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China News

1. Keynote speech by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021

On April 20th, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021. He calls on all countries in Asia and beyond to answer the call of our times, defeat the pandemic through solidarity, strengthen global governance, and keep pursuing a community with a shared future for mankind. Xi pointed out that the Belt and Road Initiative is a public road open to all, not a private path owned by one single party. Belt and Road cooperation pursues development, aims at mutual benefits, and conveys a message of hope. He stressed that the year 2021 marks the centenary of the Communist Party of China (CPC). The CPC has kept pursuing happiness for the Chinese people, rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, and the common good for the world.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-04/20/c_139893137.htm

2. President Xi Jinping Attends the Leaders Summit on Climate and Delivers an Important Speech

On April 22, President Xi Jinping attended the Leaders Summit on Climate in Beijing via video link and delivered an important speech named "For Man and Nature: Building a Community of Life Together". He pointed out that climate change has posed severe challenges to human survival and development. We must be committed to harmony between man and nature, green development, systemic governance, people-centered approach, multilateralism and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. China will continue to prioritize ecological conservation and pursue a green and low-carbon path to development. As a participant, contributor and trailblazer in global ecological conservation, China is firmly committed to putting multilateralism into action and promoting a fair and equitable system of global environmental governance for win-win cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1871057.shtml

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1870852.shtml

3. National Economy Made a Good Start in the First Quarter

In the first quarter, the economy delivered a stable performance with a consolidated foundation and a good momentum of growth, production demand was expanded, market vitality was enhanced, employment and prices were stable and people's well-being was strongly guaranteed. The national economy made a good start. According to preliminary estimates, the gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter reached 24,931.0 billion yuan, up by 18.3 percent year on year, or up by 0.6 percent over that in the fourth quarter of 2020 and 10.3 percent over that in the first quarter of 2019, with an average two-year growth of 5.0 percent at comparable prices.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/PressRelease/202104/t20210416_1816315.html

4. WHO releases report on global tracing of COVID-19 origins

On March 31, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report on the global tracing of COVID-19 origins, following a joint research with China on issues including the pathways of the virus and future investigation in different countries.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/31/c_139847694.htm

5. Focusing on Cooperation and Managing Differences: Bringing

China-U.S. Relations Back to the Track of Sound and Steady

Development

On April 23, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi made remarks at the Virtual Dialogue with the Council on Foreign Relations. Wang Yi shared five points on China-U.S. relations from a strategic perspective.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1871285.shtml

6. Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng Gives an Exclusive

Interview to the Associated Press

On April 16, Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng gave an exclusive interview to the Associated Press. He stated China's stance on China-U.S. relations, China's foreign policies, climate change, issues concerning Xinjiang, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the South China Sea, and strongly refuted the untruthful statements defaming China.

The following is a transcript of the interview:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1869649.shtml

7. China's top legislature adopts amended annexes to HKSAR

Basic Law

On March 30th, China's top legislature voted unanimously to adopt the amended Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The two annexes concern the method for the selection of the HKSAR Chief Executive and the method for the formation of the HKSAR Legislative Council and its voting procedures, respectively.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/30/c_139846350.htm

China-UK Relations

1. President Xi Jinping and wife send condolences over death of

Britain's Prince Philip

On April 10, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife, Peng Liyuan, sent a message of condolence to Queen Elizabeth II over the passing of Prince Philip.

Policy and Facts

1. Poverty Alleviation: China's Experience and Contribution."

On April 6th, China's State Council Information Office issued a white paper titled "Poverty Alleviation: China's Experience and Contribution."

The full text of the paper is as follows:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/node_8023479.html

2. The 7th Press Conference by Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous

Region on Xinjiang-related Issues in Beijing

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1868264.shtml

3. Documentary: Beyond the Mountains – Life in Xinjiang

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70gYxy-xmIo>

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