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## **China News**

### **1. President Xi chairs summit to set course for next golden decade of BRICS**

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sept. 4 chaired the ninth BRICS summit, calling on the group of five emerging economies to intensify cooperation and contribute more to a world troubled by protectionism and imbalanced development.

"We must redouble our efforts to usher in the second golden decade of BRICS cooperation," Xi told leaders of Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa at the summit in the southeastern city of Xiamen, Fujian Province.

It was the first time that Xi had presided over the BRICS summit and the third time for him to chair major international events in a year, following the G20 Hangzhou Summit and the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.

Brazilian President Michel Temer, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South African President Jacob Zuma were welcomed by Xi before the opening of the summit, themed "BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future."

The summit has been widely expected to set the future course for the group, which accounts for about 43 percent of the world's population and has contributed more than half of global economic growth over the past decade.

Xi raised his vision to "comprehensively deepen" BRICS partnership, including seeking practical results in economic cooperation, strengthening complementarity of development strategies and making the international order more just and equitable.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/04/c\\_136583077.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/04/c_136583077.htm)

**Full text of President Xi's remarks at plenary session of BRICS Xiamen Summit**

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/topics\\_665678/XJPZCJZGJLDRDJCHWHXXSCGJYFZZGJDHH/t1489862.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/XJPZCJZGJLDRDJCHWHXXSCGJYFZZGJDHH/t1489862.shtml)

**Full text of BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/04/c\\_136583396.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/04/c_136583396.htm)

**Xinhua Insight: Xi sails BRICS ship on epic voyage**

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/05/c\\_136586099.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/05/c_136586099.htm)

**2. President Xi calls for solidarity in South-South cooperation, sustainable development**

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sept. 4 called on emerging market and developing countries to stay together and work harder for South-South cooperation and sustainable development.

Xi made the remarks at the Dialogue of Emerging Market and Developing Countries, which was attended by leaders of BRICS countries, as well as Egypt, Guinea, Mexico, Tajikistan and Thailand.

The dialogue, which was held along with the ninth BRICS summit in the southeastern city of Xiamen, is proposed by China to pull together emerging market and developing countries and push BRICS as a leading platform for South-South cooperation.

Xi said he expected the dialogue to create a strong impetus for deepening South-South cooperation and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/05/c\\_136586102.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/05/c_136586102.htm)

**Full text of President Xi's speech at opening ceremony of BRICS Business Forum**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1562474/1562474.htm>

**Free trade zones on agenda for BRICS**

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-09/01/content\\_31399266.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-09/01/content_31399266.htm)

**3. CPC expected to convene 19th National Congress on Oct. 18**

The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is expected to convene on Oct. 18 in Beijing.

The Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee decided at a meeting on August 31 to submit the proposal on the schedule to the

seventh plenary meeting of the 18th CPC Central Committee, which will be held on Oct. 11.

The Political Bureau meeting was presided over by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

The 19th CPC National Congress will review the Party's work over the past five years and summarize precious experiences that the Party has gained from the historical process of uniting and leading people of all ethnic groups to carry on and advance socialism with Chinese characteristics under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Xi at the core since the 18th CPC National Congress.

It will thoroughly examine the current international and domestic situation, and take into account the new requirements for the development of the Party and the country as well as new expectations from the people.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-08/31/c\\_136571815.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-08/31/c_136571815.htm)

#### **4. China blazes a trail for human rights progress**

A senior Chinese official on Monday Sept. 11 said in Geneva that China has blazed a trail for human rights development that has distinct Chinese features and made outstanding achievements in this field.

Huang Junxian, Inspector of the Human Rights Affairs Department of China's State Council Information Office, said that to respect and protect human rights is a key principle of governance for the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government.

"It is also an important goal of pursuing socialism with Chinese characteristics," he said during the opening ceremony of a photo exhibition showcasing China's progress and achievements in the human rights promotions.

A photo exhibition titled "For a Better Life of the People" opened Monday in the Palaise des Nations, the UN headquarters in Geneva, which is a collection of 70 pictures and 15 short videos that illustrate China's achievements in the human rights filed.

The first of its kind ever held in the Palaise des Nations, the exhibition was jointly sponsored by the Chinese Mission to UN at Geneva and China's State Council Information Office.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1563296/1563296.htm>

## **5. 'China's Major-Country Diplomacy' applauded by overseas Chinese**

Overseas Chinese communities applaud the hot broadcast "China's Major-Country Diplomacy" that displays the remarkable diplomatic achievements China has made over the past five years.

The recently screened six-episode feature documentary on China's diplomacy led by Chinese President Xi Jinping arouses heated discussions among Chinese diplomats, peacekeepers and ethnic Chinese living in overseas countries.

China's diplomatic efforts boosted by "innovative notions" from Xi since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in 2012, such as building a community of shared destiny for mankind and the Belt and Road Initiative to seek common development and prosperity, "are greeted with widespread welcome in the international community," Chinese Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui said.

"It lifts us up. We take pride in the diplomatic practices that feature peaceful development and win-win cooperation," said Hong Lei, Chinese consul general in Chicago and previously Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson.

As diplomats recall from the documentary the historic moments they witnessed, many Chinese peacekeepers overseas feel inspired to remain committed to their missions amid violence and life threats.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.china.org.cn/world/2017-09/03/content\\_41522038.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/world/2017-09/03/content_41522038.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Foreign Minister Wang Yi holds telephone talks with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson**

On September 1, Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks at request with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson of the UK, exchanging views on the current situation on the Korean Peninsula.

Wang Yi expressed that through a stance of maintaining regional peace and stability as well as international non-proliferation regime, China opposes DPRK's ballistic missile launches that go against the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The UN Security Council has spoken with one voice in this regard once again.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1490155.htm>

## **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming calls for a sound environment for new success in China-UK business cooperation**

On September 12, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled *Create a Sound Environment for New Success in China-UK Business Cooperation* at the Breakfast Meeting of the Conservative Parliamentary China Group at the House of Commons.

Ambassador Liu talked about the opportunities for China-UK cooperation on trade and investment against the background of Brexit. He stressed that business cooperation between China and Britain plays a crucial role as the "stabilizer" and "propellant" of bilateral ties, as it brings tangible benefits, demonstrates a pioneering spirit and reaches to broad social sectors. He believed that the solid basis, the momentum and the promising prospects of China-UK business cooperation remain unchanged.

Ambassador Liu noted that China-UK business cooperation faces three new opportunities: the strategic opportunity of China-UK "Golden Era"; the opportunity for common success by matching up our respective strengths and the opportunity coming from China-UK cooperation on the Belt and Road.

He called for joint efforts to making sure that China-UK cooperation enjoys healthy and sound environments, summarized as "four

environments", namely, the political environment, the policy environment, the public opinion environment and the international environment.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1492331.htm>

### **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China-UK shipping cooperation boosts Belt and Road building**

On September 13, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the "Belt and Road" Breakfast Meeting during the London International Shipping Week 2017 and delivered a speech entitled *China-UK Shipping Cooperation Boosts Belt and Road Building*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013 goes along with the trend of economic globalization and trade liberalization. It builds a new platform, opens up new space and creates new opportunities for the international shipping industry.

The initiative has given a strong boost to global trade; it has forged closer ties between the shipping sectors of different countries; it has promoted connectivity of worldwide shipping infrastructure; and it serves as a new platform where China and Britain could join hands in developing our shipping industries.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1492665.htm>

### **4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming fully confident in the future of China's economy**

On September 6, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the International Conference "China at the Crossroads: Economic Challenges and Opportunities" hosted by the University of Nottingham.

In his remarks at the conference, Ambassador Liu shared with the audience his confidence in the steady progress of China's economy, citing the supply side structural reform, innovation, social welfare enhancement

and business environment improvement as the main reasons underlying such confidence. He pointed out that the Chinese economy is resilient against risks; China's comprehensive and deeper reforms will generate the power for growth; and China's structural adjustment and upgrading will create huge potential.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1490284.htm>

## **5. Craftsmanship of ethnic Buyi seamstresses showcased at "Weaving A Dream" Fashion Show at the Chinese Embassy**

On September 11, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Madame Hu Pinghua hosted a fashion show at the Embassy featuring craft of seamstresses from Guizhou province in the Southwest of China.

In his remarks at the event, Ambassador Liu said that the seamstresses share with us their dream in the language of fashion: a dream to carry forward the culture heritage of the ethnic minorities in the mountains of Guizhou; a dream representing the aspiration and efforts of the people in west China to shake off poverty and build a better life. He added that the fact that the seamstresses from the mountains of southwest China are able to weave in London is a great accomplishment of the exchanges and mutual learning between Eastern and Western civilizations. And the dream is also about deepening China-UK cultural cooperation and people-to-people exchange.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1492055.htm>

## **6. China, UK in partnership on space education**

Leading space scientists from Britain and China signed a partnership agreement early this month to promote and strengthen both sides' space education and space-culture activities.

Under the memorandum of understanding, a new virtual center will be established to lead space education and space-culture activities between the two countries.



The center will be led by Britain's National Space Academy and a consortium of Chinese laboratories. In the areas of culture and education programs, it will be supported by the University of Nottingham.

The new virtual center partnership will serve as a platform for Sino-British space-education and cultural leadership, which can then be expanded to include participation from other space agencies and new space programs or agencies in the developing world.

For the first stage of this partnership, the team aims to select 100 primary and middle schools in China, Britain and countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative to carry out a trial run of the education program.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1563446/1563446.htm>

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