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China News

1. President Xi urges all-out efforts to win battle against poverty

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday called on enhanced and solid efforts to win the battle against poverty. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks on Monday with regard to the fourth National Poverty Relief Day on Oct17.

Xi said helping people get out of poverty and pursue happiness is the ultimate goal of the Party. The CPC Central Committee made the solemn promise at the Party's 18th National Congress five years ago to lift all of China's impoverished people out of poverty by 2020, he said. The importance of poverty reduction has always been highlighted by Xi amid the Communist Party of China's efforts to build a well-off society..

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/09/content_41703876.htm

5 years on: Poverty reduction in China

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/10/content_41707337.htm

2. Socialism with Chinese characteristics: 10 ideas to share with world

The 19th National Congress of CPC is expected to set a blueprint for China to march toward modernization under the banner of "socialism with Chinese characteristics."

Since its 12th national congress in 1982, the CPC has always stressed "socialism with Chinese characteristics." Under this banner, China has become the world's second largest economy and is stepping ever closer to becoming a moderately prosperous society in all respects in the next three years.

The arrival of socialist China, the world's largest developing country, in a playing field dominated by capitalist states has brought fresh ideas to the global response to challenges facing humanity in at least ten respects.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/09/content_41703364.htm

3. White paper on public health and human rights

The State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China published a white paper titled "Development of China's Public Health as an Essential Element of Human Rights" on Sept. 29.

Following is the full text of the white paper:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-09/30/content_41672354.htm

4. 19th CPC National Congress website and WeChat account opened

The media center for the upcoming 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) launched on Wednesday its official website and WeChat account to provide information to both domestic and overseas media and public.

The site, <http://19th.cpcnews.cn> and the WeChat account, cpcnews19th, provide journalists and members of the public with the congress agenda, latest news, announcements and background information on past national congresses, in both Chinese and English.

The 19th CPC National Congress is expected to begin on Oct. 18 in Beijing.

Click for videos on information about CPC National Congress:

How are delegates to CPC National Congress elected?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0Ad31PcboQ>

Who writes the Report to CPC National Congress?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8Nid9QhDm8>

How is CPC National Congress held?

<https://youtu.be/JJleVaJrpZo>

China UK relations

1. President Xi Jinping's historic state visit to the UK in October 2015 provides lasting ties for China, said Ambassador Liu Xiaoming

October 19 marks the second anniversary of President Xi Jinping's State Visit to the UK. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming reflects on the significance of the visit and the Golden Era it heralded.

"President Xi's state visit heralded a new era for China-UK relations," Liu Xiaoming, China's ambassador to the UK, told China Daily ahead of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

"China-UK strategic mutual trust was strengthened. Our shared determination on closer cooperation was firm. The foundation for our bilateral relations was consolidated."

“Looking ahead into the coming five years, I am confident about China-UK relationship. I believe that both countries need to continue to take China-UK ties from a strategic height and long-term perspective. Going forward, we must deepen our global comprehensive partnership for the 21st Century, keep to the overall direction of the "Golden Era", seize the "golden opportunities", expand our shared interests and enhance our strategic convergence as we write a new chapter for China-UK relations”.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2017-10/09/content_33011538.htm

Full text of the interview on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1500718.htm>

2. Yang Jiechi meets with National Security Advisor to the UK Prime Minister Mark Sedwill

China and Britain reaffirmed their commitment to a "golden era" of bilateral ties. Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi and Mark Sedwill,

national security advisor to the British prime minister made the remarks during their meeting in Beijing.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1500813.shtml

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2017-10/09/content_33041470.htm

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/09/c_136667673.htm

3. Chinese Navy ships buoy bilateral ties on visit to London

After visiting the Belgian port of Antwerp and making a stop in Denmark, naval frigates from the 26th Escort Task Group of the People's Liberation Army Navy berthed at London's Canary Wharf on Monday at the start of a five-day goodwill visit to the United Kingdom.

The visit, which Liu Xiaoming, China's ambassador to the UK, described as history-making in the realm of China-Britain military relations, is expected to offer the British public and its military the chance to see first-hand China's growing military strength and its unremitting contribution to world peace.

Liu said the visit will strengthen China-UK bilateral ties and relations between the two navies and consolidate strategic mutual trust between the two nations.

"This year is the 45 anniversary of the ambassadorial-level diplomatic relationship between China and the UK, and the 90th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army," Liu said. "This visit by the Chinese Navy fleet will leave its mark in the history of our military-to-military exchanges and state-to-state relations."

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2017-10/04/content_32815751.htm

Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming at the Press Conference of the 26th Chinese Navy Escort Taskforce: A Brilliant Milestone and A New Beginning:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1499113.htm>

Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming at the Reception for the 26th Chinese Naval Escort Taskforce: For World Peace and A More Splendid "Golden Era":

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1499112.htm>

China & World

1. China sends relief materials for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

A second Chinese cargo plane carrying relief supplies for Rohingya refugees arrived in Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong region on Thursday, after the first one arrived on Wednesday.

The relief materials included about 2,000 tents and 3,000 blankets. An official from the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh handed over the relief materials to the Bangladeshi side on Thursday.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/28/c_136646271.htm

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2017/0929/c90000-9275183.html>

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lu Kang's Remarks on the delivery of China's emergency humanitarian supplies to Bangladesh

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2535_665405/t1498780.shtml

2. Xi Jinping sends message of condolences to President Donald Trump over Las Vegas mass shooting

On October 2, 2017, President Xi Jinping sent condolences to US President Donald Trump over the mass shooting in Las Vegas, which caused heavy casualties. He expressed deep sympathy to the US government and its people, profound condolences to the victims and sincere solicitude to those wounded.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1500473.shtml

3. China expects more good news in relations with Japan, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said

Wang made the remarks when he met with Japanese Ambassador to China Yokoi Yutaka.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the normalization of China-Japan diplomatic ties.

According to Wang, China-Japan relations have overcome a number of difficulties as well as made significant progress.

"To further develop bilateral ties is the responsibility of both sides," he said.

Earlier on Thursday, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended a ceremony held by the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo to mark China's upcoming National Day.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/29/c_136648701.htm

Policy and Position

China Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's remarks on Hong Kong

Question: The British human rights activist Benedict Rogers was stopped from entering Hong Kong yesterday. The British government said it has asked China's central government for explanation. Did China's central government tell the Hong Kong

government not to let him in? Has the Chinese side already discussed this matter with the British government?

Spokesperson: Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China, and the central government is responsible for Hong Kong-related foreign affairs. The central government of China and the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region handle the relevant issues in accordance with law. It falls within China's sovereignty to decide who is allowed to enter the Chinese territory and who is not.

Hong Kong has returned to China in 1997 and Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs. The Chinese government's firm opposition to interference in China's internal affairs by any foreign government, organization and individual in any form remains steadfast. As to whether the person you mentioned arrived in Hong Kong with the intention to interfere in the internal affairs and judicial independence of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, he knows that well enough himself.

In response to the relevant remarks of the British government, the Chinese side has lodged solemn representations with the UK.