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## **China News**

### **1. Xi presides over 6th 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 sixth meeting of the central committee for deepening overall reform on Wednesday Jan. 23.

Xi, also Chinese President, Chairman of the Central Military Commission, and Head of the Central Committee for Deepening Overall Reform, called for "decisive results" in reforms in crucial areas and key links by 2020.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/24/content\\_74404472.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/24/content_74404472.htm)

### **Xi urges major risk prevention to ensure healthy economy, social stability**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/22/content\\_74396803.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/22/content_74396803.htm)

### **2. Chinese VP calls for shaping global architecture for better future of mankind**

Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan on Wednesday Jan. 23 called on countries to work together to shape the global architecture in the age of the fourth industrial revolution with the vision to create a better future for all mankind.

While addressing the 2019 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, Wang said it is imperative to respect national sovereignty and refrain from seeking technological hegemony and interfering in other countries' domestic affairs.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/24/content\\_74404554.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/24/content_74404554.htm)

### **Full text of Chinese vice president's speech at 2019 WEF annual meeting**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/25/content\\_74408413.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/25/content_74408413.htm)

### **3. Chinese economy powering ahead, fulfilling 2018 targets**

The world's second-largest economy grew 6.6 percent year-on-year to reach 90.0309 trillion yuan (about 13.28 trillion U.S. dollars) in 2018, above the official target of around 6.5 percent, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed on Monday Jan.21.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/m/in-depth/2019-01/22/content\\_74396997.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/m/in-depth/2019-01/22/content_74396997.htm)

#### **SCIO briefing on China's economic performance in 2018**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2019-01/21/content\\_74393375.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2019-01/21/content_74393375.htm)

#### **China's industrial profits up 10.3 pct. in 2018**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/28/c\\_137781300.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/28/c_137781300.htm)

### **4. China confident, capable of keeping economic growth within appropriate range in 2019**

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said on Friday Jan. 25 that the country has full confidence and capability to keep economic growth rate within an appropriate range in 2019 despite challenges.

The remarks came as Li had a discussion with some foreign experts working in China at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing prior to the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on Feb. 5 this year.

"China's economy has enough resilience, potential and ample room for growth, especially with a huge domestic market and rich human resources of nearly 1.4 billion people, therefore, we are fully confident and capable of keeping economic growth rate within an appropriate range in spite of multiple risks and challenges in 2019," Li told foreign experts.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/26/c\\_137775020.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/26/c_137775020.htm)

#### **China upbeat about 2019 foreign trade growth**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/17/c\\_137752471.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/17/c_137752471.htm)

## **5. China eyes further opening-up in updated draft foreign investment law**

The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Tuesday Jan. 29 started reviewing a new draft of the foreign investment law, the latest move to promote the country's opening-up initiative.

During the two-day session, members of the top legislature are scheduled to deliberate a new version of the draft law, which has been updated from the first draft submitted to the previous session last month.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/30/content\\_74424255.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-01/30/content_74424255.htm)

## **6. China-Europe freight train services surge in 2018**

China-Europe freight trains made 6,363 trips in 2018, surging 73 percent from 2017, according to the China Railway Corporation.

Freight traffic has been more balanced, with the number of trips from Europe to China accounting for 72 percent of trips, up from 53 percent in 2017.

The trains connect 59 Chinese cities with 49 cities in 15 European countries.

The freight service, a crucial part of the Belt and Road Initiative, began operation in March 2011.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/europe/2019-01/19/c\\_137757026.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/europe/2019-01/19/c_137757026.htm)

## **East China province launches 15 air routes linking B&R countries, regions**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2019-01/21/content\\_74393558.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2019-01/21/content_74393558.htm)

## **7. China to send over 50 spacecraft into space via over 30 launches in 2019**

China is going to send more than 50 spacecraft into space via over 30 launches this year, according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation on Tuesday Jan. 29.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinaprojects/2019-01/30/content\\_74424295.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinaprojects/2019-01/30/content_74424295.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. The Sunday Telegraph Publishes a Signed Article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Entitled *Don't listen to the scaremongers – Huawei is not a security threat to Britain***

On 27 January 2019, the Sunday Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [\*Don't listen to the scaremongers – Huawei is not a security threat to Britain\*](#).

In the article, Ambassador Liu pointed out that the accusations by Western governments and media against Chinese companies as posing “security threat” are groundless and misleading. If left unchecked, they could disrupt market rules, undermine company confidence, poison business cooperation, and cause uncertainties and instabilities in the world economy. Citing Huawei’s success in the UK as an example, he stressed that Huawei’s is a classic case of win-win cooperation, and that Huawei poses no threat to the UK but has much to contribute to the long-term development of the UK’s telecommunications industry as well as its future economic growth.

### **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Build Common Ground for a Truly "Golden Era"**

On 28 January 2019, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG) Chinese New Year Reception. In his [remarks](#) at the event, Ambassador Liu briefed the audience on the four major milestones in the development of China-UK relationship in the past 65 years. He observed that as long as China and the UK respect each other's core interests and major concerns, treat each other as equals and

seek common grounds, China-UK relationship will make progress and develop by leaps and bounds. He offered three answers to the question of how to embrace new opportunities and address new challenges in face of the profound changes the world is undergoing: take responsibility, engage in cooperation and embrace inclusiveness.

### **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Wife Attend the 2019 Chinese New Year Celebration Reception Hosted by Prime Minister May**

On 31 January 2019, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Madame Hu Pinghua were invited to the Chinese New Year Reception hosted by Prime Minister Theresa May at No.10 Downing Street. This is the 7th consecutive year that the British Prime Minister held a reception to mark the Chinese New Year.

Ambassador Liu had a friendly conversation with Prime Minister May and conveyed the greetings and best wishes of the Chinese leaders to her. May expressed her appreciation and asked the Ambassador to convey her New Year's greetings to the Chinese leaders.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1636024.htm>

### **4. The Daily Telegraph Publishes a Signed Article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Entitled Dialogue and co-operation are the only way to cyber security**

On 21 January 2019, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [\*Dialogue and co-operation are the only way to cyber security\*](#).

Ambassador Liu wrote that the allegations of "China threat" to cyber security poison the environment for international cooperation on cyber security and are unfair to China. He pointed out that the fact is: China is a victim of cyber attack; China has taken concrete safeguarding actions and has been actively pushing for bilateral and multilateral cooperation on cyber security.

## **5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming at the China Lates of the Science Museum: A Delightful Taste of China, A Closer China-UK Bond**

On 30 January 2019, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the China Lates of the Science Museum and gave a speech entitled [\*A Delightful Taste of China, A Closer China-UK Bond\*](#). He commended that China Lates is an innovative way to celebrate the Chinese New Year through popular science, and is a delightful "reunion dinner" that offers three delicious "courses": the first course is the original and authentic science and technology of China; the second course is the luscious Chinese culture; the third course is China-UK friendship with an enduring fragrance.

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