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China News

1. President Xi calls for making AIIB new platform for building community with shared future for mankind

On July 28, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for making the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) a new platform that promotes development for all its members and facilitates the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. He made the remarks when addressing via video link the opening ceremony of the fifth annual meeting of the multilateral development bank.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/28/c_139246682.htm

2. Yang Jiechi's signed article and Wang Yi's exclusive interview on China-U.S. relations

On Aug. 7, a signed article by Yang Jiechi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee was published. On Aug.5, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi had an exclusive interview with Xinhua News Agency on current China-U.S. relations.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/07/c_139272907.htm

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/06/c_139267908.htm

3. China's GDP expands 3.2 pct in Q2

China's economy bounced back to growth in the second quarter this year as the country gradually resumed work and production after having the COVID-19 epidemic effectively contained, official data showed on July 16. The Chinese economy overcame the adverse impact of the epidemic in the first half gradually and demonstrated a momentum of gradual recovery, further manifesting its development resilience and vitality.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/16/c_139217127.htm

SCIO briefing on China's economic performance in first half of 2020

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2020-07/17/content_76283428.htm

4. 15,000 new 5G base stations built weekly in China

China is speeding up the building of its 5G infrastructure to boost economic growth, with base stations numbering 400,000 by the end of June.

Further information on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2020-07/23/content_76305135.htm

5. Chinese experts deliver video messages to UN human rights session

A group of experts from the China Society for Human Rights Studies have spoken through video messages at the 44th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, expressing their views on such topics as the rights of women and children, absolute poverty, leprosy discrimination, displacement, international solidarity, and racial discrimination.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/18/c_139222013.htm

6. China successfully launches first Mars mission

On July 23, China launched a Mars probe, designed to complete orbiting, landing and roving in one mission, taking the first step in its planetary exploration of the solar system. The spacecraft is expected to enter the orbit of Mars around February 2021. Afterwards, it will spend two to three months surveying potential landing sites using a high-resolution camera to prepare for the landing in May.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/23/c_139235669.htm

7. World can still learn from China's successes in curbing

COVID-19 outbreak: The Lancet

China has largely controlled COVID-19, and the rest of the world can still learn from China's successes in bringing its outbreak under control, according to the latest editorial by medical journal The Lancet. China's response shows the importance of domestic research and public health capacity. Chinese scientists were quickly able to identify the virus and shared genomic sequencing data internationally shortly after COVID-19 emerged. China has also been at the forefront of vaccine research.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/24/c_139238353.htm

8. Virus testing professionals from mainland arrive in Hong

Kong to help curb COVID-19 outbreak

On Aug. 2, seven virus testing professionals from the Chinese mainland arrived in Hong Kong as the first batch of mainland supportive teams to help tackle a worsening spread of COVID-19. The medical professionals, who will help with laboratory work here, are members of a 60-strong nucleic acid testing team established recently at the request of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government for

assistance in the battle against the epidemic. The National Health Commission said it will continue to assemble mainland medical resources and send more support at any time based on the requirements of the HKSAR to fight the epidemic.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/03/c_139260818.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Wang Yi Speaks on the Phone with First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Dominic Raab of the UK

On July 28, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi had a phone call with First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Dominic Raab of the United Kingdom (UK).

Wang Yi pointed out, for the UK, China has always been an opportunity rather than a threat, a complement rather than a decrement, a solution rather than a challenge or risk. The current China-UK relations have encountered obstacles and interference. Some people in the UK demand the "reset" of bilateral relations in an attempt to overthrow the two countries' cooperation, which will only see the relationship hit a dead end. At the crossroads of China-UK relations, both sides should remain rational and mature, abide by the basic norms of international relations, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and maintain the political foundation of bilateral relations.

Dominic Raab said, the current UK-China relations have encountered some challenges, but this is not the complete picture of bilateral relations. The UK side rejects a comprehensive "reset" of UK-China relations and does not approve of repeating the outdated Cold War mindset.

Further information on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1803544.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Join Hands to Contribute Positive Energy and Create a Better Future for China-Europe Relationship

On July 15, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled Join Hands to Contribute Positive Energy and Create a Better Future for China-Europe Relationship at the Webinar with UK Think Tanks On China-Europe Relations.

The ambassador said Covid-19 has revealed four global deficits and suggested China and the UK should work together in four aspects. He also shared his views on how to preserve the overall interests of China-Europe relations.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1798308.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Strengthen Determination and

Shore up Confidence

On July 22, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled Strengthen Determination and Shore up Confidence at the Webinar with the Chinese Business Community in the UK.

The ambassador briefed the Chinese businesses on what is happening to China-UK relationship and how the Chinese businesses in the UK should respond.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1799982.htm>

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: banning Huawei, Britain is turning its back on a 5G-dominated future

On July 29, South China Morning Post carried an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled By banning Huawei, Britain is turning its back on a 5G-dominated future.

The ambassador pointed out that refusing Huawei is refusing opportunities, refusing growth and refusing the future.

The full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1802260.htm>

5. Remarks by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming at On-Line Celebration of the 93rd Anniversary of the People's Liberation

Army

On August 1, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made remarks to celebrate the 93rd Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1803196.htm>

6. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Gives Interview on China-UK Relations to Bai Yansong on News 1+1 of CCTV-13

On August 4 , Ambassador Liu Xiaoming gave a Live Interview on China-UK relations to Bai Yansong on News 1+1 of CCTV-13. He answered questions on issues of China-UK relations, Huawei, Hong Kong, and UK's public opinion on China.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1804564.htm>

7. Embassy Spokesperson's Statement on the Wrong Remarks of UK Prime Minister's Spokesperson on the Lawful Arrest of Jimmy Lai and Other Individuals

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/t1805371.htm>

8. Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on the Joint Statement by the Foreign Ministers of the UK, the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/t1805370.htm>

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Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1801270.htm>

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