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China News

1. China adopts law on safeguarding national security in Hong

Kong

On June 30, Chinese lawmakers voted to adopt the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). President Xi Jinping signed a presidential order to promulgate the law, which goes into effect on the date of promulgation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/01/c_139178729.htm

Full text of the law on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/01/c 139178753.htm

SCIO briefing on the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2020-07/04/content_76236573.

52 countries welcome China's adoption of law on safeguarding national security in HK

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/01/c 139178831.htm

2. 46 countries voice support for China's anti-terrorism and

de-radicalization work in Xinjiang

On July 3, Belarus delivered a joint statement on behalf of 46 countries at the 44th session of UN Human Rights Council, voicing support for China's anti-terrorism and de-radicalization work in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The statement urged refraining from making unfounded allegations against China based on disinformation. The countries noted with appreciation that China has undertaken a series of measures in response to threats in accordance with the law to safeguard the human rights of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/02/c 139181485.htm

3. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi made three suggestions on bringing China-US relations back to the right

track

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi delivered remarks to the China-US Think Tanks Media Forum on 9 July. Wang made three suggestions on bringing China-US relations back to the right track.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1796538.shtml

4. China completed the construction of the BeiDou Navigation

Satellite System (BDS)

On June 23, China completed the construction of the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) with the launch of its final satellite, the 55th of the BeiDou family.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-06/23/c_139161378.htm

5. China once again shortened the list of sectors that are

off-limits to foreign investors

China once again shortened its negative list, which is a list of sectors that are off-limits to foreign investors, in its steadfast opening-up moves, injecting certainty into an uncertain global economic environment. The new list saw a reduction in number of sectors in which foreign investment is not allowed from 40 to 33. China has shortened the list for four consecutive years.

Further reading on the following website:

 $\underline{http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-06/26/c_139168996.htm}$

6. China concludes all legal procedures of accession to Arms

Trade Treaty

On July 7, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said China has completed all legal procedures of accession to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Accession to the ATT is an important step in China's active participation in global arms trade governance to safeguard world and regional peace

and stability.

Further reading on the following website: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/07/c 139195316.htm

7. Leaders' meeting injects fresh impetus into China-EU

relations amid pandemic

On June 22, the meeting between leaders of China and the European Union (EU) was held via video link. This is the first formal summit between Chinese leaders and the new EU leadership after its inauguration last year, and the highest-level bilateral meeting since the coronavirus outbreak.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-06/23/c_139161822.htm https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1791692.shtml https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1791693.shtml

China-UK Relations

1. Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng Speaks on the Phone with Permanent Under-Secretary of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Simon McDonald

On June 23, Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng spoke on the phone with Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom, exchanging views on bilateral relations and topics of common interest.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1793570.htm

2. Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang Attends the Cheque Donation Ceremony of the China-UK Charity Initiative

On June 18, Head of the Foreign Ministry's Poverty Alleviation Leading Group and Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang attended the cheque donation ceremony of China-UK Charity Initiative for Yunnan poverty alleviation project.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1792160.htm

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Love Leads Us Forward Hand in Hand

On June 18, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled Love Leads Us Forward Hand in Hand at the Donation Ceremony of China-UK Charity Initiative.

The ambassador explained the significance of the donation by the China-UK Charity Initiative for building public health facilities in Jinping County.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1790096.htm

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Holds an On-line Press Conference on Law on Safeguarding National Security in HKSAR

On 6 July 2020, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Holds an On-line Press Conference on Law on Safeguarding National Security in HKSAR.

The transcript of the press conference on the following website: http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1796269.htm

5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Stay Committed to Win-Win

Cooperation

On June 24, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled Stay Committed to Win-Win Cooperation at the APPCG Webinar.

The ambassador said that Covid-19 has changed the world profoundly in four aspects but China-UK ties remain unchanged in three aspects. He shared his thoughts on how we can achieve greater progress in China-UK relationship when we put the pandemic behind us.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1791772.htm

6. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Let's set the record straight on

Taiwan

On June 24, China Daily carried an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled Let's set the record straight on Taiwan.

The ambassador clarified the facts and China's position on the Taiwan question.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1792152.htm

7. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China's global pledge to beat the

virus

On June 29, the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF) carried on their website an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled China's global pledge to beat the virus.

The ambassador said that China has achieved important success in controlling the epidemic at home and made great contributions to safeguarding global public health and wellbeing. It remains the stabilizer and powerhouse for the world economy and shows enormous resilience and potential. China stands ready to move forward with all countries of the world to bring victory over the pandemic.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1793223.htm

8. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Relations Built on Solid Mutual

Trust Has A Bright Future

On July 9, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled Relations Built on Solid Mutual Trust Has A Bright Future at the Breakfast Meeting of the Walbrook Club.

The ambassador answered three questions: First, how important is this Law for Hong Kong SAR and what does it do? Second, what is the future like for Hong Kong SAR with this Law introduced? Third, what could British financial sector do to promote China-UK relationship and advance prosperity and stability in Hong Kong SAR?

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1796624.htm

Policy Position

1. What's False and What's True on China-related Human Rights Matters

Full of ignorance of and bias against China, some people have recently made groundless accusations against and disseminated many fallacies about China's human rights conditions concerning Hong Kong, COVID-19, and Xinjiang. What's False and What's True on China-related Human Rights Matters have been compiled with the purpose of setting the record straight with facts.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1794581.shtml

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