

[North Korea Calls for Better U.S. Ties](#)

NYT, 1 January 2010

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea called on Friday for an end to “the hostile relationship” with the United States, issuing a New Year’s message that highlighted the reclusive country’s attempt to readjust the focus of six-party nuclear disarmament talks. In an editorial carried by its major state media outlets, North Korea said that its consistent stand was “to establish a lasting peace system on the Korean Peninsula and make it nuclear-free through dialogue and negotiations.” The editorial added that “the fundamental task for ensuring peace and stability” was “to put an end to the hostile relationship” with the United States.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/02/world/asia/02korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Mainland official expresses new hope for cross-Strait relations](#)

People's Daily, 1 January 2010

Chinese mainland's Taiwan affairs official Wang Yi expressed the hope that compatriots across the Taiwan Strait will promote mutual trust and strengthen cooperation in 2010 in an article to be published in the "Relations Across Taiwan Straits" magazine. "In the upcoming year 2010, cross-Strait relations face new hopes for development. Compatriots across the Strait should strengthen confidence, get ride of obstacles and strengthen cooperation in order to create a new situation," said Wang, director of both the CPC Central Committee's Taiwan Work Office and the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, in the article.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6857536.html>

[ASEAN chief warns FTA gov'ts against protectionism](#)

People's Daily, 1 January 2010

Governments in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) should resist temptation of protectionist measures by imposing non tariff barriers as the free trade area (FTA) between the region and China takes effect on Friday, the head of the association told Xinhua in an exclusive interview recently. "Avoid that, in every forum that I have attended on behalf of ASEAN, we talked about the problem of protectionism, protective measures and it was all agreed that it's not going to be good for economic recovery, not good for economic health of any country of any region. Therefore every government will have to resist temptation of protectionist measures," Secretary General of ASEAN Surin Pitsuwan said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6857649.html>

[China-ASEAN FTA to boost intra-regional trade: business leader](#)

People's Daily, 1 January 2010

The establishment of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA), which will be effective on Jan. 1, 2010, is a win-win outcome and will no doubt boost intra-regional trade, a well-known Singapore business leader has said. In a recent interview with Xinhua, Phua Kok Khoo, president of Singapore-China business association, hailed the FTA between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as a good event for both sides, saying that after the launch of the FTA, which took eight years

in the making, trade between the 10-member regional bloc and China will be more liberal and convenient.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6857527.html>

[Hong Kong Protesters Seek Democracy](#)

NYT, 2 January 2010

HONG KONG (AP) — Thousands of Hong Kong residents marched to the Chinese government's liaison office on Friday demanding that Beijing grant full democracy to the semiautonomous financial hub. The turnout for the protest — the police said 9,000 people took part — was a boost to Hong Kong's political opposition, which is trying to reignite the democracy movement at a time when locals are more preoccupied with economic issues. At their peak, pro-democracy protests here drew hundreds of thousands.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/02/world/asia/02china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Adversarial training enriches PLA's combat experience](#)

People's Daily, 2 January 2010

China's armed forces are stepping up combat adversarial training and war games in a bid to make up for diminishing real combat experience among their ranks. Field troops of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) are taking year-end military examinations in which their superior commands have introduced war games played by "red" and "blue" sides.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/6857702.html>

[China assumes rotating UN Security Council presidency for January](#)

People's Daily, 2 January 2010

China on Friday assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of January. China will perform its duty as the rotating Council president in an objective and fair way and work with other Council members to maintain international peace and security, said Zhang Yesui, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, in a recent interview.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6857695.html>

[Large Oil Spill Reported in China](#)

NYT, 4 January 2010

SHANGHAI — A large oil spill in northwest China has heavily polluted a tributary of the Yellow River, and threatens to reach one of the country's longest and most important sources of water. China's state-run news media said late Saturday that a "large amount" of diesel oil had leaked out of a pipeline last Thursday in Shaanxi Province. The government has not explained why the report of the spill was not released until late Saturday. But Xinhua, the official state news agency, said the leak was caused by construction work and that a crew of 700 people was struggling to contain the damage from what Shaanxi officials said was about 150,000 liters, or about 40,000 gallons, of diesel oil.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/04/world/asia/04china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Organizers highlight China's strong presence at UAE energy summit](#)

People's Daily, 4 January 2010

More than 40 world leading renewable energy companies from China have confirmed their participation in the upcoming World Future Energy Summit (WFES) in Abu Dhabi, organizers said Sunday. The Chinese pavilion at the meeting, which is now in its third year and will be held in the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Jan. 18-21, has already grown to more than 1,000 square meters, ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller, a public relations consultancy, said in a press release.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6858108.html>

[China's armed forces urged to improve Party building](#)

People's Daily, 4 January 2010

The Central Military Commission (CMC) has issued a guideline on strengthening the Party building in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) under the new circumstances. The Party building must be improved by adhering to the fundamental principle of upholding "the absolute leadership of the Communist Party of China over the armed forces," according to a CMC statement published Sunday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6858113.html>

[Per capita added income of rural Tibetans reaches 673 yuan](#)

People's Daily - Tibet, 4 January 2010

Since 2004, 900,000 rural Tibetans have earned a per capita added income of 673.5 yuan from a total of 312 characteristic projects concerning farming and animal husbandry industry. Tibet has invested 1.35 billion yuan as a fund to boost its agricultural industry which benefits 200,000 households.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6858834.html>

[Int'l Officials to Visit Seoul Over N.Korea Human Rights](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 4 January 2010

Senior international figures dealing with human rights in North Korea will visit Seoul early this year. Viti Muntarhorn, the UN special rapporteur on North Korean human rights, is scheduled to visit South Korea on Jan. 10-16 to gather materials for a report on the North Korean human rights situation, Foreign Ministry officials said Sunday. The U.S. State Department's special envoy for North Korea human rights, Robert King, arrives in Seoul on Jan. 11 as part of his tour of countries involved in North Korean affairs.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/01/04/2010010400668.html

[N.Koreans 'Stranded' at Japanese Missions in China](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 4 January 2010

China has been preventing North Korean defectors who took refuge in Japanese diplomatic missions throughout the mainland from leaving the country since April 2009, diplomats say. The Sankei Shimbun, citing diplomatic sources, said some dozen North Koreans are stranded at several Japanese missions in China as Beijing cracked down on North Korean refugees in late 2008.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/01/04/2010010400650.html

[China, Uruguay pledge closer legislative ties](#)

People's Daily, 5 January 2010

China and Uruguay on Monday vowed to seek stronger legislative ties in an effort to bolster the overall bilateral relationship. The pledge came out of the meeting between top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo and President of House of Representatives of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay Roque Arregui on Monday afternoon in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6859240.html>

[FM spokeswoman: China supports DPRK-U.S. dialogue](#)

People's Daily, 5 January 2010

China on Tuesday said it supported contacts and dialogue between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the United States. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu made the remarks in response to a question related to a joint New Year editorial on the foreign policy stand of the DPRK government.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6860392.html>

[Chinese FM's Africa tour to boost China-Africa strategic partnership](#)

People's Daily, 5 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi kicked off his official tour of five African nations and Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, aiming to cement China's strategic partnership with Africa, said a Foreign Ministry spokesperson Tuesday. "At the beginning of every year, China's foreign minister pays a visit to Africa. This a good tradition that dates back 20 years," spokesperson Jiang Yu told a regular press briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6860377.html>

[China calls for diplomacy as U.S. weighs sanctions on Iran](#)

People's Daily, 5 January 2010

China on Tuesday reiterated its calls for diplomatic efforts on the Iran nuclear issue as the United States seeks sanctions against Iran. "Dialogue and negotiations are the right ways of properly solving the Iran nuclear issue, and there is still room for diplomatic efforts," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6860283.html>

[China and Australia Sign Coal Deal](#)

NYT, 6 January 2010

SYDNEY — Australia and China showed a united front in a bid to improve investment ties as they signed a \$3 billion coal deal Wednesday, after a rocky year in which Australia had blocked a series of Chinese takeovers. The purchase of Felix Resources of Australia by Yanzhou Coal Mining could open the door to more acquisitions, said Australia's resource minister and China's ambassador. "Yanzhou's successful takeover marks a new start in cooperation between Australia and China," said China's ambassador to Australia, Zhang Junsai. "China brings not only capabilities, jobs and opportunities, but also secure long-term market share."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/07/business/global/07trade.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

China urges US and Pyongyang to resume nuclear talks

People's Daily, 6 January 2010

China is urging the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) or North Korea to seize the moment and take positive steps so that six-party talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program can resume quickly. China's U.N. Ambassador Zhang Yesui called last month's talks between senior U.S. and DPRK officials a positive development.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6860439.html>

China, Singapore seek to further military ties

People's Daily, 6 January 2010

China and Singapore pledged to further boost military cooperation at a high level meeting of senior military officers on Wednesday. "The Chinese and Singaporean armed forces have conducted diversified and pragmatic cooperation, and maintained a good momentum of development of their relations," said Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie when meeting with Singapore's Chief of Army Neo Kian Hong in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6861590.html>

Pakistan's first China think tank serves to promote bilateral ties

People's Daily, 6 January 2010

The first think tank on China in Pakistan has made efforts and will do more to promote the bilateral relations between Pakistan and China, said the head of the think tank. In an exclusive interview with Xinhua on Tuesday, Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute Mushahid Hussain said a Pakistan-China friendship caravan consisting of 60 people will leave for China in June.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6861534.html>

Beijing Tipped as New Conduit for Inter-Korean Talks

Chosun Ilbo, 6 January 2010

The new South Korean ambassador to China in late December asked a former senior North Korean official in a closed-door meeting for advice on inter-Korean issues, including the possibility of a summit, it emerged on Tuesday. Yu Woo-ik asked the official what kind of person North Korean Ambassador to China Choe Jin-su is and

whether he has direct links with North Korean leader Kim Jong-il. This sparked speculation that a new "Beijing channel" will allow the two Koreas to discuss matters like an inter-Korean summit.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/01/06/2010010602463.html

[Ansari: India set to re-engage with Africa](#)

The Hindu, 6 January 2010

As he set out on his week-long, three-nation tour of Africa, Vice-President Hamid Ansari said India was trying to re-engage with the African continent, while insisting that it was not competing with the advancing Chinese footprint in this region. During his customary on-board interaction with the media on Tuesday, he time and again described his visit to Zambia, Malawi and Botswana as part of the government's bid to "re-engage with an area that India has had old and emotional ties with."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article76299.ece>

[China-Nigeria strategic partnership improved: Chinese FM](#)

People's Daily, 9 January 2010

The China-Nigeria strategic partnership has been improved for the past few years, said visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, on Friday. In a meeting with Nigerian Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, Yang said after the two countries established strategic partnership in 2005, both China and Nigeria witnessed all-round development in their bilateral relations.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864245.html>

[China, India hold 3rd round of defense consultation](#)

People's Daily, 9 January 2010

China and India held the third round of defense consultation here Wednesday, according to a press release from the Information Office of China's Defense Ministry Friday. Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Ma Xiaotian and visiting Indian Defense Secretary Pradeep Kumar jointly presided over the consultation, during which they exchanged views and reached some consensus on bilateral ties, regional security, national defense policies and military exchanges and cooperation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864067.html>

[China signs \\$1 bln contracts with Turkey](#)

People's Daily, 9 January 2010

China and Turkey signed 38 contracts worth of 1.05 billion U.S. dollars at the end of the forum on economic cooperation and investment here on Friday. The deals cover Chinese imports of minerals, marble and other products from Turkey as well as contracting power plant projects in Turkey. The signing ceremony was witnessed by visiting Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and his Turkish host State Minister for Foreign Trade Zafer Caglayan in Istanbul.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864065.html>

[China again reaffirms resolute opposition to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan](#)

People's Daily, 9 January 2010

China on Saturday again expressed strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to the U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, urging the U.S. to respect China's core interests and withdraw related arms sales plan. "The U.S. arms sales to Taiwan infringe upon China's security interest as well as peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and interfere with China's internal affairs," said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu in a statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864069.html>

[China Opposed to Korean Reunification, Says U.S. Expert](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 9 January 2010

A U.S. expert on inter-Korean affairs claims that China is fundamentally against the reunification of the two Koreas. During a speech entitled "The Cost and Consequences of Korean Unification" delivered in Washington on Wednesday, Peter Beck, a research fellow at Stanford University's Asia Pacific Research Center, said China is against reunification should it stem from a failed North Korea and that its principal policy regarding the Korean Peninsula is stability.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/01/08/2010010800764.html

[Central China city relocates 150,000 people for Three Gorges project in 17 years](#)

People's Daily, 10 January 2010

Yichang city of central Hubei Province relocated more than 150,000 people to make way for the Three Gorges project in the past 17 years through the end of 2009, local authority has said. This meant Yichang had completed its resettlement task for the project, said Wu Shujun, director of the Yichang resettlement bureau. Nine new towns had been built for residents relocated from the Three Gorges Reservoir area in Yichang since the resettlement began in 1992, said Wu.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6864337.html>

[Sierra Leone to help enhance Africa-China cooperation: President](#)

People's Daily, 10 January 2010

Ernest Bai Koroma, President of Sierra Leone, on Saturday applauded good relationship between the west African country and China when meeting visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, saying Sierra Leone would like to help enhance cooperation between Africa and China. Koroma said bilateral relations between the two countries have been promoted continuously since the establishment of diplomatic relations 38 years ago.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864338.html>

[BASIC to meet in Delhi, discuss targets under Copenhagen Accord](#)

The Hindu, 10 January 2010

With the Copenhagen Accord setting a January 31 deadline for the nations to specify 2020 emission targets and other steps, India will hold discussion with other BASIC group members comprising China, South Africa and Brazil in New Delhi on their climate strategy. "I have invited my counterparts in the BASIC group to attend a meeting in New Delhi in the third week of January before everyone finalises the entry into the appendix (Accord)," Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article78407.ece>

[US congress feels Chinese influence](#)

People's Daily, 11 January 2010

China's influence on Capitol Hill in the US has increased dramatically in the past decade through increasingly sophisticated lobbying efforts, the Washington Post said in a story published Saturday on its website. A growing realization among US lawmakers that China has become a critical economic player across America is largely the result of Beijing's increasingly sophisticated efforts to influence events at the center of US power, the story said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6864713.html>

[Abdullah wants Govt to take up Ladakh land issue with China](#)

Daily Excelsior, 11 January 2010

NEW DELHI : Expressing concern over reports of China taking substantial portion of land in Ladakh, Union Minister Farooq Abdullah today said the Centre should take up the matter with Beijing at the earliest and sort out the boundary dispute. "This seems to be happening for the last 25 years. One cannot be absolved of the responsibility by just merely saying that the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has not been demarcated," he said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10jan11/newsupdate.htm#3>

[China lauds Pakistan's role in fighting terrorism](#)

The News, 11 January 2010

RAWALPINDI: China lauds Pakistan's efforts against terrorism and violent extremism and acknowledges the sacrifices rendered by Pakistan, its people and the armed forces in combating terrorism. "For all this, Pakistan deserves the praise and gratitude of the world, indeed the mankind," said visiting General Ma Xiaotian, the deputy chief of general staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), during the seventh round of the Pak-China Defence and Security Talks held at the Joint Staff Headquarters in Chaklala on Sunday.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=26609

[As China Rises, Fears Grow on Whether Boom Can Endure](#)

NYT, 12 January 2010

BEIJING — As much of the world struggles to clamber out of a serious recession, a gradual flow of economic power from West to East has turned into a flood. New high points, it seems, are reached daily. China surged past the United States to become the world's largest automobile market — in units, if not in dollars, figures released

Monday show. It also topped Germany as the biggest exporter of manufactured goods, according to year-end trade data. World Bank estimates suggest that China — the world's fifth-largest economy four years ago — will shortly overtake Japan to claim the No. 2 spot.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/12/world/asia/12china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

S. Korea and U.S. Dismiss N. Korea's Peace Talks Proposal

NYT, 12 January 2010

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea and the United States said Tuesday that they would discuss a peace treaty with North Korea only after the North returned to six-nation disarmament talks and began dismantling its nuclear weapons program. Seoul and Washington also rejected the North's demand that United Nations sanctions be lifted before it returns to the talks. "We're not going to pay North Korea for coming back to the six-party-process," P. J. Crowley, a State Department spokesman, said in Washington.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/13/world/asia/13korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

China, Moroccan FMs hold talks on enhancing bilateral ties

People's Daily, 12 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, who is on a five-nation African tour, held talks Monday with his Moroccan counterpart Taieb Fassi Fihri on ways to upgrade relations between the two countries. The two spoke highly of the abundant achievements that have been made in bilateral cooperation in various fields, mainly in politics, economy and trade, culture and health, since the establishment of diplomatic ties 52 years ago, an official press release gained by Xinhua said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6865865.html>

U.S. arms sales to Taiwan detrimental to Sino-U.S. relations

People's Daily, 12 January 2010

The U.S. Defense Department announced on January 6 the approval of a plan of Lockheed Martin Corp. to sell Patriot III missiles to Taiwan. Although it was a step to implement the huge-scale arms sales package announced by the George W. Bush administration in October 2008, such a move only about one month after U.S. President Barack Obama's visit to China tarnished the China-U.S. ties. The U.S. side is fully aware that the Taiwan issue is related to China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and involves China's core interests and the national sentiment of 1.3 billion Chinese people.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6865751.html>

Ethiopia hopes to expand trade with China: PM

People's Daily, 12 January 2010

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said Monday his country hopes to expand its trade size with China. During his talks with visiting Chinese Minister of Commerce

Chen Deming, Meles said his country hopes to join hands with China to promote investment cooperation in areas like infrastructure and manufacturing, adding that Ethiopia is willing to provide more attractive investment environment for Chinese firms.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6865705.html>

[NPC vice chairman meets Indian delegation](#)

People's Daily, 12 January 2010

Han Qide, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature, met Tuesday with a cross-party delegation of senior Indian statesmen, led by Rao Inderjit Singh, chairman of India-China Forum of Parliamentarians, in Beijing. China and India had no fundamental conflicts of interest, but shared broad common interests, said Han. Maintaining peace and friendship, mutually beneficial cooperation and common development not only conformed to the interests of both countries and their peoples, but also had a significant impact on world peace and development, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6866565.html>

[China reaffirms its missile interception test defensive](#)

People's Daily, 12 January 2010

China's missile interception test Monday accorded with its defensive military strategy, said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu on Tuesday. China conducted a test on ground-based midcourse missile interception technology within its territory on Monday. "The test was defensive in nature and targeted at no country," said Jiang, adding it was in line with the defensive national defense policy that China had always pursued.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6866729.html>

[Suitable action against China's incursions: IAF chief](#)

Daily Excelsior, 12 January 2010

NEW DELHI : IAF chief Air Chief Marshal P V Naik today said India will take "suitable action" if the reports of China occupying Indian territory along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was established. "I am not aware of the authenticity of the reports. When it is established on the ground, then we will take suitable action. It (incursions) has got nothing to do with the Air Force though," Naik told reporters here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10jan12/newsupdate.htm#4>

[One step further to final settlement](#)

Kuensel, 12 January 2010

"A majority of the work is completed. What's left is minor," according to the assistant minister, ministry of foreign affairs, Hu Zhengyue, the head of the Chinese delegation, who is in the country for the 19th round of Bhutan-China boundary talks. "If we take one step further, we'll achieve the final settlement, a final settlement that's attractive to the people of both countries," said Hu Zhengyue, who

arrived yesterday. He said that tremendous efforts have been made and the two countries should engage each other more frequently on the border discussions.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14467>

[China Nearly Doubles Security Budget for Western Region](#)

NYT, 13 January 2010

BEIJING — The government of the vast western region of Xinjiang, which last July was racked by China's deadliest ethnic violence in decades, is almost doubling its security budget this year compared with 2009, according to a report on Wednesday in China Daily, an official English-language newspaper. The move is an indication of how deeply worried Chinese officials are that members of the Uighurs and Han ethnic groups could clash again in the cities and desert oasis towns of the oil-rich region, and of the extraordinary measures the officials are taking to clamp down on the area. The Uighurs are a Turkic-speaking, primarily Muslim people who often say the ethnic Han, who make up the majority of China's population, discriminate against them. The Uighurs are the largest ethnic group in Xinjiang but are concerned by the displacement of their culture as growing numbers of Han migrants settle in the area.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/14/world/asia/14xinjiang.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Clinton Tries to Defuse Asian Tension](#)

NYT, 13 January 2010

HONOLULU — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton kicked off her travels this year, as she did last year, by flying across the Pacific rather than the Atlantic. But this time, her itinerary is more urgent. With tensions rising between the United States and both Japan and China, Asia has emerged as a diplomatic hornet's nest, even beyond the perennial threat of North Korea. Mrs. Clinton met with Japan's foreign minister in Hawaii on Tuesday to try to defuse tension from a dispute over relocating an American military base on the island of Okinawa. The talks did not yield any breakthroughs, and afterward, it was clear the two sides were still far apart.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/13/world/asia/13diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese vice president meets Pakistan opposition party chief](#)

People's Daily, 13 January 2010

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping met Tuesday in Beijing with Nawaz Sharif, chief of the opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), saying party exchanges would help facilitate bilateral relations. The increasing inter-party exchanges would inject energy into China-Pakistan strategic and cooperative partnership, said Xi, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6866814.html>

[Clinton plays down tension risks with China](#)

People's Daily, 13 January 2010

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton downplayed on Monday the risk of tensions between China and the US, saying she believes the two countries have "a mature relationship" to overcome "differences of opinion." Speaking on the first day of her ongoing Asia-Pacific trip, Clinton acknowledged in Hawaii that relations with China might be entering a rough period, as US President Barack Obama's administration supports the sale of defensive arms to Taiwan and a possible meeting between the president and the Dalai Lama.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6867061.html>

[China, Bhutan hold 19th border talks](#)

People's Daily, 13 January 2010

China and Bhutan held from Jan. 11 to 13 their 19th border talks in the Bhutan capital Thimphu. Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Hu Zhengyue held talks with head of Bhutan delegation, Minister of Economic Affairs Khandu Wangchuk in a friendly and frank atmosphere. Hu also met with the 4th King of Bhutan Jigme Singye Wangchuk and Prime Minister Jigme Thinley during his stay in Bhutan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6866946.html>

[China to lose no time in implementing "eight new measures" to help Africa: minister](#)

People's Daily, 13 January 2010

China will lose no time in implementing the "eight new measures" to strengthen China-Africa cooperation in the next three years, said China's Minister of Commerce Chen Deming on Tuesday. The fourth ministerial meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was held in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Nov. 8-9. At the meeting, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced eight new measures the Chinese government will take to strengthen China-Africa cooperation in the next three years.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6866906.html>

[Google threatens to quit China](#)

Taipei Times, 13 January 2010

WEB ATTACKS: The US demanded an explanation from Beijing over Google's claim that hackers attempted to break into the Gmail accounts of Chinese rights activists. Internet giant Google Inc on Tuesday made a shock threat to quit China, the world's biggest Internet market by number of users, after hackers accessed human rights activists' e-mail accounts. "These attacks and the surveillance they have uncovered — combined with attempts over the past year to further limit free speech on the Web — have led us to conclude that we should review the feasibility of our business operations in China," Google chief legal officer David Drummond said in a statement.

<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/front/archives/2010/01/14/2003463465>

[Legal rights of arrested Indian traders will be protected: Chinese official](#)

The Hindu, 14 January 2010

The 21 Indian traders who were arrested last week in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen on diamond-smuggling charges have been assured that their legal rights will be protected, a Chinese official said on Thursday. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu said the case was still under investigation, and that Chinese authorities had granted consular access to Indian officials who met with those detained on Wednesday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article80503.ece>

[Joint field survey next on agenda](#)

Kuensel, 14 January 2010

The 19th round of boundary talks between the governments of the People's Republic of China and Bhutan, which concluded yesterday in the capital, resolved to direct the expert group of the two governments to meet and discuss the modalities for a joint field survey. The joint field survey aims to harmonise reference points and names of places in areas in the western sector, which are now the focus of the talks. The disputed areas in the western sector comprise the four pastures of Doklam, Charithang, Sinchulumpa and Dramana. A press release from the foreign ministry stated that the two governments reaffirmed their commitment to resolve the boundary issue at the earliest possible through mutual consultation, understanding and accommodation on the basis of the four guiding principles agreed in 1988 and the 1998 Agreement on Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility in the Bhutan-China Border Areas.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14485>

[China, India to lead climate meeting](#)

People's Daily, 14 January 2010

NEW DELHI: Four of the world's largest and fastest-growing carbon emitters will meet in New Delhi this month ahead of a Jan 31 deadline for countries to submit their action plans to fight climate change. The meeting, to be held either on Jan 24 or 25, will be attended by the environment ministers of Brazil, South Africa, India and China - the BASIC bloc of nations that helped broker a political accord at last month's Copenhagen climate summit.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6868385.html>

[Chinese FM says his African, Asian trip successful](#)

People's Daily, 14 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said in Riyadh Wednesday that his visits to seven African and Asian countries reached the goal of promoting mutual trust, expanding cooperation, deepening understanding and developing friendship. In the past nine days, Yang have visited Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Algeria, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Maldives. The visits were his first in the new year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6869016.html>

[China test-fires interceptor](#)

People's Daily, 14 January 2010

China announced its first test of a ground-based mid-range missile interception system Monday within Chinese territory, a move that military experts claim is a breakthrough in the air defense capabilities of the nation's military. Details were sparse, but the official Xinhua News Agency said the test achieved the "expected objective" without elaborating further. The missile is "defensive in nature" and did not "target any country," Xinhua said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6865759.html>

Google pullout threat 'a pressure tactic'

People's Daily, 14 January 2010

Google's threat to pull out of China over what it claims to be cyber attacks has left millions of Chinese users concerned - and analysts described the move as the company's strategy to put pressure on the Chinese government. Google - the world's largest search engine - said in a statement yesterday that it is considering exiting China after the company had been hit in December with major cyber attacks that it believes originated in the country. It is not clear whether users in China, including many foreigners, would continue to access services such as Gmail and Google Map, should the company shut its service.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6868381.html>

Report calls for slow approach to CBMs

Taipei Times, 14 January 2010

A major new US study warns that while it is important to build mutual trust, China and Taiwan should not move prematurely to discuss military confidence-building measures (CBM) and should wait until both sides are fully prepared. "Leaders in both mainland China and Taiwan realize that they face an important and historic opportunity to improve cross-strait relations and begin the process of resolving long-standing differences," says the report, authored by Bonnie Glaser, an expert on Chinese foreign and security policy and a senior fellow at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2010/01/14/2003463435>

After Google's Stand on China, U.S. Treads Lightly

NYT, 15 January 2010

Last month, when Google engineers at their sprawling campus in Silicon Valley began to suspect that Chinese intruders were breaking into private Gmail accounts, the company began a secret counteroffensive. It managed to gain access to a computer in Taiwan that it suspected of being the source of the attacks. Peering inside that machine, company engineers actually saw evidence of the aftermath of the attacks, not only at Google, but also at at least 33 other companies, including Adobe Systems, Northrop Grumman and Juniper Networks, according to a government consultant who has spoken with the investigators.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/15/world/asia/15diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China arrests 82,000 drug suspects in 11 months last year](#)

People's Daily, 15 January 2010

China's public security forces had arrested 82,000 drug suspects and cracked 70,000 drug cases from January to November last year, a senior official with the Ministry of Public Security said on Thursday. The suspects included 60 key Chinese and overseas drug traffickers, said Zhang Xinfeng, vice minister of public security, at a nationwide teleconference.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6869762.html>

[Senior Russian legislator hails Russia-China ties](#)

People's Daily, 15 January 2010

Russia-China relations are developing smoothly and are poised to enhance in the future, said Sergei Mironov, speaker of the Federation Council, Russia's upper house of parliament, on Thursday. Mironov, at a meeting with representatives from media, told Xinhua Russia and China have maintained frequent high-level exchanges in recent years. Both sides have established exchange platforms at various levels, including the Baikal economic forum held in Russia once every two years, he noted.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6869595.html>

[MOFCOM: Google's decision not to affect Sino-US economic and trade relations](#)

People's Daily, 15 January 2010

Google's final decision for its operations in China will not affect Sino-US economic and trade relations, a Chinese official with Ministry of Commerce said Friday. Speaking at a monthly press conference, Yao Jian, spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce, said that China will continue to support foreign companies investing in China, and stressed foreign investors must respect China's national conditions and abide by Chinese laws and regulations. He believes the Chinese market is still attractive for foreign investors and he has confidence in the prospects for the mainland market.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90860/6870258.html>

[Xinjiang steps up fight against terrorism](#)

People's Daily, 15 January 2010

Law enforcers in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have set anti-terrorism as the main task in their work, according to Rozi Ismail, head of Xinjiang Higher People's Court. People's courts at all levels in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region closed 437 cases on jeopardizing state security in 2009, with many of the criminals having conducted activities of terrorist violence, said Rozi Ismail in his work report at the on-going Xinjiang People's Congress, or the legislature.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6869990.html>

['India wants cordial, peaceful relations with Pak and China'](#)

The Hindu, 15 January 2010

With his doctrine of two-front war with Pakistan and China having received vehement

protest across the border, Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor on Friday said India wanted to foster "cordial and peaceful relations" with both the nations. "India has always believed in maintaining peaceful and cordial relations with its neighbouring countries," Gen. Kapoor told his troops, senior officers and foreign dignitaries here on the occasion of 62nd Army Day.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article80679.ece>

[Chinese ministers' visits to Africa aimed at producing win-win results](#)

People's Daily, 16 January 2010

The visits to Africa by three Chinese ministers at the start of 2010 have underscored the importance that China has attached to the traditional China-Africa friendship, which is aimed at creating a win-win situation. Whether by coincidence or not, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi visited Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Algeria and Morocco from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, and Commerce Minister Chen Deming traveled to Ethiopia and Mozambique from Jan. 12 to Jan. 14.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870536.html>

[China plays down "largest exporter" speculation](#)

People's Daily, 16 January 2010

A Chinese Ministry of Commerce spokesman Friday played down suggestions that China is set to overtake Germany as the world's largest exporter. "Some key data on Germany's trade have yet to be released. Coupled with other factors, such as exchange rates, it's still early to say China will become the world's biggest exporter," Yao Jian said at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870517.html>

[State Council says Hong Kong "referendum" violates Constitution, Basic Law](#)

People's Daily, 16 January 2010

China's State Council, or Cabinet, on Friday said the so-called "five districts referendum" proposed by some social groups in Hong Kong would violate China's Constitution and the region's Basic Law. A statement released by a spokesman for the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office said the "referendum" had no legal basis in the country's Constitution and violates the special administrative region's (SAR) Basic Law.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6870513.html>

[Chinese premier eyes stronger ties with Germany, welcomes investment](#)

People's Daily, 16 January 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday called for stronger ties with Germany and welcomed its investment. "China and Germany should take a long-term view, enhance mutual trust and deepen cooperation to bring bilateral relationship to a new high," Wen told visiting German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870502.html>

[China-Europe relations generally good despite differences: Chinese FM](#)
People's Daily, 16 January 2010

China-EU relations are generally good despite trade frictions stemming from anti-dumping measures, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Friday. Yang made the remarks when meeting with press with visiting German Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Guido Westerwelle in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870481.html>

[Pakistan has right to carry out uplift in AJK, says Nawaz](#)
The News, 16 January 2010

BEIJING: Pakistan has the right to carry out development activities in Azad Kashmir and establish economic cooperation with China for its development, visiting PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif has said here. He made the remarks appearing in China Daily while referring an earlier report from India, which criticised China's involvement in ongoing projects in Azad Kashmir. "The criticism is not fair. It is the basic right and requirement for Pakistanis in Kashmir area to benefit from such projects and no one can deprive them of these rights," he added. According to the website of the Council on Foreign Relations, there are about 10,000 Chinese workers engaged in 120 projects in Pakistan. Chinese investment there - including heavy engineering, power generation, mining, and telecommunications - was valued at \$4 billion in 2007 and is expected to rise to \$15 billion.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=26711

[Chinese FM meets Latin American counterparts on bilateral ties](#)
People's Daily, 17 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Saturday met separately with some of his Latin American counterparts on the sidelines of the 4th foreign ministers' meeting of the Forum for an East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC). In talks with Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Tiana, the two sides are of one mind that through joint efforts, China-Argentina strategic partnership has witnessed in-depth development over the past years.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870772.html>

[Interview: China, Vietnam to embrace new developments in cooperation: Chinese ambassador](#)
People's Daily, 17 January 2010

China and Vietnam, two traditional friends, are going to see new developments in all-round cooperation in 2010, said Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam Sun Guoxiang in an recent interview with Xinhua. China and Vietnam are to embrace the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations on Jan. 18. The two countries have decided to hold various kinds of activities throughout the year to celebrate the six-decade diplomatic ties. Early in the middle of last century, China and Vietnam forged the close bond like "comrades and brothers", said Sun.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870771.html>

[Chinese commerce minister proposes four-point measures on Sino-Tanzanian economic, trade cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 17 January 2010

Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen Deming on Friday proposed four-point measures to further develop Sino-Tanzanian economic and trade cooperation. Chen made the proposal during his meeting with Tanzanian Minister of Industry and Trade Mary Nagu, noting that the bilateral economic and trade cooperation is currently developing rapidly with China's imports from Tanzania up 46.7 percent in the first 11 months in 2009 and total Chinese direct investments in the east African country exceeding 200 million U.S. dollars.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870537.html>

[China at Odds With Future in Internet Fight](#)

NYT, 17 January 2010

BEIJING — At the elite Tsinghua University here, some students were joking Friday that they had better download all the Internet information they wanted now in case Google left the country. But to many of the young, well-educated Chinese who are Google's loyal users here, the company's threat to leave is in fact no laughing matter. Interviews in Beijing's downtown and university district indicated that many viewed the possible loss of Google's maps, translation service, sketching software, access to scholarly papers and search function with real distress.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/17/world/asia/17china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese, Japanese FM's meet on further advancement of bilateral ties](#)

People's Daily, 18 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechimet Sunday with his Japanese counterpart Katsuya Okada on further promotion of China-Japan relations on the sidelines of the 4th foreign ministers' meeting of the Forum for an East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC). During the talks, Yang said that leaders of both nations have met on several occasions and reached a series of consensus over further deepening bilateral strategic and mutually beneficial relations since the Democratic Party of Japan came to power.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6870976.html>

[Experts: Preventing inflation is biggest challenge for China's economy in 2010](#)

People's Daily, 18 January 2010

Several experts have paid particular attention to China's inflation issue in 2010 during the 1st Annual Meeting of China's Economy held January 17, believing that China's economy will be better in 2010 than in 2009 and the biggest challenge for China's economy this year is to prevent inflation and control inflationary expectations. Experts at the meeting are not concerned with whether the economy can sustain growth this year. Yao Jingyuan, chief economist of the National Bureau of Statistics, said the issue facing China's economy is neither the drastic economic decline nor growth rate, but the quality and efficiency of economic growth.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90862/6871595.html>

[Beijing defends moves in East China Sea](#)

People's Daily, 18 January 2010

Chinese experts Sunday rebuked Japan's warning of gas production in the East China Sea, saying it hurts bilateral cooperation, and they urged concerted efforts to resolve disputes. Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada noted Sunday that Japan will adopt "certain" actions if China initiates gas production in the East China Sea, in his talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, held on the sidelines of a meeting of foreign ministers from East Asia and Latin America.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6871352.html>

[Text messaging services resume in Xinjiang six months after riot](#)

People's Daily, 18 January 2010

Text messaging services began to resume Sunday for mobile phone users in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, six months after the July 5 riot in the regional capital of Urumqi. The services were "gradually" restored since midnight Sunday, said an official with the information office of the regional government.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6870999.html>

[India to push for pharma, IT access as trade talks resume in China](#)

The Hindu, 18 January 2010

India will push for greater market access for Indian pharmaceutical and Information Technology companies in China when trade talks resume this week in Beijing, against the backdrop of a fast-widening trade gap between the two countries. Resuming after an almost four-year hiatus, the eighth Joint Economic Group between India and China will be held here on January 19. Since the last dialogue in New Delhi in March 2006, bilateral trade has grown by more than 50 per cent — up from \$25 billion in 2006 to \$38 billion in eleven months of last year, in spite of the unexpected slowdown.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article81727.ece>

[Talks with China in progress over border disputes: Pallam](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 January 2010

NEW DELHI : With reports from Jammu and Kashmir indicating Chinese hold over Indian territory in Ladakh, Minister of State for Defence M M Pallam Raju today said India "need not be alarmed" as talks were in progress to settle the border disputes. He also gave the benefit of doubt to China on reports of Chinese produced arms finding their way to militants in the North-Eastern states.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10jan18/newsupdate.htm#2>

[China upholds due rights in East China Sea: FM spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 19 January 2010

China would firmly uphold its due rights in the East China Sea, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Monday. Spokesman Ma Chaoxu made the remarks while briefing the media on talks between Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his Japanese counterpart Katsuya Okada. Yang has made clear China's stance on the East China Sea issue and stressed the sovereign rights of Chunxiao oil and gas field belong to China, Ma said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6872215.html>

[China becomes India's 2nd largest trade partner](#)

People's Daily, 19 January 2010

China Economic Net reporters learned from the China-India Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum held in Beijing January 19 that the trade volume between China and India doubled in the past 2 years, exceeding 50 billion U.S. dollars. The 2-way investment increased by 10 times and the infrastructure projects that Chinese enterprises built in India exceeded 10 billion U.S. dollars. So far, China has become India's second largest trade partner.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90861/6873167.html>

[Google says 'business as usual' in China](#)

People's Daily, 19 January 2010

Google has announced it is "business as usual" in China one week after the internet giant announced that it was considering shutting down its Chinese search engine google.cn, AFP reported. "We gave our employees a holiday the day of the announcement so that we could run tests and scans internally to ensure that the network is safe and secure," Google said in an emailed reply to AFP inquiries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6873107.html>

[Austrian president arrives in Beijing for state visit to China](#)

People's Daily, 19 January 2010

Austrian President Heinz Fischer arrived in Beijing Tuesday noon for a four-day state visit to China. During his stay in Beijing, Chinese President Hu Jintao will hold talks with him. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao will meet with him. Apart from Beijing, he will also visit China's economic hub of Shanghai.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6872923.html>

[Sinopec and BP join hands to explore shale gas in China](#)

People's Daily, 19 January 2010

Sinopec Group is in talks with British Petroleum (BP PLC) over potential co-operation in exploring and developing shale gas in China. The news has been confirmed by Sinopec on January 18, 2009. In the company newsletter Sinopec said, "The negotiations were going smoothly. This initiative would help China use advanced foreign concepts and technologies to speed up the development of China's potentially large shale gas reserves. ."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90861/6872614.html>

[China dismisses Japan's claim of tiny atoll in Pacific](#)

People's Daily, 20 January 2010

China on Tuesday objected Japan's claim on a tiny atoll in the Pacific Ocean, saying international laws saw no justification for Japan's latest move on the atoll, some 1,700 kilometers south of Tokyo. The Japanese government reportedly submitted a bill to the congress on Monday, which proposes the protection of the coastlines of remote islands, including the so-called Okinotori island.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6873407.html>

[China, India not opponents but partners: Chinese Premier](#)

People's Daily, 20 January 2010

"Only if China and India achieve common development and prosperity could we have a real Asia century," Wen told Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma. Both China and India were large developing nations in Asia, and the total population of the two countries accounted for 40 percent of the world, Wen noted. "We share broad common interests," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6873372.html>

[India to hold meeting of BASIC group partners](#)

The Hindu, 20 January 2010

India will on Sunday hold a meeting with its BASIC group partners comprising China, Brazil and South Africa in the capital to firm up a common position on the climate front post-Copenhagen. "The representatives of the BASIC nations will hold a meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on January 24. The idea is to chalk out the climate strategy ahead of the formal negotiations that will run through the year," a senior official in the environment ministry said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article83232.ece>

[Wen Jiabao for "constructive measures" to ease tensions](#)

The Hindu, 20 January 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has called on India and China to take "constructive measures" to ease tensions over the long-running border dispute, which has strained the ties between the neighbours in recent months. In a 50-minute discussion with the visiting Minister for Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma on Tuesday, Mr. Wen urged both countries "to avoid being misguided by provocations from either side or by media sensationalism."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article82769.ece>

[Sino-French ties now 'in good shape'](#)

People's Daily, 21 January 2010

Beijing, Jan.21 -- China and France have stepped up their diplomatic rapport after a

reconciliation at the G20 Summit in London late last year. It will reach a high point when French President Nicolas Sarkozy visits China to attend the opening of World Expo in Shanghai in May. Former French prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin hailed the development as a clear sign the two countries have put their previous differences behind them.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6874823.html>

[Spain could ask EU to lift arms ban on China](#)

People's Daily, 21 January 2010

Spain will propose that the European Union (EU) consider lifting an arms embargo on China and grant full market economy status to the country, Madrid's top envoy to Beijing has said. Elaborating on Spain's tasks during the six months it holds the EU rotating presidency, Carlos Blasco Villa told China Daily that Madrid will also promote the signing of a comprehensive cooperative partnership between China and the EU.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6874730.html>

[Chinese vice premier to visit Switzerland, attend Davos meeting](#)

People's Daily, 21 January 2010

Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang will pay an official visit to Switzerland from Jan. 25 to 28, and attend this year's World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu made the announcement at a regular press conference here Thursday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6875627.html>

[Vice FM: Google case should not be linked with China-U.S. ties](#)

People's Daily, 21 January 2010

The Google case should not be "over interpreted" or be linked with the Sino-U.S. relations, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei said in Beijing Thursday. "The Google case should not be linked with relations between the two governments and countries; otherwise, it's an over-interpretation," said He at a press conference. If foreign companies including Google encounter difficulties in China, they should seek solution in accordance with the Chinese laws. The Chinese government is willing to help them solve relevant problems, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6875624.html>

[Romania's president appreciates relations with China](#)

People's Daily, 21 January 2010

The relationship with China is "an example of success" of the Romanian foreign policy, President Traian Basescu said in Bucharest Wednesday. Basescu made the comment at his first meeting with heads of diplomatic missions in the Romanian capital since his re-election as head of state. "We were particularly satisfied with the pledge of the Chinese authorities to support investments made by their national companies in Romania," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6874983.html>

[China Rebuffs Clinton on Internet Warning](#)

NYT, 23 January 2010

WASHINGTON — Tensions between China and the United States over Internet policy deepened Friday, with the Chinese government accusing Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton of jeopardizing relations between the two countries with her criticism of Chinese censorship. The Obama administration said it stood by Mrs. Clinton's words and repeated its demand that Beijing provide a more detailed response to Google's allegations that its computer network had been infiltrated by hackers based in China. But the United States held off lodging a formal diplomatic protest, suggesting that administration officials were still uncertain about how hard to push China on the matter. "We have serious concerns about what has happened here," said the State Department spokesman, Philip J. Crowley. "We have serious concerns that someone in China has targeted human-rights activists."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/23/world/asia/23china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Japan, China move on food safety](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 23 January 2010

BEIJING--To prevent a repeat of the fiasco following the tainted gyoza dumpling incident, Japan and China agreed to exchange information and let in inspectors from the other country if food poisoning involving imported products occurs. A memorandum, to be announced soon, has been prepared to ensure smooth investigations into food safety problems.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201001210497.html>

[India, China won't sign Copenhagen Accord](#)

The Hindu, 23 January 2010

The Indian and Chinese governments have had a rethink on signing the Copenhagen Accord, officials said on Saturday, and the UN has also indefinitely postponed its Jan 31 deadline for countries to accede to the document. An Indian official said that though the government had been thinking of signing the accord because it "did not have any legal teeth and would be good diplomatically"; it felt irked because of repeated messages from both UN officials and developed countries to accede to it.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article93870.ece>

[China says Internet regulation legitimate and reasonable](#)

People's Daily, 25 January 2010

China's regulation on the Internet industry is in line with the laws and should be free from unjustifiable interferences, a Chinese government official said in Beijing Sunday. A spokesperson with China's State Council Information Office told Xinhua in an exclusive interview, that China is regulating the Internet legally to build a more reliable, helpful information network that is beneficial to economic and social development.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6877376.html>

[Sudan underscores importance of China-Arab energy co-op conference](#)

People's Daily, 25 January 2010

Sudanese Minister of Energy and Mining al-Zubair Ahmed al-Hassan on Sunday highlighted the importance of the second China-Arab Conference on Energy Cooperation, due to be held on Jan. 26-28 in Khartoum. "The conference is a true fruit of the Sino-Arab cooperation and reflects seriousness of the Chinese government to enhance its partnership with the Arab states," al-Hassan said at a press conference in Khartoum.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6877207.html>

[China pumps 310 bln into Tibet's development in 9 years](#)

People's Daily, 25 January 2010

The central government had earmarked over 310 billion yuan fiscal subsidy and investment in fixed assets to Tibet in the past 9 years since the opening of the fourth Meeting on Tibet's Development in 2001, which vigorously boosted its leapfrog development. In past 9 years, about 200 billion yuan from the central government had been pumped into Tibet's financial sector with an average annual increase of some 20%, while, its investment on fixed assets in Tibet had amounted to over 110 billion yuan which contributed to the accomplishment of some key projects for Tibet's social and economic development marked with Qinghai-Tibet Railway.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6877967.html>

[Beijing to loosen control on one-child policy](#)

People's Daily, 25 January 2010

Couples in Beijing may be allowed to have a second child even if their spouse has siblings, the Beijing News reported today. Currently parents are only permitted to have a second child if they are both from an only-child generation. Also couples who have remarried with no off-spring, have lost their child or have one born with disabilities will be allowed to have a second child.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/90872/6877800.html>

[Second Meeting of Ministers of BASIC Group: Joint Statement](#)

The Hindu, 25 January 2010

The second meeting of Ministers of the four BASIC Group countries took place in New Delhi on January 24th, 2010. Earlier, the Indian Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh met with the four Ministers on the evening of January 23rd. The Ministers who participated in the meeting were H.E. Xie Zhenhua, Vice Chairman of the National Development and Reforms Commission from China, H.E. Carlos Minc, Minister for Environment from Brazil, H.E. Buyelwa Sonjica, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs from South Africa and H.E. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment and Forests from India. The current G-77 Chair – Yemen – had also been invited but could not attend because of other commitments.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article94419.ece>

[China Issues Sharp Rebuke to U.S. Calls for an Investigation on Google Attacks](#)

NYT, 26 January 2010

BEIJING — China delivered a bristling response on Monday to the United States' demand that it investigate recent attacks on American computers from Chinese soil, saying that any suggestion that it conducted or condoned the hackers' intrusions was "groundless and aims to denigrate China." The comment, in a published interview with a government spokesman, was part of a broadside in China's state-run news media on Monday that cast the United States as a cyberhegemonist, trying to dominate the global information flow by meddling in Chinese Internet policies.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/26/world/asia/26google.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese vice premier meets Swiss entrepreneurs, urges enhanced economic ties](#)

People's Daily, 26 January 2010

Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang on Monday called for closer economic and trade ties with Switzerland when meeting a group of leading Swiss entrepreneurs. "China and Switzerland are major economic partners to each other. The economic and trade cooperation serves as an important basis for the development of bilateral ties," Li said at a dinner gathering with elite business people in the country.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6879337.html>

[ARJ21 conducts cold weather testing](#)

People's Daily, 26 January 2010

China's first indigenously-made regional jetliner ARJ21-700 has successfully conducted cold weather testing, a crucial step in getting the type certificate, China News Service's Website reported Monday. Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), the ARJ21's manufacturer, told media Monday the ARJ21-700 plane with serial number 103 successfully flew from Hailar district, Hulun Buir city of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region to Yanliang district of Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, finishing the cold weather ground and flight testing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6878523.html>

[Airlines urged to open flights to Tibet region](#)

People's Daily, 26 January 2010

China's civil aviation administration is encouraging domestic and foreign airlines to open flights linking Tibet to help boost the autonomous region's economy and tourism. In a circular released yesterday, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) said 18 measures would be adopted to enhance civil aviation infrastructure and services in Tibet.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6878507.html>

["Bans" concerning the people's interests should be considered carefully](#)

People's Daily, 26 January 2010

Before the leader makes a decision, he should consider it carefully, has he fully heard the opinions of the masses or has he fully considered the interests of the masses? Beijing's Subway has always been the object of envy by citizens from other cities: multi-line, low fare ... but recently, due to a "ban", the Beijing subway has become the focus of public opinion.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6879161.html>

[Mainland, Taiwan experts start talks on long-awaited economic pact](#)

People's Daily, 26 January 2010

Experts from the Chinese mainland and Taiwan held their first talks in Beijing Tuesday to pave the way for a long-awaited pact that is expected to boost cross-Strait economic ties. The experts' meeting would prepare for formal discussions on the proposed Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) at the next round of talks between the mainland's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) and Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) in the first half of this year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6879020.html>

[Uighurs in Japan flee for better life in Turkey](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 26 January 2010

Caught between two nations, neither of which they trust, many China-born Uighurs are abandoning their dreams of life in Japan and emigrating to Turkey. After ethnic violence erupted in China's Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region last July, Uighurs in Japan became disillusioned with the Beijing government. Many had hoped to resettle in Japan. An Uighur man in his 30s departed Sunday from Narita Airport for Istanbul. He was accompanied by his wife and their two children, both born in Japan.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201001250348.html>

[China elevates rank of envoy in New Delhi](#)

The Hindu, 26 January 2010

In a sign of the rising importance - and growing challenges - Beijing perceives in its relations with New Delhi, China has elevated the rank and role of its Ambassador to India to the level of a Vice-Minister. The move means Zhang Yan, the current Chinese Ambassador to India, will now report directly to China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, and will also have greater authority to take on-the-ground decisions, officials and analysts in Beijing said. Mr. Zhang was earlier reporting to another Vice-Minister, He Yafei, among others.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article94907.ece>

[As China Rises, Conflict With West Rises Too](#)

NYT, 27 January 2010

DAVOS, Switzerland —As recently as 2008, when China was still an emerging economy eager to put its best foot forward for Western consumers, it lifted

ensorship, at least temporarily, on several Web sites before the Beijing Olympics. At the same time, it responded to pleas from U.S. and European politicians to cooperate on several other fronts. These days, China is no longer emerging. It has emerged — sooner and more assertively than had been expected before the wrenching global financial crisis, which badly damaged all the established industrial powers, from the United States to Europe and Japan.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/27/business/global/27yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Dalai Lama's Envoys to Resume Talks With China](#)

NYT, 27 January 2010

BEIJING — Envoys of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetans, arrived in China on Tuesday to resume a long-running series of negotiations over Tibet that have so far been fruitless. The current set of negotiations will be the ninth since 2002 between the Dalai Lama, whom China accuses of being a dangerous “splittist,” and the Chinese government, which has flooded large areas of Tibetan regions in western China with security forces since a widespread uprising there in March 2008. The Dalai Lama, 74, who lives in exile in the Indian hill town of Dharamsala, says he does not want independence for Tibetan regions, but rather greater autonomy — the Tibetans should be able to make their own policy regarding religious practice, education and immigration to the regions, he says. Tibetans are anxious over the large numbers of ethnic Han, who dominate most of China, moving to the Tibetan plateau to seek their fortunes.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/27/world/asia/27tibet.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China, Switzerland voice opposition against trade protectionism](#)

People's Daily, 27 January 2010

Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang met Swiss President Doris Leuthard in Bern on Tuesday and both sides voiced their opposition against trade protectionism amid the ongoing global financial crisis. Li, who arrived in Switzerland on Monday for a four-day visit, said the creation of a free trade area between the two countries is under discussion and serves as a concrete action for both sides to combat trade protectionism. “Both sides should push the feasibility study on a free trade area forward, and be well prepared to start negotiations in 2010,” Li said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6879610.html>

[China cracks more drug trafficking cases](#)

People's Daily, 27 January 2010

Chinese customs nabbed 2,119.2 kilograms of drugs during its crackdown on drug trafficking in 2009, a rise of 150 percent year on year, according to customs official. The General Administration of Customs (GAC) said it busted 506 drug smuggling cases in 2009, up 34 percent year on year. It seized 553 suspects, 8.6 percent more than a year earlier.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6879806.html>

[Global forum to be held at UN pavilion on World Expo Shanghai](#)

People's Daily, 27 January 2010

A series of global forums will be held at UN pavilion on the World Expo Shanghai 2010, Dr. Awni Behnam, the United Nations Commission General for the cultural gala, said here Tuesday. The forums will focus on city development, health industry, environmental protection, climate change, life science and beneficence.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6879791.html>

[China again opposes arms sales to Taiwan as U.S. moves to approve package](#)

People's Daily, 27 January 2010

China on Tuesday urged the United States to end arms sales to Taiwan after the U.S. administration was reported to have agreed the sale of another package of arms. "Once again, we urge the United States to fully recognize the sensitivity and damage of arms sales to Taiwan," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu told a regular briefing on Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6879531.html>

[China, Turkey eye stronger political, economic ties](#)

People's Daily, 28 January 2010

Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said China highly values its relationship with Turkey and will continue to handle the relationship from a strategic and long-term perspective during his meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara. Erdogan said the Turkish government has the same political will to cement ties with China, noting that Turkey adheres to the one-China policy and acknowledges the government of the People's Republic of China is the only legal government that represents the whole China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6881060.html>

[Sino-African friendship flares in AU new Conference Center building site](#)

People's Daily, 28 January 2010

The burning sun and sizzling air did not seem to bother the construction workers, Chinese or Ethiopian, who were working hard in the building site of African Union's (AU) new conference center in Ethiopia's capital city. The conference center project, fully-funded by the Chinese government and constructed by the China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), was China's largest-scale aid project for Africa in decades.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6881053.html>

[Taiwan in search of missing military aircraft](#)

People's Daily, 28 January 2010

Taiwan's military is searching for a trainer aircraft that disappeared Tuesday during a training flight near southern Taiwan's Kaohsiung County, local media reported. Two crew were aboard the T-34 trainer, which had been in service for more than 30

years, when it took off at about 1 p.m. Tuesday. They later lost contact with ground command, according to media reports.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6881248.html>

[Senior Chinese leader stresses development, stability in Xinjiang](#)

People's Daily, 28 January 2010

Senior Chinese leader Zhou Yongkang has urged making preparation for a central conference on northwest China's Xinjiang that will make arrangements to realize fast development and lasting stability in the region. Zhou, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, urged various departments to strengthen research on how to improve the livelihood of local residents and promote ethnic equality and unity in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6880895.html>

[S.Korea Makes Some Progress in Nuclear Spat with U.S.](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 28 January 2010

Seoul and Washington on Tuesday agreed to conduct a feasibility study of pyroprocessing, a new technology for reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods, before they begin talks to revise the Korea-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement. Seoul argues it has long proved itself trustworthy enough to reprocess its own fuel rods, which are by now filling secure storage facilities to capacity due to a ban on reprocessing in the original deal. Second Vice Foreign Minister Chun Young-woo, who is on a visit to Washington, said he exchanged views on the revision of the agreement with senior officials from the White House, and the departments of State and Energy since Monday.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/01/28/2010012800594.html

[India, China to be engine of global growth: WEF experts](#)

The Hindu, 28 January 2010

Led by India and China, Asia will not only become the global engine for growth but will also increasingly exercise its influence on the rest of the world, experts at the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting here have said. "As their economic might grows, the region's (Asia) various societies will become more assertive and influential," WEF said in a statement, summing up the discussions on a session on 'The Rise of Asia' on Wednesday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/business/Economy/article96313.ece>

[U.S. Deal With Taiwan Has China Retaliating](#)

NYT, 30 January 2010

HONG KONG — The Chinese government announced late Saturday an unusually broad series of retaliatory measures in response to the latest United States arms sales to Taiwan, including sanctions against American companies that supply the weapon systems for the arms sales. The Foreign Ministry announced in a pair of statements from Beijing that some military exchange programs between the United

States and China would be canceled in addition to the commercial sanctions. Furthermore, a vice foreign minister, He Yafei, has called in Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the United States ambassador to China, to protest the sales.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/31/world/asia/31china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Clinton Warns China on Iran Sanctions](#)
NYT, 30 January 2010

PARIS — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned China on Friday that it would face economic insecurity and diplomatic isolation if it did not sign on to tough new sanctions against Iran for its nuclear program, seeking to raise the pressure on Beijing to fall in line with an American-led campaign. Speaking to students at the École Militaire, the prestigious French war college, Mrs. Clinton said, "China will be under a lot of pressure to recognize the destabilizing effect that a nuclear-armed Iran would have" in the Persian Gulf, "from which they receive a significant percentage of their oil supply."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/30/world/asia/30diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[East China province continues legislation to enhance cooperation with Taiwan](#)

People's Daily, 30 January 2010

The legislature of east China's Fujian Province will continue legislation to push for Fujian-Taiwan exchanges and cooperation this year, to follow up the success of last year, Liu Dezhang, deputy director of the standing committee of the provincial People's Congress, said Friday. Liu said legislation regarding Taiwan has long been a unique feature of Fujian Province.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6883184.html>

[Criminal suspect escorted back to China from Thailand](#)

People's Daily, 30 January 2010

A Chinese national suspected of embezzling more than 13 million yuan (1.9 million U.S. dollars) has been escorted back from Thailand where he had stayed 11 years, China's Ministry of Public Security (MPS) said Friday. Chen Zhiming, a former manager of securities business with the Shanghai branch of the Hainan SEG International Trust and Investment Corporation, escaped to Thailand after investing the money he embezzled from his company in stocks in 1998.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6883183.html>

[Chinese foreign minister makes proposals on Afghanistan](#)

People's Daily, 30 January 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi made four proposals Thursday on the Afghan reconstruction at the London Conference on Afghanistan. "Afghanistan's reconstruction process had gone through twists and turns," Yang said in a speech. "The successful elections held by the Afghan people opened a new chapter in the

history of the country."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6882249.html>

[China suspends military visits with U.S. over planned arms sales to Taiwan](#)

People's Daily, 31 January 2010

China on Saturday decided to suspend scheduled visits between the Chinese and U.S. armed forces, in response to Washington's plan to sell a package of arms worth about 6.4 billion U.S. dollars to Taiwan. "We made the decision out of considerations on the severe harm of the U.S. arms sales to Taiwan," said Defense Ministry spokesman Huang Xueping in a statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/6883403.html>

[Rawal China trip in Feb](#)

Kathmandu Post, 31 January 2010

Home Minister Bhim Rawal is paying a six-day official visit to China, beginning Feb. 6. According to Home Ministry sources, Nepal and China will sign two separate security related Memoranda of Understanding during the visit. Both are security related MoUs, said a senior official. "The Nepali side will seek Chinese assistance for strengthening Nepal Police and Armed Police Force."

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/01/30/top-stories/Rawal-China-trip-in-Feb/4579/>