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models

On Sep. 8, China held a meeting in Beijing to commend role models in the country's fight against COVID-19 epidemic.

President Xi Jinping presented medals to recipients of the Medal of the Republic and the national honorary title at the Great Hall of the People. He also delivered a speech at the meeting. He said China has made major strategic achievements in the battle against COVID-19, demonstrating the notable advantages of the CPC leadership and the country's socialist system, the great strength of the Chinese people and the Chinese nation, the profound heritage of Chinese civilization, and the nation's sense of responsibility as a major and responsible country. He called for transforming the virus-fighting spirit into tremendous strength to build a modern socialist country and achieve national rejuvenation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/m/topnews/2020-09/08/content_76681236.

2. President Xi attends commemoration of 75th victory

anniversary of anti-Japanese war, WWII

On Sep. 3, Chinese leaders led by Xi Jinping attended a commemoration in Beijing for the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. President Xi stressed carrying forward in the new era the great spirit of resisting aggression and striving to achieve national rejuvenation.

Further reading on the following website: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/03/c_139339751.htm http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/04/c_139340869.htm

3. President Xi co-hosts China-Germany-EU leaders'

meeting via video link

On Sep. 14, Leaders of China, Germany and European Union (EU) agreed to strengthen communication and cooperation to ensure the success of the upcoming series of major political agenda between China and the EU, enhance mutual trust, seek mutual benefits on a win-win basis and uphold multilateralism, vowing to bring the ties up to a higher level.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/15/c_139368204.htm Senior Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi's visit to Spain and Greece http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/06/c_139345758.htm

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi' visit to Europe

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/31/c_139331247.htm

4. President Xi Jinping addresses the Global Trade in

Services Summit of the 2020 China International Fair for

Trade in Services (CIFTIS)

On Sep. 4, President Xi made the remarks while addressing the Global Trade in Services Summit of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) via video. He called for joint efforts to overcome difficulties to promote the development and prosperity of global trade in services and push for global economic recovery as early as possible.

Further information on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/04/c_139343493.htm https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202009/04/WS5f52502ea310675e afc57a8c.html

5. President Xi stresses advancing integrated, high-quality

development of Yangtze River Delta

On Aug. 20, Chinese President Xi Jinping has stressed efforts to seek continuous results in the integration of the Yangtze River Delta through focusing on major work of integrated and high-quality development.

Further information on the following website: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/22/c_139310112.htm

6. President Xi stresses combination of top-level design,

public advice in compiling 14th Five-Year Plan

On Aug. 6, President Xi Jinping underlined the need to combine top-level design and public opinions in compiling the 14th Five-Year Plan. He stressed the need to broaden channels for the public to express their opinions and offer their suggestions as compilation of five-year plans involves all aspects of economic and social development and is closely related to production and the life of the people.

China will implement the 14th Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development starting next year.

Further information on the following website:

https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202008/06/WS5f2baa3ea3108348 1725ea7d.html

China-UK Relations

1. Interview Given by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming to Global

Times

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming gave an interview to Global Times, which was published on 17 August, 2020 in the newspaper and on the website. The ambassador said it is important to uphold two principles: The first principle is to abide by the basic norms governing international relations. The second principle is to have a right perception and strategic definition of China.

The full transcript of the interview is as follows: <u>http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1807047.htm</u>

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1. China releases Position Paper On the 75th Anniversary of the

United Nations

The full text of the paper is as follows: https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1813751.shtml

2. China releases white paper on employment and labor rights

in Xinjiang

The full text of the paper is as follows: <u>http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2020-09/17/content</u> 76712251.htm

3. Foreign ministry spokesperson's remarks on Cyber and Data

Security

Q: According to reports, Shenzhen Zhenhua' leaked database indicates the company's been collecting open-source data and evaluating known figures in targeted fields worldwide. Persons and organizations under its surveillance include foreign politicians, their spouses and children, scholars, businesses and think tanks. What's China's comment?

A: I noticed the company's response that the report is seriously untrue. The company said clearly that it's a private company, and its clients are research institutions and business groups. Instead of collecting data, it only integrates data which is open and available online.

I'd like to stress that as a staunch defender of cyber security, China opposes and fights all cyber crimes. We would like to enhance dialogue and cooperation with other countries to jointly build a peaceful, secure, open and cooperative cyber space.

Recently, in response to prominent data security risks, China proposed the Global Initiative on Data Security to uphold data and supply chain security and advance digital economy, which is actively responded to by a growing number of countries. China is ready to enhance cooperation and communication with all sides to reach and abide by global rules that reflect the will and respect the interests of all countries, prevent all practices that use one's technological edge to undermine other countries' security, and work with others to jointly safeguard global data security.

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