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Address by President Xi Jinping At the Conference of the Anniversary of CCPIT and Global Trade and Investment

Promotion Summit

On May 18th, President Xi Jinping delivered a video address at the Conference of the 70th Anniversary of CCPIT and Global Trade and Investment Promotion Summit. He advised efforts on the following four fronts: pull together to defeat COVID-19; reinvigorate trade and investment; unleash the power of innovation in driving development and improve on global governance.

Further reading on the following website: https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202205/t20220518_106 88542.html

2. President Xi Jinping Has a Virtual Meeting with German

Chancellor Olaf Scholz

President Xi Jinping had a virtual meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on the afternoon of 9 May.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202205/t20220509_10683558.html

3. President Xi Jinping Speaks with French President

Emmanuel Macron on Phone

President Xi Jinping spoke with French President Emmanuel Macron on the phone on the afternoon of 10 May.

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4. President Xi Jinping Meets with United Nations High

Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet

President Xi Jinping met via video link with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on 25 May in Beijing. President Xi pointed out that in terms of human rights protection, no one can claim perfection and there is always room for improvement. On the basis of equality and mutual respect, China is ready to actively conduct human rights dialogue and cooperation with all other parties to expand common understanding, reduce differences, promote mutual learning, seek progress together, and jointly advance the international human rights cause for the greater benefit of people across the world.

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5. China's State Council appoints John Lee as HKSAR chief

executive

On May 25th, the State Council, China's cabinet, decided at a meeting to appoint John Lee as the sixth-term chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Lee will assume office on July 1, 2022.

6. Wang Yi Attends and Addresses the Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative

On May 9, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the High-Level Virtual Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative (GDI) in Beijing via video link. He proposed four key areas for the GDI to deliver concrete results: re-energizing global cooperation on the 2030 Agenda; creating a favorable environment to accelerate global development; fostering equal and balanced global development partnership and enabling the UN system to play the central and guiding role.

Further reading on the following website: https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202205/t2022051
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7. Chinese envoy urges countries to increase coordination, stabilize global food market

On May 19, a Chinese envoy urged the international community to work together to stabilize the global food market, ensure diverse food supplies, and ease agricultural trade globally.

https://english.news.cn/20220520/6eec47c1f4694afaaca2b79eeaf4b2 5f/c.html

8. IMF lifts weighting of RMB, dollar in SDR currency basket

On May 14th, the International Monetary Fund announced an increase in the weighting of the Chinese renminbi and U.S. dollar in the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) currency basket after completing a quinquennial review.

https://english.news.cn/20220515/a5784acc49ad42b9beb49de1841e

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9. Rare species thrive in China through enhanced biodiversity

conservation

https://english.news.cn/20220522/f28f90cf3c724416a57f885243986727/c.html

10. Chinese scientists make quantum leap in secure direct communication

Chinese scientists have realized the world's longest quantum secure direct communication (QSDC), measuring 100 km, according to the Beijing Academy of Quantum Information Sciences. The findings were unveiled in an article titled "Realization of quantum secure direct communication over 100 km fiber with time-bin and phase quantum states," published in early April in the journal Light: Science & Applications.

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China-UK Relations

1. Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on the Wrong Comments on Xinjiang by the UK Foreign Secretary

http://gb.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/20 2205/t20220525 10692150.htm

Important Terms about China

1. China's five "always" when advancing the human rights cause

China has always given top priority to ensuring the right to

subsistence. China has always put enhancing the right to development high on its agenda. China has always made the protection of citizens' legitimate rights and interests its basic task. China has always made safeguarding the ethnic minorities' rights an important part of its work. China has always made protecting people's safety its long-term goal.

2. The Global Security Initiative

The Global Security Initiative champions the commitment in six areas: stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and work together to maintain world peace and security; stay committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, uphold non-interference in internal affairs, and respect the independent choices of development paths and social systems made by people in different countries; stay committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, reject the Cold War mentality, oppose unilateralism, and say no to group politics and bloc confrontation; stay committed to taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously, uphold the principle of indivisible security, build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture, and oppose the pursuit of one's own security at the cost of others' security; stay committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation, support all efforts conducive to the peaceful settlement of crises, reject double standards, and oppose the wanton use of unilateral sanctions and long-arm jurisdiction; stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains, and work together on regional disputes and global challenges such as terrorism, climate change, cybersecurity and biosecurity.

3. Common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security

Common security means respecting and ensuring the security of each and every country. Comprehensive security means upholding security in both traditional and non-traditional fields. Cooperative security means promoting the security of both individual countries and the region as a whole through dialogue and cooperation. Sustainable security means that we need to focus on both development and security so that security would be durable.

4. China's Nuclear Policy

China is always committed to no first use of nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstances, and unconditionally no use of or threat to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones. China advocates the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons, does not engage in any nuclear arms race with any other country, and keeps its nuclear capabilities at the minimum level required for national security. China's nuclear strategy focuses on self-defense, and aims to ensure the strategic security of the country by deterring the potential threat or use of nuclear weapons by others against China.

5. Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

This refers to the city clusters that encompass China's two special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and nine cities in neighboring Guangdong Province: Dongguan, Foshan, Guangzhou, Huizhou, Jiangmen, Shenzhen, Zhaoqing, Zhongshan and Zhuhai. It aims at continuously deepening the mutually beneficial cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, further establishing a mutually beneficial and win-win regional relationship, and promoting cooperative the coordinated development of regional economy, in order to build a dynamic and internationally competitive first-class bay area and world-class city clusters.

Policy and Facts

Embassy Spokesperson's remarks on China's "dynamic zero-COVID" policy(1)-(5)

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2. Fact Sheet: Cooperation Between China and Pacific Island Countries

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202205/t20220524_106 91917.html

China in my eyes

1. Our China Stories | Episode 1: Dr Frances Wood

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2. Our China Stories | Episode 2: Phil Agland

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaN8x5krUsw&list=PL3SL223b

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Pictures of China

International Museum Day celebrated across China

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