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China News

1. President Xi: 'One country, two systems' the best arrangement for HK

Chinese President Xi Jinping on June 26 called "one country, two systems" the best institutional arrangement for Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

Xi, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, visited an exhibition at the National Museum in Beijing profiling the achievements made in Hong Kong since its return to the motherland in 1997.

During the last 20 years, "one country, two systems" has proven not only to be the best solution to the Hong Kong question left over from history, but the best institutional arrangement for Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability since its return, Xi said.

"We will continue to comprehensively and precisely implement the 'one country, two systems' principle, handle affairs in line with the Constitution and the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and further promote the overall development of Hong Kong," Xi said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-06/26/c_136396532.htm

Hong Kong SAR issues government achievement report

https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d63444e3551444e/share_p.html

2. Summer Davos in Dalian attracts record participation

The 11th Annual Meeting of the New Champions to be held in China — also known as the Summer Davos — is gearing up for record participation with over 2,000 participants and media registered to attend, according to the international forum's organizers, the Swiss-based World Economic Forum.

The higher level of participation showed the extremely strong interest and support for the gathering of business and other leaders, said David Aikman, chief representative officer for China at the WEF.

Over 2,000 prominent leaders from politics, business, civil society, academia and the arts will convene in China's northeastern coastal city Dalian from Tuesday to Thursday. The participants are from 84 countries and regions, 56 percent of them from overseas.

Further reading on the following website:

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2017-06/27/content_29904676.htm

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Full text: Premier Li's speech at opening ceremony of Summer Davos

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1556355/1556355.htm>

3. Maritime silk road fosters 'blue partnerships'

China on June 20 released a vision for the top-down design for advancing maritime cooperation among countries along the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, according to Wang Hong, head of the State Oceanic Administration (SOA).

The "Vision for Maritime Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative" states that China is willing to work closely with countries along the routes, engage in all-dimensional and broad-scoped maritime cooperation, build open and inclusive cooperation platforms, and establish a constructive and pragmatic partnership to forge a "blue engine" for sustainable development.

The priorities of the vision feature green development, ocean-based prosperity, maritime security, innovative growth, and collaborative governance. The vision also includes plans for three ocean-based "blue economic passages" that will connect Asia with Africa, Oceania, Europe and beyond.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.ecns.cn/2017/06-22/262475.shtml>

China proposes 'blue economic passages' for maritime cooperation

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1555600/1555600.htm>

Full text: Vision for Maritime Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-06/20/c_136380414.htm

4. China-US diplomatic, security dialogue 'constructive and fruitful'

China and the United States on June 21 held a high-level dialogue on diplomatic and security issues, vowing to promote bilateral ties by broadening cooperation and managing differences.

Both sides agreed that the inaugural diplomatic and security dialogue was "constructive" and "fruitful" and pledged to continue with the mechanism to further develop Sino-U.S. relations.

The dialogue is one of the four high-level mechanisms established during the Mar-a-Lago meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Donald Trump in Florida in April.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1555814/1555814.htm>

5. UN Human Rights Council adopts China-proposed resolution

The UN Human Rights Council on June 22 adopted a resolution proposed by China entitled "The Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of All Human Rights," marking the first time that the UN rights body adopts a resolution on development issues.

The resolution recognizes the common aspiration of the international community of building a community of shared future for human beings and affirms that development contributes significantly to the enjoyment of all human rights.

It calls upon all countries to realize people-centred development of the people, by the people and for the people, and calls upon all member states to enhance international cooperation and spare no effort in promoting sustainable development, in particular while implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as it is conducive to the overall enjoyment of human rights.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-06/23/c_136387460.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming shares his thoughts on the significance of the Belt and Road Initiative and opportunities for cooperation

On June 15, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended Bloomberg's Investor Roadshow themed *China: Navigate the New Silk Road* and delivered a keynote speech entitled *Belt and Road - A New Chapter of China-UK Cooperation*.

Ambassador Liu shared his thoughts on what the Belt and Road Initiative means to the region and to the world and highlighted the abundant cooperation opportunities therein.

Full text of the speech at the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1470544.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming hails the Port of Felixstowe's role in China-UK economic and trade cooperation

On June 23, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended a reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of Britain's first dedicated container terminal at the Port of Felixstowe.

In his remarks entitled *China-UK cooperation sets sail towards a brighter future*, Ambassador Liu spoke highly of the rapid growth of the Port of Felixstowe and its significant contribution to China-UK economic and trade cooperation. He also took the opportunity to stress that whatever changes may take place, the shared commitment of both nations to maintain the steady growth of China-UK relations, and the common aspirations of all sectors of both countries to advance China-UK cooperation, remain unchanged.

Full text of the remarks at the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1472744.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming spoke on the extraordinary journey Hong Kong has traveled

On June 26, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Madame Hu Pinghua held a reception at the Embassy to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Liu looked back at the extraordinary journey Hong Kong has traveled and expounded on the historic significance of the return. He stressed that Hong Kong's success and achievements in the past two decades prove that "one country, two systems" is a good policy and a good policy will not change. He called for joint efforts to support Hong Kong's development, to consolidate the cornerstone of Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, and to create a more promising future for Hong Kong.

Full text of the remarks at the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1473263.htm>

Policy and Position

1. Chinese diplomat highlights 'community of shared future for mankind' in promoting human rights

The head of the Chinese Mission to the UN at Geneva Ma Zhaoxu said on June 14 that countries should work together to build a community of shared future for mankind to promote the international human rights cause.

He made the remarks during the International Seminar on Human Rights and Building a Community of Shared Future for Mankind, which was jointly sponsored by the China Society of Human Rights Studies and the Chinese Mission to UN at Geneva.

"Building a community of shared future for all mankind will propel the development of a fair and just international governance system for human rights and promote this global cause," Ma said.

According to the senior Chinese diplomat, sovereign equality is the very foundation for promoting and protecting human rights, and all parties must engage in human rights exchange and cooperation as equal partners and view the human rights realities in other countries objectively and fairly.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1555273/1555273.htm>

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