Xi calls for greater role of Yangtze economic belt

Innovation key to national strategy’s high-priority development

By CAO DENGMEI

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President Xi Jinping has called for efforts to further promote the high-quality development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt in order to enable it to play a greater role in multi-center development in new technology and innovation and its sustaining national security, food, energy and industrial supply chain.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remark on Thursday while chairing a symposium in Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu province, on advancing the development of the economic belt.

He emphasized the need to adhere to green development and coordinate ecological conservation and socioeconomic growth through technological innovation, and to make the national strategy of the Yangtze River Economic Belt better support and serve Chinese modernization.

Jiang is part of the economic belt, which consists of 11 provincial-level regions, stretching from inland Yunnan province in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River to coastal Shanghai. Official data shows that the region owns 40 percent of the country's regulations and accounts for over 40 percent of the national gross domestic product.

Since China made the development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt a national strategy seven years ago, Xi has chaired four themed symposiums. The first one was held in Chongqing in January 2016, Wuhan, Hubei province, in April 2019 and Nanjing, Jiangsu, in November 2020.

During Thursday’s symposium, which was also attended by senior officials from the central authorities and relevant provinces and municipalities, Xi explained the significant achievements in implementing the development strategy of the economic belt, highlighting the efforts in environmental protection and innovation-driven development.

However, he pointed out that it is important to recognize that ecological conservation and high-quality development of the economic belt are at a critical turning point, and there are still many difficulties and problems that need to be resolved.

Nurturing the development of the economic belt is crucial to the overall development of the country. Xi said it is necessary for the region to coordinate development and social security, and take measures to ensure the quality of the economy's development.

Strategic emerging industries should be developed, and integration of the digital economy with the real economy should be promoted, he added.

Xi also emphasized the need to leverage the geopolitical position of the economic belt to better connect domestic and international markets.

Greater efforts should be made to expand international economic cooperation, better leverage the rule of free trade, and achieve a process of higher-level economic openness.

It is important to make greater efforts to protect the environment and enhance the beauty of the Yangtze river, its longest river, and extend the economic development belt, he added.

Hangzhou Asian Games foster unity, promote green living

The recently concluded 19th Asian Games were undoubtedly the most spectacular sporting event of the year, with 60 records broken.

It is disheartening that Western media, typically enamored with major sports events, showed little interest in reporting the groundbreaking achievements and failed to give proper recognition to the exceptional efforts of the record-breaking athletes.

The Games attracted 11,800 athletes from 45 Asian countries and regions who gathered in Hangzhou.

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PETS TAKE TO THE ROADS AND AIR WITH THEIR OWNERS

Fast-developing niche travel market offers plenty of potential

By CHEN MINGlong

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More pet owners are taking their animals on trips, related services such as specialized transport, accommodations and medical care now available.

Owners said it is good for the pets to see more of the outside world, as this broadens their horizons and enriches their lives.

For example, owners are arranging for their pets to travel by train, car or airplane and on pulp clubs. They also take them to see the sea, on camping trips, and to visit grasslands.

In other cities, pet owners are setting up play areas in the wild and registering with other animal clubs, so their beloved pets can enjoy the freedom of the time, get up close with nature.

The demand for pets to travel has led to pet tourism.
In May, Reanne Sun, 29, from Shanghai, Guangdong province, traveled across western China for 10 days with her border collie. Sun named her brush-toothed, sun-dressed into waves and her golden retriever Ma Xia has made traveling much more enjoyable.

She said that after she joined the dog-walking and pet-sitting group in Nanning, Guangxi province, she has met people from every corner of China who have made and received every kind of service and helped each other. "I've felt that the group has made my life more interesting.

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State fund injects majors into four major lenders

Move expected to further boost investor optimism, market performance

By NDI JIN in Shanghai

A General Social Security System (CSS) in China, one of China's seven social insurance funds has increased its holdings in four of the country’s largest commercial banks, the latest economic recovery which analysts said will help further boost investors' confidence and lift up stock market performance.

Central Huijin increased its stake by 0.4 percentage points in each of the “Big Four” lenders — Bank of China, Agricultural Bank of China, China Construction Bank and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China — and plans to further boost holdings in the coming six months, according to a report on Wednesday.

The capital injection into major lenders comes as China is scheduled to release data one month or so after a Central Bank move. A Chinese Financial Services Industry Association research group was formed to oversee the activity.

Conflict:
Road map urged for dialogue to resolve tense situation

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Monsoon Foreign Minister Than Shwe’s visit to North Korea this week on a road map with political goals, including the plan for talks and non-nuclear negotiations between North Korea and South Korea to allow for a final round of negotiation on the denuclearization of the peninsula, according to Xinhua News Agency.

Unification Minister Mok Joon-whan and a warrior cabinet on Wednesday warned of a possible confrontation if the whole cabinet brings former defense minister Kim Young-whan and the Unification Ministry to Beijing to protest the visit of the North Korean leader.

Games:
Advanced innovative tech on display at event

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The Asian Games set a trend and standard for future environmental and friendly sports events, contributing significantly to global climate change movements.

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Number of participants in the activities is estimated to be 400,000 in China's first large-scale microgrid. The microgrid is expected to operate for two years, from the day it comes into operation.
Chongqing utilizes BRI links to spur growth over past decade

Southwest-central China hub provides key transportation routes across region

By ZHANG YU

Asian economic base for the Belt and Road has already started. In the southwest-central China has played a role in the past decade, connecting it with the Yangtze River Economic Belt and entering high-paced development, according to a senior official of the municipal government.

"Establishing the construction of BRI projects has provided strong impetus for Chongqing to breakthrough through these bottlenecks and develop itself as an inland open city," according to Zhan, Chongqing

The work has been achieved by improving the transportation network, establishing platforms, promoting economic and trade cooperation, and creating a favorable business environment.

Asian Games venues reopen as public facilities

By MA ZHENHUI and GAI XIAO in Hangzhou

Despite the 15th Asian Games only drawing to a close last Sunday, some of the venues have already opened for public use and became hot spots in the host city of the sports enthusiasts and fans of Zhejiang province.

A notice issued by the Xiangshan District Cultural, Tourism and Sports Development and Service Center on Monday said that now the Xiangshan Sport Center (former Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center) will be opened to the public on Sunday, the 20th century and the 3rd Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Venue Space will be open to the public.

A distributor noticed by Zhejiang University said that his generation at the Xiangshan campus, where some of the Games’ basketball matches were held, would be available for students, faculty and staff members from Oct. 17.

On Tuesday, residents could be seen at the Hangzhou Sports Center Stadium, playing tennis and working out. The 15th Asian Games venues hosted eight soccer matches.

In preparation for the Games, the venues were upgraded, including its field, the indoor arena and venue, and conference rooms, and to provide a better environment for the visitors.

"The upgrading involves more of a comprehensive environment, not just the Games’ Pratt’s room," he said.

Asian Games, Kowloon and the other two offshore islands of Hong Kong, Kowloon and Hong Kong, also received government’s approval to open.

Oldies but goodlies

Record-breaking deep sea dive presumes dead

By BU XIAOA

The Department of Education has announced plans to separate the ocean floor from a research vessel to explore the depth of the world’s deepest ocean.

"We are happy to announce that the first oceanic dive in the world’s deepest ocean was completed," said BU XIAOA.

"We plan to conduct a series of dives in the area to explore the marine environment and gather data on the ocean floor," he said.

"We are also interested in observing the relationship between the ocean floor and the surrounding marine ecosystems," he added.

BU XIAOA said that the research would provide valuable insights into the ocean floor’s composition and its impact on marine life.

"We hope to make important discoveries and contribute to our understanding of the ocean floor," he said.

"We believe that this research will open up new avenues for exploration and help us better understand the ocean floor," he added.

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**Freight service in focus ahead of 6th CIIE**

By WANG YIN in Shanghai

A China-Europe freight train fully loaded with exhibits for the upcoming China International Import Expo arrived in Shanghai on Wednesday, marking the final stage of preparatory work for this year’s CIIE to be held from Nov 5 to 10, according to officials.

The operation was performed by China’s first freight train to transport exhibits from Europe participating in this year’s CIIE, Shanghai-based China National International Trust and Investment Co. Ltd. was quoted as saying by Xinhua News Agency.

According to Wang, the number of CIIE exhibitors from Europe transported in freight trains will be the first for the CIIE, because it can significantly reduce the combined value of goods transporting.

They can operate in areas not appearing on the list.

China’s freight train service has been revised for five consecutive years. In the 2015 version, the national and FIT negative lists have been reduced to 55 and 22 items, respectively, according to the ministry.

Thailand, a mainplayer in the $17 billion China-Europe freight train industry, has facilitated service efficiency through the application of electronic bill of lading, the Thai trade minister said.

All national exhibitions will be held in this year’s CIIE and nearly half of the countries will physically attend the event for the first time, said Feng Chenghui, deputy director of the China International Import Expo Bureau.

Registration will be set up in this terms of enterprise’s exhibition area size, the number of feature 300 enterprises and leading industrial fairs, custom fees.

Exhibitors from 174 countries and regions have participated in past CIIE exhibitions, and the number of booths have reached 315 per country, according to official information.

In the meantime, over 2,000 debut products, new technologies and services have been exhibited since the first CIIE in 2018, according to the report, marking a new era for China to explore new development patterns and build platforms for promoting high-standard open-up.

**Nation may allow higher foreign stakes in certain JVs**

By ZHOU LANXU

China is studying the feasibility of raising the foreign ownership restrictions on the amount of equity that foreign-controlled firms can hold in joint venture (JV) airlines, sources said, as the Ministry of Commerce on Thursday.

The goal is to attract more global capital.

China, it said, has already eliminated or relaxed foreign equity ownership restrictions in numerous industries.

These include seed production, automobiles, chemicals, shipbuilding, securities, banking, insurance and the ministry’s own aerospace.

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**Significant advances expected for e-CNY payments**

A Beijing digital currency pilot involving firms from the city and China’s state-owned Developing Bank of China, one of China’s biggest financial institutions, announced on Thursday that they have successfully completed a cross-border payment and settlement through a virtual currency (e-CNY) in Shanghai.

The initiative is designed to help small and medici-

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**GAC invests in Didi autonomous driving**

The Foshan-based GAC Motor Holding Co. Ltd. (GAC), a leading vehicle manufacturer in Southern China, has invested in Didi Chuxing’s autonomous driving venture, the car-hailing giant revealed on Thursday.

The investment is said to value the venture at $3 billion.

The US is also considered the world’s largest market for autonomous driving cars, with a national-level plan released in 2016 to develop a comprehensive strategy for the industry.

The strategy focuses on the development of autonomous vehicles, including the establishment of an industry standard for vehicle-to-infrastructure communication and the establishment of an industry standard for vehicle-to-vehicle communication.

While the Chinese government has been promoting autonomous vehicles, the US is lagging behind, with only a few cities having implemented autonomous vehicle testing. China, on the other hand, has been actively promoting autonomous vehicle testing, with the goal of having 100,000 autonomous vehicles on the roads by 2025.
Bullish on potential in nation, Canon to intensify investment

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Japanese tech giant Canon (China) will intensify efforts to expand its investments in the camera and medical equipment sectors in China to further tap the immense potential of the country’s consumption market, said a senior executive of the company.

Canon attests great importance to the Chinese market and intends to further expand its presence in terms of sales within the group by 2030, and Pankai Ora, executive vice-president of Canon and chairman of Canon China, said.

"Although China’s economy is facing downward pressure, the Chinese market is still of great significance to Canon," said Ora, while highlighting the company’s confidence in the prospects of China’s economic growth and upholding its long-term commitment to China.

"We found that Chinese customers are willing to pay for what they aspire to buy and currently Canon’s camera businesses continues to grow in China," Ora said.

Noting that an increasing number of young people choose to buy cameras for photography, he added that the company will put more resources in the camera sector which is expected to witness robust growth next year.

"Demand for medical equipment in China is also huge, so this segment will become the company’s development focus in the Chinese market," he added. The camera and medical equipment segments are important pillars to drive the company’s business growth in China.

Canon also called for more stimuli measures to further promote the purchasing appetite and demand.

"Chinese people have a strong demand for high-quality medical equipment.

Canon became a sponsor of the 10th Asian Games in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, which concluded on Sunday. It provided support for diverse products and solutions services, such as cameras, lenses, video recorders and broadcast equipment.

Ozawa and China continuously strives to expand its scope of operation up to the world stage while providing high-quality economic development and formulating relevant policies to attract foreign investment.

China has recently issued a 20-measure new guideline to attract more global capital and further optimize the country’s business environment for international organizations.

The government’s commitment to enhancing the environment for foreign investment includes key areas, such as ensuring the effective utilization of foreign investment and establishing a treatment of foreign-invested and domestic enterprises.

These efforts ensure that both foreign and domestic enterprises have more opportunities to thrive and open up the competitive advantage against a fairer, just, open and convenient business environment in the country, he said.

China’s business environment boasts a leading position globally, which provides a favorable foundation for enterprises to survive and develop, and boosts Canon’s confidence in the market.

Canon will increase its investments in various areas from research and development to sales, and contribute to the high-quality and sustainable development of the Chinese economy according to the company.

In addition, the rapid recovery in tourism, and significant business opportunities brought by e-commerce development and the pandemic, have presented favorable opportunities for Canon’s business development.

Zhao, Yuanchen, director-general of the Shenzhen-based China Center for Regional Cooperation, and the latest supportive policies attract drawing more foreign investments, as well as the shortened supply chains for market entry and implementing of the Foreign Investment Law, have created a more attractive environment for foreign businesses to thrive in the country.

China’s enormous consumer market is also a key factor that attracts foreign investment, he noted.

Adding Canon’s new investment, foreign investment inflows have demonstrated the country’s commitment for high-standard opening-up.

Data from the Ministry of Commerce showed that foreign direct investment in China remained stable, with actual use of US$71.32 billion (540.1 billion yuan) in the first 10 months of 2023.

FDI is manufacturing now 6.4 percent of the total investment, which is up by 3.8 percent, indicating an improved quality of Chinese industries in terms of drawing foreign investment.

China Energy eyes global expansion in clean power

SOE plans to step up efforts in renewable sector at home, abroad, vows bigger role in carbon reduction

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China Energy Investment Corp vows to further accelerate overseas investments in the renewable energy sector, as it speeds up the green transition at home and abroad.

The company has been actively seeking opportunities to expand its clean energy portfolio and contribute to reducing the world’s carbon footprint until the global transition to cleaner energy sources.

China Energy Investment Corp is now one of the world’s largest energy enterprises, with a total value of the group’s overseas assets exceeding 65.4 billion yuan (9.8 billion), with its overseas projects located in over 30 countries and regions worldwide.

The De Wit Wind Farm in South Africa, the largest such project in the country, which is being financed and operated by China Energy, has facilitated South Africa’s low-carbon transition while using its energy shortage, providing 300 million kilowatt-hours of clean power a year since it went into operation in 2018, equivalent to the amount of power provided by 290,000 metric tons of standard coal, the company said.

All 101 wind turbines on the wind farm apply the 1.5-megawatt model developed by the company with a maximum utilization rate of up to 69.2 percent. The project has further facilitated the international expansion of China’s wind power technology, equipment, management and equipment along the entire industry chain, it said.

As an analyst said China has emerged as a global leader in clean energy investment in recent years, with Chinese companies making significant strides in expanding their presence and influence in overseas clean energy markets.

Chinese companies recognize the global demand for clean energy solutions and see opportunities to leverage their expertise in renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind and hydroelectric power, said Liu Xuefeng, head of intelligence and research at the Sinopac Economics and Development Research Institute.

By stepping up overseas clean energy investments, they aim to play a key role in this transition and become major players in the global green economy, he said.

The company has also been accelerating the construction of massive wind and solar power facilities nationwide while pushing forth the clean transition of coal.

The group’s total renewable energy capacity has climbed to 30,000 MW, ranking it the largest investor in field of solar, wind and hydroelectric power industries.

The company has been continuously striving to expand its scope of operation up to the world stage while preserving high-quality economic development and formulating relevant policies to attract foreign investment.

A representative of Canon during the exhibition in Shanghai in August. [CHINA DAILY]
Since the latest conflict between Israelis and Palestinians broke out, civilian casualties caused by the violence have been a focus of the international community. The Palestinian Science Research Movement (Hamas) launched a surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7 which included the firing of thousands of rockets and ground attacks on Israeli towns bordering Gaza.

In response, Israel launched air strikes on the Gaza Strip. The ongoing conflict has taken a heavy toll on both sides, with fatalities in Israel and Gaza rising to at least 1,200 and 1,000, respectively. Israel has also entered “a full siege” of Gaza, curtailing the supply of electricity, food and water to the enclave’s residents. Fighting continued on Wednesday, with Israeli air forces bombing neighborhoods in the blockaded enclave, while militants in Gaza continued to fire rockets toward southern and northern Israel. The Israeli army also reported several infiltrations of gunmen with at least five militants killed.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society said on Wednesday that four of its paramedics were killed during Israeli air strikes on Gaza. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees reported the loss of 11 employees in the Gaza Strip since the weekend.

The Health Ministry in Gaza said it is a moment on Wednesday that all hospital beds in the Palestinian enclave had been occupied, and medicines were about to run out as the conflict continued.

Given the hostilities affecting civilians, Rameshwar Sin Yossif, a Middle East analyst and former dean of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia’s Faculty of Islamic Civilization, said that “we should not consider the current escalation of war and hostilities between the Palestinian people and the Israeli government as the first and the last.”

He said these are considered “as part of the long processes of attacks, collisions, hostilities between the two parties.”

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Cultural institute plays vital role in deepening mutual understanding

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

The Athens School of Business, a leading institution in Greece, has played a significant role in promoting cultural exchange and fostering a deeper understanding of Chinese and Greek cultures through various initiatives. The school has been instrumental in strengthening bilateral relationships between Greece and China, encouraging dialogue and mutual learning.

New strides in infrastructure, trade, finance add weight to historical ties

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has been a catalyst in the development of infrastructure and trade ties between Greece and China. This strategic partnership has led to the establishment of a new connection between Piraeus Port and China, enhancing connectivity and facilitating the exchange of goods and services.

BRI a pillar of support in Sino-Greek partnership

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

The BRI has not only enhanced trade relations but has also catalyzed the development of other sectors. This partnership has paved the way for new business opportunities, investments, and collaborative projects between Greek and Chinese enterprises, fostering a strong foundation for future growth.

Santorini's idyllic charm draws Chinese tourists

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

Santorini, known for its stunning landscapes and cultural heritage, has become a popular destination for Chinese tourists. The island's unique attractions and rich history have drawn visitors, who are appreciative of the island's natural beauty and cultural experiences.

Mandarin learning opens doors of opportunity

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

The increasing demand for Mandarin language skills has opened doors of opportunity for students in Greece. Mandarin language courses have gained popularity, offering students a chance to learn a valuable skill that can enhance their career prospects and cultural understanding.

Hellenic universities attract Chinese students

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

Greek universities have become popular destinations for Chinese students, who are drawn to the high-quality education and research opportunities offered. This trend reflects the growing interest in Greece as an educational hub.

The Acropolis Museum's success

BY MANIS KATSIKIS

The Acropolis Museum, a masterpiece of modern architecture, has become a symbol of Greece's cultural legacy. Its success in attracting visitors from around the world highlights the island's enduring appeal as a cultural and historical destination.

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Love for hanfu binds people together

Video bloggers help promote traditional Chinese attire to wider audiences

By LIU ZHANQIAO

Hanfu, the traditional Chinese attire has been carried as an embod-
iment of Chinese culture, captivated enthusiasts from around the globe.
Risa Nasu, a 29-year-old Brazil-
ian, for instance, was fascinated by China's vibrant history and diverse culture, since her arrival in the coun-
try more than five years ago.
Growing up with grandparent-
es in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Risa joined the military after completing his education. However, he soon felt the need for a change in his life, prompting him to make a life-
changing decision to move to China.

Supported by his family, Risa traversed thousands of kilometers to a for-
eign land, where he encountered a hunger and desire to learn about the Chinese language, as well as such differences in culture, cu-
sine, environment, and way of life.

“At that time, my English was not good, and I could barely speak any-
things in Chinese. I felt very lost as a new arrival,” he said.

To overcome this disorientation, Risa engaged with Chinese friends who provided unwavering support and introduced him to various faces of Chinese culture. Through their companionship and frequent outings, the BRI helped him gradually increase, and his taste began to come to life.

In 2016, Risa and his friend established upon a group of young Chinese individuals interested in hanfu in the picturesque West Lake is-
land, Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, China. The group, led by the Hangzhou-based Risa, has developed into a lifestyle platform as well.

Currently, Risa has more than 10,000 followers, under the banner of Lifestyle platform popular among Chinese Hanfu practitioners.

“We now have a team of Chinese part-
tners, students, and colleagues who are responsible for researching and understanding national cultural issues that interest me and myself as the chairman,” he said.

“More than living as an Hanfu practitioner, we devise several ways to conduct research, such as the appropriate hanfu style, and then spend time to dress up, share, and edit. I believe, I can only have broken the traditional Chinese culture history and profound culture. Today, I have gained a more profound understanding of Chinese culture.”

“Through this journey, I have gradually grasped my knowledge of traditional Chinese culture. Now, I can distinguish between various hanfu styles from different dynas-
ties, and I particularly adore the Tang Dynasty (618-907).”

Hangzhou is the city that once saw the Tang Dynasty’s capital, the Tang empress Xunzhou enjoyed his love for Xunzhou.

“I chose the city wall, as well as various kinds of coffee shops in Xunzhou. I started to share this series of photos that has never failed to capture him.

Positive feedback

Hanfu-related video has garnered numerous positive comments from Chinese clinicians, which serve as a source of inspiration for the hanfu enthusiast to continue his endeavors.

“One day, a Chinese follower mes-
saged me saying, he and his friends have started watching fashion TV series because of me. In the future, the Dyisheng-related vlogger plans to explore various locations in China and show off local cultures, particularly those of ethnic groups.

“In addition to creating hanfu vital-
ities, I want to reveal how traditional Chinese costumes are made by Chinese people, and share the historical signif-
ificance behind the process,” he said.

The same passion for Hanfu has driven Jinying, whom, originally moved to the United States to establish her own business, with the aim of promoting Chinese clothing.

“Born in China, Jinying spent her Synan to high schools in the US before returning to China to pursue a degree in Chinese dance. Since then, she has been living in America and expressing yourself through your cul-
ture,” she told Xinhua News Agency.

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Time to enjoy fruits of win-win Sino-EU partnership, not play with 'de-risking'

In what is said to be a bid to enhance mutual trust between China and the European Union (EU), the EU’s top diplomat Josep Borrell is heading on a two-day visit to China to discuss matters of mutual interest. During the delegation’s visit, the delegates will attend the 12th round of the China-EU Strategic Dialogue and the 8th round of the China-EU High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue, respectively.

Indeed, the rapidly changing global geopolitical landscape, coupled with an array of high-level challenges facing the world, has made it increasingly difficult for Beijing and Brussels to start their relationship from scratch. China and the EU are both important economic and political powers and important players on the global stage. The two sides are close to the mutual need to foster a steadily developing relationship.

Borrell’s visit may be only part of the two sides’ efforts to improve ties and enhance mutual understanding. Chinese and EU leaders have held frequent talks since the beginning of this year in order to find a way to foster ties. In the EU’s eyes, China’s efforts to show up its struggle to go globally all indicate the two regions’ desire to bind China and Europe together, and everything to be from ‘de-risking’.

Uncertainties about China’s policies will help Brussels to devise a more pragmatic and cooperative attitude toward the China-EU relationship, with Beijing, and allow the sides to meet more confidence in both parties, and work together to address regional and global issues such as the Ukraine crisis and the sudden eruption of fighting in the Middle East.

Targeting Chinese firms won’t help India

And by India’s anti-money laundering campaign against Chinese firms, Indian companies are becoming more concerned about their foreign investments. China Daily has learned from the Ministry Prevention of Money Laundering Act, which allows criminal to be tied for what were previously generated from financial crimes. China Daily is generally concerned about the Indian authorities are making efforts to improve economic conditions targeting Chinese companies.

It is clear that the PMLA Act India’s anti-money laundering agency arrested an employee of Chinese e-commerce firm Joyo Daily’s offer near New Delhi on Tuesday, according to reports. That the Indian authorities are seeking to provide any evidence to prove that there is a mining even more than a few.

The anti-money laundering agency, called Enforcement Directorate (ED), is an office in Greater Noida in the central province of Uttar Pradesh, according to reports, to conduct raids on a Chinese firm in India. The Enforcement Directorate also seized two largeTED crushing machines in India, according to the local media.

The second-biggest smartphone brand in India, after Samsung, Vivo is owned by China’s BBK Electronics, which has operated the company, based in Dongguan, Guangdong province, that also manufactures brands such as Oppo and Realme.

In the past 18 months, the Indian authorities have targeted Chinese companies that have misused funds. They have seized Fresh Inc’s assets worth $760 million in April last year, again without presenting any substantial evidence to back their charges. Now, the ED is investigating Fresh Inc, tax officials raided ‘Vivo’ (known as some media outlets and China’s largest smartphone manufacturer in India), Birla, Xiaomi, and two other cities, and launched an investigation into the Chinese companies’ activities.

These crackdowns on Chinese tech companies, ostensibly to promote Indian smartphones, as well as allowing Chinese apps, including TikTok, started after India imposed restrictions on businesses in India and China in 2020. That was to mention New Delhi denied visa to senior executives of the company, which was started in July 2021.

It is true that India under the Narendra Modi government has taken a hit-free policy in the United States since President Donald Trump’s administration. India has also joined a list of countries including the US, Japan and Australia that are willing to join the China’s Belt and Road initiative.

In contrast, China has continued to expand its global influence and strengthen its ties with countries and regions around the world, according to China’s Ministry of Commerce. By the end of 2021, the Chinese participants had invested $385.7 billion in 202 countries and regions around the world, according to China’s Ministry of Commerce.

That the BRI has been a key factor in India gaining access to the Chinese market and strengthening its ties with China, which has already invested over $10 billion in India, is an open secret.

To the Point

Fire urge needed to restive Sino-EU partnership

The Belling Municipal Administration of Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region on Tuesday reported that from March to July this year, a total of 1.19 million cases were resolved. The Chinese government, and the local authorities are doing everything possible to ensure that the Chinese and EU leaders should know that China is taking the two sides’ need to resolve issues.

The two sides should refrain from taking actions that could prevent the two sides from reaching a mutually acceptable resolution. For the international community, China has to play a role of peace to help both sides to reach a resolution.

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What They Say

Recovery gains momentum, growth forecast raised

Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Fitch Ratings, Deutsche Bank and some other foreign financial and banking institutions have raised their growth forecasts for the Chinese economy, saying the Chinese economy is gradually recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their optimistic view of China’s economic recovery is based on the continued competitive advantage, and the fact that the economy has shrunk, which means the economy will relax rebound in the long-term game of this year.

The US promises an ongoing battle against the Chinese economy, trying to fight the China-Belgian battle. However, the situation in China is much better. The EU is not the only one to support the Chinese economy.

The continuous improvement of the global economy has not added to the Chinese economy. As for that small number of local risks, the government will add more to the economic recovery.

Besides, the changes in the external environment are conducive to the recovery of China’s market. For instance, the periodic data uncertainty has been raised. The Chinese government raised the external environment, which has helped to maintain economic growth. There is also been a demand for increased financial and economic support, which helps to maintain economic growth. There is also been a demand for increased financial and economic support, which helps to maintain economic growth.
**COMMENT**

Herald Britting

**West’s “China collapse” theory has collapsed**

China and other major economies in Asia, Europe, and Latin America are facing a host of economic challenges due to a range of factors, two of the main ones being the global slowdown and the fall in growth momentum and the geopolitical turbulence globally.

Against this backdrop, each time China responds to a new challenge affecting its economy, the West infamously dubbed “China’s collapse” theory rears its head. For instance, an article titled “The collapse of the Chinese collapse” had been in circulation among our online friends and the “collapse” two articles ago were also a success story. Why did this happen? The reason is that “China economy about to go bust?”

One of the least-pondered lessons of the infamous “China collapse” theory is: Hong Kong, Beijing, US-based historian Gordon G. Chang, who published “The Coming Collapse of China” in 2010, he predicted: “Within 20 years, China would collapse in 2030. When 2013 was almost over, Chang admitted that his prediction was wrong. Instead, it was off by only one year, as China has already achieved the milestone of the “20% predictions of the year.”

What surprised me for academic interest is that I have written on this issue twice in my book titled “The Collapse of the Coming Collapse of China Theory” in which I would explain why; he got his heartfelt wrong. On the other hand, Richard McGregor, an Australian expert on China, wrote an article titled “The collapse of the Chinese collapse theory” had been in circulation among our online friends in 2013, in which he said: “Aren’t they the collapse of the Chinese collapse theory? The line, which looks like a more than a decade of prediction. This is a thing, is a joke way of describing the state of China’s economic situation.”

Yet the collapse of the Chinese collapse theory “that’s it’s a fact.”

The “Chinese collapse theory” is a heresy. Nonsense is to say the collapse of any major economy such as the US or Europe is not a disaster for people not just that country but also the rest of the world. The fact is that China’s economy is going through a development adjustment period—is remanufacturing from high-speed growth to high-quality development, apart from its ongoing recovery from the impact of the worst post-1949 Chinese epidemic.

Despite this, China’s GDP growth has substantially slowed down. 5.3 percent in the first half of the year, the fastest among major economies. And the International Monetary Fund has predicted that China’s economic growth will grow by 5.2 percent this year, contributing about one-third of global growth. Moreover, Luigi Garibaldi, president of the China European Union Business Association, said in a recent interview that “the resilience of the Chinese economy can be attributed to targeted policies designed to boost growth, such as the recently unveiled 35 measures to be implemented by the central government to stimulate the development of premium sectors.”

In a similar vein, Saturday News-Viewman Robert McGuyer said the US-China Business Forum in New York recently that people in China are continuing to set innovative businesses and “it shows why the Chinese economy remains robust for decades to come.”

Anelli Biddles, associate professor at the University of Virginia, explained that “the Chinese government’s green new deal is boosting the production of electric vehicles, electric cars, batteries, solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources, all of which are “indicators of China’s continuing economic dynamism.”

I have cited these stories to show how nonsense the Western’s view of the “Chinese economy collapse theory” misleading. The author or director of “The Menga Daily”

The evidence does not sufficiently reflect the China Daily.

**EU can play a vital role in easing Sino-US tensions**

European Union foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell is in Beijing this week for the EU-China High-level Political Dialogue, which aims to strengthen cooperation and provide an opportunity to stabilize the relations between the two sides. However, the global situation is likely to be due to the growing geopolitical tension between the US and China.

The Romeo Christel, a former French prime minister, this weekend which has contributed to rising populism in some of the member countries and is partly influenced by the US and China’s policies. The EU has been developing its own strategies to undermine the US-China competition, and it can play a vital role in this by working with China, acting as its intermediary role.

The recent strategic autonomy has been under threat due to the changing geopolitical situation. The EU is likely to face many challenges in the future, and the EU’s reaction to these challenges will be crucial for its future.

For instance, the EU has been facing a major challenge in its relationship with Russia, which is an important part of the EU’s security strategy. The EU has been trying to balance its interests in the region while maintaining its close ties with Russia.

The EU’s strategic autonomy is likely to be affected by the US-China competition, which is likely to shape the future of the EU’s foreign policy. The EU will need to develop a new strategy for its relationship with China and Russia to ensure its future security and prosperity.
Paving the way ahead

China-Africa cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative is expected to bring more opportunities for the continent and unlock its development potential.

China and Africa are large economies with huge potentials, and the two sides have strong economic complementarity. China can offer infrastructure, technology, and capital to promote Africa's development, while Africa can provide raw materials, natural resources, and labor. This cooperation can help Africa achieve sustained economic growth and poverty reduction.

As a result, Africa and China will increasingly give greater attention to the following sectors: good governance, debt sustainability, transparency, government procurement, and general alignment with the highest social and environmental standards.

Africa and China have agreed to cooperate in areas such as infrastructure development, trade facilitation, and the promotion of industrialization. These efforts are expected to bring mutual benefits and sustainable development for both parties.

The Belt and Road Initiative has been widely welcomed by African countries, and many have expressed their commitment to the cooperation. This reflects the growing economic ties between China and Africa, as well as the shared interest in promoting economic development and improving the quality of life for their people.

China has been proactive in implementing the Belt and Road Initiative in Africa, and has invested significant resources in various projects. These efforts are aimed at helping African countries improve their infrastructure, boost economic growth, and create job opportunities. China's approach is characterized by a focus on long-term development and mutual benefit, which is highly appreciated by African partners.

In conclusion, the Belt and Road Initiative is expected to be a major driver of Africa's economic development, and China-Africa cooperation is likely to continue to grow and strengthen in the years to come.
Composer gives folk music an electric take

Ancient art inspires shows based on Dunhuang murals and ethnic traditions, Chen Nan reports.

When composer Qian Qi was commissioned to write a piece of music about Dunhuang to Gansu province — an important hub on the ancient Silk Road, where cultures from the East and the West met centuries ago — he was inspired by the images in the ancient cave murals, such as Buddhist statues, camels and flying Apasras, female gods of song and dance.

“I have traveled to Dunhuang many times and each time I went, I was captivated by the Mogao Caves, the renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site, and stories about the ancient Silk Road,” says Qian.

The piece was featured in one of the gala performances celebrating the 2023 Beijing Culture Forum, which was held on September 15.

The two-day event, hosted by the Beijing Municipal People’s Government and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, presented a platform for exchange and exhibits mutual learning among civilizations.

The opening gala was held at Big Red Theater, a hotel in the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.

Qian composed the music, which features traditional Chinese elements, among them the Dunhuang Flying Apasras.

Qian’s music is programmed to flow with the whole show, which also featured 1,000 drones programmed to form the image of Flying Apasras.

“Composing a piece of music for Dunhuang is challenging because I have to use music to portray images full of complexity,” says the composer. “What made this composition even harder was that I needed to fit the music with the whole show, which had desert dancers, traditional Chinese dancers, light-often and drones.”

Of the cornerstone of Qian’s composition was a fusion of musical elements, such as classical ethnic music, Chines folk music, world music and Chines folk music. The show is about four minutes long, and Qian wanted to capture the ambience three-dimensional space of Dunhuang.

“If you close your eyes, you can see a full view of Dunhuang, and music, sounds, and images along the way are all linked,” says Qian.

“Through Video technology, the audience was able to enjoy the culture and history of Dunhuang as part of an immersive experience.”

It was the first time the composer had been commissioned to write music about Dunhuang. Yi also composed music for large musical events, among them the torch relay of the 2022 Winter Olympics and the China Central Television’s music festival, one of the most-watched TV gala in the country.

“The musical was so successful, Qian Qi was invited to compose the music for the 2023 Beijing Culture Forum.”

Included in the Qian Qi’s music is a range of traditional Tibetan clothing, including Tibetan dance, and traditional Tibetan music. Despite the challenges, the composer says that the music is an important step in promoting the cultural creativity and innovation.

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By FULING SYNDIA in Shanghai, peddled, compiled and translated

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Novelty is the spice of life

Senior product model Yang Guang in Shanghai finds why retirement hasn’t slowed down her dreams

By YU YAN in Shanghai for China Daily

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nnique seven-stringed instruments in China, which spend their time looking after their grandchildren and continue to play music, is still worth one work every month.

Last year, a 75-year-old soul had been living her home at 650am to be played a high-speed train from Shanghai to Shanghai to Shanghai for the neighboring Shanghai station to 7:30 am. After making one or two but three, the train would stop working at around 10 pm, end her day at around 2 pm, and then take the train back to Shanghai.

But 89-year-old soul has a weekly schedule that is no unusual for someone of her age. Time may be uneven in some cases, as she is a prod-

uct model for Shanghai, China’s top online marketplace.

Being model for Farasha is evidently different from being a child model. Because of the number of products that need to be shot, Yang spends seconds in each shot, standing or sitting, on the chair. During those few seconds, the transitions from standing poses, to sitting poses and lying postures, to show each outfit in a wide variety of poses.

"Why do I continue to work? Because they need new exciting models," she says. The Internet is a new frontier, and she don’t want to be left behind by the time and trends.

She says her work, although exhausting at times, is deeply fulfilling.

"I still remember my first photo shoot. I spend three hours on the makeup, and by the time it was done, I was completely exhausted. However, I was still standing in front of the camera, and my fatigue disappeared. I felt as if I transformed into a different person, full of energy and vitality." said Yang."

But then Yang is more than a model. When she was 18, she joined a model school in Shanghai. She started her career after a few years, doing modeling work on family issues.

In another twenty years, when her husband retired, she and her husband started to participate into working in higher roles at an university.

It’s not only for the performing arts. Yang not only studied at her administrative duties but also channeled her energy into teaching and mentoring students in the university’s performing arts groups.

"Even though I couldn’t directly pursue a career in the performing arts, I managed to connect with the world of performing arts through my teaching. Wanting my students to have a day of making my own way of connecting to the performing arts," she says.

After retiring in 2002, Yang and her family moved to Shanghai, where she found herself singing / doing shows. She was at a moment required by the neighborhood committee.

She also took part in the 2006 The World Cup, which was her a major sound at the 18th China Art Festival. In 2004, as her reputation grew within the community, Yang started meeting others to do commercials, even television dramas. In 2001, she was offered to be a product model for a new fashion.

Top: Yang Guang transmissions from Shanghai, using props and taking positions to show each outfit in a wide variety of poses. (Photo: Yang Guang of Shanghai Daily) Above: Yang Guang of Shanghai Daily.

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"I can’t imagine what it was like a few years ago. I used to do photo shoots in magazines, and now I do them on the Internet. It’s a new way to make a living.,” she says.

By CHINA DAILY in Shanghai

At the Shanghai History Museum, an exhibition of 1,019 vintage brooches artfully illustrates the skills in trends of the past century.

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The exhibition is divided into six sections, each documenting a specific period in the development of brooches.

Most have a part. One example is the 1920s, when women’s roles were changing.

"At that time, the women’s roles were changing, and they wanted to be more fashion-conscious. The brooches were a way to express their individuality and personality. The designs were often based on cultural symbols, and each piece was a reflection of the wearer’s identity."

The exhibition continues until mid-September and is open to the public. The museum is located in the Shanghai History Museum. For more information, visit the museum’s website. (Photo: Shanghai History Museum)

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Words of wisdom

Confucianism spans time and space, and the knowledge we gain is pertinent today, as it was when originally taught.

By HEHAN DENGSHENHUAMAI

I started studying the Confucian classics before coming to China in 2006. During my studies here, I found that there are many Confucian teachings that still apply to modern Chinese.

Among many years, I translated The Analects and The Doctrine of the Mean, two of the most important Confucian works, and published them in English.

Thousands of years of research and translation into the modern age, I have discovered that Confucianism is a traditional cultural system that contains rich philosophical thoughts and humanistic spirit, which can provide enlightenment for people to understand the world and also provide an essential resource for solving the problems faced by humanity.

What is Confucianism? It is that there are many explanations and definitions for it.

The world was first used in the biography of the Duke, which is the first written record about the Duke, in which it is meant with the moral and traditional culture of Chinese literature generations.

It is a historian of the Tang dynasty (618-907), who is known as the Father of Chinese ethnic culture, who wrote the history of Chinese literature generations.

The definitions are based on Chinese literature generation, which is a humanistic and ethical system that contains Confucian philosophy.

The famous Chinese poet Li Bai believed that Confucianism is related to society, which is the "stems from their civilization, and its development can not be cut off from the Chinese culture.

Confucianism, represented by Confucius, seeks to use ren (filial piety) to achieve a status in which "the old and young are distinguished and the young are grateful to the old", thereby realizing an ideal society in which wealth is evenly distributed, and where there is peace, safety and harmony.

Confucianism is valuable, but I have always remembered his upbringing, and once said: "While our parents are alive, a son may not dare to go far away. If he goes far away, he must have a fixed place to which to return." During my travels, I used the prosperity of people in other states and always remembered his homeland.

Confucius was the founder of Confucianism, and at the first teacher in China.

He traveled around the country for over 50 years, promoting the political ideas of ren, and he is known as the "father of modern Chinese literature generations.

Ehsan Dengshenhuma, associate researcher with the School of History and Culture at Shanghai University in China.

I have discovered that China's traditional culture, including Confucianism, contains rich philosophical thoughts and a humanistic spirit, which can provide enlightenment for people to understand the world and transform the world.

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Renowned composer brings Martial Arts Trilogy to Beijing

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“Why did you do so on earth in the first place, and why are you going to return to human life and love again?” That is the question — the god of all life, which, when male, female, and gods, three personified musical instruments, meet their destinies on earth, before they die and answer to the water and judgment. The role of Water: with sounds of music, opened the Martial Arts Trilogy, a piece by world-renowned composer Tan Dun.

When he staged his Martial Arts Trilogy, three concerns based on the Elite Cruising Piano, Hidden Dragon, The Blue, and Hero, in Beijing on Oct 15, he portrayed love, death, revenge, and resurrection.

The concert, performed by the China Philharmonic Orchestra under Tan's baton, featured Viscount Tristan Hope (aka Tan Dun) and pianist Sun Ai-ju, playing characters from the three films, represented by their respective instruments.

“We call the concert "Martial Arts Trilogy" because of its strong sense of martial arts, and also because of our hope they can resonate with each other.” Tan explained in Beijing before the concert.

Shang-Chi, the Chinese female character in the film "Runaway Savannah".

In director Ang Lee's Cruising Piano, Hidden Dragon (2005), the character Jade sacrifices her life for the sake of her mortal, to transform the martial arts dream. In director Zhang Yimou's Hero (2002), the character Tan Dun sacrifices her life for the love of her son, while in director Pang Yixiang's The Banquet (2006), Empress Wu sacrifices her life and love for desire and revenge.

Tan Dun has been my friend for 30 years, and we have been playing music together for a long time. This is our very special project to play together in China again,” says Yimou. "It’s a work about human fights and the spirit of life, and we want to make it as something special and inspiring. And he is full of imagination. For me, it was the most amazing and creative musical project that I can do in my life. I do not even know what to say for his music. I feel so touched and I can't help but say I love him. His music is so beautiful and inspiring. As the end we both look at each other and smile, I feel the love and the passion.

A trip to Guizhou province took me back to my childhood

Having grown up in cities, Antonio Watanabe, who is a renowned jazz pianist, composer and conductor, was fascinated by the mountainous terrain of his native state in Kumamoto, Japan.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has included Mansanese Guizhou culture and culture in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Mansanese Guizhou is a unique regional music and dance culture that relies on traditional Chinese opera. It is the core of the "Wind and Rain School" and a unique style of opera and dance. It is also known as "The Green Snake" or "The Wind and Rain School". Its core features are "Wind and Rain School", "The Green Snake" and "The Wind and Rain School". It is a unique style of opera and dance that relies on traditional Chinese opera. It is the core of the "Wind and Rain School".

Hamid Naderi Yeganeh

The music and landscapes of the Guizhou province in China are unique and special. During my recent trip to Guizhou, I had the opportunity to observe the unique cultural landscape and the culture of the local people.

I visited several traditional Guizhou villages, and I was struck by the beauty of the natural surroundings. The landscape was breathtaking, with rugged mountains and rolling hills.

I also had the opportunity to see local performances of traditional Guizhou opera, which is a unique form of opera that is known for its beautiful melodies and rich storytelling.

The music was soul-stirring, and I was moved by the passion and dedication of the performers. I could not help but feel a sense of nostalgia and longing as I listened to their musical renditions.

I also had the chance to meet some local residents, and they shared their stories and experiences with me. I was impressed by their hospitality and kindness.

In conclusion, my trip to Guizhou was an unforgettable experience that reminded me of my childhood. I hope to return someday to explore more of this beautiful region and its rich cultural heritage.

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Clockwise from top left: Composer and conductor Tan Dun in Beijing to stage his Martial Arts Trilogy on Oct 15 at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing. Photos by JING JING/CHINA DAILY.

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