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China News

1. President Xi Jinping to pay state visit to Finland and travel to Florida, US for China-US Presidents' meeting

At the invitation of President Sauli Niinistö of the Republic of Finland and President Donald Trump of the United States of America, President Xi Jinping will pay a state visit to Finland from April 4 to 6, and meet with President Trump at Mar-a-lago, Florida, the US from April 6 to 7.

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjdt_665385/wsrc_665395/t1450152.shtml

2. President Xi meets US Secretary of State

President Xi Jinping met with visiting US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on March 19 in Beijing, saying that cooperation is the only correct choice for both countries. There are important development opportunities resulting from China-US relations, said Xi during the meeting in the Great Hall of People in Beijing.

Tillerson said President Trump valued communication with President Xi, and looked forward to meeting Xi and the opportunity for a visit to China.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/19/c_136140432.htm

China, U.S. agree on principle of no conflict, mutual respect

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1545867/1545867.htm>

3. Boao forum ends with pro-globalization initiative

An initiative on economic globalization was announced at the end of the annual conference of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) on Sunday March 26 in Hainan Province.

The aim of the forum was to promote and deepen the economic exchange, coordination, and cooperation within Asia and between Asia and other parts of the world, according to the initiative.

Addressing pressures on global growth and the increase in de-globalization and protectionism, the initiative asked Asian countries to

stay committed to open markets, inclusive growth and economic cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/26/c_136159319.htm

China champions economic globalization, braves challenges

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/25/c_136157637.htm

Quotable quotes at Boao Forum

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/bizchina/2017-03/25/content_2867512

[8.htm](#)

4. AIIB welcomes 13 new prospective members

Canada's joining the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank makes it the first country in the Americas to join the organization, the AIIB announced on March 23.

AIIB's Board of Governors adopted resolutions on March 23 approving bank membership for 13 applicants, bringing its total approved membership to 70. The 13 countries and regions will officially become members once they have completed any necessary domestic processes and deposited the first installment of capital with the bank.

This is the first time the AIIB has welcomed new prospective members to the bank since its launch in January 2016.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1546018/1546>

[018.htm](#)

AIIB head sees globalization as benefit to all

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-03/21/content_2862148

[3.htm](#)

5. China's official Belt and Road portal goes online

China launched its official Belt and Road portal (www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn) on March 21 in Beijing, according to the National Leading Group Office for Promoting the Construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The portal was established with the aim of promoting information sharing, civilization exchanges and win-win cooperation. It will address

key concerns at home and abroad, provide scientific explanations on the core ideas of the initiative, give interpretations to Chinese and foreign policies, laws and regulations in regard to the initiative, demonstrate the latest developments and achievements and promote information sharing and exchanges among enterprises, social organizations and citizens of countries along the Belt and Road routes.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1545633/1545633.htm>

Twenty-plus foreign leaders to attend Belt and Road Forum

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1545812/1545812.htm>

Belt and Road Initiative -- idea from China but belongs to whole world

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/17/c_136137079.htm

6. China's economy ranked strongest in latest report

China's economy has been ranked the top performing in terms of overall strength and vitality in a report released at the Boao Forum for Asia on March 23.

The Asia Competitiveness Annual Report 2017 acknowledged China maintained a growth rate of 6.7 percent last year while contributing 30 percent to the world economic growth.

In terms of overall competitiveness, China ranked 9th out of all Asian economies in 2016 for the fourth consecutive year.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-03/23/content_28653315.htm

Chinese economy to lead global recovery: IMF official

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/18/c_136139301.htm

China-UK Relations

1. President Xi Jinping sends message of condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II over the terrorist attack in London

On March 23, 2017, President Xi Jinping sends a message of condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II over the terrorist attack in London. While strongly condemning the terrorist attack, President Xi expresses profound condolences for the loss of innocent lives and sincere sympathies to the victims and their families.

President Xi points out that terrorism is the common enemy of the international community. China is firmly opposed to terrorism in all its forms, and will strengthen cooperation with the United Kingdom and the rest of the international community, in order to make vigorous efforts to uphold security in the two countries and the world at large.

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1448179.htm>

Li Keqiang sends message of condolences to Prime Minister Theresa May of the United Kingdom over the terrorist attack in London

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1448178.htm>

Wang Yi sends message of condolences to the British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson over the terrorist attack in London

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1448176.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivers a speech at the reception marking the 45th anniversary of China-UK Ambassadorial diplomatic relations

On March 29, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a speech at the reception marking the 45th anniversary of China-UK Ambassadorial diplomatic relations in Lancaster House. He noted that the past 45 years had been highly significant and extraordinary for China and Britain, having witnessed the advances by leaps and bounds in bilateral relations. He called on the two sides to seize the new and important opportunities and embark on a new historical journey to build the "Golden Era" of China-UK relationship and open-up an even more promising future for China-UK relations.

Full text of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1449900.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming sends message of congratulations to the CBBC's Fifth Annual China Business Conference

On March 28, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming sent via video message of congratulations on the opening of the CBBC's Fifth Annual China Business Conference. Ambassador Liu spoke highly of the concerted efforts by the Chinese and British business communities as well as the CBBC in promoting the economic and trade relations between the two countries. He called on the business communities of both sides to seize the cooperation opportunities presented by the economic development strategies of both China and Britain as well as the "Belt and Road" initiative.

Full text of the message of congratulations on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1449883.htm>

Policy and Position

1. Plan for nuclear security and radioactive pollution control approved

The State Council has approved the 13th five-year plan along with a 2025 target for nuclear security and radioactive pollution control submitted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

The plan calls for a coordinated and rational approach to nuclear security that places safety and quality first, centers on risk prevention, uses nuclear facilities in accordance with national nuclear safety law to ensure safe and efficient development of nuclear power and utilization of nuclear technology in China.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1546006/1546006.htm>

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