Outlook on growth up for rest of year

China’s economic growth is poised to reach a peak in the remainder of the year with a slow of stimulus measures, taking a gradual, steady approach. The growth rate is likely to decline in the near future, and the government will continue to monitor the situation closely.

China’s economy has continued to grow steadily in recent months, with the latest data showing a healthy expansion. The government has been implementing a range of measures to support the economy, including fiscal and monetary policies.

The outlook for the rest of the year is generally positive, with expectations that growth will remain strong. However, there are some risks to watch for, including the potential for a slowdown in global demand and the impact of the pandemic on the economy.

By LEONARDO DENG

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Decoupling would harm economies

By YANG RAN

Decoupling could have adverse effects on global trade and world economy, said Aho, former Finnish prime minister.

Japan and China have become the two major economies and their cooperation or competition will have an important impact on global economy.

During an exclusive interview with China Daily, Aho said that Japan and China are the two major economies and the two biggest actors in the global economy.

In the past two decades, China's economy has grown at an annual rate of 9.5 percent, and Japan's has grown at an annual rate of 3.5 percent.

Today's global economy is no longer the same as it was 10 years ago. The world economy is now more integrated and interdependent, and the world is becoming smaller.

China Daily: China is becoming one of the world's most influential nations and its influence is growing rapidly. How do you think China should maintain its role in global economy?

Aho: China is the world's largest market and has a huge and growing middle class. It is important for China to maintain its role in global economy. This will require China to continue to promote economic growth and to continue to participate in global trade and investment.

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Innovation: Integrating AI and robots

Soon, every robotic dog will have its day, and say!

By MV SA

It’s no trick to train a dopy dog to follow you around and respond when asked to sit down or shake hands! What if the dog has some unique skills, such as standing on one leg while nosing on a chunk of toast without destroying, constantly morphing back faces? This would be even better.

In a lab-like quadrupedal robotic dog developed by Chinese tech company Xiaomi, researchers have made the latest push by Xiaomi to popularize AI and robots.

With a black, sleek, futuristic design, CyberDog is not alone at speeds of 6.2 meters per second, analyze its surroundings in real-time, create navigational maps, plot no obstacles, and avoid obstacles.

Equipped with human posture and face recognition technology, CyberDog is capable of identifying its owner and staying around to observe

Xiaomi Corp also showcased its vision of exciting humanized robot CyberOne.

CyberOne is able to understand human voice commands and can also activate a wide range of functions, from music to entertainment.

It’s like the company is inviting dog owners to give their pets a voice, with CyberDog now able to understand and respond to commands.

Innovative technology meets practical application, CyberDog is expected to become a powerful tool for businesses and individuals alike.

On being asked whether the robotic dog can help deliver parcels, an employee of Xiaomi said that since the weight of the package is within the acceptable range of the four-legged animal of the robotic dog, it can be done.

Let said CyberDog 2 is designed for more engineers and robotic enthusiasts than ordinary consumers. It is priced at 12,899 yuan ($1,800) and greater efforts are needed for market introduction.

Xiaomi said CyberDog 2 has been made as an open-source as possible, from coding to structural drawings, as well as providing graphical programming and modular processing of various emerging capabilities.

With its continuous open-source updates, the CyberDog family will attract more developers to participate, while continuously promoting the growth of the ecosystem. "With our open source technology, people can easily contribute to innovation. Xiaomi is not alone in doing an investment in open-source machines.

US company Boston Dynamics had pioneered the quadrupedal format for robots.

Last year, the company showcased Spot for $19,500 but the robot has been put to a wide range of uses, from surveying dangerous sites to helping detect cancer in patients early. It has also been tested by local law enforcement and the military, though not as a weapon.

Xiaomi’s CyberDog 2 is a quadrupedal robot developed by Chinese tech company Unitree Robotics, a spin-off of Xiaomi.

"CyberDog’s technology and capabilities are all self-developed by Xiaomi’s engineers. It is capable of imaging, voices, recognizing emotions and many other functions," said Fan Ran, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Electronics.

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Trump appears for civil fraud trial

By MILOSZ FIJEK in New York

Former US president Donald Trump made a statement to the media outside the courtroom at a Manhattan courthouse during the trial in New York. His attorneys, the Trump Organization and others in a civil fraud case brought by state Attorney General Letitia James, in New York on Monday. (WILLIAM JELLINEK)
Intrepid drone operators
turn skills to good account

A cooperative of 54 women is helping farmers in Hubei province and beyond, and at the same time improving members’ lives

By LEUKUN in Wuhan

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as Li always wears a hat when she operates a drone that sprays pesticides on her farmland in spring in Tianmen, Hubei province.

Standing on the edge of the field, Ye, 38, dons a red apron and forklift to the drone for spraying pesticides on her farmland.

They can do the job in one day, and the cost of labor is low.

Drone operators have been working in the agricultural industry outside their homes.

He returned to Tianmen in 2015 and focused on promoting new and green plant protection technologies.

Two years later she was a pioneer in Tianmen in using drones to help farmers spray pesticides and related technical services.

“Women have the advantage of being more meticulous,” Ye says.

They have the advantage of being more meticulous, and with a bit of training, the female farmers are soon operating them.”

“Now, when a farmer uses a drone, he can estimate the amount of pesticide needed,” Ye says.

“Being part of the cooperative not only helps to take care of their family’s income but also to increase their income.”

Top above: Jiang Minglan discusses with the team members about drone maintenance in Tianmen, Hubei province, on April 3. Above: Jiang Minglan gives a flight demonstration to herself in plants in Tianmen, Hubei province on May 25.

This drone can be of immense help to farmers by accurately completing the task of spraying pesticides.

Ye Li, drone operator

In Changzhi, a village in poor household in Lanting village in Hongtian township of Tianmen, a drone is launched to spray pesticides on the farmland.

When the drone is launched, the farmer is happy to see the results.

“By using drones, we can save time and effort, and the cost of labor is low,” Ye says.

The cooperative has more than 200 members, and they are working in different areas.

The drone can fly for about 30 minutes after a month of practice she felt comfortable with the drone.

The drone can cover up to 300 hectares of land per day.

The drone has been used to spray pesticides in this area for about one year.

He also helped more and more of the cooperative members take part in their services.

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Farm venture’s
drones
lay
high-altitude
success

By PHELPS NIVYMA in Dusha and LEU KUN in Wuhan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The use of drones in agriculture has been a game-changer for many farmers, especially in regions with limited access to traditional farming techniques.

In the high-altitude regions of Tibet, China, the use of drones in agriculture has been particularly successful.

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After completing postgraduate studies in agricultural engineering at Chinese Agricultural University in Wuhan in 2013, Zhang (pseudonym) set up a drone company that specialized in agricultural applications.

In 2015, Zhang founded Tianmen Global Agricultural Co-operative Development Co Ltd, which provides drone-based agricultural services.

The company works with farmers to develop high-altitude regions, where traditional farming methods are not always feasible.

In 2016, the company introduced a new model of agricultural drone, the “Tibet High-altitude Agricultural Co-operative Development Co Ltd,” which can operate at altitudes of up to 3,000 meters.

The drone has a range of about 30 kilometers and can carry up to 30 kilograms of spray materials.

The drone has been used to spray pesticides, fertilizers, and other agricultural chemicals.

The company has also worked with local governments to develop new agricultural techniques.

In 2018, the company collaborated with the government of Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to develop a high-altitude agricultural co-operative development co-operative.

The co-operative provides drone-based agricultural services to farmers in the high-altitude regions of Tibet.

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The co-operative also provides training to farmers on how to use the drones.

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Highway crosses country, bridges nations

Completion of Algeria’s East-West Highway places country in prime regional position, cements Chinese ties

By ZHOU JIN
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With the completion of the 84-km section in Souk El-Tarfl, the Algeria East-West Highway, which stretches 1,216-km and has been under construction for the last 10 years, finally opened to traffic. This 84-km section in the East-West highway was completed by China’s CITC Construction, and connects from Beni-Elarief in the province of El Tarfl to the town of El Bach al-Fouad on the border with Tunisia.

Free to drive, the Algerians are now able to travel across the country smoothly, a step that once took them three to four days, in the space of 10 hours.

“This is a tremendous achievement in Algeria’s development. Beginning in the historic city of Beni-Elarief, the highway can push fresh fisheries to the margins of the Atlantic sea through the coastal cities of Russia, the capital Algiers, and Constantine, arriving at the eastern central Atlantic in the evening, where they can enjoy seafood caught in the Mediterranean,” a former minister said.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony in El Tarfl, Prime Minister Ayman Benabderrahmane hailed the highway’s strategic significance in substantially facilitating trade, and promoting economic exchange between Algeria and Tunisia, the Xinhua News Agency reported. He also praised CITC’s “exceptional quality.”

China is the largest builder of Algeria’s infrastructures. Over the years, China-made notable contributions to the country’s development and the improvement of livelihoods, said Li Fan, China’s ambassador to Algiers.

With the highwayfinished and open to traffic, it will be possible to tap local resources, facilitate the massive economic development, and investments to promote economic development and social progress.

In particular, Algeria has become the focal point in the Maghreb region – the five countries – and has become a key player in Libya and Mauritania – to build at an unprecedented scale which will greatly enhance its influence in the region and the world.

Calling it “a fine example of Chinese-Algerian friendship and road cooperation,” Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said that the project benefits close to one million and is widely appreciated in Algeria.

The two countries signed the memorandum of understanding on the E11 in 2011, and the project plan for the joint development of the country was in 2012.

Cracking a hard nut
Ji Zhongli, the chief engineer on the project, said: “It’s an honor to see the completion of this project. It’s an honor to see the excitement and sense of pride as people drove through the highway after it opened.

“It took nearly an hour for a round trip, and it was a steady and comfortable ride.”

Building the highway was not easy. In addition to geological challenges, it is the highest-level road project built since the country’s independence in 1962. It was also the first ever project in which Al had participated.

Between 2006 and 2012, China CITC Construction built a 58-km stretch of the East-West Highway, one of the sections in the project.

Mohamed Chadi, director of the Algeria National Highway Agency, said CITC Construction built “for local laws and regulations and international standards in previous construction of the highway,” adding that the company had made use of “advanced technology to ensure high standards and quality of the work.”

In 2013, CITC Construction was selected to take over construction of the 64-km project after it was abandoned by a Japanese enterprise.

“Of course, our previous experience and the government’s decision made us a confident bidder,” said Li Fan.

He added that the firm made an offer by surveying the road, saying that the road was not smooth enough to accommodate geologists, and that it faced enormous construction difficulties, a nightmare for geologists.

The East-West Highway passes through regions that include saltwater lakes, salt flat plains, and mountainous areas alike, with lakes, rives, and numerous rivers intersecting the main road.

Geological conditions were also challenging. The highway runs across areas of mud, a multiform bedrock (inlay soil), which turns into rock and is prone to landslides on rainy days, as well as areas with soft mud, and flood plains several kilometers across.

These conditions posed serious challenges to the construction of subgrade (the earthen layer underneath the road) and bridges, Ji said.

However, the company was able to do the best they could, and line up to Algeria’s tasks. “Those were because we thought they should be done as it, and we also had to believe in ourselves and prove we could do it,” he said.

To overcome this difficulty, Ji and his team had to travel for 28 kilometers to find suitable soil for the subgrade.

During Algeria’s rainy season, the monument workers had to deal with weather they would wash what they were doing and quickly move over the soil in order to avoid flooding, Fasioun.

“In Europe, a rainfall smaller than 5 meters is considered high. On this project, the E11 reaches 84.7 meters at its highest point,” he said.

CITC Construction also made use of advanced Chinese construction technology on the project, including the use of high-modulus asphalt to enhance the durability and service life of the road, driving damping devices to avoid potential disasters, and advanced skills to reinforce the subgrade to ensure the road is able to endure the stress of heavy traffic.

In addition, Ji added that as the highway traverses a national forest and an international wildlife conservation area, they built special corridors to allow wild animals to pass safely, as well as wastewater sedimentation ponds to mitigate potential ecological disturbances.

The efforts were instrumental in elevating the preservation of those natural treasures, and exemplified the company’s commitment to responsible construction practices that promote both environmental conservation and infrastructure development, Ji said.

In this manner, the Chinese approach was adapted to meet European standards, and the implementation of the super-long-distance project demonstrated seemingly insurmountable challenges in opportunities for progress.

What were once wind and dust hindering development became pads to prospective, Ji said.

Connecting hearts
This highway not only connects peoples, it also connects hearts, and is a symbol of what can be achieved when people from different background work together towards a common purpose.

According to Ji, about 3,500 workers were involved in the project – around 3,500 of them from Algeria. After training and working with Chinese colleagues, the Algerians gained valuable hands-on experience, and 60 percent are now able to operate the construction equipment.

Dilshad Ahmed, 32, was one of those who moved to work in the East-West project, the past few years, and he has learned to speak Chinese.

“Thanks to the support of my Chinese colleagues when I worked with them, and I appreciate their efforts,” he said.

The project entirely was huge, and he is proud to have witnessed the completion of the 84-km project, which is the result of the hard work and construction of Algerians and Chinese, and that the highway will help revitalize Algeria’s economy and strengthen the relationship between the two brotherly nations.

“This is the most impressive project our company has ever accomplished, and it will be one of the most important projects in the future, and I will always be by your side to complete them,” he added.

Li Xiaoshuai, an environmental manager who worked on the project in the last sector before joining the final section, said that her Chinese colleagues had shown respect for the custom and traditions of Algeria, and demonstrated calm and efficient management.

The engineer said that being part of the team was an inspiring experience and added that “collaborating with CITC allows us to widen our efforts to deal with difficulties, and fulfill our commitment.”

Earlier this summer, unprecedented 60 days of heavy rain swept across the region, washing away up to 30 meters of the soil by the end of June. Roads became quagmires, and construction schedules were thrown into disarray.

The team worked harder whether they could finish before the deadline.

When the rains stopped in mid-June, progress accelerated at all the workers descended on the site.

Everyone worked overtime under the evening sun, and as a result of the complaint was raised, Ji said.

In late June, and just days before the deadline, the E11 road largely kitted, a significant traffic holiday during which Algerian workers are traditionally treated in a momentous three days of leave.

From the inauguration of the project, one-third of the Algerian employees worked hard to work, which surprised Ji, and he was deeply moved by their dedication.

“I think we influenced each other as we worked together,” he said.

CITC’s commitment to quality, efficiency and assistance, and respect for customs and religion demonstrates the strength of bilateral cooperation, and the transformative power of collectives, deputy General Manager of CITC Construction Algeria Qi Shuai said.

Transferring skills
Chinese contribution to global infrastructure has not only involved highways and bridges but has also entailed the transfer of invaluable knowledge and expertise methods, Qi said.

“Many workers, who have accumulated experience through cooperation with Chinese colleagues, are highly skilled, and represent the future of the industry in Algeria,” Ji Zongli said, the chief, the main roles among the domestic and international high-level Africans.

Over the past few years, CITC Construction has provided technical training to about 10,000 Algerian engineers and technicians, skills necessary for future road maintenance and management, Qi said.

They also chose 300 Algerian workers to be trained in China. In addition to the construction work, they also taught Chinese history and culture, which Ji Zongli says will help deepen their understanding of China and promote bilateral friendship.

“It is honor to teach overseas than to give them a fish. This is the way China deals with African countries, said Qi.

“Only by passing on some of our advanced project management experiences and technology can we help the country achieve sustainable development,” he said.

“We also fulfilled our social responsibilities. We set up a management institute and training center, which will be open to the public only in this way can the company help improve the training and construction in Algeria.”

In addition, the company helped build up a talent reserve for the company’s future development in the country, he added.

In addition, these companies operating overseas, Qi said that that’s also what’s happening in efficiency and quality when it was allowed to do so.

Friendly historical inheritance
In the 19th century, Algeria and China’s policies, encourage Chinese workers to work outside the country, by the said.

The E11, which is in its 10th year, represents a commitment to improving technical, economic cooperation, and mutual development, and Chinese companies have been looking forward to working on these projects, making these ideals into tangible progress, said, adding that their involve in only those benefits economic growth, and that broader cultural understanding and cooperation are necessary.

Under the E11 cooperation period, which to continue to expand, Ji said.

The Chinese government has been a long-time friend in the world.

“I think I will continue to work on China-Algeria cooperation projects, and I believe there will be opportunities,” said.
Coach serves up table tennis skills for students

Guan Yan is a table tennis coach at Shuiman center school in Wuzhishan city of Hainan province. In December 2021, Guan Yan and her husband settled in Wuzhishan city to encourage more local children of different ethnic groups to try out table tennis. When Guan arrived at the school, she and her husband picked more than 40 children to teach and help improve their abilities. During the training, the students would often take more than four hours practicing skills under her instruction. Faced with difficulties and challenges, these young children insist on their studies and hope they can become table tennis champions.

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Needed: Real doctor in the time of AI

By BO JIEHUA

The Beijing Municipal Health Commission has released a new regulation prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence (AI) robots for issuing prescriptions during online medical consultations. But how to get help from a human doctor instead?

Given how crowded hospitals are, the consequences of medical mistakes have attracted many patients who have seen less severe health issues and are looking for quick diagnosis and treatment. However, such concommitment has thrown up several issues, which could be solved by a well-designed algorithm giving a wrong prescription, or a disability diagnosis with a doctor whose qualification is suspect. If, for instance, a woman was diagnosed with cervical cancer, then the AI robot might not be able to provide a diagnosis and treatment service.

He didn’t click on the link because he thought it was too personal and detailed. He normally asks medical questions of doctors, but he didn’t think the traveler’s story was an appropriate case for the physician, and he doesn’t want to discuss other symptoms before providing a diagnosis.

He is not the first patient to be dissatisfied with the online consultation service. He isn’t the only patient dissatisfied with the service. There are cases where patients have found online medical consultations inconvenient.

Dong Li, a nurse of a year-old girl, said, "The consultation is an online consultation in a well-known private clinic, and he is the second patient to have wrongly been diagnosed online.

Dong’s daughter’s legs were bent, but she seemed to be at normal range. She didn’t want to take her daughter to the hospital, but would not allow the doctor to see her.

So she approached an online clinic, submitted a photograph of her daughter’s legs and described the situation. The doctor reviewed the image, photographed her leg, and assessed that she had a congenital condition.

"The dietitian and pharmacists then gave advice on medication and diet."

Dong said the consultation was a successful online experience. He later called the doctor to ask about the further treatment, but was not able to contact him.

Dong believes "online medical service will be the trend of the future," and he is satisfied with the doctor’s response. He said he was unable to find another doctor who could give him the same assurance.

Many benefits from hospitals’ companion diagnosis service

By BO JIEHUA

The Beijing Friendship Hospital recently introduced an AI-generated medical consultation service, which has been well-received by both patients and medical professionals.

A 30-year-old woman, L, suddenly felt her chest pain and shortness of breath while running in the morning. She was sent to the Beijing Friendship Hospital for emergent treatment. During her emergency examination, the doctor said that she was suffering from this condition because of her oral contraceptive pill and she was immediately referred to the hospital.

"She said ‘I am just too sick to live in my house!’" L said. "There is no one in the hospital who can do this examination."

On the WeChat account of the Beijing Friendship Hospital, patients can sign up on the online consultation platform to get a medical opinion. In a series of online consultations, helping patients to make an appointment, doctor’s status, and even get the treatment.

During a visit to the hospital, the patient’s data had been recorded on the computer, providing them with an appointment, doctor’s status, and even getting a consultation. At any time. If you have trouble understanding the nature of medical treatment, you may want to connect with the service by phone or chat. If you need help in diagnosis, you can consult with the doctors and nurses. In some cases, you’ll be asked for your permission to continue the examination, and you will be shown the results.

There are many benefits from hospitals’ companion diagnosis service.

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Smart appliances show promising future

Makers bank on cutting-edge tech for juicy growth as demand for experience rises

By PAN FEIFEI

Air conditioners that automatically adjust to your clothing style, and a range of smart devices that track your daily habits have already begun to part of people’s daily life.

In the end of intelligence, almost every home appliance can be controlled through voice commands, facial recognition or using mobile devices nowadays. Cutting-edge digital technologies are rapidly transforming traditional industries and making life more convenient.

Chinese smart home devices sector is expected to see explosive growth in the next few years, thanks to robust AI coverage, artificial intelligence and internet of things, experts said.

A report global market research consultancy International Data Corporation (IDC) announced that shipments of smart home equipment in China reached 0.19 billion units in 2020, an increase of more than 50 percent, and the figure is expected to reach 0.53 billion units in 2025, with total sales value reaching 800 billion yuan (10.8 billion USD).

Global smart home device declined for the first time in 2021 as shipments fell 25 percent year-on-year to 97.5 million units, IDC said.

The forecast recommends a record 5.2 percent growth in smart home device shipments in 2022 as the global economy recovers. This growth is likely to continue through 2024 with worldwide shipments reaching 1.34 billion units in 2025.

Demand for smart home devices is driven by a number of factors, such as the world’s largest consumption market and a growing emphasis on security, accounting for a 20 to 30 percent share of additional spending on a single household.

According to a report on research market company Analysis & Consulting, smart home appliance manufacturers are facing increased pressure to upgrade the size and form of products. OEM orders will be affected by the demand for space, security or sensors that allow data exchange.

Huang Yanqing, manager of the national IoT smart home appliances group of Huaqiangnet, said that shipments of Chinese K1 smart home appliances manufacturers will surpass 100 million units in 2023, and the powerful IoT ecosystem provided by platforms such as Xiaomi and Huawei will bring together household appliances.

Huaqiangnet is powered by Huaqiangnet Technology Co., Ltd., a leading global engineering services company, which develops and manufactures products quickly by collecting and analyzing the massive amount of data from suppliers, customers and factories while boosting productivity and cutting costs.

More Chinese consumers voice greater desire for innovative virtual assistants

By PAN FEIFEI

Zhao Zijie, 32-year-old financial manager, was shopping in the Tmall home appliances store when he found a smart assistant called DuerOS, which was introduced by Baidu.

Zhao was impressed by the attitude of the assistant, which said things like, “I’ll be there for you.”

Zhao said he was thinking of purchasing the device for his home when he realized that it was the same kind of device that he had been using for years.

In recent years, the development of artificial intelligence technology and cloud computing has led to an increase in voice assistants that can improve user experience and serve as a virtual assistant in a variety of fields, such as music, news, weather, and more.

According to Baidu, the number of voice assistant devices used in China has reached 1.4 billion, with an average of 3.5 billion queries per day.

Most of these devices can be controlled through voice commands and are capable of providing real-time information, such as weather updates, news, music, and more.

In addition, virtual assistants can provide users with personalized recommendations, such as movie suggestions or restaurant reviews, based on their preferences and history.

However, as the number of smart assistant devices grows, the issue of privacy and security becomes increasingly important.

According to Baidu, their virtual assistant, DuerOS, has a 360-degree view of the surrounding environment, allowing it to provide users with personalized services.

In terms of security, DuerOS uses advanced encryption technologies to protect user data, ensuring that it is secure and reliable.

Moreover, Baidu has released a series of products that can work together with DuerOS, such as the smart speaker and the smart TV.

These devices can be controlled through voice commands, allowing users to access information and control devices without having to use their hands.

Overall, the development of virtual assistants has made life more convenient and efficient, providing users with a better experience.

In the future, it is expected that virtual assistants will continue to develop and evolve, providing users with even more personalized and efficient services.
Arxan’s natural bounty finds fresh fans

Once logged, Inner Mongolia’s thick forests now echo to the sounds of tourism, Xing Wen reports.

Forests in Arxan, Inner Mongolia autonomous region, take on varied shades of color to different seasons. PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Arxan is famed for its rich biodiversity and unique natural scenery. The Inner Mongolia autonomous region capital offers a diverse range of activities, from traditional tours to nature-based experiences. The landscape varies from vast grasslands to dense forests and mountains, providing an opportunity to explore different ecosystems. The area is also known for its rich cultural heritage, including traditional art and history.

The history of Arxan is closely tied to the local people who have lived there for generations. The region has a long tradition of oral storytelling and music, passed down through generations. The landscape is dotted with ancient sites, including temples and historic buildings, which reflect the region’s rich cultural history.

Arxan’s natural bounty has also attracted tourists looking for a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. The forests and mountains offer a chance to disconnect and connect with nature, while the region’s cultural activities provide an opportunity to learn about and engage with local customs.

The region’s tourism industry has grown significantly in recent years, with an increasing number of visitors coming to explore the area’s natural beauty and cultural heritage. The tourism industry has not only boosted the local economy but has also helped to preserve the region’s unique cultural and natural resources.

As tourism continues to grow, the region is developing new initiatives to ensure that the natural and cultural resources are preserved for future generations. This includes efforts to promote sustainable tourism practices and to educate visitors about the importance of maintaining the region’s natural and cultural heritage.

Despite challenges such as climate change and the increasing pressures of tourism, the region’s leaders and stakeholders are committed to finding ways to balance economic development with environmental protection. This includes efforts to reduce pollution and to promote eco-friendly tourism practices.

The future of Arxan’s tourism industry is bright, with a growing number of visitors discovering the region’s unique beauty and cultural richness. As the tourism industry continues to develop, it is likely that the region will continue to attract visitors from around the world, helping to ensure that Arxan’s natural bounty remains a cherished destination for years to come.

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Xian attraction gives culture a new look

Visitors clad in traditional attire take a selfie while strolling around the Grand Tang Mali in Xi’an, Shaanxi province. PHOTO PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Xi’an, the ancient capital city of China, has a rich cultural heritage and is renowned for its historical sites and cultural exports. The city is home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Terracotta Army and the City Wall, which attract millions of visitors each year.

In recent years, the city has continued to invest in its cultural heritage, with a focus on promoting traditional arts and crafts. This includes efforts to preserve and promote local crafts, such as pottery and textiles, as well as to develop tourism opportunities that showcase the city’s cultural richness.

One example of this is the Daming Palace, which has been undergoing a major renovation and restoration project. The project aims to restore the palace to its former glory, while also providing a new destination for tourists. The palace is expected to open to the public in 2023, with a focus on showcasing the city’s rich cultural heritage.

Xi’an is also home to several cultural festivals, including the Huacheng Lantern Festival, which takes place annually in January or February. The festival features elaborate lantern displays and is a popular destination for tourists.

The city’s cultural exports are also a significant part of its economy. The city is home to several cultural exports, including pottery, textiles, and traditional music. These exports are a major source of revenue for the city, helping to support local businesses and create jobs.

As Xi’an continues to develop its cultural exports, it is likely that the city will continue to attract tourists from around the world. The city’s rich cultural heritage and vibrant cultural exports make it a unique destination that offers something for everyone.
Europe reveals Ryder revenge

Host team earns payback for Whistling Straits thrashing in Ryder Cup high-priced contest

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Europe revels in Ryder revenge

The best collection of players at Mayflower Hotel in July, the Ryder Cup had been two years ago at Whistling Straits when it suffered its worst-ever defeat in America, a payback on Sunday afternoon with a vengeance.

The celebration was for European fans and, yes, for the winner of the Ryder Cup.

"Europe is the home of the Ryder Cup," European Tour chief Martin Slumbers said. "We are on home soil for the Ryder Cup in 2021."

Captain Luke Donald, in his first single match at the 16th hole, whipped it to a 4-2 lead for the Europeans, who won all three of the American-led matches.

"We were very excited to be here," Donald said. "It's great to be back on home soil for the Ryder Cup."
Huang Qianqian's golden virtuoso story of Team China that is huge lift ahead of Paralympics

Huang Qianqian (left) competes against Hong Bee-in of South Korea during the women's team foil fencing final of the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. Zhejiang province, last Thursday.

By MIH FUTIAN in Hangzhou

Reaching the top podium against powerful opponents such as Hong Bee-in and So Young Huh of Korea, Qianqian Qianqian before the final of the women's team foil fencing. So, after pocketing both the women's individual and team gold medals in Hangzhou, the 35-year-old is doing quite well again.

"I'm so happy to achieve something here to Hangzhou. I've had a lot of special experiences and this victory means even more. I'm not just an individual in my country, I'm also for everyone," she said.

"In terms of the Olympics I just want to go as deep as I can in the draw."

Huang Qianqian was born in Hangzhou where she started 2015 Asian men gold medal this time around. She received a recording of success on social media, as the hacking "Chinese fencer fans after final" viewed around 10 million times in a week, with many comments on Huang's amazing performance.

In the gold medal match she faced a tough challenge from South Korea, Saeed Yuki Ues. 10-10 to claim her first Asian Games gold.

"I was nervous when the score was 10-10, but I just told myself to keep calm and think deeply about what I was going to do when I eventually resume my real self and myself, I felt incredible," said Huang.

"I was good to put them to their knees. I'm from Hangzhou, a legendary Chinese fencer who won the individual gold at the 2012 London Olympics.

"I'm a very gentle soul, and very appreciative when we encounter difficulties and always encourage us. As an Olympic champion, I always share this view with my students," said Huang.

"I was surprised when I was told that I would play in the individual competition. At first, of course, I was under pressure, but thanks to my coach, I cut through surgeries. I question myself too, and my coach always tells me to trust myself.

"In left hand, Huang's egotistical attitude made her a trustworthiness plus for the big stage.

"Huang is the kind of player who can always perform her best at major competition. With a big heart," the coach said.

"No matter how high the pressure is, she always believes in her skills. The Chinese women's foil team as a whole is full of enthusiasm and persistency. The training and competition can be hard sometimes, but we always manage.

"Lately and it has continued his operated. His health had been considered an underdog, but through the support from the team in Hangzhou, the golden medal has been considered a surprise to pretty much everyone.

"After my own success, we could hardly be left without any gold medal. The Japanese seemed to be very strong in foil."

"The goal was to try to beat those if we could win any titles in Hangzhou. So it really is the perfect ending for us both in the individual and team gold (and) foil here in Hangzhou."

"As many other athletes at the Games, but has been impressed by the weight and size of the gold medals.

"Actually, it is the heaviest gold medal I have ever seen. The gold medals and silver in the team encourage us, and greatly boosted the confidence of the younger generation of fencers," he added.

"This victory shows us that as long as you have enough heart and try your best, you can achieve what seems to be impossible."

"The two gold medals were the summit of China's fencing title in Hangzhou, so the main believes there is still plenty of room for improvement."

"Actually, we should not consider ourselves to have any advantage in our discipline. We should look up to Asia, to the world," said Huang Qianqian, the Chinese fencing team, told Xinhua.

"It is the biggest stage in the Olympics, and foil coach Lei has set his goal to approach his Games with "anything is possible" mentality.

"I think the most important thing for me is every game is a new moment and my heart. The more we are urgent, frugal and stronger," said Lei.

"The Chinese fencing team should never be afraid of tough fights. Our experience here in Hangzhou have proved that. Until the last second of the competition, we believed we would be the winners who will be the world champion."

Sprint stars shine on golden night for China

Xie Ziyiwei (left) and Ge Mengqiu, celebrate winning their respective 800m finals at the Asian Games in Hangzhou on Saturday. (Xinhua/Sun Mingwei)

By XING WEI in Hangzhou

Athletes underestimates stand out as one of the most popular sports categories at the Hangzhou Asian Games.

The diverse array of sports used the athletes push the limits of fundamental human abilities, with the events' simplicity and subtly understandable rules making them highly engaging.

Specialists can appreciate the distinct physical abilities of the athletes participating in the various disciplines such as sprinting, long-distance running, shot put, hammer, long jump, and the throwing sports.

Among all the categories, the one most aquí the anticipation is the 100-metre sprint. The bend, yet arguably the most intense race, represents the pinnacle of human speed.

This is why the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium was packed within 50,000 spectators on Sunday night, as the quickest men and women on the continent gathered to attempt the 100m finals.

Aails distance runners of the home course, Chinese sprinter Ge Mengqiu clinched the women's title in 11.20 seconds. Veronika Sh pixmap of Singapore also clinched the gold medal in 11.24 seconds with Ge Mengqiu.

With the proudly waving the Chinese flag during her victory lap, the golden medal adorned on her chest, accompanied by the melodie songs of the song The Beautiful Door was ringing.

In this moment, every spectator stands on their feet, waving their arms and reserve the crystals to the stadium in its ever flashing arms.

It was the very first Asian Games gold medal for the 23-year-old, and once on the book of a particularly momentous victory, the sight of Ge Mengqiu's gold medal was irreplaceable.

"It was the very first Asian Games gold medal for the 23-year-old, and once on the book of a particularly momentous victory, the sight of Ge Mengqiu's gold medal was irreplaceable.

"It's quite rare to see a girl achieve this in Hangzhou," said one spectator.

Ge Mengqiu had been monitoring Ge Mengqiu since 2015, when she first blacked out in 2015.

"That moment, I was in shock. I knew I had made it. I believed I had made a huge breakthrough in my career."

"I had actually been competing for a while, but I persisted in order to participate in the Hangzhou Asian Games. However, this year's Olympics in Tokyo has given me more confidence to set my sights on the Paralympics next year."

While the wheelchair athletes were still struggling in Ge Mengqiu's victory, they were about to come to celebrate when Chinese sprinter Xie Ziyiwei triumphed in the men's final, clocking in at 11.02 seconds.

In an Asian Games sprinter Su Bang, 26, absent due to injury, Xie walked the opportunity to shine in the event with a personal best of 11.02.

"Achieving a time of 11.02 seconds is a tremendous boost for me. It indicates that my hard work has returned to its prime," she said.

"It is a preparative phase for the upcoming Paris Olympic Games, this result has instilled me with huge confidence.

"I aim to learn from her, proving that age isn't an insurmountable obstacle," she said. "I'm in a hurry, but in competitive sports, we must always be eager, faster and stronger. I've learned the Olympic spirit from her, and I hope to pass on this spirit to all of my peers.

"It was such an exciting moment. I hope to have more than three medals at the Asian Games."

Sprinters stars shine on golden night for China

"I'm really excited and happy to be able to do this today. I'm happy about the victory. I've always wanted to break the 10-second barrier and I did it today," she said.

"I feel like my hard work has paid off and I've earned some recognition. I don't know how to thank you. I'm really emotional. I think I'm not used to sitting because you're probably not used to sitting."

Xie Ziyiwei grossed the 10.01 seconds at the 2020 European Championships in Helsinki, Finland, and it was in Hangzhou that Xie Ziyiwei triumphed in the men's final, clocking in at 11.02 seconds.

The golden medal in Hangzhou is his first-ever individual title at an international competition.

"To be honest, these Asian Games and I'm not really sure what to say when I won a gold medal," she said. "I have won, and I'm still at home."

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