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China News

1. China holds “two sessions”

On March 4th and 5th, the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) began their fourth sessions, respectively. The meetings deliberated, discussed and approved important documents concerning China's overall future development, including a draft outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for national economic and social development and the long-range objectives through the year 2035 and the decision to improve Hong Kong electoral system.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/special/2021lh/index.htm>

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/11/c_139803695.htm

Premier Li Keqiang Meets the Press

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1860396.shtml

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Meets the Press

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1859138.shtml

2. Xi hails China's poverty eradication miracle

On Feb. 25th, China held a grand gathering in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to mark the country's accomplishments in poverty eradication and commend role models in that cause. President Xi made remarks on the gathering. He declared a "complete victory" in the fight against poverty through joint efforts from all ethnic groups. Xi said the country has created a "China example" of poverty reduction and made great contributions to global poverty alleviation. China has lifted 770 million rural residents out of poverty since the beginning of the reform and opening-up over 40 years ago when calculated in accordance with China's current poverty line, accounting for more than 70 percent of the global total according to the World Bank's international poverty

line.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-02/26/c_139767705.htm

<https://h5.zhongguowangshi.com/app/%E3%80%8A%E4%B8%AD%E5%9B%BD%E5%87%8F%E8%B4%AB%E5%AD%A6%E3%80%8B%E6%99%BA%E5%BA%93%E6%8A%A5%E5%91%8A%EF%BC%88%E8%8B%B1%E6%96%87%E7%89%88%EF%BC%89.pdf>

3. UN chief congratulates President Xi on China's success in

fight against extreme poverty

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recently extended congratulations to Chinese President Xi Jinping on the occasion of the announcement of China's successful efforts in the fight against extreme poverty. Noting this moment is a notable accomplishment and a significant contribution towards realizing a better and more prosperous world, as envisioned by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the secretary-general said, "I commend you for your vision and leadership."

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/09/c_139797771.htm

4. UNCTAD projected China's economy to grow 8.1 percent in

2021

On March 18th, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said it expected the global economy to expand by 4.7 percent this year and projected China's economy to grow 8.1 percent.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/18/c_139819894.htm

5. China, U.S. hold timely, helpful high-level strategic dialogue

On March 19th, Senior Chinese and U.S. officials concluded a high-level strategic dialogue that both sides believe was timely and helpful and deepened mutual understanding. The Chinese side said that the fundamental goal of China's development is to fulfill people's aspirations for a better life at home and contribute through its own development to the development and progress of all humankind. China is

ready to work with the United States to enhance strategic communication, advance mutually beneficial cooperation, properly manage differences and push forward bilateral relations on the track of sound and stable development, so as to create benefits for the people in both countries and promote long-lasting peace and prosperity of the world.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/20/c_139823702.htm

6. Factbox: China's economic and social progress in 2020

Braving the virus test and challenges in domestic and international situations, the Chinese economy ended 2020 on solid footing, becoming the only major economy to achieve positive growth in the pandemic-ravaged year.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2021-03/01/content_77258678.htm

On Hong Kong

1. SCIO briefing on NPC's decision on improving HKSAR's

electoral system

The State Council Information Office (SCIO) held a press conference on March 12 in Beijing to brief the media about the decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2021-03/19/content_77326499.htm

2. Chargé d'Affaires Minister Yang Xiaoguang Holds an On-line Press Briefing on The Draft Decision of the National People's Congress on Improving the Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

On March 9, Chargé d'Affaires Minister Yang Xiaoguang held an on-line press briefing on the draft decision of the National People's Congress on improving the Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He pointed out that, improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong SAR and ensuring "patriots governing Hong Kong" is necessitated by the need to advance "One Country, Two Systems" and maintain long-term stability and security in the SAR. It is a constitutional power and responsibility of the NPC, and is constitutional, lawful and justified. Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region of China. How to develop and improve its electoral system is purely China's internal affair, which no foreign country has the right to interfere in.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1859778.htm>

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Autonomous Region on Xinjiang-related Issues in Beijing

<http://english.ts.cn/system/2021/03/19/036598740.shtml>

2. The 6th Press conference by Xinjiang Uygur

Autonomous Region on Xinjiang-related Issues in Beijing

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1865777.shtml

3. The Stories of CPC” Thematic Briefing on Xinjiang Held in Urumqi

https://www.idcpc.org.cn/english/news/202102/t20210224_141573.html

4. Xinjiang is a wonderful land today. It will be even better

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[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t18647
22.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1864722.htm)

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