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## **China News**

### **1. China, Germany agree to oppose protectionism**

China and Germany on Monday July 9 agreed to unequivocally oppose protectionism and safeguard free trade system based on multilateral rules to promote strong, sustainable and balanced global economic growth.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and German Chancellor Angela Merkel co-chaired the fifth round of intergovernmental consultations and made the announcement in Berlin.

Both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in finance and economy, make full use of high-level financial dialogue and other mechanisms, strengthen communication in macroeconomic policy and build financing platforms concerning bilateral and third-party markets.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/10/c\\_137313065.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/10/c_137313065.htm)

**With Li's visit, China, Europe committed to free trade**

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2018/0712/c90000-9480070.html>

### **2. China-EU human rights seminar emphasizes diversity**

A human rights seminar sought consensus among more than 60 Chinese and European experts on better understanding and deeper cooperation among diverse civilizations.

The Europe-China Seminar on Human Rights, established by the China Society for Human Rights Studies in 2015, opened on Thursday June 28 at the College of Europe, a postgraduate institute of European studies in Bruges, Belgium.

It serves as a platform to promote dialogue, in-depth exchanges and understanding between China and Europe, organizers said.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201806/29/WS5b35778ca3103349141dfa13.html>

### **3. Xi Jinping presides over 3rd meeting of central committee for deepening overall reform**

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), presided over the third meeting of the central committee for deepening overall reform on Friday July 6.

Since the 19th National Congress of the CPC, the CPC Central Committee has launched major reforms of overall importance, and significant new progress has been made in comprehensively deepening reform

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-07/09/content\\_55755768.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-07/09/content_55755768.htm)

#### **China approves set-ups of branches of overseas banks**

<http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201807/11/WS5b46214ea310796df4df5e04.html>

### **4. China capable of maintaining steady economic growth**

China is capable of maintaining steady economic growth and high-quality development despite uncertainty in the global economy, a senior Chinese official said.

"The economy has been stable and sound this year," Ning Jizhe, head of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), told Xinhua.

GDP expanded 6.8 percent year on year in Q1 and is expected to perform similarly in Q2. Employment is stable and inflation tame.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-07/06/content\\_55165206.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-07/06/content_55165206.htm)

#### **China to launch fourth national economic census**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-07/11/content\\_56190517.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-07/11/content_56190517.htm)

### **5. China releases three-year action plan for cleaner air**

China's cabinet has released a three-year action plan on air pollution control, solidifying a timetable and roadmap for improving air quality.

Economic, legal, technological, and administrative means will be adopted in a coordinated, methodical and targeted manner to "win the battle for blue skies," according to the plan released by the State Council.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201807/03/WS5b3b5d81a3103349141e075f.html>

**Enhanced law enforcement to make skies blue again**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-07/11/content\\_56186062.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-07/11/content_56186062.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Chinese vice premier Hu Chunhua meets British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond**

On June 27, Hu Chunhua, Chinese vice premier and coordinator of the Chinese delegation to the China-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue met with British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond in Beijing on Wednesday. The two sides exchanged views on promoting economic and financial cooperation between the two countries.

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1572928.htm>

### **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: The trade war reveals three conflicts of views**

On July 8, the Sunday Telegraph and its website published a signed [article](#) by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *The trade war reveals three conflicts of views*.

Ambassador Liu points out that the trade dispute is much more than just a problem of trade. It reveals three conflicts of views between China and the US, namely the conflict of views on the world, on cooperation, and on development.

He urges that China, the UK and the rest of the world unite against unilateralism and protectionism, uphold world economic order and the multilateral trade regime, and work for prosperity and stability of the world economy.

### **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China is an Opportunity for Win-Win Cooperation**

On July 5, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the Annual Lunch of the Board of Directors of RIT Capital Partners and gave a [keynote speech](#) on China's economy and China-UK business cooperation. He briefed the audience on the latest developments in China and went on to share his observations on the four major opportunities for China-UK business cooperation in the new era, including opportunities from China's economic restructuring, China's innovation-driven development, China's further opening up and the Belt and Road Initiative.

### **4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming urges students to devote their youthful vigour to China-UK cooperation**

On July 9, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the Graduation Ceremony of the University of Huddersfield. In his [speech](#) at the event, he extended congratulations to the graduates on completing their studies and embarking on a new journey to pursue their dreams. He expressed hopes that the graduates would embrace the world with an open mind and inclusive attitude, open their eyes to a changing China and promote cooperation with an enterprising spirit.

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