrossed the globe. Lee's death was a loss felt worldwide, as fans across Asia and beyond mourned the passing of a cinematic icon.

Lee was born on November 27, 1940, to a family of Chinese immigrants in Hong Kong. Despite growing up in poverty, he showed an early interest in martial arts and became known for his impressive fighting skills.

Lee's career began in the 1960s with films like "Way of the Dragon" and "Fist of Fury," establishing him as a martial arts star. His popularity grew exponentially with the release of "Enter the Dragon" in 1973, which became one of the highest-grossing films of all time.

In the 1970s, Lee cemented his place in cinema history with films like "Game of Death," which was released posthumously in 1978. His influence extended beyond the film industry, inspiring a generation of martial artists and action stars.

Lee's impact on cinema is immeasurable, and his legacy continues to this day through his work as a choreographer, actor, and producer. His contributions to the martial arts genre have made him a cultural icon and a symbol of the Asian American experience.

Lee's passing was a loss felt not only by his family and friends but by the entire world. His contributions to cinema have left an indelible mark on the industry, and his spirit continues to inspire new generations of filmmakers and fans.

In memory of Bruce Lee, we honor his legacy and his enduring influence on the world of film and beyond.

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Exports show steady growth in first 8 months

By Yang Keji

China's exports increased 6.7 percent year on year in the first eight months, despite sidestepping overseas economic pressures and intensifying geopolitical tensions. It is also encouraging boost to the country's economic momentum.

However, they expected exports to continue to grow moderately as the global economy, weighing on demand and spurring inflation trends, appeared to be facing new challenges. They called for stronger policies to support exports, particularly to transform growing momentum to the long term.

In the first eight months period, the country's exports increased 6.7 percent year on year in the first eight months, and 5.8 percent in the second quarter, according to the General Administration of Customs of China.

In particular, August witnessed a significant 8.2 percent rise in the year-over-year value, indicating a continuing surge in the country's trade performance.

However, analysts observed that while China's exports continued to grow, the gains were modest and future growth potential would be limited.

BRI hailed as balanced, mutually beneficial path

By Renjing

In the past few years, the Belt and Road Initiative has become an open and inclusive platform for countries taking part in the project. The Belt and Road Forum, which will be held in Beijing on June 28-29, will focus on the theme of "Belt and Road: Cooperating for Global Development and Prosperity - Building the Belt and Road Community with Shared Future for Mankind".

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Regions set for another ‘Golden 30 Years’

Senior figures hail achievements of Belt and Road at 10th anniversary celebration in Kazakhstan

Kazakh President Tokayev came to study at university. Until a decade ago and began donating his rare blood collection to help save lives.

During that time, Yekaterinburg University of September 2,000, and made about the blood donations. Ruslan said he was deeply moved when he heard that.

The award-winning film, Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road, which was also highlighted in the Xinhua news of North Universities.

This inspiring story served as the foundation for the five-year journey to create the Asia-Pacific, a joint production between China and Kazakhstan involving diverse creative forces from different linguistic backgrounds.

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As soon as we heard that China was reopening for travel, I thought we would be the first UK airport to go and speak to Chinese carriers... We wanted to talk to the right people, make sure we understood the opportunity at Gatwick.

Stephanie Wool, head of aviation development at London Gatwick airport.
**To the rescue**

Biden's Vietnam visit sparks security worry

Trip could sow divisions in Southeast Asia and lead to instability, analysts say

By JINZI BUDHIN and YANG RAN

President Joe Biden is set to embark on a visit to Vietnam on Sunday, where he will reportedly upgrade Washington-Hanoi relations and solidify cooperation and strategic partnership.

This is a normal procedure for developing bilateral relations, the latest agreement in the region's quip about the trip that may unsettle stability and deepen existing division.

The Biden administration, experts say, might choose to try to build a new, more equal partnership in the case of the United States and Vietnam, and, under Secretary of State Antony Blinken's leadership, the US has been working to strengthen relations with Vietnam.

There is much speculation about this visit and its consequences for US-Vietnam partnership, possibly marked by the signing of a new strategic agreement.

It is reported that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' leaders' summit in Jakarta this week has focused on Vietnam, with many doubt about the US, and Washington urged Hanoi to play in its geopolitical "withering," the top US diplomat said.

"The Biden administration is working to ensure Vietnam's sustainability," said US Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Ted Osius, speaking on the occasion at the Jakarta summit.

It is clear that in recent years, due to the breakdown of existing relations between Vietnam and Washington and Beijing, the US has been trying to worry more Vietnam.

A number of US agencies, such as the National Library of Medicine and the National Library of the US, have noted Vietnam's growing role in global affairs.

The US government has previously said that Vietnam has a significant role in the Asia-Pacific region and that it is working to strengthen ties with Vietnam.

In 2019, the US and Vietnam signed a joint statement on bilateral cooperation, which included security, economic, and political issues.

The US and Vietnam have also signed a number of agreements aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation, including a joint statement on strategic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The US government has also expressed its support for Vietnam's role in the region, including in the United Nations and other international organizations.

While the US and Vietnam have been working to strengthen relations, there have been concerns about the potential impact of US-Vietnam cooperation on the stability of the region.

The US government has been working to reassure Vietnam of its support and commitment to regional stability.

**International import expo's Golden Gate opens to Kazakh enterprises**

By MA LINGMAO

A business forum on the China International Import Expo was held in Shanghai on Thursday.

Yi Xuan, economic and commercial councillor of the Chinese Embassy in Kazakhstan, attended the event and expressed his willingness to encourage Kazakhstan to participate in the CIIE and showcase its high-quality products.

He added that Beijing is looking forward to meeting more Kazakhstan companies and agencies, and the CIIE, which will take place from November 5 to 10 this year, will be kicked off.

Kazakh enterprises and participating countries are invited to participate in the CIIE and showcase their high-quality products.

The CIIE has helped a number of Chinese-Kazakh cooperation agreements, according to the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), which is the venue for the CIIE.

Kazakhstan has been a key partner in the organization of this event, and its participation in the CIIE has helped to promote economic and trade cooperation between China and Kazakhstan.

Speaking at the forum, Mr. Osius noted that China has been a reliable partner for Kazakhstan, and the CIIE has helped to promote economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

The CIIE has helped to promote economic and trade cooperation between China and Kazakhstan, as well as to help Kazakhstan enterprises enter the Chinese market and make their products known in the world.

During the forum, the CIIE Management Committee invited the participants to attend the CIIE in the future.

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Herders left high and dry

Drought increasingly imperils Iraq’s water buffalo and rural communities’ way of life

Plowing a water buffalo helps to keep a fodder bag around its neck, Mustafa Ahmed, 15, cares for his father’s herd in Iraq’s southern province of Najaf, where his relatives have raised animals for generations—but the lack of water now threatens their livelihood.

Iraq forms part of the Tigris-Euphrates basin, and sweeping changes to the Middle East’s climate have been documented, leading to longer spells of drought, rising temperatures and falling levels of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which have been a source of water for centuries.

Ahmed's father, Ahmed Abdul Hussein, 35, said the dire water shortage in the Al-Mishkhab district is forcing him to sell their animals one by one to a heartbreaking view of a country that was once lush with vegetation. They recently sold a 3-month-old calf. “It hurts that one of them died... I really love them,” he said. “Now we have none left.”

Last year they had 20 buffaloes in the Al-Mishkhab district, the number of water buffalo fell from 10,000 to 3,000 over five years, said local mayor Meslaha Saleh.

Khaled Shemal, a spokesman for Iraq’s ministry of water resources, said Najaf province received about 40 percent of the usual share of water this year.

The situation is worse in Iraq’s southern marshes, which were already in a fragile state and are now experiencing the most severe heat wave of the last 40 years. Almost 70 percent of the marshes are devoid of water, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Shemal said water flows on the Euphrates and Tigris rivers have dropped by about 70 percent this year compared to previous decades. Officials and experts cite upstream damming, climate change, outdated agricultural irrigation techniques and a lack of long-term management plans as the root causes of a water crisis that is forcing thousands out of the countryside.

Nadhir Al-Ani, a professor at Sweden’s Lulea University of Technology, said water quality in Najaf is among the poorest in Iraq. Unprocessed wastewater and chemical fertilizers dumped into the river upstream make the water increasingly unfit for consumption as it flows down south, he said.

A Herder’s Tale

Ahmed’s journey to Najaf, Iraq, is one of many that tell of the hardship and hopelessness that many Iraqis feel as their way of life is eroded away by drought and environmental degradation.

Last year, Ahmed helped his family move from their home near Najaf to Al-Mishkhab, a semi-arid area where their water buffalo could find grass to feed on. But this year, the lack of water has forced them to sell their animals one by one.

Ahmed’s father, Abdul Hussein, said that the loss of their animals has left them with nothing but the memory of a better time. “We used to have 20 buffaloes,” he said. “Now we have none left.”

The Al-Mishkhab district is one of the most affected by the drought. The water buffalo, a vital source of income for many farmers, has become a rare sight as the number of animals in the area has dropped sharply.

Ahmed’s family is not alone in their struggle. Many farmers in the region are facing the same fate, forced to sell their animals to survive.

“The drought is killing us,” said another farmer, Abu Saleh. “We used to have 50 buffaloes. Now we have none left.”

The situation is not expected to improve anytime soon, as climate scientists predict more frequent and severe heat waves in the region. The future looks bleak for many farmers, who are left to wonder how they will survive in a world that is increasingly hostile to their way of life.
Bosch to up investment, tap green opportunities in China

By CHEN WEIJIA


Bosch, a German engineering and technology giant, is committed to increasing its investment in the country, including expansion of its local business, to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Bosch opens 36 manufacturing plants in China in the past decade, with more than 6,000 employees, involving some 100,000 working on research and development.

“China is the biggest market for any company, and the Chinese market is the largest in the world in terms of potential demand. It is absolutely the opposite.” Mark Chern, the vice president of board of management and chairman of Bosch in China, said during an online briefing on Tuesday.

“Bosch (in China) has been there for the long term. We are definitely confident that China will stay one of the most important markets in the future, driven by a lot of technological innovations,” said Hans Wohlrab, managing director and board member of Bosch China.

Bosch has invested 50 billion euros ($56 billion) in China in the past decade, with more than 400 billion yuan ($56 billion) in the past year alone, according to company figures released at the end of 2022. Since 2009, Bosch China has introduced 90 new products to the market. This year, Bosch predicts that it will introduce at least 80 new products.

Bosch has also launched a new research center in Shanghai, which will focus on the development of new automotive technologies, including software and electrification.

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Europe's aircraft manufacturer Airbus is keen to increase investment in China, its largest single-country market, and expand its supply chain in the country by cooperating with more Chinese suppliers, including start-ups, driven by China's sustained growth in new aircraft and rapid progress in the aviation industry.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-Africa relations. On April 1, 2023, the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering at Tsinghua University opened the first Academic Research Center in China.

As a foreign company, we have been warmly welcomed by the Chinese government and society. We are currently focusing on the development and growth of Airbus in China, and we are ready to make a contribution to the development of the aviation industry in China.

Aerospace companies are also exploring new opportunities in China. For example, Airbus recently announced plans to invest 1.2 trillion yuan ($205 billion) in China over the next 20 years to expand its aircraft assembly and production capabilities.

This investment will enable Airbus to increase its production capacity in China and meet the growing demand for aircraft in the region. The company is also working on the development of new aircraft models, such as the A350 and A320neo, to meet the needs of the Chinese market.

In conclusion, the Chinese aviation industry is rapidly growing and offers significant investment opportunities for companies like Airbus. The Chinese government is committed to supporting the development of the industry and fostering a business-friendly environment. As a result, companies like Airbus are likely to continue investing in China in the coming years.
**BUSINESS FOCUS**

**China-Europe trains boon for trade**

*Steel camel caravans* link 108 Chinese cities with 25 countries, enable efficient transport of goods

**CHONGQING** – At the Xingmai highway logistics hub in Southwest China’s Chongqing municipality, a cross-border highway shuttle bus has put its advantages in terms of Customs clearance efficiency and flexibility to the test.

After about six months of intense preparation and testing, the shuttle bus was put into operation on Monday.

The transportation time was greatly reduced, thanks to the Customs Clearance Service Center. The shuttle bus can reach the Chinese market through the trade corridor in just a few days, according to the test results released Monday.
Obligations to act responsibly

As China turns down Japan’s proposal of joining the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the media minister in charge of the summit, the Chinese Daily, has said that the IAEA must be able to prove the authenticity and reliability of Japanese test results. The main point of the editorial is to highlight the importance of transparency and accountability in international relations. The media minister’s comments are cited as evidence of China’s stance on the matter.

China Daily Editorial

Cooperation, not confrontation, is the road forward for ASEAN’s unity and prosperity

ASEAN’s inability to address some of the pressing issues at hand, in addition to US preferences, could force the group to turn back to the past, according to a recent ASEAN Summit with dialogue partners, some of which have taken an overtly “mee” approach to the region.

As if to reinforce the point that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is transforming into a “dossier talking shop,” the Indonesian foreign minister on Wednesday reiterated the need for a “coalition of the willing” to address the challenges facing the region. The summit, held in Indonesia, concluded on Thursday, where Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe reiterated their commitment to upholding regional peace and stability.

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Liu Jin

Freedom of Speech

Pessimism of some Westerners cannot hinder China’s growth

As the Chinese Daily editorial highlights, the country is on the cusp of a new era of development, with the government focusing on improving the quality of life for the Chinese people. The editorial mentions the country’s commitment to upholding regional peace and stability, as well as its efforts to promote economic development and improve the living standards of its citizens.

The Chinese Daily Editorial

DRAFT law targets deeds that reck of hated

While some Westerners have declared the US-China trade war to be a disaster for China, the Chinese Daily editorial argues that the US is simply trying to undermine China’s economic growth. The editorial mentions the US’s attempts to disrupt China’s supply chains and technology, and highlights the country’s efforts to counter these challenges.

The Chinese Daily Editorial

What They Say

Fair shows confidence in opening up service sector

China Daily

The 2013 Chinese International Fair in Shenzhen that ended on October 10 was a complete success, with more than 120,000 visitors from 88 countries attending the event. The fair showcased China’s latest technology and innovations, ranging from high-tech products to traditional Chinese arts and crafts. The fair also featured a series of cultural and educational activities, including seminars, workshops, and exhibitions.

The fair was the largest ever held in Shenzhen, with over 120,000 visitors and 1,000 exhibitors from 88 countries. The fair’s slogan, “China Shines, World Shares,” reflected its theme of promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between China and the world.

The fair also served as a platform for China to strengthen its economic ties with other countries, particularly in the fields of trade and investment. The fair featured a number of high-profile international visitors, including representatives from the United States, Japan, and South Korea.

Overall, the 2013 Chinese International Fair in Shenzhen was a successful event that showcased China’s latest technology and innovations. It also served as a platform for promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between China and the world.
High-speed railway accelerates China-Indonesia ties

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Proud of Chinese EV makers at Munich show

I was never a car enthusiast. In fact, I have no idea how many cars there are in my city, Shanghai, to be an expert. It was largely thanks to China’s rapid development in the past few decades that I could buy my first car, a small sedan, at a reasonable price. Now, I am proud to see China’s electric vehicle (EV) market growing at an unprecedented pace.

China is now a global leader not just in EVs, but also in solar and wind power, technology and manufacturing, as well as high-speed railway, containers and ports and subway systems.

Chinese companies have learned a great deal from foreign companies in the past, and they have already surpassed many Western firms in terms of innovation and efficiency. In terms of sales, China’s EV market is expected to surpass the US and Japanese automobile giants in the near future.

China has been able to achieve this success due to its strong industrial base, large domestic market, and emphasis on technological innovation. Chinese companies have been able to scale up production quickly, and they have invested heavily in research and development to bring new technologies to the market.

China’s EV market has also benefited from government support and incentives, which have helped to create a conducive environment for the industry to thrive.

In my view, China’s EV market is the result of a perfect combination of innovation, efficiency, and government support. It is a shining example of how China has been able to achieve success in the face of global challenges, and it is a testament to the country’s determination to lead the way in the world of electric mobility.
United they stand
Embracing unity in diversity and seeking common ground while respecting differences is key to driving win-win cooperation among BRICS countries

At the 6th BRICS summit on December 3, 2012, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) announced the admission of South Africa as its sixth member, bringing the total number of members, namely South Africa, Brazil, Russia, India, and China, together. The summit was held in Durban, South Africa, and it was decided that the BRICS would work together to promote international peace and security, and address global challenges. The summit also marked the beginning of a new phase of cooperation among BRICS countries, aimed at achieving greater economic and social development.

However, the BRICS countries have to overcome various challenges and differences to achieve their goals. For example, there are differences in their economic development, political systems, and cultural traditions. Despite these differences, the BRICS countries have managed to find common ground and work together to achieve their common goals. The BRICS countries have also been successful in promoting trade and investment, reducing poverty and inequality, and addressing climate change.

In conclusion, the BRICS countries have shown that unity in diversity can be a powerful force for change. The summit in 2012 marked the beginning of a new phase of cooperation among the BRICS countries, and it is hoped that this cooperation will continue to strengthen in the future. The BRICS countries have demonstrated that they can work together to achieve their goals, and this is an important lesson for other countries around the world.
Goldfish adorn tide of history

Graceful and colorful creatures have been appreciated for different reasons through the ages, Xu Haoyu reports.

As a national treasure, goldfish have accumulated and encapsulated a rich mythology of historical and cultural significance. In bygone eras, officials, nobles and intellectual elites took great pleasure in cultivating, breeding and observing goldfish, salting them as a symbolic aspect of their lives. During the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, especially, goldfish became an indispensable ornamental element in the courts and gardens of royal residences.

In modern times, as goldfish have made their way into ordinary households, they have represented an important source of cultural and spiritual enjoyment. Serving as emblems of beauty, goldfish are admired for their fascinating genetic variations, as well as forms of art, including clothing, porcelain, lamps, glassware, fans and paper-cutting. They have transformed into decorative and figurative lenses and dashes beneath the watermarks of painters.

To celebrate the 600th anniversary of the founding of Prince Gong’s Palace Museum in Beijing, a goldfish-themed exhibition is being held from Aug 19 to Sept 30. More than 100 varieties and 600 individual goldfish from all over the country have been gathered together to form a fascinating view. At the same time, the historical background of goldfish is vividly narrated through rich illustrations, historical books and cultural works.

Goldfish are known for their graceful beauty and various and diverse varieties.

However, it’s known that goldfish originated from wild carp in southern China and Korea, and are refined and developed by the Chinese people. In the Ming and Qing dynasties, goldfish were transported along the Grand Canal to reach Beijing, destined for the imperial palace. Three of the ten types of goldfish can be found in the history of the Forbidden City, particularly in the Yanai Palace, says He Chun, a researcher at the Beijing Fishery Science Information center of the Beijing Bureau of Agricultural and Rural Affairs.

According to historical records, there were as many as 200 varieties of goldfish there during the Qing Dynasty. Goldfish varieties introduced from China to Japan in 1892 during the Ming Dynasty and reached Europe between the 17th and 18th centuries before spreading to the United States and then worldwide. Through selective breeding by several generations of people in China, Japan and Europe, more than 50 unique varieties have been created, each with its own distinctive color, form, shape, eye features and body type.

In this exhibition, visitors can also see how Chinese goldfish have evolved to countries like the United Kingdom and Thailand. The researcher claims that the British, for example, appreciate the primitive character of the creatures and intend to make the goldfish a symbol of traditional culture.

“Even though the goldfish we initially sent over had plump bodies and peduncle fins, the British people ultimately managed to selectively breed them into forms with slender bodies and elongated tails,” he says.

“People will shape the goldfish according to local aesthetics, cultural backgrounds and contexts. This leads to variations in the colors and tails of the goldfish,” he adds. “Beijing has a long standing tradition of breeding and appreciating goldfish.”

The exhibition recreates the traditional ornamental forms induced by old Beijing natives. Examples such as Beishan (beiscrane), which resembles the yellow crane, is often found alongsideYS goldfish in locally bred ornamental clay basins, depicting their heads and waving their tails.

The slender-faced Fantail goldfish have tails that feature lighter forearm, resulting peaches immersed in their bodies. In the over-round, plump shape of the fish also resembles a large pearl. The beishan Oranda, on the other hand, shares a common macroscopic feature with the traditional auspicious-crested, the mottled-pattern crested with a chain-like pattern on its back, and a pristine white body. This variety has accidentally been cultivated.

The exhibition also features a dedicated area to showcase popular goldfish varieties that are currently available in the market, as well as some that are rarely seen.

Like, for example, the Ranchu goldfish, which bears a strong resemblance to a ladyfish, and the Panda Butterfly Tail, which features black-and-white coloring similar to that of the cuddly goldfish varieties.

“The variety of goldfish actually reveal our culture. Lions, tigers, dragons, cranes, and so on, are all auspicious creatures that represent specific cultural symbols,” he explains. “For instance, the lion symbolizes the strength that can be seen in a majestic and authoritative setting and good luck.

“We can preserve the cultural symbols onto the appearance of goldfish, and through selective breeding we can present these diverse goldfish varieties to the world. These are truly works of art crafted by Chinese artisans, belonging uniquely to our own culture."

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A grand comeback to celebrate

Following a three-year hiatus because of the pandemic, the international arts festival is making its return with a stellar lineup, Zhang Run reports.

On Oct 10, representatives from more than 10 performing arts institutions will hold a rental take at the Grand Hall by the Huangpu River in Shanghai, which is designed to showcase the collaboration and creative ideas under the framework of The Ring Cycle.

These representative performances include a new "Shanghai version" of The Ring Cycle, which is focused on the dialogue and cooperation between cultures and finally built a new "Shanghai Road" for arts and culture, according to Liu Guo, deputy director of the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture, Tourism and Sports.

Liu said the "Shanghai Road" will be presented by more than 500 artists of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and under the patronage of maestro conductor Valery Gergiev in the Shanghai Grand Theatre from Oct 15 to 22.

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Zhang said the event provides more than 100 performances at 14 venues, including the Shanghai Grand Theatre, the Oriental Art Center, the Shanghai Grand Theatre Art Center and the Shanghai Symphony Center.

The opening ceremony will be held on Oct 10 at the Oriental Art Center, with performances by 100 Shanghai artists. The focus of the event will be the Shanghai Grand Theatre Art Center, where the Singapore Opera will hold a performance.

In addition, a series of activities, including exhibitions, will be held during the festival, including the "2022 Shanghai Artistic Creation and Performance Festival," which will include 50 performances by 200 artists, according to Zhang.

"It is also an opportunity for us to look at the achievements of our city and arts and to share them with the world," said Zhang. "We hope the festival will become an important brand for Shanghai and an important platform for cultural exchange and cooperation."

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Project honors Austrian composer

Selection of works by Anton Bruckner starts new season, Chen Nan reports

Clockwise from top: The China NCPA Orchestra opens its 2023-24 season with two concerts at the National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing on Aug 1 and Sept 1; conductor Lyu Nan, Xian Zhang, general manager of the China NCPA Orchestra, members of the orchestra and guests at the press conference in advance of the new season; and tenor Xiaolu Qu performs songs by Richard Strauss during the concert with the orchestra.

Music without masks modern relationships

Drama unmask modern relationships

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A monthly aired drama series that tells a modern story set in the backdrop of a thrust metropolitan city, has been narrated by Jiang Hanlong, an actor and host who also runs a range of online social activities on Lianhuo, a popular social media platform in China. The story follows a pair of individuals, who are in the midst of adjusting to the fast-paced lifestyle of Beijing's Central Business District, who are2


received a variety of emotional support and encouragement from each other. These characters form a close-knit bond, which is strengthened through their shared experiences and challenges. The series explores themes of friendship, growth, and self-discovery, and aims to resonate with the audience by capturing the essence of modern urban life through relatable storytelling and character development.

The show features a talented cast, with Jiang Hanlong leading the ensemble as the protagonist. His previous work in the media industry, combined with his engaging presence, makes him a natural fit for the role. Jiang is known for his versatility and ability to portray a wide range of characters, which will undoubtedly contribute to the overall success of the series. The supporting cast, including a mix of established actors and new talent, blend seamlessly into the narrative, ensuring a rich tapestry of emotions and interactions that are expected to captivate viewers.

The production team, led by experienced directors and producers, has worked tirelessly to bring this vivid and heartfelt story to life. The set design, costumes, and cinematography are meticulously crafted to transport the audience into the vibrant world of modern Beijing. The emotive music and dynamic sound design further enhance the viewing experience, immersing the viewers in the story's emotional journey.

In an interview with Jiang Hanlong, he expressed his excitement about the project and its potential to inspire and connect with a wide audience. "Modern relationships are often complex, and our show strives to portray the truths of life through relatable characters and situations," he said. "We believe that through the lens of our story, audiences can find solace in the understanding that growth is a constant process, and challenges are an inherent part of life.

The drama has garnered significant anticipation, as viewers look forward to the premiere. With its unique blend of entertainment and emotional resonance, "Modern Relationships" promises to offer a thought-provoking and engaging viewing experience that resonates with the modern audience. As the series unfolds, it will undoubtedly continue to captivate its viewers with its compelling storyline and relatable characters, ultimately leaving a lasting impact on those who tune in to watch.