

[U.S. Arms for Taiwan Send Beijing a Message](#)

NYT, 1 February 2010

WASHINGTON — For the past year, China has adopted an increasingly muscular position toward the United States, berating American officials for the global economic crisis, stage-managing President Obama's visit to China in November, refusing to back a tougher climate change agreement in Copenhagen and standing fast against American demands for tough new Security Council sanctions against Iran. Now, the Obama administration has started to push back. In announcing an arms sales package to Taiwan worth \$6 billion on Friday, the United States leveled a direct strike at the heart of the most sensitive diplomatic issue between the two countries since America affirmed the "one China" policy in 1972.

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

[China Rejects Demands for Greater Tibetan Autonomy](#)

NYT, 1 February 2010

BEIJING — Chinese officials have rejected demands by the Dalai Lama that Tibetan areas of China receive greater autonomy and be governed as a single region, Xinhua, the state news agency, reported Monday. The report came after days of meetings in China between Chinese officials and two envoys of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetans, who lives in exile in India. During talks, a senior Chinese official, Du Qinglin, told the envoys that the concept of a "Greater Tibet" and "high-level autonomy" violated the Chinese Constitution, Xinhua reported. Mr. Du insisted that talks would progress "only if the Dalai Lama completely abandoned such claims," Xinhua reported.

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

[Chief of Russia's Far East region to visit China for co-op discussions](#)

People's Daily, 1 February 2010

Victor Ivanovich Ishaev, Russia's presidential representative to the Far Eastern Federal District, will visit China later this week to discuss Sino-Russian regional cooperation, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Monday. Ishaev is scheduled to visit China from Feb. 5 to 10 at the invitation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Ma Zhouxu said in a statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6884469.html>

[Arms sale causes severe damage to overall China-U.S. cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 1 February 2010

Ignoring repeated solemn representations made by China, the U.S. government on Friday notified Congress of its nearly 6.4 billion-U.S.-dollar arms sale package to Taiwan. The sale is a wrong decision, which not only undermines China's national security interests and her national unification cause, but also once again hurts the national feelings of the Chinese people.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6884323.html>

[China expected to join medium-level developed countries by 2040](#)

People's Daily, 1 February 2010

China is likely to reach the level of moderately developed countries in 2040 or so. Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing issued the "China Modernization Report 2010" on January 30, 2010 which stated that in the past fifteen years (1990 ~ 2005) the average annual growth rate of China's second modernization index was 3.5 percent and modernization development is faster than the world's average. With such rate of growth, China is likely to reach the level of moderately developed countries by 2040.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90862/6884259.html>

[China will be biggest contributor to us, says Asia CEO of Standard Chartered](#)

People's Daily, 1 February 2010

"China is a core pillar market for us and China will be the biggest contributor to us for the long term," said Jaspal Bindra, Asian chief executive officer of British bank Standard Chartered. The 150-year-old Standard Chartered has remained on a growth path through the entire crisis largely because its majority business is based in Asia, especially China, Bindra told Xinhua in an exclusive interview on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6883678.html>

[Beijing: Military links with US will halt](#)

People's Daily, 1 February 2010

China fired back over the weekend after the Obama administration approved a \$6.5 billion arms package to Taiwan on Friday, with Beijing saying it was severing military and security communications with the United States. Calls were also made for the imposition of sanctions on US companies involved in the arms sales.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6883547.html>

[China Warns U.S. on Meeting With Dalai Lama](#)

NYT, 2 February 2010

BEIJING — A senior Chinese official strongly warned President Obama on Tuesday against meeting with the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of the Tibetans, saying it would damage relations between China and the United States. The official, Zhu Weiqun, said any country would suffer consequences if its leaders met with the Dalai Lama, whom China considers to be a dangerous separatist. Mr. Zhu did not elaborate on what actions China could take.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/03/world/asia/03tibet.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Door for talks with Dalai Lama still open, national sovereignty non-negotiable: CPC official](#)

People's Daily, 2 February 2010

Chinese authorities said Monday that the door for contacts and talks remained open to the Dalai Lama, but no concessions would be made on issues concerning the national sovereignty. Du Qinglin, head of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Central Committee, had met with private envoys of the Dalai Lama in Beijing, said a statement from the department Monday. No exact date was given in the statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6884804.html>

Japan admits war 'act of aggression'

People's Daily, 2 February 2010

Joint history study breaks new ground, but differences remain. Japan admitted in a long-awaited report from the joint history study with China on Sunday that the 1937-1945 Sino-Japanese war was an "act of aggression", but the two neighbors are still at odds on a number of issues, such as the death toll of the 1937 Nanjing Massacre. Bu Ping, Chinese chief commissioner of the joint research, told China Daily yesterday that, despite the divergence, the report carries great importance for improving mutual understanding, especially as it is just the first of such joint studies,

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6885102.html>

China's Ministry of Commerce: U.S. protectionism endangers trade ties

People's Daily, 2 February 2010

China said on Monday protectionism of the United States has "seriously affected" their trade ties and urged it to stop abusing trade remedy measures. The Ministry of Commerce spokesman Yao Jian made the comments on the ministry's website in response to recent U.S. decisions to impose anti-dumping duties on electric blankets and wire trays from China and an anti-dumping and anti-subsidy probe into Chinese steel drill pipes.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6884987.html>

Tibet to keep to its own path with or without Dalai Lama: official

People's Daily, 2 February 2010

Tibet will keep to its own path with or without the Dalai Lama, said a Chinese central government official Tuesday. The central government hoped the Dalai Lama, already 75, could settle his own affairs concerning his own prospect when he was still alive and would not pass away abroad, said Zhu Weiqun, executive vice minister of the United Front Work Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, at a press conference here.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6885849.html>

In Davos, all eyes on China

People's Daily, 2 February 2010

Even after the world's political and business leaders concluded their five-day gathering at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in the Swiss ski resort on Sunday, China remained the focus of their attention. Though the "China fever" has continued for years, the word "China" was once again the most eye-catching one at the annual

WEF meeting.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6885637.html>

[India strengthening security set up in Arunachal: Antony](#)

The Hindu, 2 February 2010

India is strengthening security set up in Arunachal Pradesh to enhance its deterrent capability but there was no question of militarisation of the north-eastern state, Defence Minister A.K. Antony said on Tuesday. China has repeatedly raked up its claim over Arunachal Pradesh and even objected to visits of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama. India has strongly rejected China's claims.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article99034.ece>

[New Zealand says its trading relationship with China "never been better"](#)

People's Daily, 3 February 2010

New Zealand Trade Minister Tim Groser said Tuesday that trading relationship between New Zealand and China has "never been better," thanks to their bilateral free trade agreement (FTA). "There is a very strong complementarity between China and New Zealand's economies," said Groser, adding that China is now New Zealand's second largest trading partner and it is hard to find something to argue about in bilateral trading relationship.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6886258.html>

[Destiny of Tibet 'in hands of people'](#)

People's Daily, 3 February 2010

Tibet will stick to its own path with or without the Dalai Lama, a central government official said yesterday, noting that the Chinese, including Tibetans, will decide the future of the region. The official also warned that a possible meeting between US President Barack Obama and the Dalai Lama would further strain Sino-US relations.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6886140.html>

[US tries to tamp down tension](#)

People's Daily, 3 February 2010

Beijing makes it clear that it will have an appropriate response. Still smarting at Washington's \$6.4 billion arms sale to Taipei four days after the announcement, Beijing reaffirmed yesterday that there will be measured retaliation even as senior US officials tried to douse the flames. "The US insisted on selling arms to Taiwan regardless of Beijing's resolute opposition that will, inevitably, severely damage China's cooperation with the US on relevant key international and regional issues," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6886056.html>

[China says still room for talks on Iran, West eyes sanctioning central bank](#)

People's Daily, 3 February 2010

China said Tuesday that there was still room for negotiations to resolve the standoff over Iran's disputed nuclear program, while Western powers hope to blacklist Iran's central bank and firms in a new round of UN sanctions. "There is still room for diplomatic efforts," China's foreign ministry spokesman, Ma Zhaoxu, told reporters Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6886918.html>

China opposes Obama-Dalai meeting

People's Daily - Tibet, 3 February 2010

Chinese on Wednesday expressed its firm opposition to the possible meeting between U.S. President Barack Obama and the Dalai Lama. "China resolutely opposes the visit by the Dalai Lama to the United States, and resolutely opposes the U.S. leader having contact with the Dalai Lama in any name or any form," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6886880.html>

China Shows Little Patience for U.S. Currency Pressure

NYT, 4 February 2010

BEIJING — A senior Chinese official said on Thursday that China would not bow to pressure from the United States to revalue its currency, which President Obama says is kept at an artificially low level to give China an unfair advantage in selling its exports. The official, Ma Zhaoxu, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said at a regular news conference here that "wrongful accusations and pressure will not help solve this issue." Mr. Ma was reacting to remarks on trade that Mr. Obama made on Wednesday when he met with Democratic senators in Washington. Mr. Obama stopped short of saying China manipulates its currency, but his words on China's economic policies were harsh — the United States, he said, had "to make sure our goods are not artificially inflated in price and their goods are not artificially deflated in price; that puts us at a huge competitive disadvantage."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/05/world/asia/05diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

Economic Measures by North Korea Prompt New Hardships and Unrest

NYT, 4 February 2010

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's sweeping attempts to revive socialist central economic planning and crack down on private markets appear to have set off runaway inflation and perhaps caused the country's reclusive leaders to reconsider some of their own measures, according to South Korean news reports and intelligence officials. As one indicator of a possible shift in the leadership's approach, North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-il, is reported to have dismissed the official who oversaw a sweeping monetary conversion late last year that led to severe price increases and social unrest, which is unusual in North Korea, a tightly policed nation. The official, Pak Nam-gi, chief of the finance and planning department of the ruling Workers' Party of North Korea, was blamed for skyrocketing food prices that had severely curtailed the country's already meager food supplies, according to the Chosun Ilbo, a mass-circulation daily newspaper in Seoul.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/04/world/asia/04korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China, Serbia sign preliminary contract on power station cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 4 February 2010

China and Serbia signed a preliminary contract on power station cooperation in Belgrade on Wednesday, with a total value of 1.251 billion U.S. dollars. General Manager of the Electric Power Industry of Serbia (EPS) Dragomir Markovic, representative of the Chinese company CMEC Jin Chunseng and Director of Kostolac thermoelectric power plant Dragan Jovanovic, at the Serbian government headquarters, signed the preliminary contract.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6887459.html>

[500 thousand Chinese obtained nonimmigrant visas for U.S. last year](#)

People's Daily, 4 February 2010

The American Embassy in Beijing held a press conference Feb. 3, where Ambassador Jon Huntsman said nearly 500 thousand Chinese obtained nonimmigrant visas for the U.S. in 2009, increasing by 5 percent year-on-year; 20 percent of them went to the U.S. for education. Huntsman also said there were only 4,700 nonimmigrant visas offered by U.S. Embassy in 1979, and 770 of them were students. Within 30 years, the number of Chinese going to America has increased more than 100 times.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/90872/6888096.html>

[Xinjiang set to beef up police forces](#)

People's Daily, 4 February 2010

URUMQI: The government has approved a plan to recruit 5,000 special police officers in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region to help prevent unrests such as the devastating riot on July 5 last year. The new recruits will be civil servants under the Xinjiang regional public security bureau and their area of operations will cover the entire region.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6888131.html>

[Chubais: Russia hopes for high-tech co-op with China](#)

People's Daily, 4 February 2010

Russia and China have great cooperation potential in the high-tech sector, and enhanced cooperation will create new opportunities for both sides, the head of the Russian Nanotechnology Corp. said Wednesday. Russia is closely following China's achievements in the high-tech sector, particularly in nanotechnology, said Anatoly Chubais, a former first deputy prime minister under late Russian president Boris Yeltsin.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6887921.html>

[China calls for int'l efforts to push Sudan issue settlement](#)

People's Daily, 6 February 2010

China said Friday it would like to work with the international community to strive for proper settlement of the Sudan issue, with the precondition of ensuring peace and stability in the country. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu made the remarks when asked to comment on the decision by the appeals chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) which ordered a review of dropping genocide charges against Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889300.html>

[Chinese FM pledges continuous support for Afghanistan reconstruction](#)

People's Daily, 6 February 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister said on Friday that China would continue to provide support for Afghan reconstruction work and looked forward to "a peaceful, stable and independent" Afghanistan. Yang Jiechi said in his first speech at the Munich Security Conference that "Afghanistan has made headway in its peace and reconstruction endeavor, but it still faces daunting challenges, including the resurgence of terrorism, rampant drug trafficking and slow progress in reconstruction."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889304.html>

[China attaches great importance to relations with Europe: Chinese FM](#)

People's Daily, 6 February 2010

Speaking highly of the deepening China-Europe relations over the past decades, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Friday told the Munich Security Conference that a brighter future of bilateral ties calls on both sides to embrace an open and inclusive spirit. With this year marking the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and the European Union, the Chinese top diplomat said China and the EU have established "a comprehensive strategic partnership that is all-dimensional, wide-ranging and multi-tiered" and the changing world "has brought China-EU relations to a new historical starting point."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889305.html>

[Chinese FM sees "new opportunity" to restart six-party talks](#)

People's Daily, 6 February 2010

The Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Friday that there was now new opportunity to restart the six-party talks that aims to resolve the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue through dialogue and diplomacy. Yang said in his first speech at the Munich Security Conference that "tension surrounding this issue has recently eased to a certain extent, and there is now a new opportunity to restart the six-party talks and push forward the denuclearization process," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889303.html>

[Chinese FM stresses diplomacy, patience on Iran nuclear issue](#)

People's Daily, 6 February 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Friday urged the international community to stay patient and step up diplomatic efforts to seek solutions to the Iranian nuclear

issue, saying "Iran has not totally shut the door" on the IAEA proposal on nuclear fuel supply. Addressing the 46th Munich Security Conference in Munich, Yang said that the Iranian nuclear issue "has entered a crucial stage." "The parties concerned should, with the overall and long-term interests in mind, step up diplomatic efforts, stay patient and adopt a more flexible, pragmatic and proactive policy," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889301.html>

[Pakistani PM speaks highly of bilateral relations ahead of China's lunar new year](#)

People's Daily, 7 February 2010

Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Saturday wished China and the Chinese people a lucky traditional new year, hoping the bilateral relations between Pakistan and China will be further strengthened. In an interview with Xinhua, the prime minister said the friendship between the two countries is time-tested and long-standing, and the cooperations are multi-dimensional.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889585.html>

[China strengthens efforts to fight melamine-tainted milk products](#)

People's Daily, 7 February 2010

The Chinese Central Government has sent eight inspection working groups to 16 provincial areas nationwide to prevent the melamine-tainted milk powder, which killed at least six in 2008, from being reclaimed illegally in producing milk products. Leftovers of milk powder contaminated by melamine were sealed in 2008 and required to be destroyed, but some might have been used as raw materials for dairy products illegally in certain areas, according to local police.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6889589.html>

[One-China policy on the agenda](#)

Kathmandu Post, 7 February 2010

Home Minister Bhim Rawal left for China on Saturday, outlining a "joint strategy" for the effective implementation of Nepal's commitment to one-China policy as the main agenda of his visit. "We will hold talks with Chinese officials, with the focus on a joint strategy for the implementation of our commitment to one-China policy," Rawal told reporters at the Tribhuvan International Airport before leaving for Beijing. Chief of three security agencies--the Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and the National Investigation Department--and other senior Home and Foreign Ministry officials are accompanying the home minister.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/02/06/top-stories/One-China-policy-on-the-agenda/4852/>

[Premier Wen says China-Japan ties at crucial stage, urges mutual trust](#)

People's Daily, 8 February 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Sunday that China-Japan ties are at a crucial stage, urging the two countries to enhance mutual trust and step up dialogue and cooperation in all spheres. "In the first decade of this century, China and Japan have

taken an important step towards the goal of a strategic and mutually beneficial relationship after undergoing twists and turns," said Wen in his congratulatory letter to a meeting on China-Japan friendship.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889800.html>

[US, China swap more tariffs](#)

People's Daily, 8 February 2010

China and the United States cranked up the tension Friday as they exchanged new tariffs, underscoring the increasing sensitivity and fragility of the world's most significant bilateral relations, which have been strained in recent weeks. China's ministry of commerce announced duties on imports of US chicken products Beijing believes are sold at unfairly low prices. In its preliminary ruling, the ministry asked importers of US chicken parts in China to pay deposits at customs – of up to 105.4 percent – starting Saturday, according to an online statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889835.html>

[China, Russia to strengthen regional cooperation: officials](#)

People's Daily, 8 February 2010

China and Russia would strengthen coordination to better implement the regional cooperation program approved by state leaders last year, officials from the two countries said in Beijing on Sunday. The statement was made by Zhang Guobao, head of the National Energy Administration and vice minister of the National Development and Reform Commission, and representatives of the Russian government, at the China-Russian regional cooperation symposium.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6889868.html>

[Taiwan: Trade talks unaffected by arms sale](#)

People's Daily, 8 February 2010

Economic and trade talks between Taipei and Beijing are not affected by a recently announced US arms package for the island, Taiwan's top negotiator said. Obama administration last month approved a 6.4-billion-dollar deal that includes Patriot missiles, Black Hawk helicopters and other equipments. China cut off military and security contacts with Washington in retaliation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6890720.html>

[Chinese, DPRK officials meet on bilateral cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 8 February 2010

Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, held talks here on Monday with Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea central committee. Wang said the activities held by the two countries last year to mark the China-DPRK friendship year served to enrich and broaden the traditional friendship and cooperation between the two countries in all fields.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6890601.html>

[N.Korea in Diplomatic Charm Offensive](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 8 February 2010

North Korea is looking forward to a flurry of diplomatic activities this week, dealing with envoys from China and the UN and discussing with South Korea the resumption of package tours to Mt. Kumgang and Kaesong. It has also delivered a message of reconciliation to the U.S. with the release of Korean-American human rights activist Robert Park. Wang Jiarui, the head of the Chinese Communist Party's International Liaison Department, met his North Korean counterpart Kim Yong-il on Saturday. He will reportedly meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-il on Monday to deliver a letter from Chinese President Hu Jintao.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/08/2010020800327.html

[As Japanese property prices fall, interest rises among Chinese investors](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 8 February 2010

Japan's real estate market may be in a slump, but that's not deterring Chinese from scooping up properties. Chinese money--that is from Chinese living in Japan--is making its presence felt in a big way.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201002070170.html>

[Asia Sails Smoothly Through Debt Waters](#)

NYT, 8 February 2010

MUMBAI, India — While rising government debt is a growing concern in Europe and the United States, Asia's economies remain remarkably resilient, even buoyant, underscoring how economic might is shifting from West to East. China has been repaying some of what little foreign debt it owes, even as economists wonder whether Greece will require an international bailout and ask how long the United States can sustain record budget deficits. "We took a pass on the economic crisis," said Philip S. Carmichael, president of Asian operations at Haier, China's biggest appliance maker.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/08/business/global/08asiaecon.html?ref=asia&pa_gewanted=print

[China and Japan to strengthen exchange and cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 9 February 2010

Chinese premier urges greater Sino-Japanese cooperation to boost mutual understanding, trust

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao urged China and Japan to strengthen exchange and cooperation Monday to boost mutual understanding and trust. Wen made the remarks while meeting with members of the fifth 21st Century Committee for China-Japan Friendship. The committee, an advisory panel to both nations' governments, convened a meeting in Beijing on Sunday to discuss various aspects of China-Japan relations and to provide suggestions to the two governments.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6890981.html>

[China meets technical standards to build AP 1000 inland nuclear power plants](#)

People's Daily, 9 February 2010

The standard and initial designs for the third generation of nuclear power plant technology – the AP 1000 inland nuclear power plant – as well as the formulation of the preliminary security analysis report for China's first batch of AP 1000 inland power generation units for the Hunan Taohuajiang Nuclear Power Plant have all been successfully completed. The designs and report, jointly completed by the Shanghai Nuclear Engineering Research and Design Institute (SNERDI) under the State Nuclear Power Technology Corporation (SNPTC) and State Nuclear Electric Power Planning Design & Research Institute (SNPDRI), have been submitted by the nuclear power project developer CNNC Hunan Taohuajiang Nuclear Power Company to the State Nuclear Safety Bureau.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90881/6891829.html>

[Official: Sino-US trade friction will not lead to trade war](#)

People's Daily, 9 February 2010

Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan said that the trade frictions or trade disputes between China and the United States will not lead to a Sino-U.S. trade war while attending the 2010 European Showcase for Brands of China exhibition February 8, 2010. Zhong Shan said that since last year, China has been under great pressure in foreign trade. In a difficult world economy, China does feel the rise of trade protectionism, and China is the biggest victim of trade protectionism. Last year, China was involved in 116 cases of trade protectionism, with an amount up to 12.7 billion US dollars.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90861/6891377.html>

[Analysts say China should not yield to Obama's hardline on yuan](#)

People's Daily, 9 February 2010

As the U.S. President Barack Obama vowed to get "much tougher" with China on exchange rates and trade, economists from Beijing said China should not give in to increased U.S. pressure that stems from its domestic problems. Obama's talk of putting "constant pressure" on China to strengthen the yuan so to ensure the price of U.S. goods was not artificially inflated has drawn heated comments from economists in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6891455.html>

['India, China do not pose threat to each other'](#)

The Hindu, 9 February 2010

Describing its ties with India as "friendly and cooperative," China on Tuesday said both countries did not pose a mutual threat. Dismissing reports that India's nuclear-capable Agni-III missile, which has a range of 3,500 km posed a threat to China, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said China and India were having friendly and cooperative relations. "I don't want to interpret or comment on the reports," Mr. Ma said when asked to comment on the February 7 launch of Agni-III, which put

China's major cities within its strike range.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article103716.ece>

[Japan, China discuss food safety](#)

People's Daily, 11 February 2010

China and Japan are busy negotiating a new draft food safety agreement, which may allow Japanese officials to enter Chinese factories for safety inspections. In cases where problems with China's exported food to Japan occur, the agreement would allow Japanese government officials to go to the scene to investigate, according to reports from the Japanese media, Sankei Shimbun.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6893156.html>

[China, Costa Rica conclude FTA talks](#)

People's Daily, 11 February 2010

China and Costa Rica concluded their year-long negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on Wednesday. During the sixth and last round talks, the two sides discussed issues ranging from market access and the rule of origin to the intellectual property rights. Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Yi Xiaozhun said before the three-day negotiations that the two economies are complementary and have great potential for further economic and trade cooperation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6893690.html>

[China-Ukraine ties to improve under Yanukovich administration: Ukrainian experts](#)

People's Daily, 11 February 2010

Ukrainian experts have said the relationship between Ukraine and China will improve after Viktor Yanukovich, the winner of Ukraine's presidential election, takes office. "The foreign policy of Ukraine led by Yanukovich will move from his predecessor's unilateralism to a policy of maximum cooperation and good relations with the leading countries in the world, including China," Vladimir Seminozhenko, the head of the "Ukrainian Forum," said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6893384.html>

[China to draft new poverty reduction guidelines for next decade](#)

People's Daily, 11 February 2010

China has decided to draft new guidelines for poverty reduction through development for the next ten years, according to a statement of an executive meeting of the State Council held Wednesday. The meeting was chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao. Participants of the meeting heard a report on the implementation of China's Rural Poverty Alleviation and Development Program (2001-2010).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6893134.html>

[China in Vote of Confidence for Nuclear Point Man](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 11 February 2010

China has named Wu Dawei, a former vice foreign minister, special representative for Korean Peninsula affairs in charge of the six-party talks and related issues, the country's Foreign Ministry said in a statement on its website Wednesday. Though Wu, who is 64, retired as vice foreign minister late last year, he has kept serving as China's chief nuclear negotiator and chair of six-party talks aimed at denuclearizing North Korea. On Tuesday he met with his long-time North Korean counterpart Kim Kye-gwan, who was visiting Beijing.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/11/2010021100827.html

[We are ahead of Chinese in missile programme'](#)

The Hindu, 11 February 2010

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Director V.K. Saraswat on Wednesday said that India's anti-ballistic missile defence programme is ahead of China's programme. Mr. Saraswat said the country is also gearing to test its indigenous Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) shield in near future, a programme, he claimed, is more sophisticated than the Chinese one. "This is one area where we are senior to China," he said when asked to compare Indian BMD programme with that of China, which carried out its first test-firing on January 14.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article104821.ece>

[Chinese top guns arriving](#)

Kathmandu Post, 11 February 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao or Prime Minister Wen Jiabao is likely to visit Nepal in the next couple of months in a bid to address Nepal's call for a high-level bilateral visit. "The high-level visit from China was scheduled to convene earlier, but both sides could not set the mutually-agreeable date. I believe a high-level Chinese visit will happen this year," Tanka Karki, Nepali envoy to China, told the Post over phone.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/02/10/top-stories/Chinese-top-guns-arriving/5010/>

[Biden Expects China's Support on Iran](#)

NYT, 14 February 2010

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Vice President Joe Biden said on Sunday the United States expects to gain China's support for imposing sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program. "We have the support of everyone from Russia to Europe. And I believe we'll get the support of China to continue to impose sanctions on Iran to isolate them, to make clear that in fact they cannot move forward," Biden said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. Western powers, led by the administration of President Barack Obama, are seeking new U.N. sanctions against Iran over its expanding nuclear program, but China has remained cool to the idea of tougher steps against the big oil supplier.

http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2010/02/14/us/politics-us-iran-nuclear-biden.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Taiwan leader expects economic pact with mainland to make Taiwan more competitive](#)

People's Daily, 16 February 2010

Taiwan leader Ma Ying-jeou said Monday that the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with the mainland is aimed to help Taiwanese people to do business and boost the island's competitiveness. Ma made the remarks in Taoyuan, a northwestern county of the island, at a gathering to mark the Chinese Spring Festival, or Lunar New Year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6895309.html>

[Chinese President stresses development of economic zone on west side of Taiwan Strait](#)

People's Daily, 16 February 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao has called for efforts to accelerate the construction of the economic zone on the western side of the Taiwan Strait during his four-day inspection tour to Fujian Province that ended Monday. Hu urged Fujian officials and people to seize the favorable opportunities offered by the central government on the construction of the economic zone and accelerate the transformation of the economic growth mode. Hu, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, visited Zhangzhou, Longyan and Xiamen in Fujian during the inspection tour and celebrated the Spring Festival, or Lunar New Year, with local residents and Taiwan compatriots living in Fujian.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6895289.html>

[S.Korea, China, Japan Seek Security Cooperation](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 16 February 2010

The government is reportedly seeking to establish a security dialogue body allowing bureau chiefs from South Korea, China and Japan to discuss military and security cooperation. "Consultations are underway between Seoul, Beijing, and Tokyo to launch a tripartite security dialogue body this year," a government source on Monday said. "Officials from defense ministries in the three countries will take part in the body."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/16/2010021600692.html

[Real GDP up an annualized 4.6%](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 16 February 2010

Japan's real gross domestic product surged an annualized 4.6 percent during the October-December period to keep the domestic economy ahead of China, according to Cabinet Office figures Monday. But the growth was due largely to government stimulus measures whose effects will not last much longer, economists said. Preliminary estimates show that real GDP grew 1.1 percent in the October-December period from the previous quarter. The increase marked the third straight quarter of growth, supporting the view that the economy has indeed bottomed out.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201002150379.html>

[India Worries as China Builds Ports in South Asia](#)

NYT, 16 February 2010

HAMBANTOTA, Sri Lanka — For years, ships from other countries, laden with oil, machinery, clothes and cargo, sped past this small town near India as part of the world's brisk trade with China. Now, China is investing millions to turn this fishing hamlet into a booming new port, furthering an ambitious trading strategy in South Asia that is reshaping the region and forcing India to rethink relations with its neighbors. As trade in the region grows more lucrative, China has been developing port facilities in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, and it is planning to build railroad lines in Nepal. These projects, analysts say, are part of a concerted effort by Chinese leaders and companies to open and expand markets for their goods and services in a part of Asia that has lagged behind the rest of the continent in trade and economic development.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/16/business/global/16port.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[N.Koreans Abandon Worthless Won for Yuan](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 17 February 2010

North Koreans in the border area with China have abandoned the won since a shock currency reform, Internet broadcaster Open Radio for North Korea reported. The regime in December suddenly introduced a new won at an exchange rate of 100:1 to the old currency, a move which instead of curbing inflation sent it sky-high.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/17/2010021700276.html

[China Intensifies a Tug of War With India Over Nepal](#)

NYT, 17 February 2010

KATMANDU, Nepal — For years, Nepal never bothered too much with policing its northern border with China. The Himalayas seemed a formidable enough barrier, and Nepal's political and economic attention was oriented south toward India. If Nepal was a mouse trapped between elephants, as the local saying went, the elephant that mattered most was India. But last week a Nepalese government delegation visited Beijing on a trip that underscored, once again, how China's newfound weight in the world is altering old geopolitical equations. As Nepal's home minister, Bhim Rawal, met with China's top security officials, Chinese state media reported that the two countries had agreed to cooperate on border security, while Nepal restated its commitment to preventing any "anti-China" events on its side of the border.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/18/world/asia/18nepal.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China should lead Asia in achieving millennium targets by 2015](#)

People's Daily, 18 February 2010

China, with its huge resources and success in reducing poverty, should lead developing Asian countries in attaining the Asia-Pacific region's Millennium Development Goals (MDG), a senior official of the United Nations Development Programme said Wednesday. "China is the champion of the Millennium Development Goals," UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Ajay Chhibber told a briefing after the launch of the regional report entitled "Achieving the Millennium

Development Goals in an Era of Global Uncertainty". The report was prepared by the UNDP, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6895877.html>

[Pakistani FM to visit China next week](#)

People's Daily, 18 February 2010

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi will pay an official visit to China from Feb. 21 to 25 at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi. The announcement was made by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu in Beijing Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6895599.html>

[Obama Meets Dalai Lama, and China Is Quick to Protest](#)

NYT, 19 February 2010

WASHINGTON — President Obama met with the Dalai Lama on Thursday, welcoming the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader to the White House for a low-profile meeting that nonetheless raised the hackles of China. The two men spoke about democracy, human rights and the need to preserve Tibet's religious identity and culture — all issues that, predictably, irritated Beijing. In a written statement, the White House said Mr. Obama had expressed support for the preservation of Tibet's "unique religious, cultural and linguistic identity and the protection of human rights for Tibetans in the People's Republic of China."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/19/world/asia/19prexy.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China urges concrete U.S. actions to maintain healthy ties after Obama-Dalai meeting](#)

People's Daily, 19 February 2010

China urged the United States early Friday morning to take concrete actions for healthy development of bilateral ties after U.S. President Barack Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said in a statement it was regardless of China's repeated solemn representations for the U.S. to obstinately arrange the meeting between Obama and the Dalai Lama. "The U.S. act grossly violated the norms governing the international relations, and ran counter to the principles set forth in the three China-U.S. joint communiques and the China-U.S. joint statement," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6896129.html>

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<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6895878.html>

[Rift Grows as U.S. and China Seek Differing Goals](#)

NYT, 20 February 2010

BEIJING — When President Obama met with the Dalai Lama in the White House on Thursday, he was following a tradition that all recent American presidents had dutifully honored. Yet, to some Chinese Mr. Obama's support of the Dalai Lama represents something more troubling and disrespectful. The meeting, while low-profile, and the routine announcement last month of American arms sales to Taiwan, were taken as the latest signs that despite China's rapid ascent, the American government still refused to compromise on issues that China considered sacrosanct: matters of sovereignty and territorial integrity. On Friday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry called in Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the American ambassador here, to lecture him on the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of the Tibetans, whom China considers a separatist.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/20/world/asia/20china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Foreign backing gives Dalai Lama no room but doom](#)

People's Daily, 20 February 2010

In his five decades of exile, the Dalai Lama has never stopped plotting to seek "Tibet independence" through allying with foreign forces to internationalize the so-called "Tibet issue" and press the Chinese government. In recent years, he tried desperately to make international appearances, begging for visits to foreign countries and meeting with state leaders. On Thursday, U.S. President Barack Obama met with the Dalai Lama despite stern warnings from China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6896375.html>

[China lodges solemn representations over Obama-Dalai Lama meeting](#)

People's Daily, 20 February 2010

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai Friday summoned the U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman and lodged solemn representations over U.S. President Barack Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama. "The U.S. act grossly interfered in China's internal affairs, gravely hurt the Chinese people's national sentiments and seriously damaged the Sino-U.S. ties," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu in a further statement Friday.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6896541.html>

[Military not linked to attacks on Google](#)

People's Daily, 20 February 2010

Senior Chinese military experts and educators on Friday dismissed new reports of investigations that suggest previous cyber attacks on Internet search giant Google were linked to Chinese schools and the military. In a Thursday report, The New York Times (NYT) linked two Chinese educational institutions - Lanxiang Vocational School based in Jinan, Shandong province and Shanghai Jiaotong University - to the online attacks that also targeted American corporations.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6896431.html>

[Chinese university, school "shocked", "indignant" at reported involvement in Google cyber attacks](#)

People's Daily, 21 February 2010

Two Chinese educational institutions blamed for cyber attacks on Google and other firms said Saturday the allegations are unfounded. The New York Times reported Thursday the cyber attacks on Google and other American firms have been traced to Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU) and Lanxiang Vocational School (Lanxiang) in east China's Shandong Province, which the report alleged has ties to the Chinese military.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6897416.html>

[Drought continues to ravage southwest China, extending to north](#)

People's Daily, 21 February 2010

A total of 53.36 million Mu (about 3.56 million hectares) of crops in China had been affected by severe drought by Saturday, said the Office of State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. The drought, mostly in China's southwestern provinces including Yunnan and Guizhou, had damaged crops and caused water shortage to both people and livestock.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6897489.html>

[US honors Dalai Lama amid protest](#)

People's Daily, 21 February 2010

Escalating tensions between China and the US, provoked by a recent series of disputes, have aroused concern that their cooperation on global economic and security issues will be made more difficult. International observers are rushing to explain the widening rift between the two powers. Some noted that they have different items at the top of their foreign policy agendas; others argued that the state of relations resembles the symptoms of disorder – sudden and dramatic swings between euphoria and depression.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6897603.html>

[US panel OKs trade probe against China drill pipe](#)

People's Daily, 21 February 2010

A US trade panel on Friday narrowly approved a Commerce Department investigation into charges Chinese companies are selling oil well drill pipe in the United States at unfairly low prices. The US International Trade Commission voted 3-3 that there was a reasonable indication US producers were threatened with injury by the imports.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6897474.html>

[Hacking Inquiry Puts China's Elite in New Light](#)

NYT, 22 February 2010

SHANGHAI — With its sterling reputation and its scientific bent, Shanghai Jiaotong University has the feel of an Ivy League institution. The university has alliances with elite American ones like Duke and the University of Michigan. And it is so rich in science and engineering talent that Microsoft and Intel have moved into a research park directly adjacent to the school. But Jiaotong, whose sprawling campus here has more than 33,000 students, is facing an unpleasant question: is it a base for sophisticated computer hackers? Investigators looking into Web attacks on Google and dozens of other American companies last year have traced the intrusions to computers at Jiaotong as well as an obscure vocational school in eastern China, according to people briefed on the case.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/22/technology/22cyber.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Caution urged on dollar assets](#)

People's Daily, 22 February 2010

China can reduce its holdings of dollar assets, but should not "overdo" it as the country tries to adjust the structure of its dollar asset-dominated foreign exchange reserves, analysts said. The country's foreign exchange reserves amounted to nearly \$2.4 trillion by the end of last year - a third of the global total - raising concerns that the massive scale of the holdings could backfire.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6898378.html>

[China circled by chain of US anti-missile systems](#)

People's Daily, 22 February 2010

Washington appears determined to surround China with US-built anti-missile systems, military scholars have observed. According to US-based Defense News, Taiwan became the fifth global buyer of the Patriot missile defense system last year following Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Germany.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6898464.html>

[China keeps a watchful eye on officials with family members living abroad](#)

People's Daily, 22 February 2010

The Chinese government is strengthening its effort to monitor officials whose wife and children live abroad, as such officials are prone to abuse power. The term "naked official" has been selected as one of China's top ten buzzwords of 2009 by Chinese linguists. It refers to the officials whose family members have moved overseas, while they themselves work in the country alone usually with the other country's visa in hand.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6898320.html>

[Taiwan court to continue trial of ex-leader appealing corruption charges](#)

People's Daily, 22 February 2010

Taiwan's high court is to continue the trial of the island's former leader Chen Shui-bian, charged with corruption, on Feb. 26 by summoning the last two witnesses, Ma Yung-cheng and Lin Teh-hsiun, both former officials in Chen's office. The court said Sunday that hearings would be held after the end of Spring Festival so as to conclude Chen's case as soon as possible.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6898307.html>

[Qureshi optimistic about talks with India](#)

The News, 22 February 2010

BEIJING: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmud Qureshi said on Sunday he is "optimistic" on Pakistan, India foreign-secretary-level talks scheduled on February 25. Talking to Chinese print and electronic media here, he, however, made it clear the outcome of the talk "depends on the response from the Indian side". Being neighbours, we can not do without talking to each other, Qureshi noted.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=27406

[Beijing: Google hacking claims 'groundless'](#)

People's Daily, 24 February 2010

Google's assertion that its computers were attacked by hackers based in China was "groundless," the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. The remarks from Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang were the first direct rejection of the firm's allegations. "Google's statement from January 12 is groundless, and we are firmly opposed to it," the government spokesman told a regular news briefing in Beijing, when asked if there had been any development in a dispute that is now more than a month old.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6900778.html>

[Responding to Pentagon report, China stresses cross-Strait peaceful development](#)

People's Daily, 24 February 2010

A Chinese mainland spokesperson Wednesday stressed the peaceful development across the Taiwan Strait while commenting on a U.S. report on the weakness of Taiwan's air force. "Compatriots across the Strait are of the same family and blood bond. We believe only the harmony among family members will benefit everyone," Fan Liqing, spokeswoman of the State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office, said at a regular press conference in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6901636.html>

[CPC official leaves for Asian party conference](#)

People's Daily, 24 February 2010

A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) left here Wednesday for an Asian party conference in Nepal, said the International Department under the CPC Central Committee. Liu Jieyi, vice head of the department, will attend the 12th

meeting of the standing committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) in Nepal, and visit Bangladesh and Thailand, according to the department.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6901637.html>

[Chinese Premier meets FMs of Pakistan, Kazakstan](#)

People's Daily, 24 February 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Tuesday met with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Kazakhstan's Secretary of State and Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev. In his meeting with Qureshi, Wen commented on the good neighborly ties between China and Pakistan and recalled his visit to Islamabad back to 2005.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6901052.html>

[China Urged N.Korea to 'Drop Succession Plan'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 24 February 2010

A Japanese daily citing multiple sources in Beijing says China called on North Korea to open up its markets, abandon its succession plan, and scrap its nuclear weapons program. The Asahi Shimbun reported that the request was made to North Korean leader Kim Jong-il's brother-in-law Jang Sung-taek, who was visiting Beijing in May last year in the aftermath of the North's second nuclear test, which China strongly denounced.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/24/2010022400766.html

[N.Korea Steps Up Crackdown on Defectors](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 24 February 2010

North Korea has intensified a crackdown on defectors in the border area with China amid growing economic difficulties caused by a disastrous currency reform, according to an activist group in South Korea. Good Friends said party headquarters decided on Jan. 27 to launch an intensive crackdown on defectors in towns in North Hamgyong Province bordering China in February. The provincial party committee has been conducting the crackdown in collaboration with security agencies and border guards since Feb. 1, it said.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/24/2010022400242.html

[Despite Pressure, China Still Resists Iran Sanctions](#)

NYT, 26 February 2010

WASHINGTON — Despite intense public and private pressure by the Obama administration, China has not yet shown any sign that it will support tougher sanctions against Iran, leaving a stubborn barrier before President Obama's efforts to constrain Iran's nuclear ambitions. Diplomats from two major European allies said this week that China had refused even to "engage substantively" on the issue of sanctions, preferring to continue diplomatic efforts with Tehran. And one senior diplomat said he believed that the most likely outcome might be a decision by China to abstain from voting on a resolution in the United Nations Security Council.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/26/world/asia/26diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Pressure on yuan rise 'not justified'](#)

People's Daily, 26 February 2010

Trade surplus continues to fall, so stable currency necessary: Ministry. China's trade surplus has shrunk significantly in recent months, so calls by other countries to let the renminbi appreciate are not justified, the Ministry of Commerce said yesterday. The surplus will continue to diminish in the next few months, the ministry said; and therefore, growing pressure from the United States for China to revalue its currency is becoming "more and more groundless".

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6902874.html>

[China denies violating UN sanction on DPRK](#)

People's Daily, 26 February 2010

China denied on Thursday that its economic and trade exchanges with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has violated a United Nations (UN) resolution. At a regular press conference, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang was asked to comment on a report by Yonhap news of the Republic of Korea quoted by China Daily saying Pyongyang announced two islets adjacent to China's northernmost port city Dandong would be developed by Chinese enterprises as a free trade area.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6902939.html>

[China-ASEAN trade volume increases 80% in Jan 2010](#)

People's Daily, 26 February 2010

The China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA) has greatly pushed forward bilateral trade relations in terms of bilateral trade in January, said Ministry of Commerce spokesperson Yao Jian February 25. The China-ASEAN bilateral trade volume in January reached 21.48 billion U.S. dollars, up 80 percent year-on-year, of which China exported 10.55 billion U.S. dollars to ASEAN, a year-on-year increase of 52.8 percent, and imported 10.93 billion U.S. dollars from ASEAN, up 117.3 percent year-on-year. All growth rates are higher than the year-on-year level of China's overall foreign trade.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90861/6903618.html>

[Opportunities have emerged to move Korean nuclear talks forward, says Chinese FM spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 26 February 2010

Opportunities have emerged to move the stalled six-party talks on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue forward, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang in Beijing Thursday. Qin made the remarks at a regular press conference in response to U.S. special nuclear envoy Stephen Bosworth's recent China visit.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6903520.html>

[Chinese, South African foreign ministers hold talks](#)

People's Daily, 26 February 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi held talks with his South African counterpart Maite Nkoana-Mashabane on Thursday, pledging to upgrade strategic partnership. Yang said China and South Africa have deepened cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields, and supported each other in international affairs to safeguard the collective interests of the developing nations since the two countries forged diplomatic ties in 1998.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6903525.html>

[China Investigating Whether It Helped N.Korea Violate UN Sanctions](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 26 February 2010

China is looking into whether it may have been involved in aiding a North Korean arms shipment that was bound for central Africa. The shipment was intercepted by South Africa and is in violation of United Nations sanctions against Pyongyang. South Africa this week sent a letter to the United Nations Security Council detailing its seizure of a shipment of North Korean tank parts bound for the Republic of Congo. News reports say the letter details the shipment's route, saying it was first loaded onto a ship in China and then transferred to a French-owned ship in Malaysia.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/26/2010022600266.html

[Defense advisory group focuses on Asia](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 26 February 2010

China was a big topic Wednesday in discussions on Japan's defense guidelines by a new advisory group whose members reflect the ruling party's emphasis on Asia and the United Nations. Members said Japan should closely follow trends in China, such as its military buildup, and that Japan could establish a new form of security cooperation with South Korea. The task force on security and defense capabilities in the new era, which advises Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, had its first talks Feb. 18 and will hold meetings about twice a month before submitting its report to the Cabinet in summer.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201002250448.html>

[Foreign ministers of China, Zimbabwe hold talks](#)

People's Daily, 27 February 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Friday held talks with visiting Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Simbarashe Mumbengegwi on bilateral relationship and international issues. Yang said the two countries are sincere partners. Mumbengegwi said Zimbabwe regarded China as the most trustworthy friend.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6903975.html>

[Japan told to be prudent over US alliance](#)

People's Daily, 27 February 2010

The Defense Ministry Thursday warned that Japan's recent move to play up China's

military threat and hints at strengthening the Japan-US alliance to counteract China's growing power will result in a deterioration in Beijing's trust in Tokyo. Some Japanese politicians said recently that Japan's alliance with the United States would become even more important given China's rise as a military power and decided to hold discussions on the issue when amending its new defense guideline.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6903969.html>

[Labor shortage to continue: Poll](#)
People's Daily, 27 February 2010

The shortage of migrant workers is likely to continue to escalate in some regions of China, although it is still not a national problem, a government survey has suggested. The labor demand after the traditional Spring Festival increased by 15 percent compared with the same period last year, with an average number of job vacancies expected to reach 143 for each company, according to the survey released by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security on Wednesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6903078.html>

[Shanghai Opens Doors to Financial World](#)
NYT, 28 February 2010

HONG KONG — Shanghai's World Expo is expected to be a tourist bonanza, drawing 70 million people between May and October. But with China's leaders aiming to turn the city into a globally competitive financial capital by 2020, it is also a golden opportunity to start recruiting bankers and barristers to settle down on the banks of the Huangpu River. Considering that Shanghai had no stock exchange just 20 years ago, the city has come a long way. Measured by market capitalization, its stock exchange is already bigger than that of Hong Kong, and with initial public offerings of Western companies at a crawl after the economic downturn, Shanghai and Wall Street are increasingly vying to grab share listings of Chinese companies.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/25/business/global/25iht-rshanfin.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China doesn't want 2010 to be "unpeaceful year" with U.S](#)
People's Daily, 28 February 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said in Beijing Saturday that China did not want 2010 to be "an unpeaceful year" for trade and economic relations with the United States, hoping that Sino-U.S. trade dispute will ease. Wen made the remarks when answering netizen's questions online concerning recent trade disputes between China and the United States.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6904263.html>

[China remains largest holder of U.S. Treasury securities: report](#)
People's Daily, 28 February 2010

China remains the largest foreign holder of U.S. Treasury securities as at the end of December, the U.S. media reported on Saturday. The report quoted the new government data as saying that China held 894.8 billion dollars in Treasury securities

at the end of December, more than 755 billion dollars that had been previously estimated.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6904239.html>

[India stops U.S. attempt to sneak "scrutiny" into climate talks](#)

The Hindu, 28 February 2010

India has caught out an American attempt to go back on an agreement not to push for international "scrutiny" of voluntary attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, negotiated between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, U.S. President Barack Obama and the heads of government of China, Brazil and South Africa at the UN climate change talks in Copenhagen last December. Though the U.S. quickly changed tack when India protested, some negotiators here say the attempt to smuggle in already-discarded language vindicates their fears that compromises made by developing countries at Copenhagen signalled a "dangerous opening of the door."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article123555.ece>