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## **China News**

### **1. Proposed constitutional amendment package unveiled**

The Communist Party of China Central Committee made public its proposal on amendments to China's Constitution on Sunday Feb. 25.

The proposal, raised to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, was made in accordance with the new situation and practice of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c\\_136999410.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c_136999410.htm)

**Xi Jinping thought in proposed constitutional amendment common aspiration of CPC, people**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/28/c\\_137004063.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/28/c_137004063.htm)

**Proposed constitutional amendment would grant more Chinese cities legislative power**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c\\_136999143.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c_136999143.htm)

### **2. China to start action plans targeting 'great modern socialist country'**

China is expected to unveil some action plans to build a "great modern socialist country" at the upcoming annual sessions of its top legislative and political advisory bodies.

The first sessions of the 13th National People's Congress and the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, also known as the "two sessions," are scheduled to convene in March.

The two sessions, to be attended by more than 5,000 lawmakers and political advisors, will be the first national assembly after a two-step blueprint for China to become a "great modern socialist country" was announced last October at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

According to the blueprint, socialist modernization will be basically realized from 2020 to 2035. From 2035 to the middle of the century,

China will become a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/26/c\\_137001612.htm](http://xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/26/c_137001612.htm)

### **3. Beijing 2022 learns from Pyeongchang**

Benefiting from hands-on involvement in its neighbor's best practices running a winter Olympiad, Beijing has taken over the stage as it prepares to present its own version of the Winter Olympics.

The 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics drew to a full stop following 18 days of action with a festive closing ceremony on Sunday Feb. 25. But the expertise in planning and operations sent to Beijing — which will stage the gala event in 2022 with co-host city Zhangjiakou, Hebei province — from the Republic of Korea is just beginning.

As Chinese athletes bring home medals, 188 organizers from Beijing are bringing and sending home piles of notes, documents, video footage and extensive knowhow about Pyeongchang's operation gained through the Olympic Games Knowledge Management system to facilitate their own delivery of the 2022 Games.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/26/WS5a934296a3106e7dc13df5b.html>

### **Beijing 2022 presentation at closing ceremony for PyeongChang Olympics**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c\\_136999325.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/25/c_136999325.htm)

### **China provides a tantalising glimpse of Beijing 2022**

<https://www.olympic.org/news/china-provides-a-tantalising-glimpse-of-beijing-2022>

### **4. China's major reforms over past 5 years**

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in late 2012, the CPC Central Committee has advanced reform in various fields and taken socialism with Chinese characteristics forward.

Over the five years, reform has expanded from economic sectors to political affairs, social development, culture, the environment, Party building and the armed forces.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/22/c\\_136991862.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/22/c_136991862.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: multiple opportunities to take China-UK Belt and Road cooperation to a new high**

On Feb. 22, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a keynote speech at the Standard Chartered Summit entitled *Advance China-UK Belt and Road cooperation for common development and prosperity of mankind*.

In his speech, Ambassador Liu pointed out that the Belt and Road Initiative provides four major platforms, namely platform for win-win results, for open cooperation, for mutual learning between different civilizations and for joint decision making. He observed that the British public had gained a better understanding of the Belt and Road Initiative over the past four years and bilateral cooperation had produced fruitful results. He further stressed that as the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations enters a new stage, the two countries may enhance cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative by seizing various major opportunities.

Full text of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1536872.htm>

### **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China stands ready to join hands with the British side to contribute to China-UK "Golden Era" 2.0**

On Feb. 21, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the the All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG) Chinese New Year Reception at the Palace of Westminster.

In his remarks at the event, Ambassador Liu summarized the progress of China-UK relations in 2017, before pointing out that China stands ready to join hands with the British side to contribute to China-UK

"Golden Era" 2.0. He believed that the two countries have everything ready to upgrade business cooperation, cultural exchanges and cooperation on global issues in the new year.

Full text of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1536551.htm>

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