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## **China News**

### **1. China's national legislature adopts constitutional amendment**

China's National People's Congress (NPC), the national legislature, enshrined Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in the country's Constitution on Sunday 11 March, codifying its guiding role.

This was the first amendment to the country's fundamental law in 14 years. Key concepts, policies and strategies the Thought encompasses were embedded in the Constitution.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/11/c\\_137032165.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/11/c_137032165.htm)

### **Draft supervision law to pave way for Party-led unified anti-graft network**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1625089/1625089.htm>

### **2. China unveils cabinet reshuffle plan**

China on Tuesday 13 March unveiled a massive cabinet reshuffle plan to make the government better-structured, more efficient, and service-oriented.

The institutional reform plan of the State Council will be submitted to the on-going first session of the 13th National People's Congress for deliberations.

There will be 26 ministries and commissions of the State Council after the reshuffle, according to a document on the plan available to media.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.china.org.cn/china/NPC\\_CPPCC\\_2018/2018-03/13/content\\_50703634.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/china/NPC_CPPCC_2018/2018-03/13/content_50703634.htm)

### **China's national legislature hears draft supervision law, cabinet reshuffle plan**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1625139/1625139.htm>

### **3. Technological advancement in China creates more opportunities for the world**

China will enhance strength in science and technology in the coming years to create more opportunities for itself and the world.

At a press conference held Saturday 10 March on the sidelines of the session, Wan Gang, minister of science and technology, said China is taking a leading position in strategic hi-tech sectors. Meanwhile, China also shares its scientific and technological achievements with the world.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/10/c\\_137030029.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/10/c_137030029.htm)

#### **4. Dunhuang relics 'return' to China in digital form**

More than 5,300 pieces of Dunhuang manuscripts have been "returned" from France in digital form and are available online, according to the National Library of China.

These digital resources are provided by France's national library, which holds more than 7,000 original copies of Dunhuang manuscripts.

The Dunhuang manuscripts are documents discovered in the Mogao Grottos in China's Gansu province in the early 20th century. There are more than 50,000 of them, featuring history, linguistics, art and religious documents.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201803/11/WS5aa49d94a3106e7dc140e00.html>

## **China-UK Relations**

### **Ambassador Liu Xiaoming calls for efforts to deepen China-UK business cooperation at the Sixth Annual CBBC China Business Conference**

On 14 March, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the Sixth Annual CBBC China Business Conference held at London's QEII Centre and delivered a keynote speech entitled "*A Promising New Era for China-UK Business Cooperation*". British Prime Minister Theresa May sent a video congratulatory message to the conference. Rt. Hon Mark Field MP, Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office also attended

the conference and delivered a speech. A total of more than 400 Chinese and British business representatives were at the conference. On the sidelines of the conference, the Ministry of Commerce of China and the China International Import Bureau organized the first China International Import Expo promotion.

Full text of Ambassador Liu's speech on the following websites:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/tpxw/t1542392.htm>

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