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A Story of Solidarity

Since China dispatched its first overseas medical support team to Algeria in 1963, approximately 30,000 medical personnel have treated 290 million cases in 76 countries and regions across five continents, with a focus on Africa. Active in remote areas with harsh conditions, Chinese medical teams make every effort to contribute to local healthcare and wellbeing.

Medical services are an important part of the assistance China offers to other developing countries. It is an example of the country's commitment to building a global community of health for all. This idea, first proposed by President Xi Jinping in 2020 at a time when managing the COVID-19 pandemic topped the global agenda, calls on all countries to make concerted efforts to address public health challenges.

Over the past decades, China has developed advanced technologies and gained clinical experience, lending it an advantage in assisting other countries. While curing patients, Chinese medical teams have helped train local health workers and improve host countries' medical service standards.

The People's Liberation Army Navy's hospital ship *Peace Ark* also

deserves attention. In the past 15 years since entering service, it has crossed three oceans, visiting 43 countries and regions along the way, and offered 250,000 free medical treatments. The *Peace Ark* is China's first domestically developed 10,000-ton-level hospital ship and can accommodate roughly 1,000 patients at once.

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic that threatened global public health security, China has sent 37 expert teams to 34 countries, provided more than 2.2 billion COVID-19 vaccines to more than 120 countries and international organizations, and offered huge quantities of anti-pandemic supplies to 153 countries and 15 international organizations, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. By taking these concrete actions, China has guided the direction and fostered solidarity for global anti-pandemic cooperation.

Since its very beginning, China's health assistance has been welcomed by recipient countries. In the spirit of building a global community of health for all, China is poised to continue engaging in global health cooperation. Medical aid will remain a long-term commitment of China for the betterment of the wellbeing of all those in need. **BR**



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SET TO SAIL

China's first domestically built large cruise ship, the *Adora Magic City*, is seen in the port of Shanghai on June 6. The vessel completed its undocking that day, bringing it one step closer to its long-awaited delivery by the end of this year.

Over 93 percent of its construction and over 85 percent of its interior work have been completed, according to China State Shipbuilding Corp. and its subsidiary Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.

The ship, measuring 323.6 meters in length and 37.2 meters in width with a gross tonnage of 135,500 tons, can accommodate more than 6,500 passengers. It will feature a luxury hotel, cinemas and a water park.



Topnotch!

People lark about on the rooftop of a commercial complex in Tianjin Municipality on June 2. Transformed from four vacant buildings, the commercial complex features a shopping mall, rooftop park and an airplane-themed bar.

Recruitment Campaign

China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security launched a 100-day recruitment campaign on June 6 to help recent college graduates land jobs.

Aiming to provide over 10 million job opportunities, the campaign will focus on the most in-demand jobs in key industries such as pharmaceuticals, information technology, advanced manufacturing and environmental protection, according to the ministry.

The campaign will also facilitate region-specific job fairs in areas with large numbers of recent graduates and high employment demand.

The ministry said that with the participation of employment services providers, industry associations and companies, the campaign will also launch online

platforms to publish recruitment information and host live-stream job fairs.

China will see a record 11.58 million new college graduates this year, earlier data showed.

Fitness Facilities

A recently issued plan aims to promote the construction and use of national fitness venues and facilities in China, aiming at a full coverage of 15-minute fitness circles, or physical exercise facilities that residents can reach within 15 minutes, by 2025, Xinhua News Agency reported on June 5.

The plan, spanning from 2023 to 2025, has been jointly issued by multiple governmental departments, with its main goal to achieve full coverage of public fitness facilities and 15-minute fitness circles at different levels of the country's administrative units by 2025.

For example, a county-level administrative area with more than 200,000 permanent residents should feature at least one public stadium, track, fitness center, sports park or venue.

Venues and facilities aside, the plan aims to popularize mass sports events, improve the service and utilization efficiency of public fitness facilities, and achieve digital management.

Water Supply

A three-month water-replenishment project that aims to supply water to the Grand Canal, a significant transportation artery in ancient China connecting Beijing and Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province, has been successfully completed, the Ministry of Water Resources said on June 2.

Between March and May, the canal received an injection of 926 million cubic meters of water, the ministry said in a statement.

The canal now has water flowing through it for the second time within roughly a century. All of its dried-up sections were refilled with water in 2022 for the first time in almost 100 years, thanks to a water-supply project.

The project helps ease groundwater overexploitation in north China, improve ecosystems along the canal and promote its ancient legacy, the ministry said.

Due to historical evolution, human activity and climate change, some sections of the canal began drying up in the first half of the 20th century.

A Thirst Quenched

Dongting, China's second-largest freshwater lake in Hunan Province, has ended a rare 305-day dry season, local authorities said.

The water level at the lake's landmark Chenglingji hydrological station rebounded to 24.51 meters on the early morning of June 6, higher than the low-water line of 24.5 meters, and is still rising, according to the Hunan Provincial Department of Water Resources.

Officials said the increased discharge of the upstream Three Gorges Reservoir helped replenish water in the lake that lies along the Yangtze, China's longest river.

Between last summer and this spring, Hunan was hit by the most severe drought since records began in 1961. The lake's water levels have thus remained low for an extended period of time, despite several rounds of heavy rain after the flood season began two months ago.

Neolithic Civilization

Shanxi Province in north China is constructing a museum dedicated to showcasing the remarkable relics of Longshan Culture, a

late Neolithic civilization in the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River.

The museum of the Taosi relic site, which dates back about 4,500 to 3,900 years and is located in Taosi Village in Xiangfen County, will be built with an investment of 675 million yuan (\$94.8 million).

Since 1978, archaeologists have conducted large-scale excavations of the site, unearthing a batch of exquisite painted pottery, jade articles and other cultural relics.

Construction on the museum, which covers 12 hectares, is expected to be completed by late October. The main exhibition hall of the museum, covering 9,998 square meters, will be used to display cultural relics, store collections and conduct archaeological experiments.

New Movie

Light Chaser Animation, a prominent Chinese animation studio that gained widespread acclaim for its 2019 animated fantasy film *White Snake*, has announced its upcoming animated feature *Chang'an San Wan Li*, the first installment of the studio's New Culture movie series, scheduled for release on July 8.

A trailer for the film, the title of which roughly translates as *Chang'an Thirty Thousand Miles*, was released on June 2.

The film follows the heart-warming friendship between Tang Dynasty (618-907) poets Gao Shi and Li Bai, and portrays the endeavors of these ambitious lyrists pursuing their dreams during this fascinating era of Chinese history. It offers audiences a glimpse of the magnificent social landscape and brilliant poetry of the time, according to the film's official social media accounts.

The film has already received positive feedback from Chinese netizens regarding the quality of the animation modeling, with some saying the proportions are consistent with the figures depicted in Tang paintings and pottery.

Rare Fish

Over 1.12 million fry of eight rare fish species were released into the Jinsha River, the upper section of the Yangtze River in southwest China, on June 6.

With over 710,000 fry, the Yangtze sturgeon accounted for a majority of the release in Yibin, Sichuan Province. China Three Gorges Corp., a state-owned hydropower



Ready, Set, Go!

Teachers high-five on a student outside an exam site at Beijing Chenjinglun High School in Beijing on June 7. China's annual national college entrance exam, also known as the *gaokao*, started that day. The number of applicants for this year's *gaokao* was 12.91 million, an increase of 980,000 from last year, according to the Ministry of Education.

development and operation enterprise, provided 653,000 fry of the sturgeon.

Other fish species released into the river included the Chinese sucker and rock carp.

The large-scale release of the Yangtze sturgeon marked another major achievement in rebuilding the natural population of the endangered species.

China Three Gorges Corp. seeks to release 1 million fry of

Yangtze sturgeon annually during the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) period to help restore the species.

The Yangtze sturgeon, also known as Dabry's sturgeon, has lost its natural ability to reproduce since 2000 due to overfishing and water pollution, among other factors. Last July, the International Union for Conservation of Nature declared the species extinct in the wild.



The Rowing Roar

Rowers from both sides of the Taiwan Straits power through the water during a dragon boat cultural festival in Xiamen, Fujian Province, on June 3, to welcome the Dragon Boat Festival, which will fall on June 22 this year.

Foreign Trade

China's total imports and exports expanded 4.7 percent year on year to 16.77 trillion yuan (\$2.3 trillion) in the first five months of 2023, official data showed.

Exports grew 8.1 percent year on year while imports rose 0.5 percent in the period, it added.

In U.S. dollar terms, total foreign trade declined 2.8 percent year on year, according to the General Administration of Customs of China.

In May alone, foreign trade increased 0.5 percent year on year.

Unified Domestic Market

China's pursuit of a unified domestic market will provide different market entities, including foreign-invested enterprises, with a better environment and a bigger arena, the Ministry of Commerce said on June 5.

"The unified domestic market we are constructing will be a

global-oriented and fully open market," ministry official Zhou Qiang told a press conference, adding more efforts will aim to make full use of China's super-sized market and promote high-level opening up.

The country will further relax market access for foreign investors, Zhou said, pledging measures to appropriately shorten the country's negative list of off-limit sectors for foreign investment and align with high-standard international economic and trade rules to deepen reforms and steadily advance institutional opening up.

Economic and trade expos and special working mechanisms for major foreign investment projects will be leveraged to provide more platforms and better services, Zhou said.

Efforts will also be made to better protect the legitimate interests of foreign investors, building a market-oriented, law-based and internationalized business environment, he said.

Civil Drone Standard

The State Administration for Market Regulation published the first mandatory national standard for the civil drone industry on June 2.

The new policy, due to take effect on June 1, 2024, will help address the quality and safety risks of civil unmanned aerial vehicles, according to the administration.

The standard has mandatory technical requirements covering 17 areas, from electronic fences to remote identification and emergency disposal processes. It will guide the design, production and testing of drones and help ensure user safety.

The standard is applicable to micro, light and small drones, and does not apply to model airplanes.

E-Commerce Logistics

The e-commerce logistics index rose for the fifth consecutive month in May, reaching a new

high since 2022, industry data showed.

The index tracking e-commerce logistics activities went up 0.5 points from April to 109.5 points in May, according to a survey jointly conducted by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing and e-commerce giant JD.com.

Eight out of the nine major sub-indices measuring e-commerce logistics activities in different fields rose that month. The sector recorded steady growth on both the demand and supply sides.

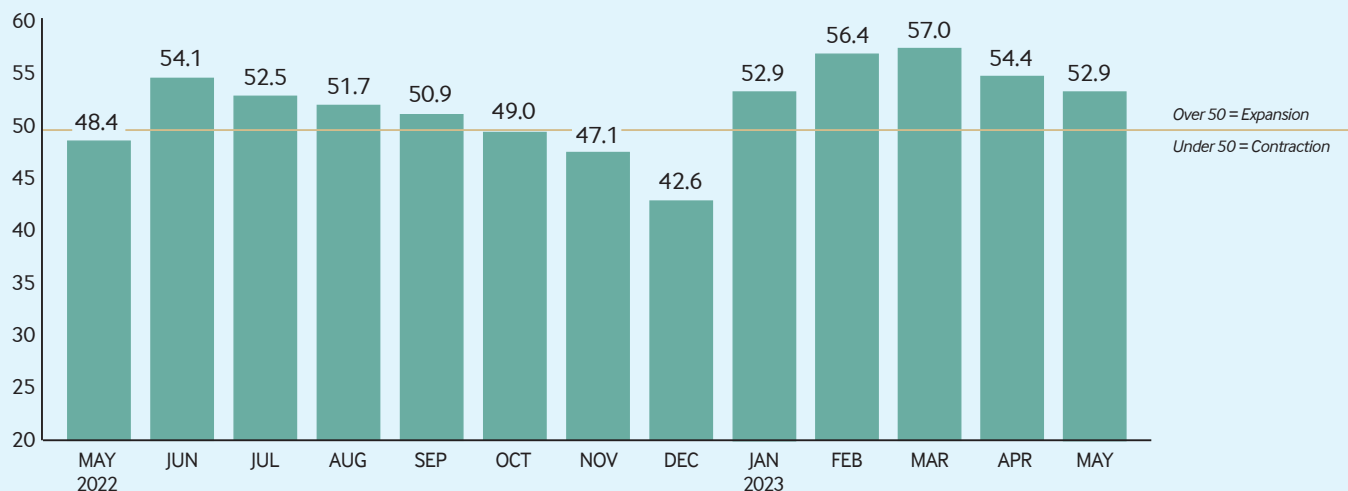
Specifically, the index for e-commerce logistics business volume rose 1.5 points month on month, while that for rural business volume jumped 4.6 points from the previous month, according to the survey.

Futures Market

The futures market reported double-digit year-on-year growth in both trading volume and turnover in May, industrial

NUMBERS

China's Comprehensive Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)



data showed. A futures market is an auction market in which participants buy and sell commodity and futures contracts for delivery on a specified future date.

Total trading volume topped 825 million lots that month, increasing 75.16 percent year on year, according to data from the China Futures Association. Lots in securities and trading represent the number of units of a financial instrument bought on an exchange.

The market's trading turnover stood at 50.37 trillion yuan (\$7.1 trillion), up 25.6 percent from a year ago, the data showed.

In the first five months of this year, trading expanded 27.77 percent year on year to over 3.16 billion lots, with a total turnover of more than 215.42 trillion yuan (\$30.3 trillion), the association said.

Carbon Capture Project

China Energy Investment Corp. (China Energy) announced on

June 2 that Asia's largest carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) facility for the coal-fired power generation sector had gone into operation in the eastern province of Jiangsu.

The facility, attached to a generation unit at China Energy's Taizhou coal-fired power plant, will capture 500,000 tons of carbon dioxide every year, China Energy said.

"During the project's trial run, the CCUS system demonstrated reliable performance and high safety standards, and the energy efficiency indicators and product quality are at or above their designed levels," Ji Mingbin, President of China Energy's Jiangsu Branch, said.

He further disclosed that all carbon dioxide produced and captured will be utilized given the company has already secured contracts with eight firms.

Primary applications for the captured carbon dioxide include dry-ice manufacturing and the production of shielding gases for

welding, according to Ji.

China Energy, a coal-fired power generation giant, is one of the leading companies building pilot carbon capture and storage projects in China. These projects are among the country's endeavors to achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

Container Throughput

Container throughput at China's ports climbed 4.8 percent year on year during the first four months of 2023, official data showed.

In this period, some 95.43 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) of containers were handled at the country's ports, according to the Ministry of Transport. A TEU is an exact unit used to measure cargo capacity for container ships and container terminals.

Total cargo throughput at the ports stood at 5.28 billion tons in the same period, up 7.6 percent year on year. Cargo

throughput for foreign trade rose 8.1 percent year on year.

In April alone, total port cargo throughput jumped 11.8 percent year on year, while container throughput went up 8.6 percent, the data revealed.

Manufacturing Growth

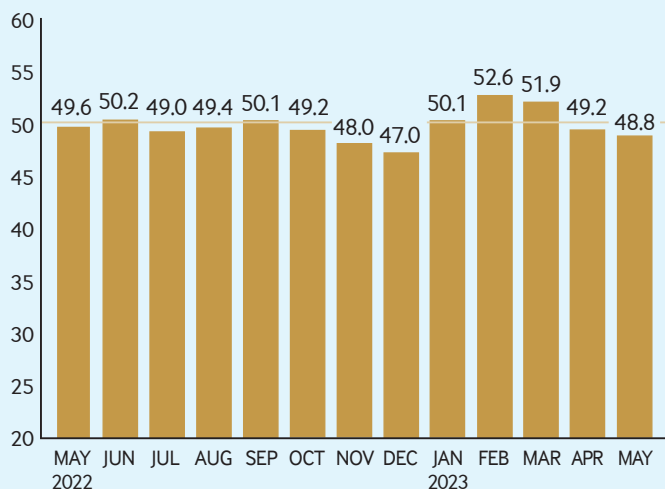
The electronic information manufacturing sector reported steady expansion in April, with the added value of major firms in the sector up 1.8 percent year on year, official data showed.

During the first four months of the year, the added value of the companies edged down 0.4 percent year on year, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

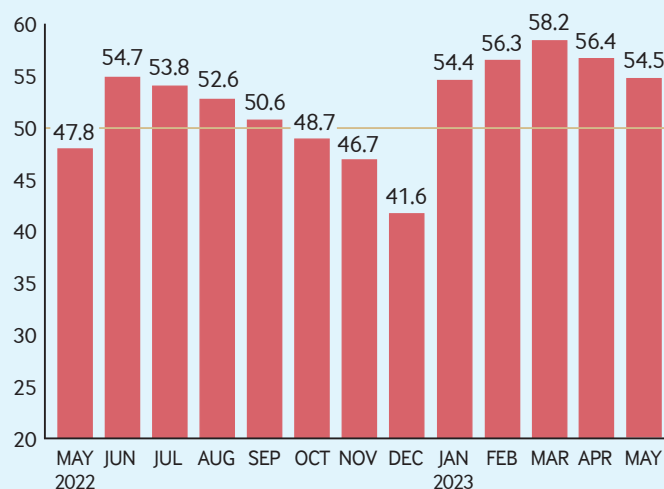
This decline narrowed from a 1.1-percent fall in the January-March period.

China's major electronic information manufacturers are those with an annual main business revenue of at least 20 million yuan (\$2.8 million) each.

China's Manufacturing PMI



China's Non-Manufacturing PMI



THIS WEEK **WORLD**



CANADA

Aerial photo captures wildfires in Shelburne County, Nova Scotia on May 31. An area equal to over 5 million soccer fields has been ravaged by wildfires so far this year



UNITED STATES

A man inspects a lab-grown diamond at the exhibition area of a Chinese lab-grown diamond company during the ongoing JCK show, the world's largest and most trusted jewelry industry trade event, in Las Vegas on June 2



SAUDI ARABIA

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Alireza Bigdeli (front) and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Consular Affairs Ali Al-Yousef (center) perform a ribbon cutting at the opening ceremony of the Iranian embassy in Riyadh on June 6. After seven years of closure, Iran reopened its embassy in the country following a China-brokered agreement to resume official relations between the two countries in early March



ITALY

The Frecce Tricolori Air Force acrobatics team performs during a ceremony in honor of the country's National Day in Rome on June 2



KENYA

President William Ruto delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the Second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in Nairobi on June 5. The event had kicked off earlier that same day, with delegates renewing the call for concerted efforts to regenerate urban centers



INDIA

A rescue worker at the site of a train collision in Balasore District of Odisha State on June 3. The crash, the country's worst rail crash in over two decades, had killed at least 288 people and injured 1,200 as of June 6



THIS WEEK PEOPLE & POINTS

↓ BASKETBALL SUPERSTAR ADDED TO HALL OF FAME

Chinese basketball legend **Yao Ming** has been added to the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Hall of Fame Class of 2023. The FIBA, basketball's international governing body, made the announcement on June 2.

Yao made history at the 2002 U.S. National Basketball Association (NBA) draft when he was selected with the No.1 overall pick by the Houston Rockets, becoming the first international player to be chosen with the first pick. He retired in 2011 after being selected eight times as an NBA All-Star. Yao also played on the Chinese national basketball team.

Yao now heads the Chinese Basketball Association, a professional and nonprofit organization spearheading the development of the sport in China.

In addition to Yao, the FIBA recognized nine other players and two coaches this year for their contributions to international basketball.



Child-Friendly Cities

Eastday.com

June 1

June 1 was International Children's Day, an annual day of action celebrated across the globe in recognition of the importance of children and their rights. Every child has the right to grow up in a safe, secure and clean environment where they have access to basic services and education. And the construction of child-friendly cities presents a powerful means to ensure that children's needs are front and center in city planning and policy-making.

The concept first appeared in 1996 in the Child-Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI), a framework launched by the Second United

Nations Conference on Human Settlements. According to the initiative, a child-friendly city is "a city, town or community in which the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programs, and decisions."

Under the guidance of the CFCI and many government policies, cities across the country are now upgrading their public infrastructure to become more child-friendly. Chongqing, a municipality in southwest China, has opened breastfeeding rooms where the temperature and lighting are carefully controlled to create a soothing environment for babies at railway stations and airports. In March, the suggestions of 25 children were incorporated into the building of a garden in Guangzhou Children's Park in Guangdong Province.



Eastern Data, Western Computing

Oriental Outlook

June 1

Computing power, or the capacity of a computer to execute complex operations, has recently become a major engine for China's economic growth. Aspects of modern life, from space exploration, DNA sequencing, pharmaceutical research and weather forecasting to delivery and e-commerce, are all

"It is not in our DNA to invade others or seek hegemony. Nor do we have the intention to dominate the world or challenge anyone else."

Xie Feng, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, speaking at an event hosted by the U.S.-China Business Council in Washington, D.C. on June 7

"Latest data show passenger traffic at over 90 percent of 2019 levels. Airports are busier, hotel occupancy is rising, local economies are reviving and the airline industry has moved into profitability."

Willie Walsh, Director General of the International Air Transport Association, during the agency's annual general meeting on June 5

in some way related to computing power. According to data published by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the country's computing power sector has expanded at an average annual rate of 30 percent in recent years.

In 2022, China launched a plan to expand the scope of domestic data centers by transferring computing resources from the country's more developed eastern provinces to the sparsely populated yet resource-rich western regions. The east-to-west transfer of computing power not only addresses the current imbalance between demand and supply, but also facilitates the coordinated development of different parts of the country.

Over the course of just one year, a bevy of data centers have mushroomed across the country's vast inland regions. Data have shown that over 5 million servers have been transferred to the western provinces.

On top of technological advancement, the ability to bring in tech gurus is another vital element for the growth of computing centers in western China. Therefore, local governments should devise attractive policies and improve basic infrastructure in these regions to create a more supportive environment for high-caliber tech staff.

Streaming Science

Ce.cn
June 4

In recent years, more and more professionals working in science are creating their own video channels to spread scientific knowledge beyond the world of academia. By offering a wide variety of science-related content, from tutorials on how to make DIY rockets using plastic water bottles, to vlogs recorded during research expeditions, these fun and easy-to-follow channels have allowed people to appreciate the wonders and beauty of science without getting entangled in obscure jargon.

Despite their surging popularity, these video channels face many challenges. Compared with scientific research, popular

science, or science presented in a way that is interesting and accessible to the lay public, is often placed at a lower level on the academic hierarchy. What's more, fake science masquerading as trustworthy and authoritative information has emerged across Chinese social media platforms, tricking audiences into believing bogus theories, which in turn contributes to a gradual loss of public trust in experts.

Domestic academia should adopt a new evaluation model, one that recognizes and gives due respect to the importance of popular science, to ensure the healthy growth of these science channels. Meanwhile, video platforms should impose more rigorous oversight on these videos to block fake experts before their messages have a chance to spread.

↓ RENOWNED SPACE SCIENTIST DIES

Lu Yuanjiu, one of the founders of the space industry in China, died at the age of 103 on June 6.

Lu was born in Laian County, Anhui Province, in January 1920. He was an expert on automatic control and inertial navigation technology. A host of equipment and technologies developed by him were used in China's first satellite, which was sent into orbit in April 1970.



He was elected a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1980, the International Academy of Astronautics in 1985 and a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 1994.

He was one of the 29 recipients of the July 1 Medal, which was presented in the run-up to the Communist Party of China's centenary celebrations in 2021 and is deemed the highest honor for a Party member.

"The U.S. decoupling or de-risking strategies now threaten global prosperity and growth as well as international political security."

Peter Drysdale, an emeritus professor of economics at Australian National University, in a recent interview with Xinhua News Agency

"I have to recognize the characters one by one. One single mistake in characters can totally change the meaning."

Gyumei Tsultrim, an ancient book preservation specialist at Norbulingka, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Lhasa, Tibet Autonomous Region, China, speaking about his work in an interview with Xinhua



COVER STORY

ANGELS IN WHITE

Over six decades, Chinese doctors have offered international medical assistance to 76 countries and regions across five continents

By Ma Miaomiao