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Council of Heads of State and Delivers Important Remarks

On 16 September local time, President Xi Jinping attended the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at the Samarkand Congress Center. He delivered an important statement entitled "Ride on the Trend of the Times and Enhance Solidarity and Cooperation to Embrace a Better Future".

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The Samarkand Declaration of the Heads of State Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Statement by the Council of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on energy security

Statement of the SCO Heads of State Council on Ensuring Reliable, Sustainable and Diversified Supply Chains

Statement by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Heads of State Council on climate change response

Statement by the Council of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on food security

Joint Communique following the 20th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (Prime Ministers) of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

http://eng.sectsco.org/documents/

A Trip that Pointed the Way Forward in Turbulent Times and Reinvigorated the Ancient Silk Road

- State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on President Xi Jinping's Attendance at the Samarkand Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and State Visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202209/t20220917 10767432.html

2. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Attends and Addresses the General Debate of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

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Position Paper of the People's Republic of China For the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjdt_665385/wjzcs/202209/t20220917 10767412.html

3. Press conference on application of new Chinese development philosophy in past decade

https://news.cgtn.com/news/2022-09-14/Live-Presser-on-application-of-new-Chinese-development-philosophy-1djDhmfkXfy/index.html

4. Press conference on "one country, two systems" practice in HK, Macao over the past decade

5. China's diplomacy in the new era https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5MAGj84ZN4

6. China's Shenzhou-14 astronauts conduct extravehicular activities

On September 17th, China's Shenzhou-14 astronauts Cai Xuzhe and Chen Dong successfully exited the space station lab module Wentian to conduct extravehicular activities (EVAs), according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).

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7. China's lunar probe discovers high water content in moon materials

The analysis of moon samples brought back to Earth by China's Chang'e-5 probe suggests that minerals on the lunar surface have a high content of solar-wind-derived water.

https://english.news.cn/20220916/be64ae90e1634742a103d7de07db43ce/c.html

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764539.html

2. President Xi Jinping congratulates King Charles III on accession to British throne

https://english.news.cn/20220911/ff0ef831f6ab463dae8d4b7a99dc3c31/c.html

3. Premier Li Keqiang Sends Message of Congratulation to New Prime Minister Elizabeth Truss of UK

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202209/t20220908 10763957.html

4. Chinese president's special representative attends Queen Elizabeth II's funeral in Britain

https://english.news.cn/20220920/1a13aabda4244674af87f385a41c4 17c/c.html

5. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Meets with UK Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs James Cleverly

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6. The Chinese Embassy in the UK Holds Online Reception
Celebrating the 73rd Anniversary of the People's Republic of
China

http://gb.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/dshdjjh/202209/t20220929_1077

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Speech by H.E. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang at the Online Reception Celebrating the 73rd Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China: Charge Ahead to Open a New Chapter

http://gb.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/dshdjjh/202209/t20220928_1077 2857.htm

7. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Delivers a Video Speech at the WRSA Forum to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Chinese Government-Sponsored Study in Britain

http://gb.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/dshdjjh/202209/t20220910_1076 4912.htm

Policy and Facts

1. The 79th Press Conference on Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

http://english.ts.cn/system/2022/09/19/036824801.shtml

2. Press Conference on progress in respecting and protecting human rights in Xinjiang, China

https://www.facebook.com/ChineseEmbinUK/videos/605154081105871/

Important Terms about China

1. Whole-Process People's Democracy

China's whole-process people's democracy covers all sectors of the society through electoral democracy, consultative democracy and community-level democracy, and is applied through a combination of elections, consultations, decision-making, management and oversight. It is a complete system with supporting mechanisms and procedures, and has been fully tested through wide participation. It process-oriented democracy with results-oriented integrates democracy, procedural democracy with substantive democracy, direct democracy with indirect democracy, and people's democracy with the will of the state. It serves to put into place diverse, open, and well-organized democratic channels to ensure all people administer state affairs and manage economic and cultural undertakings and social affairs through various channels and in various ways in accordance with the law. It is an extensive and true democracy that works.

2. The system of people's congresses

The system of people's congresses is China's fundamental political system, which integrates the leadership of the CPC, the people's principal position, and the rule of law. It is also an important institutional support to whole-process people's democracy, under which all power of the state belongs to the people. China ' Constitution stipulates that the National People's Congress (NPC) and local people's congresses at all levels are created through democratic elections. They are responsible to and supervised by the people. All administrative, supervisory, judicial, and procuratorial organs of the state are created by the people's congresses, to which they are responsible and by which they are supervised. The Constitution also sets out detailed institutional arrangements regarding the deputies, structures, terms, mandates, standing organisations and other aspects of people's congresses at all levels, making sure that this fundamental political system embodies the people's status as masters of the country in all aspects of the democratic process. The system of people's congresses lays the political foundation and sets a clear direction for other systems in China.

3. The system of multiparty cooperation and political

consultation under the leadership of the CPC

The system of multiparty cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the CPC carries out democratic consultation through activities such as consultative conferences and bi-weekly seminars. Under this system, democratic parties participate in the formulation and enforcement of major principles, policies, laws and regulations of the State, in consultations regarding major political issues of the state and candidates for leaders of state organs, and in the administration of state affairs, and exercise oversight over the CPC and the state organs under its leadership. This is a new political party system and provides a new way of consultative democracy with distinctive Chinese features. Consultative democracy is a unique form of democracy under socialist democracy with Chinese characteristics. It is realized through consultations carried out by political parties, people's congresses, government departments, committees under the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, people's organizations, social organizations, communities. With these seven consultation channels in place, China practices a rich and extensive form of democracy.

4. The system of regional ethnic autonomy

The system of regional ethnic autonomy upholds national solidarity and unity and ensures that all ethnic groups are masters of the country. It is an important part in whole-process people's democracy. On the precondition that national solidarity and unity is safeguarded and State laws and decrees are implemented, ethnic autonomous areas exercise autonomy according to law, and special support is provided to address their particular needs. Regional ethnic autonomy is based on ethnic equality and enjoyed by all ethnic groups in autonomous areas.

5. The system of community-level self-governance

The system of community-level self-governance is the main form of democracy at the community level in China. It is achieved through rural villagers committees, urban residents committees and employees congresses. This system ensures direct public participation in the administration and decision-making concerning immediate interests of the people, and in this process, safeguards the rights of the public to hold democratic elections, practice democratic decision-making, carry out democratic management, and exercise democratic oversight, and to enjoy the fully opportunity to express their legitimate aspirations.

China in my eyes

1. Bridge Builders | Alex Hua Tian

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jru IZIejkc

2. Bridge Builders | Martin Gordon

https://stories.cgtneurope.tv/hubs/bridge-builders-martin-gordon/index.html

3. Bridge Builders | Max Burns

https://stories.cgtneurope.tv/bridge-builders-max-burns/index.html

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