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Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx\_662805/202202/t20220205 10639232.html

# Toast by H.E. Xi Jinping President of the People's Republic of China At the Welcoming Banquet of The Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx\_662805/202202/t20220205 10639239.html

#### 2. 2022 New Year address by President Xi Jinping

Dec. 31 2021, on New Year's eve, President Xi Jinping delivered his 2022 New Year Address through China Media Group and the Internet.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx\_662805/202112/t20211231\_10478096.html

#### 3. Special Address by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 2022

#### **World Economic Forum Virtual Session**

On January 17th, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a special address to the 2022 World Economic Forum virtual session. He said that we need to embrace cooperation and jointly defeat the pandemic; resolve various risks and promote steady recovery of the world economy; bridge the development divide and revitalize global development and discard Cold War mentality and seek peaceful coexistence and win-win outcomes. He promised that China will stay committed to pursuing high-quality development, reform and opening-up and promoting ecological conservation.

Further reading on the following website:

#### 4. Joint statement of the leaders of the five Nuclear-Weapon

#### States on preventing nuclear war and avoiding arms races

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, leaders of the five Nuclear-Weapon States, namely China, France, Russia, Britain and the United States issued a joint statement on preventing nuclear war and avoiding arms races.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/20220103/a347be5e727e4d9284c249d87c5b1149/c.html

#### 5. The Advisory Council of the Belt and Road Forum for

#### International Cooperation Releases Report on the Findings and

#### Recommendations in 2019 and 2020

On December 17, 2021, the Advisory Council of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Council) held the 2021 annual meeting and released the Report on the Findings and Recommendations in 2019 and 2020 (full-text link attached).

The Advisory Council was established in 2018 as a non-profit and international policy advisory body to provide intellectual support for the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and Belt and Road cooperation.

High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Partnership on Connectivity(Report on the Findings and Recommendations from the Meetings of the Advisory Council of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in 2019 and 2020)

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\_eng/wjbxw/202112/P020211218394332617729.pdf

#### 6. China's GDP expands 8.1 pct in 2021

China's economy posted stable growth in 2021 despite challenges including epidemic resurgences and a complicated

external environment, official data showed on January 17<sup>th</sup> .The country's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 8.1 percent year on year to 114.37 trillion yuan (about 18 trillion U.S. dollars) last year.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/PressRelease/202201/t20220117\_18 26409.html

#### **China-UK Relations**

#### 1. President Xi Jinping Sends Message of Congratulation to

#### **Queen Elizabeth II of the UK**

On February 6, 2022, President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to Queen Elizabeth II of the UK on the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx\_662805/202202/t20220207\_10639759.html

#### 2. President Xi Jinping extends congratulations on

#### "Icebreakers" 2022 Chinese New Year celebration

On January 26<sup>th,</sup> Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to the "Icebreakers" 2022 Chinese New Year celebration hosted by British trade organization the 48 Group Club in London.

Further reading on the following website:

https://english.news.cn/20220126/c27f5be711dc4a8b9e4527003848a3e8/c.html

#### 3. The Chinese Embassy Hosts Online Reception to Mark the

#### Chinese New Year of the Tiger

On January 24, the Chinese Embassy in the UK held an online

reception in celebration of the Chinese New Year 2022. Ambassador to the UK Zheng Zeguang delivered a speech entitled Celebrating Proud Achievements and Pressing Forward with Confidence. He said for China-Britain relations to fare well, mutual understanding is the precondition, mutual trust is the foundation, and proper management of our differences is the key. Peaceful development and win-win cooperation are the right way forward.

Further reading on the following website: <a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220127\_106">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220127\_106</a> 34768.htm

Celebrating Proud Achievements and Pressing Forward with Confidence <a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220125\_106">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220125\_106</a> 33073.htm

# 4. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Delivers Congratulatory Remarks at the Online Launch Ceremony of the "Chinese New Year at Your Fingertips 2022" Programme

On 28 January 2022, with the support of the Chinese Embassy and consulates general, the China National Tourist Office, London and its partners launched the online programme "Chinese New Year at Your Fingertips" in the UK. H.E. Zheng Zeguang, Chinese Ambassador to the UK, delivered congratulatory remarks at the online launch ceremony of the programme. He used four H's to describe the Chinese New Year.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/ambassador/dshd/202202/t2 0220204 10638952.htm

### 5. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Attends 2022 Chinese New Year Reception for UK Education Partners & CSSAUK Chinese New Year Gala

On January 27, the Chinese Embassy in the UK held 2022 Chinese New Year online reception for the Chinese and British education communities, where Ambassador Zheng Zeguang delivered a speech. He said the past year saw our two countries brave difficulties to press forward in educational exchanges and cooperation. Through our joint efforts, we have made encouraging progress. He also suggested the two countries should strive to make new and greater progress in our educational partnership in three aspects.

Further reading on the following website: <a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220129\_106">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220129\_106</a> 36518.htm

# 6. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Visited the British Olympic Association and Had Friendly Exchanges of Views with Its Top Officials

On January 20th, one day before the first group of the British Winter Olympics team set off for Beijing, Ambassador Zheng Zeguang visited the British Olympic Association (BOA) and met with its Chair Sir Hugh Robertson and CEO Andy Anson. The two sides had friendly exchanges of views.

Further reading on the following website: <a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220121\_">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220121\_</a> 10631379.htm

# 7. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang: Grasp the Megatrends and Strive Forward in Cooperation

On January 19, Ambassador Zheng Zeguang attended the CCCUK Annual Online Conference & Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of CCCUK, and delivered a Keynote Speech entitled Grasp the Megatrends and Strive Forward in Cooperation. He gave three suggestions to the business communities from both countries: grasp the major trend of development; stay confident in cooperation; keep the channel for dialogue open.

Further reading on the following website: <a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220120\_106">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202201/t20220120\_106</a> 30864.htm

8. Remarks by Ambassador Zheng Zeguang at the Launch of the Online Event "Together for a Shared Future: 50 Days to the Beijing Winter Olympics": Together for a Shared Future

http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/ambassador/202112/t20211216\_10470693.htm

9. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Attends and Addresses the Online Event Celebrating the 30th anniversary of China Construction Bank Overseas Establishment and the 60 Trillion Yuan Milestone of Aggregated RMB Clearing Volume

On December 8, 2021, China Construction Bank (London) held an online celebration of the 30th anniversary of CCB's overseas establishment and the 60 trillion yuan milestone of aggregated RMB clearing volume. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang attended and addressed the event on line. He said the financial communities of the two countries should leverage their respective strengths, further expand cooperation in areas of green finance, FinTech, offshore RMB business and issuance of bonds. Such cooperation will provide powerful support for real economic cooperation and bring more tangible benefits to the peoples of both countries.

Further reading on the following website:
<a href="http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202112/t20211">http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjjh/202112/t20211</a>
210 10466750.htm

#### **Policy and Facts**

1. White Paper: China: Hong Kong: Democratic Progress
Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems

http://english.scio.gov.cn/node\_8027477.html

- 2. White Paper: China's Space Program: A 2021 Perspective <a href="http://english.scio.gov.cn/node\_8027953.html">http://english.scio.gov.cn/node\_8027953.html</a>
- 3. The 60th Press Conference of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on Xinjiang-related Issues in Beijing <a href="http://english.ts.cn/system/2021/11/21/036736330.shtml">http://english.ts.cn/system/2021/11/21/036736330.shtml</a>
- 4. The 61st Press Conference on Xinjiang-related Issues by Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region <a href="http://english.ts.cn/system/2021/12/06/036743830.shtml">http://english.ts.cn/system/2021/12/06/036743830.shtml</a>
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