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China News

1. CPC congress concludes, opening new chapter for new era

The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) concluded on Oct. 24, enshrining Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the Party Constitution and installing a new Central Committee and a new Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI).

At the closing session presided over by Xi Jinping, 2,336 delegates and specially invited delegates selected 204 members and 172 alternate members of the 19th CPC Central Committee.

"We believe that all the decisions and plans the congress has made and all the outcomes it has achieved will play a vital role in guiding and ensuring success in our major endeavors," Xi said in a closing address at the Great Hall of the People.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/25/content_41788181.htm

Xi presents new CPC central leadership

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/25/content_41790522.htm

Full text of resolution on CPC Central Committee report

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1566616/1566616.htm>

10 keywords about the 19th CPC National Congress

http://www.china.org.cn/china/19th_cpc_congress/2017-10/23/content_41777156.htm

Spokesperson for 19th CPC National Congress hosts press conference

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1570675/1570675.htm>

2. CPC Constitution enshrines Xi's thought as part of action guide

An amendment to the Constitution of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was approved on Oct. 24, making Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era a new component

of the Party's guide for action, according to a resolution of the 19th CPC National Congress.

Unanimously agreed by Party delegates, the amendment placed Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era along with Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Theory of Three Represents, and the Scientific Outlook on Development.

In response to contemporary developments and by integrating theory with practice, Chinese Communists, with Xi as their chief representative, have given shape to Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era since the 18th CPC National Congress, the resolution said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/19th_cpc_congress/2017-10/24/content_41784089.htm

3. 'Belt and Road' incorporated into CPC Constitution

The Communist Party of China (CPC) has incorporated pushing for Belt and Road development into its Constitution, according to a resolution approved by the 19th CPC National Congress on Tuesday Oct. 24.

The congress agreed to write into the Constitution "following the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration, and pursuing the Belt and Road Initiative," according to the resolution.

Proposed by Xi Jinping in 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative aims to build a trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with Europe and Africa along and beyond the ancient Silk Road trade routes. It comprises the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

Further reading on the following website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/24/c_136702025.htm

Wuhan-Europe cargo train exports Chinese products to Germany

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1571202/1571202.htm>

4. China's GDP expands 6.9 percent in first 3 quarters

China's gross domestic product expanded 6.9 percent year on year in the first three quarters of 2017 to 59.3288 trillion yuan (about 8.9614 trillion U.S. dollars), data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Oct. 19.

The growth rate held steady from a 6.9-percent increase in the first half of this year and is well above the government's target for the year of 6.5 percent, reflecting a continued firming trend in the nation's economy.

In the third quarter, China's GDP was up 6.8 percent year on year, compared with 6.9 percent in the second quarter, according to NBS data.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1566301/1566301.htm>

Press conference: China's economic, social development

http://english.scio.gov.cn/2017-10/24/content_41785438.htm

Industrial firms report sharp gains as economy stabilizes

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/27/c_136709926.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming expounds on China's new commitment to the world

On Oct. 26, right after the closing of the 19th CPC National Congress, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled "China's New Commitment to the World".

Ambassador Liu points out that the timely and consensus-building congress sets the direction for China's future and outlines China's commitment to the world. It is an epoch-making milestone that is going to have a far-reaching impact on both China and the world. The key message of the Congress is that socialism with Chinese features is entering a new era. And the Congress has highlighted three new missions of a stronger and wealthier China.

Full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/tpxw/t1504966.htm>

2. Charge d'Affairs a. i. Zhu Qin: Belt and Road cooperation can become a new highlight of China-UK "Golden Era"

On Oct. 16, Charge d'Affairs a.i. Zhu Qin attended the Belt and Road Conference and delivered a keynote speech at Chatham House, London.

Zhu Qin briefed the audience on the progress of the Belt and Road Initiative so far. He stressed that UK is China's key partner in building the Belt and Road, and both countries enjoy a solid foundation and broad prospects for cooperation on the Belt and Road, adding that Belt and Road cooperation can become a new highlight of China-UK "Golden Era".

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1504299.htm>

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