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A Green Approach

On November 1, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a written statement to the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. He offered a three-point proposal, including upholding multilateral consensus, focusing on concrete actions and accelerating the green transition, with a view to offering Chinese experience and expertise to the global response to climate change.

China is not historically responsible for the accumulation of greenhouse gas emissions. As an emerging country, China is committed to a green, low-carbon and high-quality development path that gives primacy to ecological civilization, accelerates the establishment of a circular economy, and places stringent controls on the development of energy-intensive and high-emission projects. China has recently issued a comprehensive action plan for achieving its goals of peaking carbon emissions before 2030.

China's path of green transition and development will be a process of continuous exploration, innovation, learning and improvement.

China's explorations mainly include four aspects: First, led by the principles of green economic and social transition, China

is promoting comprehensive structural changes, strictly limiting the expansion of energy-intensive and high-emission projects, and building an economic system that features green, low-carbon and circular development. Second, it will promote the modernization of its climate governance system and ensure its carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals are enshrined in and supported by strong legislation. Third, China will set out timetables and road maps for realizing carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals. Fourth, the country will coordinate international and domestic efforts to address climate change, and work to create a fair and rational global climate governance system with mutually beneficial results.

The international political and economic landscape currently faces profound uncertainties. Populism and anti-globalization are prevailing and, especially since the arrival of the pandemic, mutual trust among countries has been declining, reducing the space for international cooperation. However, addressing climate change is one of the few areas with broad international consensus. The world must unite for action to protect the planet, our shared home.



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BOUNDARY-BREAKING

President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech via video link from Beijing at the opening ceremony of the Fourth China International Import Expo on November 4.

With an exhibition area covering over 366,000 square meters, this year's CIIE, running from November 5 to 10, attracted nearly 3,000 businesses from 127 countries and regions, and significantly contributed to boosting international trade and multilateralism amid the lingering COVID-19 pandemic. A high-level forum themed on the 20th anniversary of China's accession to the World Trade Organization, too, was held during the expo.



Aerobatic Show

Aircraft give an aerobatic performance at a public event hosted by the China Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Anyang, Henan Province, on October 30.

Synthesized Protein

China has become the first nation in the world to successfully synthesize protein from carbon monoxide, and it has upgraded its industrial production capacity to 10,000 metric tons, the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) said on October 30.

The synthesized *Clostridium autoethanogenum* protein can gradually replace soy protein. This would be a huge benefit to China, which sources a great deal of its soybeans from other countries, the CAAS said.

Xue Min, a researcher with the CAAS's Feedstuff Institute, said the production of 10 million tons of the new protein is equivalent to 28 million tons of imported soybeans and can reduce the emission of 250 million tons of carbon dioxide.

China is the biggest fodder

producer and consumer in the world. Its lack of domestic soybeans, a source of feed protein, largely affects national food security.

Huang Qingsheng, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs official in charge of fodder, said Chinese livestock consume 400 million tons of fodder every year. "The fodder contains 70 million tons of protein, of which 60 percent is sourced from imported soybeans," Huang said.

Rental Housing

China has accelerated the development of government-subsidized rental housing as part of its efforts to better meet people's housing needs.

According to data from the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, in the first nine months of 2021 in 40 cities

across the country, construction of a total of 720,000 government-subsidized apartment units was completed. This accounts for 76.9 percent of this year's set target of 936,000 units.

Subsidized rental housing is made up of low-cost and small apartments, built mainly to address the housing demand of new dwellers and young people in big cities.

"Developing subsidized rental housing is one of the priorities of housing development," said a spokesperson for the housing ministry, adding that initial progress has been made and experience has been accumulated that can be replicated later.

Life Services

The National Development and Reform Commission has introduced a set of new measures to

shore up the weak links in the country's life services sector and improve people's quality of life, in a document published on November 2.

The document puts forward 30 measures covering nine areas, including the promotion of services that help the elderly with their meals and other daily needs in major cities, and promoting private sector participation in urban childcare services. These services are expected to be available to over 80 percent of communities in China over the next five years.

The document stresses the importance of efforts to strengthen the supply of basic welfare services, increase the supply of inclusive life services and vigorously develop community services for the convenience of residents.

The document also pledges fiscal, financial and investment support, as well as improvements in coordination mechanisms to boost life services.

Judicial Integrity

Private contact has been banned between judges and lawyers, and between prosecutors and lawyers, according to newly introduced Chinese regulations aimed at better safeguarding judicial integrity and justice.

The directive was jointly issued by the Supreme People's Court (SPC), the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP) and the Ministry of Justice.

Vowing greater efforts to monitor such malpractices, the document urges courts, procuratorates and relevant authorities to ensure the sound implementation of mechanisms guaranteeing the right of lawyers to practice law, and to create platforms facilitating open and

transparent communications between judges and lawyers, and between prosecutors and lawyers.

Former public office holders who were dismissed by courts or procuratorates shall not be employed by law firms, according to another directive recently co-issued by the SPC, the SPP and the Ministry of Justice. The directive was released in order to control the employment of former judges and prosecutors as law firm staff.

Sports Parks

According to new guidelines jointly released by the National Development and Reform Commission and other departments on October 29, China will build or expand roughly 1,000 sports parks by 2025.

According to the guidelines, no less than 65 percent of the land area of each sports park should be vegetated. "These parks should be built in open, natural spaces where the sports facilities will not impact the natural environment," said Ou Xiaoli, an official with the commission, during a press conference.

Real estate development and excessive commercialization will not be allowed in sports parks, and the sports facilities in the

parks should meet the demands of all age groups.

Business Regulation

The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) has released a list of business areas that must be avoided by family members of police officers.

The negative list has delineated five areas in which police officers' spouses, children and children's spouses are banned from engaging.

The restricted sectors are those closely linked to the duties of police officers, or those that might interfere with the impartial enforcement of the law.

Police officers should not help their close relatives or related persons conduct businesses or gain profits, the MPS stated in the document.

Security Review

Domestic entities that want to share data with entities abroad may be required to implement security review protocols and, on some occasions, will be subject to government review, according to a draft regulation released by the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) on October 29.

The draft regulation was released to solicit public opinion, the CAC statement said.



New Line

Aerial photo taken on November 3 shows a self-driving monorail in Wuhu City, Anhui Province. The city officially unveiled its first monorail line that same day, amid efforts to develop a green transportation system in the city.

"An internal security review should go through the amount, range, variety and confidentiality of data to be shared overseas and assess the risks that such a move may pose to state and public interests, and legal rights and interests of individuals and organizations," the document said.

Whether the data can be transmitted safely without damage and leakage should also be reviewed, it added.

If the data are collected from major IT infrastructure projects in China or the collector operates a data bank containing the personal information of 1 million individuals or more, the security review should be submitted to the CAC.

The document further read that the sharing of data with entities abroad, including the personal information of 100,000 individuals or more, would also be subject to CAC review.



Costume Exhibition

Traditional Chinese costumes take to the stage at the opening ceremony of a traditional Chinese costume exhibition at the Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology on November 3. The exhibition displayed over 60 artworks including clothing, paintings and sculptures created by teachers and students from the institution. It will run until November 15.

Digital Cooperation

China has filed a formal application to join the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement, the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) announced on November 1.

Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao sent the application to Damien O'Connor, Minister for Trade and Export Growth of New Zealand, MOFCOM said in a statement. New Zealand is the depositary of the agreement.

The application is in line with China's direction of further deepening domestic reform and expanding high-level opening up, and will help the country strengthen its digital economy cooperation with other members and promote innovation and sustainable development under the new development paradigm, the ministry said.

Beijing Bourse

The China Securities Regulatory

Commission (CSRC) published guidelines for initial public offerings and refinancing on and supervision for the newly announced Beijing Stock Exchange on October 30.

Along with related normative documents, these rules are set to become effective on November 15, according to a statement on the official website of the CSRC.

The securities regulator had solicited public opinion on the rules before their release. It has adopted all constructive opinions on protecting the rights and interests of small and medium investors, boosting listed companies' operation capabilities and improving information disclosure, the statement further said.

China has decided to build the Beijing bourse as a primary platform for innovation-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises as the capital market evolves to meet the financing needs of various entities.

The number of companies in the selected layer of the National Equities Exchange and Quotations (NEEQ), or the New Third Board, was 68 at the end of October, according to the NEEQ Co. Ltd.

All companies in the NEEQ-selected layer will become listed companies of the Beijing Stock Exchange when market trading starts, according to early announcements.

Bonds Inclusion

China's government bonds were officially included in the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI) on October 29, according to the People's Bank of China.

The FTSE WGBI is the last of three major global bond indexes to include Chinese government bonds. The latest inclusion followed the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index in April 2019 and the Government Bond Index Emerging Markets suite of JP Morgan in February 2020.

China is currently the world's second largest bond market, with a value of over 120 trillion yuan (\$18.8 trillion).

The latest data showed that global investors held 3.9 trillion yuan (\$609.5 billion) worth of Chinese bonds as of late September.

Trade Surplus

The international goods and services trade surplus of China stood at nearly 300 billion yuan (\$46.8 billion) in September, official data showed.

The country's trade income amounted to approximately 2.1 trillion yuan (\$328.2 billion), and expenditure stood at some 1.8 trillion yuan (\$281.3 billion), according to the State Administration of Foreign Exchange.

China's goods trade income came in at 1.89 trillion yuan (\$295.4 billion) with an expenditure of 1.52 trillion yuan (\$237.5 billion), leading to a surplus of

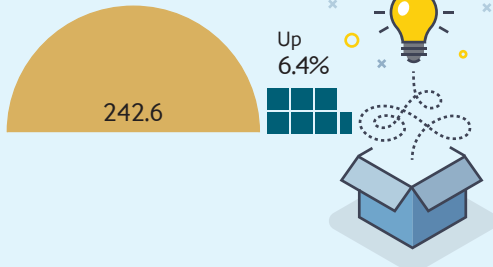
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China's Innovation Index in 2020

(All growth rates are y.o.y.)

China's Innovation Index

Total



By Field

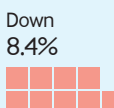
The innovation environment index



Per-capita GDP index



The proportion index of science and technology allocation in financial allocation



nearly 370 billion yuan (\$58.9 billion), the data showed.

The trade in services saw a deficit of nearly 72.4 billion yuan (\$11.3 billion), with the sector's income and expenditure standing at 207.2 billion yuan (\$32.3 billion) and 279.6 billion yuan (\$43.7 billion), respectively.

Transport Investment

Fixed assets investment in China's transport sector maintained stable growth in the first three quarters of the year, official data displayed.

In the January-September period, total investment exceeded 2.5 trillion yuan (\$390.7 billion), according to data from the Ministry of Transport.

The figure represented a 2-percent year-on-year increase and put the two-year average growth at 5.9 percent.

In breakdown, highway investment exceeded 1.8 trillion yuan (\$281.3 billion), increasing 4.9 percent from a year earlier.

Investment in inland waterways exceeded 50 billion yuan (\$7.8 billion), up 9.7 percent year on year, while coastal waterway investment surged 24.4 percent from a year earlier to over 54 billion yuan (\$8.4 billion), the data showed.

Private Economy

The private sector in China is robust, large and fast-growing, according to the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE).

There were nearly 20 million private-controlled firms in China as of late 2019, nearly four times the number of one decade ago, and 266,000 state-controlled firms, growing only marginally in quantity, plus almost 83 million individual businesses owned solely by one natural person, said an article published recently by PIIE, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, citing China's statistics.

Private companies hit by regulatory tightening over the past

year are simply a small portion of the country's overall private sector, read the article entitled *Is the Sky Really Falling for Private Firms in China?*

The reining in of some of China's biggest Internet companies affects only a small share of its digital economy and total GDP, said another recent article by PIIE.

"China's large private sector is more than just Internet companies... In 2020, only 11 Internet companies were among the 500 largest private firms by revenue," it concluded.

Hybrid Locomotive

The first China-developed hydrogen fuel cell hybrid locomotive embarked on its trial run on October 29 on a railway line for coal transport in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

The hydrogen energy locomotive project was jointly launched by the Inner Mongolia subsidiary of the State Power

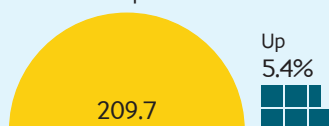
Investment Corp. Ltd. (SPIC), CRRC Datong Co. Ltd. and the Hydrogen Energy Co. Ltd. of SPIC.

Compared with traditional diesel locomotives, the new-energy locomotive is expected to cut carbon emissions by about 96,000 tons per year, running on the 627-km-long railway linking the Baijinhua coal mine in Inner Mongolia with the Port of Jinzhou in Liaoning Province.

Li Lingtao, deputy chief engineer with CRRC Datong Co. Ltd., said the hybrid locomotive has a design speed of 80 km per hour. It can run continuously for 24.5 hours when fully loaded and its maximum traction load on straight roads reaches 5,000 tons.

The locomotive comes with broad market prospects for usage in large factories, mines and ports. With the emission of water, it can realize zero pollution during operation, according to the developers.

Innovation input index



The proportion of R&D funds in GDP



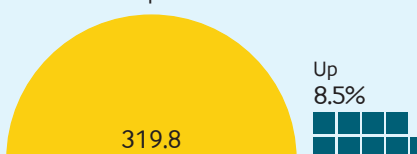
The proportion index of enterprises with R&D institutions



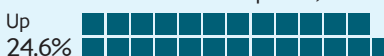
The proportion index of enterprises R&D funds in main business income



Innovation output index



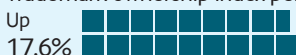
Patent authorization index per 10,000 R&D personnel



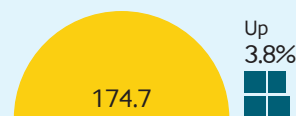
Technology market turnover index per 10,000 scientific and technological activity personnel



Trademark ownership index per 100 enterprises



Innovation effectiveness index



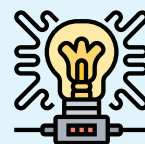
The proportion of new product sales revenue in main business revenue



The proportion index of the export of hi-tech products in export of goods



The contribution rate index of scientific and technological progress



(Source: National Bureau of Statistics)



BELGIUM

People watch a sound and light show in Brussels on October 28. The 10-day event called Bright Brussels, the capital's festival of lights, opened that day



UNITED STATES

People take selfies in front of the Meta plate in San Francisco on October 28. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on that day announced the company had changed its corporate name to Meta



THAILAND

A traveler collects his luggage at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok on November 1. Thailand on that day reopened its borders to vaccinated visitors from more than 60 countries and regions amid efforts to revive its pandemic-battered economy



SOUTH AFRICA

A voter receives a ballot from an electoral official in Cape Town on November 1. Over 26.2 million voters registered to partake in the country's local government elections



MEXICO

People in ghostly makeup and costumes join the Day of the Dead Parade in downtown Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on October 31



EGYPT

The construction site of a new government building in Egypt's new administrative capital, located 45 km to the east of Cairo, on November 3. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has instructed the Egyptian Government to move all its offices to the new setting, a large master plan launched in 2015



THIS WEEK PEOPLE & POINTS

↓ 2020 TOP SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARDEE

Gu Songfen, a Chinese fighter jet designer, received China's 2020 top science and technology award for his outstanding contributions to scientific and technological innovation on November 3.

Born in 1930 in Jiangsu Province, Gu graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He is a research fellow with the Aviation Industry Corp. of China, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

Gu oversaw the aerodynamic design of the *Shenyang JJ-1*, China's first jet trainer, and of the *Shenyang J-8* and *J-8-II*, China's first high-speed, high-altitude interceptors. He established the country's aircraft aerodynamic design system, pioneered the independent development of fighter aircraft, and continued his aviation strategic research, making a significant contribution to China's aviation science and technology.

The award is given out annually to honor distinguished scientists, engineers, and research achievements. The other awardee of 2020 is Wang Dazhong, a reputed nuclear scientist born in 1935.



Promoting Films Overseas

Guangming Daily
October 27

On October 17, Beijing Normal University and the China National Film Museum jointly issued a report on the global online influence of Chinese movies. Currently, most English reports on Chinese films are created and published by the overseas platforms of domestic media outlets, which do not gain as much traction as those by mainstream foreign channels.

With increasing channels for international communication, China's film industry needs

to integrate various dynamisms, including celebrated overseas cinema chains, film industry alliances, distributors and social platforms to create a modern and international communication mechanism.

At times there is no way to avoid ideological or cultural differences in movies. This requires production teams to adjust their original creation according to the cultural traditions of the targeted viewership. Cooperation with foreign directors is also an effective way to present Chinese stories to the world.



Enhancing Foreign Trade Attraction

Outlook Weekly
November 1

The Fourth China International Import Expo (CIIE) was inaugurated in Shanghai on November 4. The six-day event on global trading demonstrates China's role as an engine in boosting the global economy.

The world's first exhibition themed on

"With several bumper harvests, China's growing wheat stocks are sufficient to meet consumer demand for a year and a half. Mounting grain reserves can ensure China is basically self-sufficient in grain with the supply of staple food absolutely safe."

Qin Yuyun, Director of the Food Reserve Department with the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration, at a press conference on November 3

"Hong Kong must continue to enhance logistics information flow and intermodal operations while taking advantage of the financial hub's extensive network and connectivity to fully capitalize on the opportunities offered by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area."

Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, at the 11th Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference, on November 2

import at the national-level witnesses China's pace in expanding its opening up and proactive import endeavors. It also serves as the epitome of the country's efforts to transform itself into a trading power through coordinating imports and exports.

China has become the largest trader of goods since 2013 and had ranked second in terms of trade in services for seven consecutive years by 2020. Its trade in goods totaled 32 trillion yuan (\$5 trillion) that year, ranking first in the world.

Yet the country still has a long way to go before turning into a full-fledged trading power. Taking service trade as an example, its proportion in China's foreign trade is about half that of the U.S., which ranks first in said field.

Today's international trade faces many uncertainties, including trade frictions between China and the U.S. and the rising global protectionism. The outbreak of COVID-19 has propelled rapid changes in global supply and industrial chains. Those conditions further complicate China's foreign trade environment.

Under such circumstances, China needs to continuously enhance its foreign trade attractiveness by developing high-tech, high-quality and high-value-added products.

An Emerging Industry

People's Daily
October 29

Robot research and application are important indicators to measure a country's level of technological innovation and high-end manufacturing. Via unique advantages in several sectors, robots can replace humans to operate in dangerous environments such as under extreme temperatures.

In recent years, China's robotic industry has realized remarkable growth, with its products employed in 129 sectors nationwide. In the first eight months of this year, the output of industrial robots in the

country increased by 63.9 percent year on year.

The achievements made in the domestic robotic industry should be attributed to the support of the market. The integration of advanced technologies, such as cloud computing and bionic sensing systems, empowers robots by enhancing their ability to receive feedback and learn. Today's huge market demand and rich application scenarios consistently boost the industry's continuous upgrade and innovation.

However, it should also be noted that China's robot industry is still in its early stages of development, requiring the reinforcement of basic research and swifter breakthroughs in core technologies.



PHILOSOPHER DIES AGED 91

Li Zehou, a famous Chinese philosopher, died on November 3 at the age of 91.

Born on June 13, 1930, in Changsha, Hunan Province, Li graduated from the Department of Philosophy at Peking University in 1954. He was a researcher with the Institute of Philosophy at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and further held an honorary doctorate in the humanities from Colorado College in the United States.

Li mainly engaged in the study of philosophy, aesthetics and intellectual history. He authored *The Critique of Critical Philosophy—A Review of Kant*, *The Course of Beauty*, among others, which all wielded a great deal of influence over the field of philosophy.

As one of the most significant contemporary philosophers, Li inspired many people during his lifetime.



“China had to introduce a zero-tolerance and zero-transmission policy, as the current Delta variant spreads fast and replicates very quickly. It is expensive to pursue such a policy, but the cost will be higher when we ignore it and let it spread.”

Zhong Nanshan, China's top epidemiologist, in an interview with CGTN on November 1

“The record highs in the turnover and profits of member companies of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China are an epitome of the vitality of the Chinese economy and the positive effects of China's endeavors to deepen opening up and optimizing the business environment.”

Wang Wenbin, spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, at the ministry's regular press conference on November 3



COVER STORY

KEEPING IT NEUTRAL

The entire country switches gears to achieve climate goals

By Lu Yan