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## **China News**

### **1. Xi calls for enhanced SCO security cooperation**

On May 22, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with heads of foreign delegations attending the 13th meeting of Security Council Secretaries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Beijing.

During the meeting, Xi suggested that the SCO member countries continue to uphold the common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security concept, and promote a security governance model that addresses both symptoms and root causes, so as to push forward the SCO security cooperation to a new level.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/23/c\\_137198558.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/23/c_137198558.htm)

### **2. China-US economic, trade consensus 'meet interests of the people': Vice Premier**

The consensus reached during economic and trade consultations between China and the United States meet the interests of the people of the two countries and whole world, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He said on Monday May 21.

Liu, just returned from the United States, referred to the talks as "positive, pragmatic, and productive" with important consensus reached.

The Vice Premier made the remarks while meeting some attendees at the fourth China-U.S. governors' forum.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/22/content\\_51479020.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/22/content_51479020.htm)

### **3. China unveils plans to deepen reform, opening-up in FTZs**

China has published plans to further deepen reform and opening-up in pilot free trade zones (FTZs) of three coastal areas to better business environment and push for wider opening to the world.

The reform in FTZs in Guangdong, Tianjin and Fujian will focus on high-quality development, supply-side structural reform, institutional innovation and risk prevention, according to a document of the State Council, China's cabinet.

A better business environment that is law-based, international and accommodating will take shape in the FTZs.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201805/24/WS5b062af3a3103f6866eea5ed.html>

**Premier Li stresses higher level of opening-up**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/23/content\\_51493134.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/23/content_51493134.htm)

#### **4. China moves to offer easier access for foreign investment**

China is quickening preparations for the introduction of new practices to cut red tape for business filing and registration of foreign-invested enterprises (FIEs) as part of the efforts to facilitate investment inflows, authorities said Tuesday May 22.

Starting June 30, China will adopt single form and one-stop services to allow FIEs to conduct business filing and registration online free of charge, without the need for paperwork or presence in person.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-05/23/content\\_51493331.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-05/23/content_51493331.htm)

**China will further cut red tape to spur foreign investment**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/17/content\\_51360712.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/17/content_51360712.htm)

#### **5. China's industrial output expansion beats expectations**

China's industrial output expanded 7 percent in April, increasing from the 6-percent rise in the previous month, official data showed Tuesday May 15.

The growth was higher than the expected 6.4 percent.

In the first four months, industrial output rose 6.9 percent, higher than the 6.8-percent-gain in the first quarter, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/15/c\\_137180521.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/15/c_137180521.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Senior CPC official wraps up UK visit**

Cai Qi, a member of the Political Bureau of Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, wrapped up his five-day trip to Britain on Tuesday May 15.

Cai, also Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, said during his trip that the Sino-British cooperation is faced with new opportunities.

China stands ready to work with the British side to implement the important consensus reached by the two countries' leaders, strengthen the high-level exchanges, boost strategic mutual trust and promote the pragmatic cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, Cai said.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/16/c\\_137181662\\_3.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/16/c_137181662_3.htm)

### **2. Wang Yi Meets with Boris Johnson, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the UK**

On May 21, 2018 local time, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met in Buenos Aires with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom (UK) on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1562048.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1562048.shtml)

### **3. The Chinese Embassy in the UK Holds Official Transfer Ceremony of the New Diplomatic Premises**

On May 18, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and his wife attended the Official Transfer Ceremony of the New Diplomatic Premises of the Chinese Embassy in the UK. Ambassador Liu made a [speech](#) at the event, commenting that the new premises is of epoch-making significances, being a golden fruit of China-UK "Golden Era", showing the new image of China's diplomacy, and embodying China's dream for a harmonious world in the new era.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1561503.htm>

### **4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China is a responsible country and an opportunity to all**

On May 21, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming gave a keynote speech entitled [China: A Responsible Country and An Opportunity to All](#). Speaking at the Asia House in London, the Ambassador welcomed the latest trade consensus between China and the US, and went on to share his reflections on the deep seated issues underscored by the current round of China-US trade dispute. He put forth four suggestions as food for thought, including seeing China's development in an objective light, deepening cooperation with win-win results in mind, following international rules in handling differences between countries, and recognizing China's real progress in intellectual property protection.

### **5. Wuhan Water Garden brings charm and beauty of China to the Chelsea Flower Show**

On May 21, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the opening of the Wuhan Water Garden at the 2018 Chelsea Flower Show and delivered a speech "[Appreciate the charm and beauty of China](#)".

The Water Garden tells a story about green development, which has been a key concept that China has adopted in a campaign against

pollution to bring back the blue sky, green mountains and clear water -- to build a beautiful China, he said. It also tells a story about all-round development in China and a story about continuation of cultural heritage.

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