Protectionism a mistake, ex-Irish PM says

By NOEL FRANCIS

From the Irish Times, Dublin

Former Irish prime minister Bertie Ahern said it took several decades for Ireland to realize that protectionism was a fundamental mistake, and countries should not repeat the old path.

Ahern, who served as prime minister of Ireland from 1997 to 2008, made the remarks in a recent interview.

Noting that a stable and healthy relationship between the European Union and China is in the interests of all, he cautioned that the idea of fighting away from multilateralism and imposing trade restrictions is wrong.

"Back in the 1990s and '80s, leaders in Ireland used to believe that protecting the products with tariffs was good for the country. And we actually did well with the tariffs and the restrictions and opened up more (that) we developed more," he said.

Now, Ireland has become one of the most business-friendly countries in the world, along with Singapore and the Silicon Valley of Europe, Ireland is the headquarters of many global information and communication technology companies.

In recent years, China and Ireland have seen their two-way trade on a steady course, with fast-rising services, including Ireland’s 33 billion euros worth of exports to China, which is Ireland’s leading trading partner.

The results were not achieved by protectionism and restrictions, but by allowing market and providing incentives, Ahern said, noting that when people start to stuff and put restrictions, it’s a situation that promotes consumers, businesses and investors.

"That’s the problem for the world. Things go up when policies get to the (new) level," he said, adding that some countries can always find one reason or another to work against unrestricted trade.

In the latest case despite the strong economic expansion, the European Union and China have forged over the past two decades, the EU’s trade deficit to China, which had recently narrowed an anti-subsidy investigation into Chinese electric vehicle makers, a move that China believes arose from protectionism.

Once the investigation is finished, Brussels, the capital of the European Union, would have to decide whether to impose provisional tariffs within nine months.

In any view, all of that is counterproductive. It doesn’t work because all of these things work hand-in-hand with business in the normal way," Ahern said.

"It would be particularly bad for small European businesses that are exporting, because they cannot offset the northern European subsidies, which are much bigger than our aid to the South," he said.

But Ahern said he believed the Chinese government and the EU were working hard to make progress while acknowledging their differences.

On Monday, Vice-Premier Hu Xiaolian co-chaired the 100 China-EU High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue with European Commission Executive Vice-President Jyrki Katainen and French Environment Minister Barbara Pompili.

The advent of the IMF should be welcomed in the context of China’s economic miracle, which began in 1979 with reforms and opening up proposed by then-leader Deng Xiaoping.

Since the late 1980s, China has become the largest contributor to global development. According to the World Bank, "Since China began its move to open up and reform its economy in 1978, GDP growth has averaged almost 8% per year for the past three decades, and more than 800 million people have been lifted out of poverty."

Furthermore, between 2006 and 2019, "the world’s per capita GDP grew by 20% and China by 250 percent, China accounted for more than 45 percent of global GDP growth,” the World Bank said.

"Unlike China, global GDP growth have grown by 13 percent but by 3% percent," it added.

China’s economic success also lends credibility to the economic model and allows it to make additional investments globally.

In the Asian Games for the first time as a demonstration sport at the 2016 edition in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, with China winning two gold medals and a silver.

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Experts: Supportive measures will accelerate trend, significantly boost market confidence

By DONG XUNIA and EMILY LAM

China’s economic recovery is likely to accelerate over the rest of the year after industrial profits rebounded strongly in August, signaling that the growth of the world’s second-largest economy is back on a firmer footing and the supportive government policies have begun to take effect, economists said on Wednesday.

While the gloomy headlines haven’t strengthened their confidence that China is on track to achieve its annual growth target of around 5 percent in 2023, economists said the country still needs to grapple with complex issues in the property market as well as the slow-wind demand.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year, they expect to see more property using policies, financial spoil rules and a moderate round of crisis for some services.

Base scores, however, are enough to support the growth of the Chinese economy.

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed on Wednesday that China’s industrial profits rebounded in August for the first time in more than a year as signs that the economy had bottomed out.

Industrial enterprises, each with an annual revenue of at least 5 million yuan (813,340 dollars), used their total profits (12.3 percent year-on-year growth) in August, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Win-Winning, a statistics at the National Bureau of Statistics, said that this was the reason of industrial profits’ steady growth in August, and improved corporate profitability.

The core of the measures gradually taking effect.

In the first eight months of the year, industrial enterprises’ profits fell year-on-year by 8.3 percent in August to 26.7 trillion yuan.

But the nation’s regional incomes will still be more than that in August, and the economic recovery is still robust.

She added that next year’s measures include maintaining the economic policies, improve the coming year’s development measures, and make up for the losses.

While the latest data suggests that the economy bottomed out in August, ANZ economists said that activity is likely to slow down over the next six months.

The latest data showed that China’s industrial output jumped 4.8 percent year-on-year in August, up from a 2.3 percent increase in July, and its August producer price index, which gauged factory gate prices, was down 3.3 percent from a year earlier after the 3.4 percent annual inflation rate in July.

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Players: Strict training program followed

As an official mental sport, e-sports are increasingly popular in Hangzhou, thanks to the recent surge in interest and the establishment of several competitive e-sports competitions. Among the most notable are the Asian Games, the PUBG Mobile Asian Games, and the Street Fighter V and ESports FIFA-branded soccer game.

This year, the Chinese team for the Asian Games qualified for the first time, with the team led by Zhi-Xing Xie. During the qualification period, Xie emphasized the importance of mental preparation and the need for a strict training program to ensure success.

Xie said: "For the past three years, we have focused on mental preparation, including mindfulness training and stress management, to ensure that our players are mentally prepared for the competition. This is crucial in e-sports, as mental strength is just as important as skill.

The team is currently undergoing a strict training program, which includes regular practice sessions, mental training, and coached games. The goal is to ensure that the team is ready to compete at the highest level and to perform at their best in the upcoming games.

In conclusion, the strict training program followed by the Chinese team reflects the growing importance of mental preparation in e-sports. As the sport continues to evolve, it is clear that mental strength will play an increasingly vital role in determining success.
‘China is a door’ on climate issues, UN envoy says

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China’s climate issue and always puts its words into action, in sharp contrast to the “lip service” of some countries, Zhang Jianli, China’s permanent representative to the United Nations, said Sunday.

China has made concrete contributions to addressing climate change, in sharp contrast to the lip services of some countries,” he said.

Zhang said at the briefing that China and the United States have special responsibilities, and encouraged in-depth cooperation. “China’s policy towards the United States has not been consistently positive and stable and continuity. We have continuously promoted and managed China-US relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs,” said Zhang Jianli.

He described the breakdown of the new cold-war period power politics as actually promoting developing countries in pursuing sustainable development and helped build a more equitable world order.

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“Developed countries try to evade or even overturn the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and shift the burden to developing countries,” said Zhang.

“China has experienced numerous areas where the two countries can collaborate, including but not limited to addressing climate change, combating terrorism and poverty, and promoting political solutions on hot issues,” he added.

It’s important to note that China firmly opposes the United States “use of issues related to Xinjiang, Tibet and Hong Kong to smears China’s internal affairs and challenge China’s core interests,” he said.

“On these matters, China has no conflicting interests, provided these issues remain unimportant and reversible policies,” he said, adding that China will not make headway in its efforts to promote global sustainable development.

“The important lesson that the changing international situation has taught us is that the world cannot be run by anyone,” he said.

“The key point is to implement UN agreements in a timely manner,” he said.

“The UN is to be reformed and improved and open to new forces in the right direction towards building a common home for humankind by upholding common values, and we are happy to contribute to the success of this common development, and a common future,” he said.

“The strength of the UN comes from the solid multinational backing. In order to enhance the operational capacity of the UN, we must unequivocally oppose the US unilateralism, power politics, or double standards, and say no to any actions that undermine its credibility and self-confidence,” Zhang said.

European politicians coming to China at that time.

According to a news release after the dialogue, the two sides discussed the current global situation and world economic prospects, and agreed to furthering the building of closer China-EU strategic partnership, promoting financial cooperation.

“China and Europe, I think the best way of resolving issues is to talk to each other, to keep practicing the ‘doorstep diplomacy’ and see how they can get along with each other,” he said.

“The bilateral dialogue is an important way to bring China and Europe closer and deepen mutual understanding and mutual respect,” said the EU’s Ambassador to China, Shao Hanli.

On the sidelines of the meeting, China and the EU signed a number of important deals, including a joint statement on establishing an energy dialogue and a joint statement on establishing a new partnership for China and the EU on climate change.

China is one of Kazakhstan’s largest trading partners, and the two countries shared a Memorandum of Understanding in 2012, according to the National Office of Kazakhstan.

China Central Asian neighbor Kazakhstan plays an important role in the region, and the third-largest country in Asia, which will host the Belt and Road Forum next year.

According to the UN, Kazakhstan is also of critical importance to China.

For one thing, the UN and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are committed to promoting global governance and sustainable development goals.

Kazakhstan is a key stakeholder in the UN’s sustainable development goals (SDGs) and is a regional leader in achieving these goals.

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For another, the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are directly connected to Kazakhstan’s national development priorities.

Kazakhstan is a key player in the implementation of the SDGs, and is on track to achieving most of the goals.

For example, Kazakhstan has made significant progress in reducing poverty and improving health outcomes, and has made strides in promoting gender equality and protecting the environment.

Kazakhstan is also a key partner in the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, and is working closely with the UN to advance global development goals.

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The UN and the Kazakh government have also signed agreements on cooperation in the areas of education, culture, and tourism.

In conclusion, the UN and Kazakhstan share a commitment to promoting peace and security, and are working together to achieve sustainable development goals. The close cooperation between the two countries is essential for achieving global development goals and promoting the well-being of all people around the world.

By ZHOU LANNI

China Daily

BRI: China’s role is also critical importance to Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is a key player in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which is a global development strategy initiated by China.

Kazakhstan is strategically located at the crossroads of the Eurasian continent, and is an important link in the Silk Road economic belt.

Kazakhstan is also an important market for Chinese companies, and its economy is closely intertwined with China’s.

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Proposal hats Fujian's role in cross-Strait ties

Document on integrated development aims to boost cultural, emotional links

By ZHANG YI

The recent policy issued by the integrated development office of the Fujian province, a main driving force in the integration of the cross-strait ties, will contribute to the integration of the cross-strait relations, experts said.

The integration aims at creating one common market for the economic development and advancing the peaceful unification, with measures in place to offer Taiwan residents and enterprises in Fujian the same opportunities as residents in Fujian.

The move is aimed at deepening cross-strait economic, cultural and educational cooperation and integration, accelerating the development of the Guangdong-Fujian-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and advancing the peaceful unification, with measures in place to offer Taiwan residents and enterprises in Fujian the same opportunities as residents in Fujian.

The policy is expected to improve the quality of life for Taiwan residents in Fujian, and to provide more opportunities for them to share their expertise.

Chongqing forum seeks cooperation in vocational training with ASEAN

By ZENG YING and LIN JIH

Facing changing market conditions and increasing demand for skilled workers, the Chinese government is calling for investments in vocational education with an increasing emphasis to improve the technical capabilities of the workforce.

In order to help the region develop its economy, the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences— the first observatory in China to be built in Shanghai— has been participating in the observation of extragalactic phenomena, and played an important role in improving the observational quality of the alerts on black holes so far.

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Pioneering policies of FTZ hailed for economic growth

By YUAN SHENGQIAO

The China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone (FTZ) opened its 10th anniversary on Sept. 20, 2023, a decade that marks the establishment of the national platform for comprehensive reform and development.

In addition to Shanghai, many other Chinese cities have such a system. However, as a national pilot equity fund, the Shanghai FTZ attracts a host of asset management institutions from around the world and enjoys significant international covenants. Xia noted. He added that choosing the Shanghai FTZ as the location of the office was the result of much consideration.

"We have observed growing demand from domestic institutional and private wealth investors to allocate their capital to global assets, and we are thrilled to have an established presence on the ground in Shanghai from which to manage private markets investment programs for investors of all sizes," he said.

"At Hamilton Lane, we have been investing in the region for more than 15 years, and with our new presence in the FTZ, we’ll be even better positioned to deliver new and innovative private markets solutions to our clients," he added.

"Tesla speed"—the top-speeding new energy vehicle manufacturer Tesla, the first wholly foreign-owned automaker in China, is one of the beneficiaries of innovative policies in the Shanghai FTZ.

Located in the Lingang New Area of the FTZ, Tesla Giga Shanghai, the first such production facility outside the country, will cover an area of 485,000 square meters and cost $16 billion (¥109.4 billion) to build. Since Tesla signed a strategic agreement with the Shanghai government in July 2019, it took just 11 months to complete the pre-fabrication and is now running, creating a new "Tesla speed" for an investment project.

The first batch of China-made Tesla Model 3 vehicles were delivered to customers in the Giga Shanghai at the end of 2019.

At the ceremony, Kai Masuda, co-founder, sent the Shanghai government a letter of thanks. It said that the company would have been unable to complete such a wonder without the support from the Chinese government, especially the Shanghai government. It is through joint efforts that created the amazing "Shanghai speed" and a record in the global auto manufacturing industry, Masuda said.

Since then, Tesla has been at full steam ahead, ramping up investment in the Shanghai FTZ. With these investments, Tesla has expanded the production capacity of Giga Shanghai and added a manufacturing facility to make electric vehicle chargers.

After four years of operation in the Shanghai FTZ, Tesla’s development milestone and pace in China have impressed its global vice-president Tao Liu.

"It is easy to see at the starting line but it is difficult to maintain this speed every day. It is a big challenge and a real test of the development, talent pool of enterprises or region to maintain sprinting speed in the long run," he said.

Giga Shanghai produced its one-millionth vehicle in August 2022 and completed its 2,000th vehicle in just 11 months later in early September. Just a few days later, the millionth Tesla vehicle worldwide rolled off the production line at Giga Shanghai.

While the FTZ, established in April to the umbrella, increasing its investment in Shanghai to build a Shanghai battery plant, in the initial stage, the annual output of the extra-large energy storage batteries is planned to reach 10,000 units, with a combined storage capacity of nearly 40 gigawatt hours.

In the next decade, the annual output of the extra-large energy storage batteries is expected to reach 1 million units, with a combined storage capacity of nearly 100 gigawatt hours.

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by HEIN WENG in New York

Two days after being arrested for violating federal immigration laws, a 45-year-old Yemeni man known only as "Ali" was released from custody and flown back to Yemen. Ali was one of 14 detainees held at the detention facility in Texas, according to immigration authorities.

The detainees have been held since mid-February as part of a new policy by the Obama administration to deport illegal immigrants to their home countries. The policy is known as the "shoebox" program, and it has drawn criticism from human rights organizations.

Ali's release comes amid growing concerns about the fate of the other detainees held at the facility, who have been denied access to lawyers and other basic rights. Human rights groups are calling on the government to provide a full accounting of the detainees' treatment and conditions.

WEBS

Target lance US retailer to close stores

by BELINDA ROBINSON in New York

A third person has been arrested in connection with the theft of a $1,000 gold chain from a New York City jewelry store.

The suspect, identified as a 25-year-old man, was arrested on Tuesday after video footage showed him leaving the store with the chain.

The theft occurred early Monday morning at a jewelry store in the Chelsea neighborhood.

The store owner said the thief showed up at the store and asked to see the display case containing the gold chain.

When the store owner opened the case, the thief grabbed the chain and fled.

The store owner said he saw the thief in the same clothes and wearing the same shoes on Friday.

The thief is described as a black male, 6 feet tall, with a thin build and wearing a brown hat.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact the New York City Police Department's 5th Precinct.

The investigation continues.

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3rd suspect arrested over fentanyl death

UNITED STATES

With shutdown looming, Senate fails to pass budget fix

The US Senate failed to pass a last-ditch budget proposal on Thursday, as the government edges closer to a partial shutdown.

The Senate voted down a bipartisan proposal to avoid a shutdown, as lawmakers continued to negotiate a deal to fund the government.

The move comes after House Republicans passed their own budget proposal, which was rejected by Senate Democrats.

The Senate vote was 52-48, with 44 Republicans and eight Democrats voting in favor of the proposal.

The proposal would have funded the government through March 23, and avoided a partial shutdown.

The House has already passed a similar proposal, but it remains unclear whether the two chambers will reach a deal before a midnight deadline.

The government has been partially funded since January, when Congress failed to pass a budget agreement.

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**ASIAN GAMES**

**Sabre supremos still at the cutting edge**

South Korea continues dominance of Asian Games fencing competition with another masterful campaign.

By M.B. FEUER in Hong Kong

South Korea once again dominat ed the fencing at the Asian Games, as Oh Sang-uk and his team outp laced the gold medalists of the previous three tournaments.

Oh and his partner, Yeon Joo-yeon, both 35, were the leading figures in the event, which is held every four years.

"I am still happy I am happy for my fencing team," Oh said. "I didn't get my fourth consecutive gold medal this time, but I got after his teammate in the final.

"I am going to go for a medal at the Tokyo Olympics, and I am very, very happy," he added.

Underlining their dominance in the sport, Oh and his team secured the first gold medal for South Korea.

Between the current and previous competitions, China won five Asian Games fencing titles, but Monday's 15-10 triumph in the final was the first individual Asian gold.

"It was very satisfying to average my first five years at the 2018 Jakarta Games, as I am especially happy," said the 35-year-old Oh.

"It was difficult to defeat my teammate. I could not express my happiness about it because I fought so hard against him. At that time, I believe, the whole world was cheering for him.

The two are among the most experienced fencers in the world, having won medals at the 2009 FIE World Championship in Moscow.

Oh won four gold medals at the 2012 London Olympics in five world championships of the world, as well as team gold at the Olympic Games.

**NEW DELHI** — India's美妙 hope Ashok Choudhary has a tough choice to make: Do you sign up for another round of women's basketball; or does it pay to keep a top-flight women's team?

The 30-year-old Choudhary, who captured the Tokyo Olympics, is the only Indian woman to win a medal in individual sports.

In Tokyo, Choudhary, 23, will be one of the five women's players to represent India at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"The choice is very easy," Choudhary said.

"I know the Indian team is the best, and I am looking forward to playing with my teammates in the Olympics.

"At the same time, I am also looking forward to competing in the individual events, which is a bigger challenge.

"I am looking forward to the future, and I am confident that I can make a name for myself in the international stage.

The Indian women's basketball team has been performing well in recent years, having won the gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games.

**ASIAN GAMES**

**Comeback queen Ye with the flow**

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**Alcaraz eyes top spot at star-studded China Open**

By WANG XUHONG

Alcaraz eyes top spot at star-studded China Open.

Alcaraz is expected to compete against Tsitsipas in the China Open, which is set to begin on Friday.

Alcaraz said he wants to win more titles, and he has set his sights on a major Grand Slam.

"I want to win more titles, and I am focused on reaching the top 10," Alcaraz said.

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**TENNIS**

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A SPRINGBOARD FOR GROWTH

A look at how the Shanghai FTZ has over the past decade been a crucial engine driving innovation and economic development in China, Shi Jing reports.

A multinational, known for its rapid growth and innovative approach to the automotive sector, has significantly contributed to the development of the Shanghai Free Trade Zone. This zone, established in 2013, has been instrumental in shaping the future of China’s economy, attracting investments and promoting trade.

In 2015, the zone was expanded to include the Yangtze River Delta region, further enhancing its economic impact. Today, the Shanghai FTZ is recognized as a model for integrating China’s economy with global markets, and its success is evidenced by the steady growth of international trade and investment.

The zone has played a crucial role in facilitating trade and investment, and its success is evident in the significant growth of international trade and investment.
I was the type of a kid that brought Electro Palace from his hometown, Colombia, to China. 

That is why, in 2004, I decided to study something to do with jazz and to study in Buenos Aires – in China, at that time, I had no idea about either country, so I naively took a coin and flipped it to decide.

When the coin was rotating, he said to himself: “If it lands on the number one, I’ll go to Buenos Aires; if it lands on the lower side, I’ll go to China.”

He decided China would be his destiny, and that year he entered the Beijing Physical Education University and then at the Beijing Language and Culture University.

“I fell in love” was Palacios, 35, who has worked and lived in China for nearly seven years. 

Five years ago, he met several Chinese musicians and launched the band Chimba Villalobos. The first time Palacios performed with Chimba Villalobos during the Latin American and Caribbean Culture Event in Beijing. This year’s festival will be held on the 70th Anniversary of the public square near Langzhangmen across from Monday to Wednesday.

The other band members include Chinese musicians, including Chinese pianist Zhao (Chinese folk music), violinist Lin Zhenhao, piano (a jazz-orientated Chinese line) player Lin Yujia, accordion player Angel Seo, and singer Isabella Li.

On Monday and Wednesday, the band will stage three shows featuring Latin American and Chinese fusion songs. On Tuesday at Peking University, they will give free performances and workshops to students.

But he was not a musician before he founded the band, but after I met Chinese musicians, I decided to do so because it’s a great idea to bring together together and multiracial people and their countries to promote cultural exchange and cooperation through music, says Palacios.

The band is an intercultural group, in 2010 to work with Chinese manufacturing.

The singer-songwriter has dedicated himself to performing songs that make up Chinese and Latin American styles. Some songs are original, while others are adapted from Colombian folk songs.

One of the songs the band will perform is Zhou Zhi’s “Happy” (written by the Chinese, and Adalberto Santurio, who describes it as “a gift to China.”

In the song, the singer sings about his wound-up day in China, where he wouldn’t speak Chinese, and missed his hometown very much.

He also expresses his gratitude to his Chinese friends, who helped him get through the challenging period. Palacios is now set to launch with his Chinese wife and their child.

“Latin American music is about dancing and partying. Chinese music is much more solemn and quiet. When I first talked about the idea of forming a fusion band, the Chinese musicians, who play traditional Chinese musical instruments and teach in music schools, they were reluctant because it was a bold idea to use our instruments to combine these two music styles together,” says Palacios.

“However, after the first song we did together, they felt excited and agreed to continue the music project.”

Besides Chimba Villalobos, the band has released four albums, each band from Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, and China.

A Carpenter of Cuba and Nicaragua, will perform during the Latin American and Caribbean Culture Event, an international event first launched in 2005.

In 2003 and 1999, the event was held outside of the National Director of the American and Cuban Division of the Institute of China Latin American, Arts and Entrepreneurs, the Cuban National Group.

A four-piece band from Cuba, will make its debut in Beijing, and perform original songs in Spanish, including Pepe (Pepe), Toke (Toke) and Tereza (Tereza).

“This trip is such a beautiful trip, and we plan on documenting our adventures the best we can,” says Erick Ramos, the band’s bassist. “A band from the Caribbean playing in the other side of the world. That doesn’t happen every day and we want to celebrate it. There’s so much art and history in China that we want to experience, and we plan on making every day count.”

La Dola, a four-piece rock band from Mexico City, will also perform in Beijing.

After a trip to Shanghai, we want to connect with the Chinese, learn from their culture, introduce them to Colombia, our music, our culture, and of course, our beautiful people. Additionally, we’re excited to exchange and appreciate the cultural beauty of Beijing.”

For Mexican rock band Muchin,

gen, it will be the third time they have played in China. Together for 15 years, the band is known for fusing Latin-American music with rock beats.

“We played in Beijing and Guiyang (Kilouhe province) with fire shows in 2016 during our two visits to China. Music taught us that it is a universal language and helps us create a magical bond between the artist and the audience. The connection between the audience and the band is in such a way that, at the moment of playing, there is no language barrier. We became one,” says the drummer, Pablo Makia.

“We are preparing a great show with danseur from the band, new songs and some surprises for the Chinese public.”

Shanghai will also host Peking University to perform, and submit students to teachers.

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Finding peace on visiting Shanghai, after 37 years

After being mostly confined to Beijing for the past four years, I finally joined my friends on a trip to Shanghai over the weekend. Since there was a two-day weekend, we decided to fly in early and have the high-speed rail go to Shanghai for the day. When I decided to return to Shanghai from India, 27 years ago, I had no idea that the Peace Hotel and its famous skyline would be my home.

I was a little bit nervous to return to Shanghai. After all, I had wandered a little off my usual path while I lived in Shanghai. Before returning to Shanghai, I had asked the hotel staff for help, and they told me they were happy to assist. I was so excited that I wanted to do something special for the occasion.

After checking into the hotel, the hotel staff helped me to take a tour of the hotel. I was so excited to reconnect with my old friends and get to know the hotel again.

I also got a chance to see the city's landmarks again. I was so excited to see the hotel again and also to reconnect with my old friends.

Once I had a room, I took a stroll around the neighborhood and was so thrilled to find familiar sights, but without a smartphone, my smartphone was a nightmare. A man asked for directions on the street, but his hand was too weak to hold my smartphone.

We walked around the city, enjoying the views and the city's culture. It was a beautiful day, and I couldn’t wait to come back again.

My friends showed me around the city, and they had requested that I come again to a city in a way. But I told them that I would definitely come again to Shanghai, and I knew that I would.”

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The Peace Hotel in Shanghai.
Japan passing its nuclear risks to world

A total of 500,000 tons of contaminated water from the destroyed Fukushima nuclear power plant has been released into the ocean, as has been planned. The US has followed the same path. The US and Japan have not been transparent about the environmental impact of this release.

Remove irradiating crucial ties of use

The high-level reception former US-China trade representative Robert Lighthizer and his wife held during his visit to Beijing on Monday and his current visit to Taiwan to attend a forum about Taiwan ties with Washington close to all. Pudongkang is the post-US trade and Taiwan consul general in the United States. The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in New York on the sidelines of the US-China Strategic Dialogue held in New York and Taiwan-related talks with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan in Miami on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 before and after the meeting. The US has so far failed to provide a credible, scientific, and accurate understanding of the impact of the discharge on the environment.

The US has recently stopped the discharge of the toxic water on the marine environment. Instead, the US has done less to stop against strong people from opposing its own interests. The US has also seized the opportunity to maintain their influence in the world and maintain their interests.

What they say

Europe caught in tightening grip of Washington

Despite the opening of the Liaoning campaign to the US, China has not broken its high-speed rail ambitions. According to the US news outlet CNN, this is the time to reexamine the Chinese ambition to build a high-speed rail network that connects the US and the rest of the world.

Private capital limits speed of American trains

The US has been struggling to build a high-speed rail network due to lack of private capital. The US has been trying to attract private investment to build a high-speed rail network, but the lack of private capital has been a major challenge.

Cai Meng

COMMENT

US knows what it must do to restart military-to-military communication

The United States Space Force is exploring in internal discussions the possibility of developing its own space-based contributions to military operations. This is the US's attempt to establish a new form of combatant command that can operate independently of the US military's traditional services. The US is considering the development of a space-based component to its military operations, which may include the creation of a new service branch or the expansion of existing military capabilities.

What they say

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**COMMENT**

Ong Tee Keat

Can ‘mini-lateralism’ improve global governance?

**Main Points:**
- The existing global order is not functional anymore. It is a common question asked by many, but very few can say what the alternative is.
- There is no new global architecture in sight.
- New forms of exchange and interaction are needed.
- The need is for “mini-lateralism”.
- To complement and substitute for multilateralism.
- Examples include the Quad, IPEF, and the US-Japan-Australia trilateral.
- It is a partnership, not a treaty.
- Often, it is flexible and temporary.
- It is a bottom-up approach to diplomacy.
- While a “mini-lateralism” can be used to promote the cooperation and rehabilitation of marginal ecosystems.

**In the interest of improving global governance, the reigning superpower is expected to provide coherent global leadership with coordinated emergency responses in times of global crisis.”**

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**Zhang Xi**

Curbing food waste should always stay to create a better future

**Main Points:**
- Many people have preserved banquets held in halls and restaurants in recent decades, especially during the eight-day National Festival and New Year. It has become a tradition for people to hold wedding ceremonies or family get-togethers with people and expectations to serve the guests.
- Food waste is one of the most important roles in special occasions for the Chinese. While people in the West tend to follow what you want, Chinese people are influenced by food waste.
- There are still cases of people who insist on lavishness in many societies. Food is a symbol of prosperity, success, and status. Food waste has also been used to show the power and wealth of a family or person.
- Different foods carry different meanings for Chinese people. They indicate the downsides of people who are served as food in Chinese culture.
- The Chinese government emphasizes the importance of food waste.

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**Thanks to media outlets, government agencies, social organizations and internet celebrities’ joint online streaming, China started to criticize the waste of food, an increasing number of people have started ordering the right amount of food and taking the leftovers home.**

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**Shi Yi**

Food waste in the context of banquets. Banquets also need to adjust with minimum spending limits. The official number of dishes and meal package is designed for and provides free containers for packing leftovers.

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Rise of the Global South

The inclusion of six new countries into BRICS signifies that developing countries are entering a new phase of institutionalized cooperation.

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For the common good

China is the driving force for the building of a human community with a shared future that is essential if our species is to survive the existential threats it now faces.

For the citizens of the world, a harmonious global community with a shared future is the most important idea that China has put forward. It highlights something common to all people, the experience of humanity, and something in the survival of our species.

We are connected with four major existential threats: nuclear war, environmental degradation, global warming and loss of ancient cultural treasures. China has shown leadership in these respects.

China was the first country in the world to sign and ratify the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and has long advocated for the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

China has been a leader in the fight against climate change, with the 2020 Paris Agreement.

China has a unique position in the world, and a crucial role in the survival of our species.

In a world where countries are highly competitive, a peaceful environment is an essential prerequisite for our survival. This is the reason why China has been a strong advocate of the United Nations and the international order it represents.

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Bayer vows more innovations for Chinese farmers

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Bayer is 10 percent of the polled Chinese farmers said their farming experience has been improved from climate change. They also consider better information is a useful tool to tackle challenges posed by extreme weather events.

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Beer sector eyes more golden opportunities

Higher-end products seek loyalty from younger consumer demographic

By YUNAI ZHOU

The beer industry in China has entered a period of high-quality output and differentiation, with more growth in productivity and sales upstream, and top industry experts and players.

WANG Yong, chairman of the China Alcoholic Drinks Association, said during the China Beer Summit held last Friday in Beijing that the industry is confident of the upgrading of the country's beer market, particularly high-end products—an unwavering trend fueled by higher expectations among consumers.

The National Bureau of Statistics said China's beer industry maintained steady growth momentum in the first half of this year. In the first half of the year, beer production reached 27.66 million tons, an increase of 1.3% year-on-year. In August, the growth rate was 0.3% year-on-year.

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Eco-city builds on green values as it uses business and technology assets to keep on thriving

By ALEXIS HOOG and KENNY STRONG in Shanghai

The China-Singapore Friendship Library in the eco-city of Songdo, Shanghai, is built on a community with green and sustainable technologies.

Editor's note: A decade ago, President Xi Jinping visited the China-Singapore Eco-City, a project involving the two countries. He said the eco-city would be a good example for environments and environmentally friendly societies. As the eco-city marks its 10th anniversary this year, China Daily looks at the latest developments.

The China-Singapore Friendship Library in the China-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City. Above: Recycling bins are congested in a community in the China-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City. Photos: PROVIDED BY CHINA DAILY.

It is important to have a clear position that the eco-city is smart through technological assets and standards for the low-carbon economy. Let's make this a good location for companies that will contribute to China, to Singapore and to the world as the low-carbon economy evolves. "Teo Eng Khong, CEO of SSTEC."

The concept of eco-city is to build a business hub for the low-carbon economy for companies with products and services to help with the world reduce carbon emissions," he said.

For example, companies that develop new solutions to make energy consumption more efficient and those that produce new energy technologies. "It may also include companies that are producing solutions and products for electric vehicles, or it can be solar vehicles to replace internal combustion, which will be an important policy tool to help China's dual carbon goals," he said.

Intelligent approach

Better technologies will also be part of the effort to be a business hub for the low-carbon economy.

At the World Intelligence Congress in Tianjin in May, Wang said, "Above all, the eco-city's business environment will be a good example for other cities in terms of technology and software. The eco-city has a mix of companies, universities and other research institutions, helping to set up an industry that is related to fields and breakthroughs in world research.

In its first year, the institute was involved in designing and creating education projects for more than 100 specialists, engineers and teachers from the municipal cybersecurity administration to improve their understanding of the latest technologies and the examination of the latest technologies and the testing of the latest developments in the field.

In December, the institute completed a seminar report on global AI security governance that analyzed the challenges, governance models and industry practices of AI security governance from the perspectives of policy formulation and industry practices.

City for the future

Zhang Jiaxiong, the institute's director, said industry leaders such as cybersecurity company 360 Digital Network, have made great contributions to the presence of the eco-city because of its high connectivity and integration and its smart city strategies.

"The eco-city provides a testing ground for the green economy and the latest technology research at the same time, many local enterprises have conducted in-depth studies," he said.

The eco-city has an environmentally aware core and platform companies will also be able to adapt to aspects of smart city construction, with many supporting enterprises specializing in the data aggregation, urban security and governance and related fields, Zhang said.

"Companies that have started operations in Singapore or elsewhere, in the low-carbon economy, are developing new products or services, which may introduce to some Chinese, just as they may identify with their products in an environment in sync with the low-carbon economy," he said.

"Innovative solutions are in Singapore or elsewhere, in the low-carbon economy, they may identify with it now when they are still small and attend to them in these cities, they may be big companies later," he said.

"We need to have a clear position that the eco-city will have a smart city framework and support for the low-carbon economy," he said.