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1. China confident of sustaining recovery momentum as

economy firms up

China's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded 4.9 percent year on year in Q3, faster than the 3.2 percent growth seen in Q2, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Oct. 19. In the first three quarters, the country's GDP expanded 0.7 percent year on year, returning to growth after the 1.6 percent contraction in the first half of the year and the 6.8 percent slump in Q1. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected China's economy to grow by 1.9 percent in 2020, making it the only major economy that will see positive growth this year.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/19/c 139452017.htm

2. CPC Central Committee's development proposals set

long-range goals through 2035

The CPC Central Committee's proposals for formulating the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035 were adopted at the fifth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee which closed on Oct 29. The full text of the proposals was made public on Nov 3.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202011/03/content

WS5fa159efc6d0f7257693edc1.html

3. CPC Central Committee establishes news release mechanism,

holds 1st press conference

The Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held its first press conference on Oct. 30th to introduce and elaborate on the guiding principles of the 19th CPC Central Committee's fifth plenary session, marking the establishment of the CPC Central Committee's news release mechanism.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2020-10/30/content_76859590.htm?f =pad&a=true

 $\underline{https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-10-30/19th-CPC-Central-Committ} \\ \underline{ee-holds-presser-on-fifth-plenary-session-V0hEY2xb7a/index.html}$

4. 3rd China Int'l Import Expo opens in Shanghai(Nov. 4-10, 2020)

The opening ceremony of the third China International Import Expo kicked off in Shanghai on Nov. 4. President Xi Jinping delivers keynote speech via video at CIIE opening ceremony. He said that China will nurture new pacesetters of opening up, pursue creative ways to grow foreign trade, keep improving its business environment and pursue deeper bilateral, multilateral and regional cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/special/2020CIIE/index.htm http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/04/c_139490311.htm http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/04/c_139491170.htm

5. President Xi stresses building high-quality Sichuan-Tibet

Railway

In November, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged efforts to advance the construction of the Sichuan-Tibet Railway project with high quality ahead of the beginning of the construction of the Sichuan-Tibet Railway's Ya'an-Nyingchi section. He identified the project as a major measure in facilitating the Party's general plan for governing Tibet in the new era, and stressed the project's important role in safeguarding national unity, promoting ethnic solidarity and consolidating stability in border areas. The project would significantly contribute to the economic and social

development of the western region, especially in Sichuan Province and Tibet Autonomous Region.

Further reading on the following website: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/08/c 139500425.htm

6. Top technology propels China's deep-sea manned

submersible

In November, China's new deep-sea manned submersible Fendouzhe (Striver) set a national record by diving to a depth of 10,909 meters in the Mariana Trench. The submersible embodies China's progress in deep-sea technologies and its increasing capabilities in ocean detection and research. President Xi sent a letter to congratulate on the successful completion of the 10,000-meter sea trial of the manned submersible Fendouzhe and its return to port.

Further reading on the following website:

http://en.people.cn/n3/2020/1113/c90000-9779827.html http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/28/c_139549622.htm

7. Remarks by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 12th BRICS

Summit

Chinese President Xi Jinping addressed the 12th BRICS Summit in Beijing via video link on Nov. 17. He said that through concrete actions, we will contribute our share to making the world a better place for everyone. We need to uphold multilateralism and safeguard peace and stability in our world, enhance solidarity and coordination; come together to meet the COVID-19 challenge; pursue openness and innovation, promote global economic recovery; prioritize people's livelihood, and promote sustainable global development; pursue green and low-carbon development and strive for harmony between man and nature.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/17/c_139523124.htm

8. Remarks by President Xi Jinping at the 27th APEC

Economic Leaders' Meeting

On Nov. 20, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a speech titled "Working Together for an Asia-Pacific Community with a Shared Future" at the 27th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Beijing via

video link. He said we can build an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future featuring openness and inclusiveness, innovation-driven growth, greater connectivity, and mutually beneficial cooperation by staying open and inclusive, pursuing innovation-driven growth, enhancing connectivity and promoting mutually beneficial cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/20/c_139531308.htm

9. Remarks by Chinese President Xi Jinping at 15th G20

Leaders' Summit

On Nov. 21, Chinese President Xi Jinping addressed the 15th G20 Leaders' Summit via video link. He said while containing the virus on an ongoing basis, we must also stabilize and restore economic growth. We should uphold multilateralism, pursue openness and inclusiveness, promote mutually beneficial cooperation and keep pace with the times.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/21/c_139533609.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Write a New Chapter of Ecological Conservation and Build a Shared Future for All Life on Earth

On Oct. 28, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled at the "International Legislators' Summit - Protecting Nature: The Road to Kunming"Hosted by the APPG on International Conservation.

The Ambassador said that against the backdrop of Covid-19, protecting biodiversity becomes an increasingly prominent and important task. By hosting COP15, China will display three determinations. China and the UK should support and coordinate with each other to make COP15 and COP26 great success.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1827419.htm

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Join Hands to Tackle the

Challenges of Our Times

On Oct. 29, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a Video Message entitled "Join Hands to Tackle the Challenges of Our Times" in Celebration of the 2020 British Business Awards.

The Ambassador said by the end of 2019, direct Chinese investment to the UK reached 17.14 billion US dollars, increasing about twenty times in ten years. The UK has become the second largest destination for Chinese investment in Europe. He expressed the hope that Chinese and British entrepreneurs will join hands to overcome the difficulties and write more splendid chapters of China-UK win-win cooperation

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1828391.htm

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: New Opportunities, New

Confidence, New Journey

On Nov. 17, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a Keynote Speech entitled "New Opportunities, New Confidence, New Journey" at the Briefing on the Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee.

The Ambassador explained the significance of the "CPC Central Committee's Proposals for the Formulation of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035" and said China's development would strengthen confidence and create more opportunities for cooperation between Chinese and UK businesses.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1833224.htm

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Strengthen Confidence and Seize

the Opportunities for Win-Win Cooperation

On Nov 25, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled "Strengthen Confidence and Seize the Opportunities for Win-Win Cooperation" at the Third China-UK Economic and Trade Forum.

The Ambassador said that in the face of the crisis, it is all the more important that we strengthen confidence and expressed his views on the opportunities for China and the UK in 2021.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/t1835545.htm

Policy and Facts on Xinjiang

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http://english.ts.cn/system/2020/10/19/036470278.shtml

- 3. The 15th Press Conference on Xinjiang Related Issues http://english.ts.cn/system/2020/10/30/036485505.shtml
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 http://english.ts.cn/system/2020/11/03/036488725.shtml
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http://english.ts.cn/system/2020/11/28/036520629.shtml

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