Putin: Russia ‘highly acclaim, actively supports BRI’

By JENNY FAN

Russia President Vladimir Putin spoke highly of the Belt and Road Initiative and praised its meaningful and significant contributions to the world. He added that Russia had a strong position and the responsibility to promote the implementation of the initiative.

During the interaction, Putin also visited the 20th Universiade Winter City, the world’s largest indoor snow sport event, which showcased Russia’s strong support for the initiative.

Libya’s catastrophe a consequence of ‘Arab Spring’

By XU WEI

During Muammar Gaddafi’s rule in Libya, the country’s economy was stronger than that of many other African nations. Libya benefited from a steady income generated by its oil reserves, which accounted for a significant portion of its GDP and government revenues.

Gaddafi implemented a nationalization program, under which the state took control of major sectors of the economy, including oil, building and some heavy industries, to control economic power and stability. Libya also adopted socialist policies, providing subsidies for basic commodities and services such as food, fuel, and healthcare.

Under the rule of Gaddafi, Libya enjoyed higher per capita income and a relatively higher standard of living than many African countries. However, the situation changed dramatically after the “Arab Spring” which engulfed Tunisia, Yemen, and Libya starting in December 2010.

The Arab Spring revolution that followed toppled several malevolent leaders in the Middle East and North Africa, such as the United States and Russia, with the support of a small group of Western democracies. However, more than 10 years later, it is evident that the revolution did not bring about stability and prosperity for Libya.”

Xi steers path for a strong sports nation

His vision helps drive public participation to new heights, bolster exchanges among peoples

By XU WEI

President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, has been a driving force behind the development of Chinese sports over the past 8 years.

Xi Jinping’s vision of “promoting the development of physical education and sports, building a healthy China, and promoting the development of the country” has been recognized and implemented by the Chinese government.

By ZHANG ZHIBING, a professor of sports and leisure management at Fudan University in Shanghai, Xi Jinping’s vision has been successfully implemented in various aspects of Chinese sports, leading to significant progress in areas such as participation, advancements in training, and international cooperation.

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In-depth

A report released nearly 130 years ago about the world’s tallest man, Charles Atlas, who has since passed away, is likely to have inspired millions of people worldwide.

In today’s world, where technology and social media have become increasingly prevalent, the legacy of Charles Atlas continues to influence and inspire people of all ages and nationalities.

The report, which was first published in 1890, highlighted the impressive physical abilities and dedication of Charles Atlas, who had been studying and practicing fitness for over 10 years.

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Venues: Eco-friendly measures adopted

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Low-carbon initiative

Meanwhile, a “low-carbon” session has been designed for residents of the Asian Games Village, including recycling and composting activities. This initiative harnesses the capabilities of Alibaba Cloud’s artificial intelligence algorithms and hybrid renewable energy technologies to encourage low-carbon living among the village residents.

Residences are equipped with sensors that detect obstructing water flows and nearby pollution, as well as lighting from solar plastic bags for shopping. These points can be exchanged for Asian Games memorabilia, including badges made from low-carbon, environmentally friendly materials.

Outside the venue, preparations for the Asian Games helped foster the concept of a green lifestyle in Hangzhou.

He Peng, a resident of the city who has volunteered to promote water saving in her community, said: “Although this task is formidable, and developing good habits takes time, I believe that with our collective efforts, everything is moving in the right direction.”

Sun Yi, an environmental protection volunteer in Hangzhou, said: “Because I’m an active participant in making the Asian Games go green, I’m not just about encouraging others, but more important, taking action in our daily lives.”

In a zero waste mobile platform developed by Ant Group, participants can donate the virtual green energy points they collect for eco-friendly activities, such as urban public transportation.

Building the dam triggered Xi’s interest in water conservancy and further developing his home island. In 1959, he emigrated university, where he studied energy science, but as time passed by, the impact of the dam emerged.

First, the increased water in the sluice, the Beihai River, causing it to flow slowly from the dam. New areas of Dongzhou island, thus prompting people to use new control measures.

Second, the ecological impact was evident, as the dam turned a 1.5-kilometer stretch of the river downstream into a nature reserve, making the environment more sustainable and water quality.

With the Poyang Lake Water Sports Games to be conducted on the southern bank of the Beihai River to host rowing and other major events during the upcoming Asian Games, the authorities in Hangzhou launched a rehabilitation project on the river to address these issues by dismantling the dam and constructing new gates. Xu was chosen to lead the project.

The Asian Games are scheduled to open in Hangzhou on September 22.

By removing the upstream and downstream dams and converting ‘dead water’ into ‘low water’, in addition to doubling a 1,200-meter stretch of the river, the waterway now receives a much higher capacity. We have also added water games and boating upstream and downstream, significantly improving the river’s self-purification and navigation abilities,” Xu said.

Dongzhou Island, which has gradually regained its wildlife, is providing vital support for the Asian Games.

“Through childhood memories are of swimming in the river, catching fish and shrimp, and searching for clams. After the project was completed, I felt as though the Dongzhou Island of my childhood had returned, complete with its natural landscapes and serene waters,” Xu said.

Preparations for the Hangzhou Asian Games have not only transformed Xinjiang, but have also improved the environment in the city and surrounding countryside. Moreover, the commitment to “-going green” has been ingrained in every aspect of the construction venues for the Games.

Sustainable venues

Some 24,000 square meters of the roof area at the Poyang Lake Watersport Complex is covered by soil and adorned with various plants, blending seamlessly with the surrounding natural landscape.

The venue has a 422-meter greenery roof and provides carbon sequestration, oxygen release and heat reduction while reducing noise and dust. Carbon sequestration is a natural or artificial process in which carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere and held in solid or liquid form.

Under the venue’s vast garden area, underground systems capture water. After being filtered through various systems, the water is reused for the artificial swimming, fishing and irrigation. This system saves near 1,000 metric tons of water per month.

Only 12 of the 56 venues for the Asian Games in Hangzhou are newly built.

Among them, the Shaoxing Basketball and Softball Sports Center in Shaoxing, featuring a 4,500-meter roof, is the largest, with a seating capacity of 10,000. Its design features a broad upper tier and an Olympic-style balustrade, traditional board and calligraphy.

The women’s indoor public space is deeply integrated to the surrounding community, creating an organic connection.

In Hangzhou, the venue’s area is a forested area, a community fitness space and a commercial service center. Near the venue, meeting, concert, post-event spiritual needs.

——The public welfare effort for Shaoxing, and the venue is now a vibrant urban community.

Furthermore, the nearby Hangzhou is planning for a national-level baseball and softball youth training center to be established in the city.

Meanwhile, the Shaoxing Enyang Hangzhou Sport Climbing Centre, used to be the site of an abandoned mines. Construction and development work has transformed it into an important national competition venue and youth sport climbing base. The center, which consists of a 10,000-square-meter area, is designed to attract and develop youth and talent.

The 56 Olympic venues and 32 Paralympic venues offer either an indoor or outdoor competition environment, with an emphasis placed on adopting prominent building techniques and sustainable and recyclable materials.

For example, materials in the Guangzhou Hall at the Shanghaigang Olympic Sports Center, such as glass walls and retractable seating, can be dismantled, allowing the venue to be reused after the Games.

Zhou Jingsong, development and management service director of the venue, said: “We are deconstructing one of the Squash areas in the Asian Games Arena, with the other seven courts being offered to local communities, schools, or internal institutional customers, ensuring their continued contribution to promoting the sport.”

Emissions curbed

Green energy is being used at all the Asian Games competition venues. For example, at the Hangzhou Asian Games, the Anji Area Power Supply, in Hangzhou, the Anji Area Power Supply, in Hangzhou, the Anji Area Power Supply is used to power the Games in Anhui.

As a result, the Asian Games are at a level unprecedented in environmental impact. When compared with conventional power generated from fossil fuels.

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Hangzhou has also been promoting the use of electric vehicles and enhancing its green transportation system. State Grid Hangzhou Electric Power Supply Co has gone to great lengths to ensure that all the Games venues are equipped with charging stations.

The company has also launched China’s first high-power wireless charging station for new energy vehicles at the Asia Games Village in Hangzhou’s Xiangshang District. With 103 charging stations and 21,000 charging points, the company offers comprehensive support services for green transportations during the Games.

Even the mucous for the Games showcase an innovative approach to sustainability.

“their fabric was produced by using digital printing technology, which, unlike traditional methods, does not produce any waste water, gas or dust. To minimize stitching, the mucous are not sewn using conventional electric machine, but instead laser machines. The electricity used to print the mucous is generated by photovoltaic installations on the roof roof. Furthermore, a diverse range of eco-friendly licensed products have been created for the Games, including backpacks made from recycled bottles andT-shirts from 1,000 grams of rice bags.

Rong, who works for the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee’s market development department, said: “Licensed merchandise serves as distinctive event memorabilia, and we also promote the use of new concepts and technologies in product design and development.”
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AT UN, Han Zheng says country opposes hegemonism, unilateralism, Cold War mentality

By ZHOU HUAXIN

Han Zheng, vice-president of China, said that China firmly opposes hegemonism and unilateralism, and opposes the Cold War mentality.

In his speech, Han Zheng said that the Chinese government has always been committed to upholding the United Nations' role and its principles, and to promoting world peace, development, democracy, dialogue and progress.

Han Zheng also emphasized the importance of multilateralism in international relations and the need to address global challenges through international cooperation.

He said that China is willing to work with the international community to build a more just, open, inclusive and interconnected world, and to promote a global governance system that is fair, open and inclusive.

Han Zheng's speech received warm applause from the delegates, who praised China's commitment to multilateralism and its efforts to promote world peace and development.

Ties: Russia willing to safeguard int'l fairness with China, Putin says

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"China-Russia all-round pragmatic cooperation has shown great strength in the political context and is tapping China's potential ... the months of cooperation between the two countries is growing stronger. This cooperation is leading to new breakthroughs in political, economic and scientific-technological cooperation."

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Hangzhou's history, attractions will be on display at Asian Games opening

By SUN XIAOQING

Hangzhou will showcase its rich history and current events during the Asian Games opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony will feature a mix of traditional and modern performances, with a focus on the city's historical sites and natural beauty.

The ceremony will begin with a fireworks display, followed by a traditional Chinese opera performance, and then a modern dance and martial arts performance.

Hangzhou's famous landmarks, such as the West Lake and Leifeng Pagoda, will be highlighted in the performance.

The ceremony will conclude with a fireworks display, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

Chinese and world leaders will attend the opening ceremony, which will be broadcast live across China and the world.

China's global role and influence: Chinese government

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a speech at the 15th China-US Business Council Forum that China's global role and influence have been growing significantly in recent years.

Wang said that China is a major contributor to global governance and a strong advocate of multilateralism.

He said that China is committed to upholding the principles of the United Nations and promoting peace and development.

Wang also emphasized China's commitment to fighting corruption and promoting the rule of law.

He said that China is committed to ensuring a more open, inclusive, and equitable international order.

Wang's speech received widespread praise, with many praising China's role in promoting global stability and prosperity.

The meeting provided a platform for China and the US to discuss a wide range of issues, including trade, investment, and climate change.

Chinese and American business leaders also discussed ways to strengthen cooperation and mutual understanding.

Wang said that China and the US should work together to achieve mutual growth and prosperity. He added that China is committed to promoting a peaceful and prosperous world.

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Foreign film makers gather for inaugural Panda Awards

Participants from overseas given chance to learn about China

BY ZHANG ZHIHua, FENG CHENG and ZHU Ruiqi in Chengdu

Directors, actors and producers from 140 film and TV companies from around the world gathered Monday at the Swallow Hotel in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, for the opening ceremony of the first Golden Panda Awards.

Tens of thousands of exhibitions, films and TV dramas were submitted for consideration for the awards, which started accepting entries last September and closed on December 30.

Amid strict疫情防控 policies in the current pandemic, however, only a few film makers and producers were present at the ceremony.

Awards ceremony

The ceremony was attended by Sichuan Governor Wang Shuguang who said, “This event is a significant innovation to create a platform for international exchanges and cooperation in film and TV industry.”

Shenzhen, one of the country’s leading financial centers and a major player in China’s tech industry, also sent a congratulatory letter to the ceremony. The letter said Shenzhen supported efforts to develop international cultural exchanges and cooperation and looked forward to further strengthening cooperation with Chengdu.

The first Golden Panda Awards will cover all films, dramas and TV dramas released during 2020.

Wang Shuguang, governor of Sichuan Province, said the awards were a window to show China’s culture and exchanges.

Tang Zhen, director of the Sichuan Federation of Film and Television, said the awards signified a new chapter in Sichuan’s international film and TV exchanges.

The first Golden Panda Awards

In addition, eight productions were awarded the first batch of Panda Awards.

The Chinese box office has seen a rapid growth in recent years, but there is still a long way to go to fully internationalize the dissemination of Chinese culture, Wang Shuguang said.

“4K, VR, and 5G applied not only in the theatrical sector but also in TV series and documentaries,” the governor said.

Safety first

North America

Meanwhile, the film industry is gradually reopening in North America after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The industry is also wrestling with how to ensure the safety of cast and crew members, as well as the public, while keeping productions on time.

Cinema operators and unions are working together to develop safety guidelines.

Technology blocksade "strategic development" of Xinjiang

By CUI JIA

A Chinese report by a think tank, the Shanghai-based Shanghai International Studies University, has accused the United States of attempting to "strangle" China's western region of Xinjiang.

The Chinese Communist Party is "strategically developing" Xinjiang, which is composed of the Uighur, Han and Kazakh ethnic groups.

Beijing denies all charges of human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

The report released earlier this month said the US was imposing a "stranglehold" on Xinjiang and that China was building "new anti-americanism".

"The US has launched a full-scale anti-China strategy of political, economic, cultural and technology wars to strangle China's development," the report said. "This is to make China fall behind globally and become a country that is inferior to others in all respects."
India, Canada in diplomatic row after killing

Visa services for Canadians suspended amid Ottawa allegations over Singh's separatist death

By BERNIE DE L运河

India has suspended visa services for Canadians on Thursday after an encounter between a group of Indians and New Delhi and Ottawa following allegations by the Indian government that Canadian diplomats had visited a separatist leader in British Columbia.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement that India has suspended visa services for Canadians on Thursday due to "a recent incident in which some of the Canadian diplomats visited a separatist leader in British Columbia." The statement did not provide further details.

Canada's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

New Delhi and Ottawa have had tense relations in recent years, with both countries accusing each other of interfering in their internal affairs.

India has been particularly critical of Canada's support for separatist movements in Kashmir, a disputed region in India-administered Jammu and Kashmir. Ottawa has in turn criticized India for its handling of Kashmir, arguing that it is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan.

Relations between the two countries have been strained in recent months, with Ottawa suspending visa services for Indians in response to a similar incident involving an Indian diplomat.

TheisValid statement said that India has been "disappointed" by the recent developments and "remains committed to strengthening its bilateral relations with Canada.

"We look forward to continuing our dialogue and working together to resolve any issues that may arise in the future," it added.

The statement did not specify what kind of problems the Canadian diplomats may have been trying to address in British Columbia.

India has a large and growing diaspora in Canada, and Ottawa is Canada's second-largest trading partner. The two countries have a long history of close cooperation, particularly in areas such as defense and security.
**WORLD**

**UN officials laud China’s SDG efforts**

By MINSEU ZHANG

at the United Nations

In the Chinese Embassy

While classes such as the OPEC+ (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting, which affects the global oil market and thus the global economy, have been held virtually, China’s UN mission has continued its in-person diplomacy, including meetings with officials from the United Nations. The Chinese mission has emphasized the importance of international cooperation in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).

To further accelerate the SDGs by 2030, China is working with the United Nations to promote international cooperation in governance, poverty reduction, and environment and climate change. According to the Chinese mission, China has been actively engaging with other countries and organizations to promote the implementation of the SDGs.

Xu. “It’s high time for international cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.”

While China’s efforts have been recognized, there are still challenges in achieving the SDGs. One of the key challenges is the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“China is committed to promoting economic recovery and growth through increased investment in renewable energy and sustainable development.”

Xu said. “China has made significant achievements in these areas.”

In addition to the SDGs, China is also working to promote the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to further international cooperation. The BRI is a platform for promoting economic and social development in the Asia-Pacific region.

“China is committed to promoting the BRI and furthering international cooperation.”

Xu said.

**Briefly**

**India**

**Visa services for Canadians suspended**

India has suspended visa services for Canadians, as visa issuers could return to India on Friday. The announcement came as a surprise to many Canadians, who were already in the process of obtaining visas.

The visa suspension was announced by the Indian government, which cited the COVID-19 pandemic as the reason for the suspension. The suspension is expected to last for at least two weeks.

**South Korea**

**US soldiers probbed for drug crimes**

Seventeen US soldiers stationed in South Korea are being investigated for alleged drug offenses. The soldiers were found in possession of cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana.

The soldiers were caught in possession of the drugs during routine drug tests. The military authorities are investigating the case to determine the extent of the drug use among the soldiers.

**Japan**

**Toshiba to delist after takeover by consortium**

A $2.3 billion (22 billion yen) offer for the troubled electronics and energy giant Toshiba by a Japanese consortium has been accepted, clearing the way for it to be delisted on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The offer was made by a group of investors, including Japan’s SoftBank Group, NTT DoCoMo, and other major shareholders.

The consortium is led by SoftBank, which has been working on a rescue plan for Toshiba for several years. The offer was accepted after a shareholder vote in which 98.5% of the shares were approved.

**Perilsous ride**

**Magnetic break on top of a train in Claudel, Bas-Rhin, in France as it travels through the Information Line: the rails to hitch a ride to the US have triggered the closure of one US border crossing and closed Mexico’s longest corridor to expected freight traffic.**

**Import expo to showcase New Zealand goods and forge stronger ties between nations**

By WANG GUIJUN

As a vital opportunity for China to accelerate the formation of a new development pattern and boost bilateral economic ties, the China International Import Expo (CIIE) plays an active role in helping New Zealand’s small and medium-sized enterprises enter the Chinese market.

This year’s event is set to be bigger and better, with secretary-general of the China Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand, a non-profit organization committed to promoting bilateral trade and investment, to make business between China and New Zealand.

It is added that New Zealand companies began to register in mid-May this year, and the CIIE 2023 will be held from November 5 to 10. The CIIE is expected to attract more New Zealand companies to participate in the CIIE.

The Ministry of Commerce (MCC) of New Zealand recently released the “Report on the CIIE Participation of New Zealand Companies 2023,” which shows that 25 New Zealand companies have expressed interest in participating in the CIIE.

**SMILES work big market**

New Zealand’s national economic growth is dependent on foreign trade, which accounts for approximately 20% of its goods exports. The main exports are mainly agri-

feriments, minerals, forestry, and manufacturing. Most of the exports are from New Zealand with fewer than 10 employees.

According to the New Zealand Department of Statistics, New Zealand’s economy is growing strongly. The total value of goods and services traded in the first quarter reached $73.9 billion New Zealand dollars (NZ$73.9 billion), which is up by 4.7% compared to the same period last year.

The report shows that New Zealand has a strong export performance and has maintained a positive trade balance with China. In 2022, the trade surplus with China reached $12.3 billion, which is up by 26.9% compared to the previous year.

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Chinese agricultural machinery helps farmers reap rich rewards in developing markets

"When I saw the tricycle, it is exactly what I expected," said Ugandan businessman Kalema,

Kalema, 46, runs a transportation business and a battery market in Kapamba, capital of the African country.

His firm has produced 500 tricycles, a standard popular model of the Wuzheng Group, or WAW, a manufacturer of tricycles and other agricultural vehicles in Wuzheng county of Shandong, in East China's Shandong Province.

Kalema said WAW trikes help him bring in at least $500 a week, enough to send his two kids to a successful school in Lusakabula, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"What's most important for my business is loading capacity, durability and fuel efficiency," said Kalema, adding that for these reasons, Wuzheng's tricycles, known locally as WAW Tuko Tuko vehicles, are crucial for farmers, workers and other locals like himself.

"In comparison with a petrol tricycle, a WAW diesel tricycle can save over 20 percent daily on fuel alone," he said. "The support and service team is amazing — we can move toward a better tomorrow with these machines."

Kalema's experience and that of many others like him reflect the positive impact that major Chinese companies are having in Uganda.

In line with the Belt and Road Initiative promoting shared development, Wuzheng Group is helping Ugandan farmers with agricultural mechanization, reducing labor costs while increasing production and incomes.

The large-scale promotion of agricultural technology and machinery in Uganda has helped plug technological expertise gaps, with millions of farmers set to benefit from the move, according to the company.

Bu Qingfeng, who heads Wuzheng's international cooperation activities in Uganda, said technology and training exchanges, such as regular workshops that local workers in vehicle maintenance and repair, will help Ugandan farmers to fully tap into rich resources.

"We also learn from them, their local knowledge and local conditions, to further maximize efficiency and share the benefits," he said.

Similar efforts are also gaining rewards in Wuzheng's Southeast Asian developing markets.

"We set up services and customer centers that can solve problems on the spot," Li said. "Response from the locals has been very good and the benefits are clear!"
China may turn more prudent about rate cuts given measures such as interest rate cuts in the first six months and a 25% cut in local government bond issuance, a senior HU Research official, who has not been named by the state media, said.

China's capital market has been hit by the Covid-19 pandemic that has spread worldwide, with more than 1 million deaths reported globally. The pandemic has hit the global economy, affecting trade, investment, and consumption. The Chinese government has implemented various measures to support the economy, including interest rate cuts, tax cuts, and fiscal stimulus packages.

China's central bank has cut interest rates several times since the start of the year to support the economy. The government has also implemented measures to support small and medium-sized enterprises and the real estate sector.

However, the central bank has still maintained its policy rate at 2.5%, while the policy rate for 1-year deposits remains at 1.5%. The policy rate for 5-year and 10-year deposits remains at 3.5% and 4%, respectively.

China has been praised for its response to the Covid-19 pandemic, with many countries around the world looking to China for guidance. The Chinese government has implemented various measures to control the spread of the virus, including mass testing, isolation, and contact tracing.

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China is also working to support small and medium-sized enterprises, with various measures implemented to help businesses recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. The government has implemented various measures to support the economy, including interest rate cuts, tax cuts, and fiscal stimulus packages.
Machinery makers shift focus to overseas markets

By LIU YUKING
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Major machinery manufacturer Liugong Group plans to further boost its overseas business to offset the domestic industry downturn, targeting a 10 percent growth in revenue over the next five years.

Zhou Wen, president and CEO of Liugong Group, said in an interview on Thursday that Liugong's new strategy has two main components: one is to strengthen its overseas business; the other is to increase its product sales in China.

According to the company's half-yearly financial report, the company's net profit amounted to 2.13 billion yuan ($322.5 million), up 29 percent year-on-year in the first six months, with a turnover of 75.7 billion yuan, up 25 percent year-on-year.

Liugong's overseas sales account for 44 percent of its sales revenue, up 29 percent over year-on-year.

Liugong is the largest heavy machinery maker in China, and its products have been exported to more than 120 countries and regions worldwide.

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**BUSINESS FOCUS**

**LNG deals ramp up amid green transition**

SOEs seal long-term contracts for key fuel, ensuring supply despite volatile market

By ZHENG XIN


China has been stepping up to natural gas purchases as well as oil production to ensure its supply and to cope with efforts to ensure sufficient energy supply across the green transition, experts said.

It is looking to sign more deals to avoid future shortages and may sign long-term contracts with 20 percent of global long-term liquefied natural gas volumes going to China, according to Bloomberg news.

China is on track to become the top importer of LNG, worth $23bn in 2022, as Chinese companies seek to buy more on a long-term basis than any single third country in 2023, data compiled by Bloomberg revealed.

An analyst said China firmly depended on imports for natural gas, and the country could diversify its imports in terms of a ceiling against geopolitical disruptions and supply-chain risks.

“Energy security has always been a paucity to China, as the country is making efforts to avoid energy shortages while seeking to build economic growth,” said Lu Zhao, head of industrial experts at the State Economic and Development Research Institute (SEERI).

Negotiations were taking place mainly in the first seven months of 2023, as state-owned firms planned to sign long-term deals with a relatively steady price compared to the spot market, helping China to access LNG supply in a significantly whittled position with steep price surges in spot prices.

China’s efforts will, in turn, help support global energy projects, while Beijing’s influence on the market is also set to increase, she said.

Starting from the first compressor station, the natural gas will flow nearly 2,000 km onward over the next five hours, traveling with desalinated water, through the provinces of Henan, Xingyang, and the regional autonomous region.

There are four gas sources for the pipeline network.

The two main gas sources are Xinjiang and Henan, accounting for three-quarters of the total volume. In addition, there are gas sources in Tianshan and Kaili, which is the Xinjiang-Kazakhstan network gas pipeline joint venture of Xinjiang Petroleum International Co. Ltd, said Zhao, Director of the Xinjiang-Kazakhstan natural gas pipeline joint venture of Xinjiang Petroleum International Co. Ltd, which has already boosted the energy infrastructure interconnection between China and Central Asian countries.

New Silk Road of Energy

On Dec 14, 2023, the leaders of state of China, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan jointly inaugurated the China-Central Asia natural gas pipeline. Since a part of the pipeline network was parallel to the eastern Silk Road, it has been named the “New Silk Road of Energy.”

In Horgos, the gas is compressed again before it is converted further inland. Each day, up to 400 mcm of gas can be processed here. To it is simply, 900 cubic meters of gas, enough to meet the needs of a household of three for a year, flows through Horgos to the Silk of an eye.

From Horgos, the gas from the Central Asia hub is taken to China’s West-East Gas Pipeline, which transmits the gas further to various Chinese regions, including Shanghai, Beijing, Fujian in Fujian province, and Hong Kong.

Data showed that in 2023, Jinan gas station delivered about 40 billi­ons cubic meters of natural gas via the pipeline, accounting for 1.8 percent of China’s consumption in the same year.

Mu Mingfu, deputy general manager of West Pipelines Co, said that as of now, more than 900 bcm of natural gas from Central Asia have been delivered, benefitting nearly 500 million people across China.

Through cooperation in the national gas sector with China, Central Asian countries are also integrated into the huge energy market. In Turkmenistan, Dec 14 has been designated as the Day of Oil and Gas Industry Workers, as this day marks the official inauguration of the Central Asia pipeline.

“Consistent and stable supplies of natural gas provided by the pipeline, as part of the Silk Road Initiative, will provide ample energy for the people of Central Asia and China,” said Zhang Niu, head of the China National Petroleum Corp. in Turkmenistan.

Stronger economic bonds

The New Silk Road of Energy holds greater significance than just an energy transmission line. Recently, Chen Ruixi, a 5-year-old boy, celebrated his 5th birthday. The children are named Yi Zai and Yi Lu, meaning “One Foot” and “One Road” respectively.

Chen is an employee of the China National natural gas pipeline joint venture company, which works on the Silk Road, in China. His father has been a gas compressor station, and his family are proud to live deep and enduring love-story.

Above: An employee guides a liquid natural gas carrier station at a receiving station in Urumqi, Changjiang, Xinjiang.

Below: An LNG carrier receives a water cannon salute upon reaching a gas facility in Shanghai on Dec 7. **WANG ZIHAN / FOR CHINA DAILY**
Editorials

US' attacks on Chinese tech development a double-edged sword that harms itself

It’s no secret that the US has been increasingly targeting China’s tech sector, particularly its semiconductor industry. This strategy is part of a broader push to limit China’s influence and capabilities in the global arena. The US has imposed sanctions and export controls on Chinese companies, aiming to disrupt their access to critical technologies and weaken their competitive position in the semiconductor market.

However, the US must recognize that the semiconductor sector is not an孤立 industry. It is deeply integrated into the global supply chain, and any efforts to disrupt it will have significant spillover effects. For example, the US’s attempts to limit access to advanced technology will inevitably impact other industries, such as automotive, aerospace, and defense, which rely on advanced semiconductors.

Moreover, the US’s strategy may not achieve its intended goals. The global semiconductor market is highly competitive, and other countries, such as Japan and South Korea, are likely to step in and take advantage of the situation. This could lead to increased dependency on non-American technology and a potential reduction in the technological gap between the US and its competitors.

In conclusion, the US’s attacks on Chinese tech development are a double-edged sword. While they may seem effective in the short term, they will likely have negative long-term consequences for both the US and the global semiconductor industry. A more pragmatic approach that focuses on cooperation and dialogue would be more effective in achieving the US’s objectives.

Strategic autonomy key to good trilateral ties

Following Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s trip to Japan and South Korea, the US has been increasinglyipping the idea of trilateral security cooperation in the region. This move is seen as a response to China’s growing influence and its efforts to build a regional order that includes Russia and North Korea.

However, the US must recognize that trilateral security cooperation is not a simple issue. It requires careful consideration of the interests and concerns of all parties involved. The US must work closely with its allies to ensure that any trilateral initiatives align with the broader goals of regional stability and prosperity.

In conclusion, the US should continue to engage constructively with its allies to build a trilateral security cooperation framework that is based on mutual respect and shared interests. This approach will help to maintain regional stability and foster a more prosperous and secure future for all.

An indispensable member of Global South

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The Global South is not a country, but a region composed of many countries. This region includes countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, which are poor. The Global South is often referred to as the developing world.

In conclusion, the Global South is an important region that deserves our attention and support.

What They Say

Australia more rational about relations

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong recently told a CNN journalist that China has expressed the hope of joining the country. However, a recent report by The Sydney Morning Herald suggests that Australia has been slow in responding to China’s overtures.

The report, which follows an interview with Wong, highlights how Australia has been cautious in its approach to China. Wong’s comments come amid growing concerns about Australia’s relationship with China, as the two countries intensify their trade and diplomatic engagements.

In conclusion, it is crucial for Australia to take a more rational and pragmatic approach to its relations with China. This will help to ensure a stable and prosperous relationship between the two countries.

Biden administration up its tricks in Central Asia

The Biden administration has been ramping up its efforts in Central Asia, where it is seeking to maintain its influence and counterbalance China’s growing influence in the region. This move is part of a broader strategy to reassert US leadership in the region and to counter China’s strategic ambitions.

However, the Biden administration’s efforts in Central Asia have been met with varying degrees of success. While the US has been able to gain some footholds in the region, it has also faced significant challenges, including competition from China and Russia.

In conclusion, the Biden administration must continue to work closely with its allies in Central Asia to achieve its objectives. This will require a flexible and pragmatic approach that takes into account the interests and concerns of all parties involved.
Chung Hee-young

ROK should work to improve ties with China

The ROK-U.S. kimcheon, apart from creating more challenges for the ROK in terms of regional strategy in the face of Beijing’s demands to mark the end of the unipolar global order and to strengthen the governance of a new generation of international order marked by multipolar dynamics and regionalization. But such a shift in the balance of power means that cooperation between the United States and China, which has long been a stabilizing factor in the security environment, has now become less predictable. In an effort to maintain stability in the region, the United States has recently expressed a desire to engage China on a more equal footing.

The ROK-U.S. alliance, which is based on shared values and interests, continues to be a cornerstone of regional stability and security. It is important to note that the United States and China have a shared interest in preserving the rules-based international order and in promoting global cooperation and shared values.

In contrast to the United States, China has been working to strengthen its global engagement. The Global Initiative on Multilateralism is one of the major initiatives launched by China, which seeks to promote a multipolar world order based on respect for the sovereignty of all countries and shared values.

In conclusion, China’s efforts to promote a multipolar world order and to strengthen its global engagement are important for the ROK-U.S. alliance and for regional stability and security. It is crucial to engage China on a more equal footing and to work towards a shared vision for the future of the rules-based international order.

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Development proved to be the best way to protect human rights

Editor’s note: At the China-Europe Seminar on Human Rights in Beijing on Sept. 23, experts shared their views on the human rights development. Excerpts of some expert’s statements follow:

Mutual respect essential to uphold human rights cause

“Respect for others’ human rights is the key to maintaining a peaceful and prosperous world,” said Li Zhongming, director of the Human Rights Research Center at the China Institute of Contemporary World Studies. He noted that mutual respect is essential to uphold human rights.

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JOSEPH MAGHONEY

Incredible growth jumpstarter

The Belt and Road Initiative - it may not have lived up to Gammon's expectations, but it has become a major player in global development.
Decoding the lands of pharaohs

Archaeologists clearing the sands of time will find understanding of civilization, report Wang Ru, Fang Aiqing and Wang Kailao.

In 2019, Egypt's King Ramses II (1279-1213 BC) was deified and became a god, an event that has been followed by scholars from around the world. In the past year, a significant event that has drawn the attention of scholars is the discovery of a large-scale tomb in Egypt. The tomb is significant not only because it is a large-scale tomb, but also because it is the largest tomb ever found in Egypt. The tomb is located in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, and it is estimated to contain more than 100,000 artifacts.

The tomb was discovered by a team of Swiss archaeologists led by Zahi Hawass, a former director of the Egyptian Antiquities. The team used advanced imaging techniques to map the tomb and identify its contents. The team has also used DNA analysis to identify the remains of the tomb's occupants, which are believed to be Ramses II and his family.

The tomb is significant because it provides new insights into the lives of ancient Egyptians. For example, the tomb contains a large number of mummified animals, which are believed to have been sacrificed as offerings to the gods. The tomb also contains a large number of amulets, which are believed to have been used as talismans to protect the tomb's occupants.

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Retail therapy, with empathy

A look at the burgeoning charity store scene in a city where people are flocking to do good for others, Yu Ran reports.

Shanghai has over the past two decades witnessed significant development and changes in its charity sector, as evidenced by the growing number of charity stores that have been popping up across the city.

Charity stores are relatively new across China. Shanghai’s first charity store opened in Jing’an District in 2002, while Beijing’s first store opened in 2017.

But in the last decade or so, more than 30 charity stores have opened up in the city. Now, there are 232 stores in total.

Over the years, Shanghai has been refining its regulatory policies and measures, and issuing documents, such as the voluntary and recommendation regulations for the charity sector, and the management measures for special funds for Shanghai foundations to provide support for the charity service.

Local authorities have also said that they will seek to enhance regulatory policies in the field of charity and provide high-quality development support for Shanghai’s charity market.

Charity stores fill under two operational models. The first involves individuals from the neighborhood administrative centers working as store staff, who are managed by a nonprofit community-based charitable organization. The second involves social goods organizations to manage and operate the store.

The eight charity stores in the Pudong New Area that can run it different from that of traditional retail stores. Our goal is to transform the atmosphere of the store into a place where everyone can come to shop. We want to use a retail approach with a focus on service to make more people know that our products have more advantages and better quality,” says Yu Lei, who works at the Shanghai Public Welfare Service Center in Shanghai.

Not all stores managed by the center are run the same way. The Lagrange Street Charity Shop primarily focuses on retail and charitable activities, including setting up street stalls every month to sell affordable gifts and snacks, and provide home delivery services to the elderly.

These efforts aim at making more people in the vicinity see the potential of charitable retail and highlight the convenience it offers.

Our store is a charity store on Wuchang West Road mainly promotes the realization of the united bets and educational and philanthropic areas.

“With the support of great leaders as well as the generous support of the community, we have been able to sustain this operation and collaborate with a variety of our partners. Our primary focus will be on the community, and we will differentiate ourselves through the services,” says Yu Lei.

A trendier kind

Generally, stores run under the first model are more low-key in nature. Those managing using the second are more popular with the general public.

“We are pleased to see that social organizations and other social forces have independently established charity stores which offer a wider range of goods, serve a more diverse range of beneficiaries and have a broader market appeal, compared to traditional charity stores,” says Zhai Qinlan, director of the Shanghai Civil Affairs Bureau.

Among the most popular of the stores run by social organizations is the Huangpu Charity Store on Jiaotong Road in Jing’an district.

Featuring a design that resonates of a grocery store, the store has been a major hit with young customers, many of whom flock to the place to take photos that can post on social media.

Filled with a wide range of goods, including colorful and fashionable socks, kitchenware, clothing and vintage books, the shop is just one of the 42 that social enterprises operate in Shanghai.

“People here are used to the social atmosphere, they spend their money on things they like to buy and that help the community. It also helps charitable organizations in selling donated goods and it also helps to promote more diversified consumption and consumption culture,” says Jia Li, chief executive officer of the social enterprise.

“Our intention is to bring the concept of charity stores, which are currently not found in Shanghai, to China so that people can promote environmental consumption and help people understand that we can be just as fulfilling without the excessive consumption of resources.”

For some, the store has become a cornerstone charity store. For instance, the city’s most visited charity store is the Shanghai Charity Center, where people can get regular items at retail prices.

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By ZHANG KUN in Shanghai

The new play Perfect Stranger by the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Centre has been the talk of the town because of its focus on contemporary relationship problems faced by urban families.

The latest theater adaptation of the 2017 Italian movie Perfect Stranger, adapted by Paolo Genovese, directed by Chiara Stracolissi presents a new spin on the tale and of a 46-year-old woman named Mia, played by Yang Fuhua.

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During their daily runs, the two have to stay away from each other and are not allowed to talk to each other. On one such day, Mia finds out that Luka is having a relationship with a girl named Alice, played by Chen Zihan.

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Social media

Yu is among the many who have come to enjoy it.

In 2019, the 14-year-old attended an event in China's top city to the store.

After seeing the store, he said, “I think she felt a sense of fulfillment that has since made her a regular donor and buyer of the store.

“My first impression was that the store is in a number of retail shops. Here, the products, employees and volunteers have a close relationship,” he said.

“I tend to understand charity as being kind and compassionate to others. But Rankin has helped me realize that charity can empower every individual, every nation and every form to make a positive influence or others,” she added.

According to Yu, many people have come to enjoy the store and even told her that they want to do more than just secondhand goods.

Those who frequent the store run by the social enterprise, however, will know that this is not the case. Besides, for operational costs, the money earned from selling the donated goods is also used to hire staff from disadvantaged groups and organize charity events.

For example, the manager of the Shanghai food store, who had been a victim of bullying and harassment while the manager of the Shanghai food store, was an individual with special needs. The events that the social enterprise regularly organizes include art classes to help people learn to enjoy the importance of environmental sustainability, as well as initiatives aimed at helping individuals with disabilities learn new skills and become integrated into society. It also organizes charitable organizations in selling donated goods to people in need.

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**Tacing skill of transferring images onto paper is an art form steeped in history, **Zha Xu reports.**

**By YANG YANG**

 **From village to museum:** The story of transferring ancient rubbings from village to museum.

The same techniques used in ancient China have been passed down through the ages, and today, the skill is preserved in museums and archives around the world. The Chinese technique of rubbing, or chanshu, has been practiced for centuries to create copies of stone and wood inscriptions, paintings, and other cultural artifacts. Today, museums around the world continue to use this technique to preserve and share the rich history of ancient China.

**By WANG KUDING**

**Chinese expatriate enshrined by Chinese village**

Mathieu Le Denmat is a French expatriate who came to China in 1988 to study Chinese calligraphy. Over the years, he has dedicated himself to preserving and promoting Chinese culture, particularly calligraphy. In 2012, he was honored by his native village in Jiangxi province, with a rubbing of his name being added to their collection of calligraphy. This is but one example of the support and recognition given to Chinese expatriates who have contributed to the preservation of Chinese culture.

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