

[India plans 'Sovereign Fund' to seek energy assets abroad](#)

The Hindu, 1 April 2010

In an indication of India turning aggressive in its hunt for energy assets abroad, the government is drawing up ambitious plans to set up a 'Sovereign Fund' that would help its state-run companies pursue acquisition of oil, gas, coal, LNG and other raw material in other countries in order to compete with China. "We have already held a number of interactions and discussions with the Investment Commission on the issue. The proposed fund is being aimed at providing financial backing for acquiring assets in various shapes that will include all the raw material that India imports. It will not be limited to energy assets," Petroleum Secretary S. Sundereshan told The Hindu on the sidelines of the 12th International Energy Forum here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article347138.ece>

[Despite Strains, China Leader to Attend Nuclear Meeting in U.S.](#)

NYT, 1 April 2010

BEIJING — President Hu Jintao of China will attend a nuclear security summit meeting in Washington this month, an indication that strained relations between the United States and China may be easing. Until the announcement on Thursday by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, American officials feared that Mr. Hu would boycott the talks to express China's displeasure over a series of recent diplomatic clashes, including a White House decision to sell arms to Taiwan and President Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan leader. Relations appeared to hit a low point last week when Google, citing Chinese censorship, began redirecting users in China to its uncensored Internet search engine in Hong Kong. The confirmation that President Hu will take part in the summit meeting came less than a day after the Chinese government appeared to throw its support behind new United Nations sanctions aimed at pressuring Iran over its nuclear program. In recent months, the five permanent members of the Security Council have been stymied by China's insistence on diplomacy over sanctions.

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

[Expo security tightened](#)

People's Daily, 1 April 2010

China is confident of hosting a safe and successful World Expo, Shanghai's top leader has said in the aftermath of serial suicide bombings in Russia which have jolted the world. With 30 days to go before the grand opening of the gala, Shanghai Party chief Yu Zhengsheng said the city can ensure the security of the 184-day event with the key being mobilization of people and careful implementation of plans.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6936808.html>

[Iran top nuclear negotiator heads to Beijing](#)

People's Daily, 1 April 2010

Iran's state media has reported that the country's top nuclear negotiator is heading to China to discuss possible U.N. sanctions against Tehran over its disputed nuclear program. Iranian state television reported Wednesday that Saeed Jalili will travel to China Thursday for talks with senior Chinese officials concerning the nuclear program. The U.S. and other Western powers are pushing for a new round of U.N. sanctions on Iran over its persistent defiance to halt its uranium enrichment.

program.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6936797.html>

[U.S. unchanged on one-China policy](#)

People's Daily, 1 April 2010

US Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg has told a news briefing in Washington that the US position on the one-China policy remains unchanged. He said the one-China policy serves the US very well, and that throughout Democratic and Republican administrations, America has understood that principle to be the foundation of building an ever stronger relationship. Steinberg also reaffirmed that the United States considers Tibet to be a part of China and does not support Tibetan independence.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6937351.html>

[Fresh Signs Point to Kim Jong-il Visit to China](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 1 April 2010

There are predictions that North Korean leader Kim Jong-ill could arrive in Beijing as early as this weekend as a flurry of what looks like preparations are underway. Speculation about an impending visit had been around for some time, but now South Korean government officials are saying the chances are high, chiefly because what looks like an advance delegation making preparations for the visit has arrived in Beijing. On past occasions, these vanguards used to arrive in the Chinese capital two to three days ahead of Kim's visit.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/01/2010040100972.html

[Continued Chinese Financial Support of N.Korea Questioned](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 1 April 2010

North Korea's leader appears poised to travel to China, as his country reels from what regional analysts describe as an economic policy fiasco. China has long been a generous patron of Pyongyang, but at least one Beijing scholar warns in blunt terms that China will not rescue the North this time. A spokeswoman for South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said Wednesday there is a "high possibility" that North Korean leader Kim Jong-il will make a rare trip outside his country to visit China.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/01/2010040100322.html

[Tensions Easing, Obama Talks With Chinese Leader](#)

NYT, 2 April 2010

BEIJING — Tensions between China and the United States have ebbed significantly in recent days, with an hour-long conversation between their two presidents Thursday night and the countries working together to deter Iran's nuclear ambitions as the Obama administration backs off a politically charged clash over China's currency. In the call Thursday night, President Obama spoke by phone with Mr. Hu for about an hour — so long that Air Force One had to be held for 10 minutes on the tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base after landing so that Mr. Obama could finish up the conversation. Chinese television reported that Mr. Hu expressed a desire for healthier ties while stressing Beijing's positions on Taiwan and Tibet, and the White House said Mr. Obama stressed for China press Iran on its nuclear ambitions to

ensure the country "lives up to its international obligations."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/03/world/asia/03china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Kim Jong-il May Visit Beijing to Plea for Aid](#)

NYT, 2 April 2010

SEOUL, South Korea — The ailing North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il, may soon visit China, its last remaining patron, to seek help as his regime faced the greatest crisis since the catastrophic famine in the mid-1990s, according to South Korean officials and news reports. Reports of Mr. Kim's "imminent trip" to China, in what would be his fifth visit to Beijing since he took power in 1994, have been circulating here for months. In an unusual prediction, the office of South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said this week that there was "a high level of possibility" that Kim may visit China.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/03/world/asia/03korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Countries Blame China, Not Nature, for Water Shortage](#)

NYT, 2 April 2010

BANGKOK — In southern China, the worst drought in at least 50 years has dried up farmers' fields and left tens of millions of people short of water. But the drought has also created a major public relations problem for the Chinese government in neighboring countries, where in recent years China has tried to project an image of benevolence and brotherhood. Farmers and fishermen in countries that share the Mekong River with China, especially Thailand, have lashed out at China over four dams that span the Chinese portion of the 3,000-mile river, despite what appears to be firm scientific evidence that low rainfall is responsible for the plunging levels of the river, not China's hydroelectric power stations.

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

[China, DPRK planning Yalu River dams](#)

People's Daily, 2 April 2010

China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will build two hydroelectric dams on the Yalu River that marks their border, China's major television reported on Thursday. The two hydropower stations will cost a total of 1.1 billion yuan and generate a combined 308 million kilowatt hours of electricity when completed, the China Central Television reported.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6938558.html>

[Chinese state councilor meets with Iran's chief nuclear negotiator](#)

People's Daily, 2 April 2010

Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo met here Thursday with Saeed Jalili, the visiting Iranian chief nuclear negotiator and Secretary of Supreme National Security Council. Dai and Jalili had frank and in-depth exchanges on China-Iran relations and issues of mutual concern.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6938396.html>

[News Analysis: China embraces summit diplomacy](#)

People's Daily, 2 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao will attend the Nuclear Security Summit on April 12-13 in Washington, and the second summit of BRIC nations -- Brazil, Russia, India and China -- in Brasilia on April 14-17, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Thursday. It will be the beginning of China's new round of summit diplomacy. It is widely expected China, as a major developing nation, will play important roles in the summits and join the international community in meeting global challenges.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6938452.html>

[China, US political parties hold high-level dialogue](#)

People's Daily, 2 April 2010

The first high-level talks between the main political parties of China and the United States were held in Beijing on the afternoon of March 31. Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Williamson all delivered speeches. Wang said that China, the largest developing country, and the United States, the largest developed country, both agree that their bilateral relationship is one of the most important of the 21st century. Political parties and politicians from the two countries should transcend differences in ideology, social systems and cultural traditions, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6939221.html>

[You Can't Trust Kim Jong-il, Says N.Korean Defector](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 2 April 2010

The highest ranking official ever to defect from North Korea on Wednesday warned against placing any expectations in the Kim Jong-il regime. "It's wrong to try and do anything directly with Kim Jong-il." Said Hwang Jang-yop, a former secretary of the Workers' Party, in a lecture he gave at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C. Commenting on attention focused on Kim's imminent China visit, Hwang said, "There is no need to pay detailed attention to Kim Jong-il's moves. Although changes may come, what is needed for us is the end of dictatorship and the introduction of the market economy in the North."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/02/2010040200920.html

[Interview: Cooperation between U.S., China essential: U.S. experts](#)

People's Daily, 3 April 2010

Some U.S. experts on China suggested that the United States and China have different perceptions towards each other, but cooperation on critical global issues is essential and will necessarily involve sacrifices at home. Clayton Dube, Associate Director of U.S. China Institute at the University of Southern California, told Xinhua in a recent interview that domestic political concerns drive leaders in both countries, and neither side wants to be perceived by their fellow citizens as not standing up for core interests of their own countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6939626.html>

[China to execute 3 more Japanese](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 3 April 2010

China has notified Japan that the executions of three more Japanese death-row inmates are imminent. Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada summoned Chinese Ambassador Cheng Yonghua on Friday to demand an explanation. According to the Foreign Ministry, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Liaoning Provincial People's Government sent a document to the Japanese Consulate General in Shenyang on Thursday afternoon stating that Teruo Takeda, 67, Hironori Ukai, 48, and Katsuo Mori, 67, would soon be executed.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004020407.html>

India keen on joining SCO

The Hindu, 3 April 2010

After being unenthusiastic to the idea of joining the six-country Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in its first term of governance, the United Progressive Alliance government now in its second term is now keen on joining the grouping. "We are interested in SCO membership. It is a very important organisation concerning the region," sources in the government said. The government had asked the missions in four central Asian countries, Russia and China to explore the nature of rule changes for joining the SCO that are under way. India would take a view on joining the SCO after the criteria are adopted, the sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article387262.ece>

China, Japan to strengthen cooperation to fight economic slowdown

People's Daily, 4 April 2010

China and Japan should step up collaboration to cope with the global economic slowdown and to continue bolstering the foundation for economic recovery, said a joint statement of the third round of dialogue between the two countries' finance ministers on Saturday. Both sides called for appropriate macro-economic and industry restructuring measures to facilitate a strong, sustainable and balanced economic growth in the two countries, East Asia and the whole world, said the statement released on the website of China's Ministry of Finance.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940097.html>

N.Korean Train Arrival in China Sparks Kim Trip Rumors

Chosun Ilbo, 4 April 2010

Reports of a North Korean train arriving in a Chinese border city have rekindled speculation that reclusive leader Kim Jong-il is preparing to visit neighboring ally China. Yonhap news agency reported that a special train Kim uses on rare trips outside North Korea arrived before dawn Saturday in the Chinese city of Dandong. Later, Yonhap and other agencies said the train probably was just carrying cargo. North Korea's own official news agency said Saturday that Kim had watched a performance in Pyongyang, but did not specify the date or time he attended the event.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/04/2010040400688.html

Report of Kim in Beijing Is Disputed

NYT, 4 April 2010

SEOUL — The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il, was the host of a weekend party in his country's capital, Pyongyang, for the new Chinese ambassador, both countries'

state media reported Sunday, disputing a South Korean news report that Mr. Kim visited China on Saturday. Last week, the office of President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea predicted that the North Korean leader may visit China soon. Yonhap, the national news agency of South Korea, reported Saturday that Mr. Kim appeared to have arrived in China on a special train, although other news reports later said that the train was a regular cargo train. On Sunday, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said Mr. Kim attended a banquet Saturday evening for the new Chinese ambassador, Liu Hongcai. The official Chinese news agency, Xinhua, carried a similar report.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/05/world/asia/05iht-korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Krishna to visit China on Monday](#)

The Hindu, 4 April 2010

External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna will arrive in Beijing tomorrow for "comprehensive" talks with the top Chinese leadership covering subjects like bilateral trade, boundary issue and the climate change. Billed as a visit aimed at the consolidation of the much improved India-China ties, Mr. Krishna will have a hectic schedule for the next two days which include talks with his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi followed by Prime Minister Wen Jiabao.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article387841.ece>

[China-Georgia trade volume grows 86%](#)

People's Daily, 5 April 2010

The bilateral trade volume between China and Georgia grew 86 percent year on year to 46.77 million U.S. dollars in the first two months this year, said a statement posted on the Ministry of Commerce's web site Monday. Georgia's exports to China amounted to 3.02 million U.S. dollars in the first two months, jumping 354 percent from a year ago. China's exports to Georgia rose 79 percent to 43.75 million U.S. dollars.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940913.html>

[Much at stake in US' trade dispute](#)

People's Daily, 5 April 2010

It makes no sense, this constant uproar from the United States about China's exchange rate policy. Is the US really interested in the following: a full-blown trade war that compromises the interest of the two nations (and possibly the world's), a drop in income for the US' middle class and poor, and as Minister of Commerce Chen Deming said recently, retaliatory measures by China? All of this will happen if the White House brands Beijing as a currency manipulator, which some US lawmakers are calling for. If that indeed does happen, a wide range of Chinese commodities bound to the US will be taxed with a high tariff. The branding by the US would inevitably force China to take countermeasures.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940911.html>

[China's premier concerned about drought in SW China](#)

People's Daily, 5 April 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao went on an inspection tour of a prefecture in the drought-hit southwest Guizhou Province Saturday to Monday, meeting people there,

seeing the dry conditions first hand and discussing relief measures with officials. Normally at this time of year spring planting would be in full swing, but the drought has made farming impossible in parts of the province.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940509.html>

[Kan meets Chinese premier](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 5 April 2010

BEIJING--Naoto Kan, deputy prime minister and finance minister, told Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao over the weekend that the death sentences handed out to four Japanese drug smugglers in China are too harsh. Kan said that by "Japanese standards" many Japanese feel executing the men for attempting to smuggle stimulants out of China would be extreme. Beijing recently notified Tokyo that the four men on death row would be executed soon. Wen asked for understanding, telling Kan: "The decisions are based on Chinese law. Illegal drugs endanger thousands of lives."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004040187.html>

[Behind China's India policy, a growing debate](#)

The Hindu, 5 April 2010

Earlier this year, the United States' decision to approve a \$ 6.4-billion arms sale to Taiwan sparked a series of agitated commentaries in China's military journals. The tone will sound somewhat familiar to an Indian audience: it reflected a growing anxiety among strategists that the U.S. was building a "crescent-shaped ring" to encircle and contain China. Interestingly, much of the debate focused on what role India would — or would not — play in a supposed U.S.-led "encirclement." Some strategists expressed concern that an eventual "integration of India" into an American alliance "would profoundly affect China's security," as the official China Daily reported. Dai Xu, an Air Force Colonel of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), warned that China needed to be vigilant against this growing network running "from Japan to India" that would suffocate China.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article388895.ece>

[Senior Chinese political advisor meets Pakistani JUI delegation](#)

People's Daily, 6 April 2010

Senior Chinese political advisor Wang Gang met here Tuesday with a delegation from the Jamiat-ul-Ulama-I-Islam (JUI) of Pakistan. The delegation was led by Chairman of the JUI Maulana Fazlur Rahman. The China visit by JUI marked the establishment of party-to-party relations between the JUI and the Communist Party of China (CPC), which was an important event for China-Pakistan relations, said Wang, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6942179.html>

[China refutes hacking accusation, urges int'l cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 6 April 2010

China on Tuesday refuted a report that said China-based hackers had targeted the Indian government, saying the accusations were groundless and fall short of evidence. "Some reports have, from time to time, been heard of insinuating or criticizing the Chinese government...I have no idea what evidence they have or what

motives lie behind," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6942180.html>

[115 miners dragged to safety after 8 long days](#)

People's Daily, 6 April 2010

Monday was China's traditional "Tomb-Sweeping Day", when people mourn their dead. But it also became a day for national celebration, when rescuers saved 115 workers who were trapped for more than a week in the flooded Wangjialing Coal Mine in Shanxi province.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6940920.html>

[China's military highlights information security](#)

People's Daily, 6 April 2010

China's Central Military Commission has issued a set of guidelines aimed at developing a comprehensive system upgrading military information security, a statement from the commission said Monday. Approved by Hu Jintao, Chairman of the Central Military Commission, the Guidelines on Enhancing Military Information Security under New Situations set out an overall arrangement to advance military information security work by "tackling critical issues" facing China's armed forces.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6941124.html>

[US' delaying currency report brightens China relations](#)

People's Daily, 6 April 2010

The Obama administration is delaying a report to Congress on currency policies, in an apparent effort to tone down rising spat with Beijing on China's currency formation regime, which has been literally pegged to the dollar since mid 2008 when the global financial crisis broke out. US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said that he will delay publication of the report, due April 15, because several high-level international meetings in the coming months will be a better way to advance American position, the Associated Press reported.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6941176.html>

[India, China should shun competitive approach: Krishna](#)

The Hindu, 6 April 2010

India and China should show "maturity" in managing their differences, including the boundary dispute, and avoid viewing each other as competitors, External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna said today, arguing that strong India-China ties would have global consequences. Presenting an upbeat picture of India-China ties, Mr. Krishna said the bilateral issues are "under total control" and the two countries have evolved a mechanism to find a solution to issues like boundary demarcation.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article389524.ece>

[Yuan revaluation 'China's choice': Geithner](#)

People's Daily, 7 April 2010

China will get to know that more yuan flexibility would benefit it, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on Tuesday as China's Foreign Ministry defended the country's currency policy is not aimed at seeking a huge trade surplus. Geithner, who is visiting India, said that the global economic recovery "looks quite strong

now," also said it was "China's choice" whether or not it revalues the yuan, or RMB, according to a Reuter report.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6942270.html>

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People's Daily, 7 April 2010

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<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6942180.html>

[South-Asia China trade fair 2010 kicks off in Nepal](#)

People's Daily, 7 April 2010

The four-day South-Asia China Trade Fair 2010 kicked off in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Wednesday to promote quality products of South Asian countries and China. The expo, the fourth of its kind, is organized by Nepal-China Executive Council and attended by businesspeople from seven countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90861/6943512.html>

[China, India to push bilateral ties "for new progress"](#)

People's Daily, 7 April 2010

China and India pledged to further advance their relations as the foreign ministers from both countries held talks on Wednesday. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and Indian Foreign Minister Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna exchanged views on bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of common concern, a statement released by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6943511.html>

[China expects BRIC summit to push for int'l financial reform](#)

People's Daily, 7 April 2010

China said Wednesday it hoped the upcoming BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) summit would push for international financial reform. China expected the summit to push for increasing emerging economies representation and voting rights in the international financial organizations, which were goals set out at the last G20 summit, said Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai at a news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6943476.html>

[Hatoyama to visit China in June](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 7 April 2010

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama will visit China in June and likely meet with President Hu Jintao, sources said. Hatoyama will visit Shanghai during the World Expo in the city around June 12, the exhibition's Japan Day. He will meet with Hu in Beijing before or after his visit to Shanghai, the sources said. The two governments are trying to arrange for Premier Wen Jiabao to visit Japan before Hatoyama goes to China, the sources said.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004060416.html>

[China executes Japanese drug smuggler](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 7 April 2010

DALIAN, China--China on Tuesday executed a 65-year-old Japanese man for drug smuggling amid protests by human rights activists in Tokyo and an expression of concern from the Japanese government. Chinese authorities informed the Japanese consular office in Dalian, Liaoning province, that Mitsunobu Akano was put to death in Dalian at 10:30 a.m. Japan time. He was apparently executed by lethal injection.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004060407.html>

[India takes up stapled visa issue with China](#)

The Hindu, 7 April 2010

India on Wednesday conveyed its serious concerns to the Chinese leadership here over Beijing's issuance of stapled visas to Kashmiris and plans to undertake projects in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Briefing the media on External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna's meetings here, Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao said he strongly conveyed India's concern over China stapling visas for residents of Jammu and Kashmir to the Chinese leadership.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article390928.ece>

['China, India should unite for bigger role in world politics'](#)

The Hindu, 7 April 2010

China and India should "unite" to play a "bigger role" in international affairs by leaving behind their past friction and look to the future if they aspire for a greater say in global politics, a leading Chinese daily said today. "By cooperating on regional and international affairs, the two countries will better safeguard each of their interests and those of the developing world at large," the state-run China Daily said in its editorial marking the 60th anniversary of bilateral ties.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article390632.ece>

[Leader Is Absent as North Korean Legislature Convenes](#)

NYT, 9 April 2010

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's rubber-stamp legislature convened Friday in the capital, Pyongyang, offering few hints of a major policy shift despite a growing desperation for economic recovery. The country's ailing leader, Kim Jong-il, did not show up at the Supreme People's Assembly, igniting speculation about his health and whereabouts. His absence from the assembly although not unusual, followed some unconfirmed news reports in South Korea in the past week that he might already have embarked on a clandestine trip to China to win badly needed aid. South Korean officials questioned those reports, though they had earlier predicted that he might soon visit China, the North's last remaining major ally.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/10/world/asia/10korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[BRIC summit to focus on economic, financial issues](#)

People's Daily, 9 April 2010

Economic and financial issues will be high on the agenda of the Second Summit of the BRIC group, which starts here on April 16. Discussions are expected to be held on

the need for changes in global institutions, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, and on updating the regulation of financial markets to avoid another global crisis.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6945731.html>

[US Analyst: US naval power 'ill-prepared' to confront China due to 'joint-ness'](#)

People's Daily, 9 April 2010

According to Defense News on April 7, the Pentagon's relentless pressure on each of the armed services to cooperate more fully with each other and pool their resources could leave the United States unprepared to face its most capable potential adversary, a key strategist said April 7. "The secular religion of 'joint-ness'," said Bryan McGrath, is making the Department of Defense "ill-prepared " to defend commercial globalization that in turn is underwritten by sea power. "The inability to do this leaves our country ill-prepared to meet the one adversary we could face - China," he added.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6945999.html>

[China attaches great importance to Afghanistan's reconstruction: vice president](#)

People's Daily, 9 April 2010

Xi made the remarks while meeting with Afghan Second Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) in Boao, a resort town in China's southernmost Hainan Province. Xi said China and Afghanistan have always abided by the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence since they forged diplomatic ties 55 years ago. "The Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Good-neighborly Relations between China and Afghanistan, signed in 2006, marked the start of a new phase in the development of bilateral relations," Xi said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946090.html>

[Beijing to join talks on Iran issue](#)

People's Daily, 9 April 2010

China confirmed that it would join other world powers in New York today in talks on devising solutions to address the Iran nuclear issue. "China will participate in the relevant discussions," Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters. "But we maintain that dialogue and consultation are the best way to solve the dispute." "Washington has been gearing up to win collective backing from the international community on imposing new sanctions against Iran.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6945048.html>

[Bush says US should not fear China's growth](#)

People's Daily, 9 April 2010

Former US president George W. Bush said Thursday that Americans should not fear China's rise and should look for the opportunities presented by the growth of the world's most populous country. "Some people say that we all worry about it -- the growth of China," Bush told a financial forum in Shanghai. "They look at China's growth and say: 'This is cause for worry'." "I don't believe that. I view it as an opportunity. I view it as a chance to develop a win-win strategy," Bush said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6945168.html>

[N.Korea, China 'Agreed to Preliminary Meeting' for Nuke Talks](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 9 April 2010

North Korea is reported to have accepted in March a Chinese proposal to hold a preliminary meeting before the resumption of the stalled six-party nuclear talks. Japanese daily Asahi Shimbun said the U.S. took Pyongyang's consent as a sign of progress and began bilateral discussions with North Korean officials. The two sides, however, failed to move forward in light of the recent sinking of the South Korean Naval corvette Cheonan in the West Sea.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/09/2010040900844.html

[Gov't, Military Engulfed in Intelligence Blunders](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 9 April 2010

South Korea's handling of intelligence and classified information once again in the spotlight in the wake of the mysterious sinking of the Navy corvette Cheonan. Officials proved as ready as ever to leak anything they knew and lawmakers were accused of abusing their privilege to access classified information. Cheong Wa Dae, meanwhile, embarrassed itself by publicly speculating about the timing of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il's visit to China. Presidential spokeswoman Kim Eun-hye told reporters on Mar. 31 that Kim's visit to China could be imminent. "There is a high possibility and we are monitoring the situation," Kim said. Another high-ranking Cheong Wa Dae official confirmed the comments.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/09/2010040900906.html

[What trust? Obama snubs Hatoyama](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 9 April 2010

When the White House named the leaders granted official summit talks with President Barack Obama, Japanese officials expected Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama to be on the list. After all, the meetings would be held on the sidelines of next week's Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, and Obama and Hatoyama had promised to work together to create a world free of nuclear weapons. As White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs named the leaders of China, India, Germany and other nations Tuesday, Japanese officials waited. And waited. Hatoyama's name was not mentioned. Although the reason for excluding Hatoyama was not given, diplomatic sources said it is clear that the deadlock over the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa Prefecture has led to a stalemate in Japan-U.S. diplomacy at the highest level.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004080463.html>

[Mutual prosperity tied up in trilateral dealings](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 9 April 2010

"We all have a common interest in the future stability and economic prosperity of our region. So much of Japan, China and Australia's growth and continued prosperity depends on the continued stability of our own neighborhood. It is not just dependent on what happens in America or Europe."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004080471.html>

[Manmohan to leave for U.S., Brazil tomorrow](#)

The Hindu, 9 April 2010

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will embark on a visit to the US on Saturday to join leaders of 42 other countries in discussing ways to strengthen global initiatives for securing nuclear material and installations, amid concerns of terrorists gaining access to these. During the eight-day visit, Dr. Singh will also travel to Brazil to attend the Brazil-Russia-India-China (BRIC) and India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Summits, where Iran's controversial nuclear programme and the impending U.N. sanctions would be among the key issues of discussions.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article392890.ece>

[U.S. slaps anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel pipe in new protectionist move](#)

People's Daily, 10 April 2010

The United States on Friday imposed anti-dumping duties ranging from 30 percent to 99 percent on imports of steel pipes used in oil and gas wells, a move that might escalate trade disputes between the two countries. The Commerce Department said in a statement that prices for the Chinese pipes, or "oil country tubular goods (OCTG)," are 29.94 percent to 99.14 percent lower than fair value when it is sold in the U.S. market.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946308.html>

[Lhasa makes government affairs open](#)

People's Daily, 10 April 2010

The Lhasa City Government has made its handling of government affairs more open by introducing online services, with the pageview of its website (<http://www.lasa.gov.cn/>) hitting 8,366,427 at 16:25 Wednesday. The website is considered a platform to make government affairs transparent to the public. The online services include the introduction of the functions of various government departments, the namelist of government officials and their functions, as well as guidelines concerning government affairs.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6946265.html>

[China executes 3 more Japanese](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 10 April 2010

DALIAN, China--China executed three more Japanese men for drug smuggling on Friday morning, prompting accusations the Japanese government had not done enough to protect the lives of its citizens. Chinese court authorities informed Japanese diplomats that Teruo Takeda, 67, and Hironori Ukai, 48, were put to death in Dalian, Liaoning province. Katsuo Mori, 67, was executed at Shenyang, also in Liaoning province. Another Japanese citizen, Mitsunobu Akano, 65, was executed for drug smuggling on Tuesday.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004090426.html>

[State told come clean on Okinawa](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 10 April 2010

The Tokyo District Court ordered the state on Friday to disclose documents on a secret Japan-U.S. pact on the 1972 return of Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty, saying the government was "insincere in neglecting the public's right to know." The court recognized that a secret pact existed as part of the agreement to hand over

Okinawa. Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada indicated the ministry would likely appeal the verdict. He pointed to the March release of an investigation by a committee of experts that failed to find any document related to the secret pact.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004090425.html>

[China and India will benefit from mutual cooperation: Tharoor](#)
The Hindu, 10 April 2010

Seeking to downplay the dispute with China on Arunachal Pradesh, Union minister Shashi Tharoor today said both the countries are developing economies and stand a lot to benefit from mutual cooperation. "It is high time we look beyond geographical barriers and build up a good relation with China in the 21st century," Tharoor told reporters on the sidelines of a book release function here. "There remains tremendous scope for building relationships with China in which both the developing countries could benefit," he said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article393749.ece>

[China's social security fund to expand to 300 bln USD in 2015: fund chairman](#)

People's Daily, 11 April 2010

China's national Social Security Fund (SSF) will be more than doubled to 300 billion U.S. dollars in 2015, the SSF chief Dai Xianglong said Sunday. The fund's current size is 130 billion U.S. dollars, Dai said at the annual conference of Boao Forum for Asia in south China's island province of Hainan. The SSF is ready to invest in unlisted companies and private equity funds, said Dai, chairman of the National Council for Social Security Fund.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6946384.html>

[Death toll rises to 32 in north China flooded mine, 5 still missing](#)

People's Daily, 11 April 2010

The death toll in the flooded Wangjialing coal mine in north China's Shanxi Province rose to 33 after one more body was recovered Sunday noon. Rescuers are searching for the five miners who remained missing, the rescue headquarters said. The 115 miners lifted out of the mine alive on Monday after being trapped underground for more than a week were all in stable condition, said Gao Guoshun, director of Shanxi's Health Bureau, Saturday night.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6946386.html>

[Protectionism warned as threat to fragile global recovery at pan-Asian forum](#)

People's Daily, 11 April 2010

World politicians and entrepreneurs attending the annual Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Saturday called to prevent trade protectionism from posing a real threat to the fragile global economic recovery. The worst financial crisis since 1930s plunged the world economy into downturn last year, the first time since the Second World War. But many economies are recovering at unexpectedly quicker rates as massive fiscal stimulus has paid off.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946342.html>

[China, Mongolia underline stronger cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 11 April 2010

China and Mongolia Saturday underscored their commitment to seeking stronger cooperation. Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping met with Mongolian Prime Minister Sukhbaataryn Batbold on the sidelines of the annual session of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), a pan-Asian platform for dialogue on key issues affecting Asia and the world. Batbold said Mongolia paid much attention to the BFA as the forum played an important role in boosting regional cooperation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946376.html>

[Chinese VP calls for smooth ECFA negotiations between mainland, Taiwan](#)

People's Daily, 11 April 2010

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping said Saturday that the mainland is willing to see the ongoing negotiations of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with Taiwan "smoothly proceed without disturbance so as to achieve results and produce economic benefit soon." Xi made the remarks when meeting with Fredrick Chien, chief advisor of Taiwan's Cross-Straits Common Market Foundation, on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Boao Forum for Asia in southern province of Hainan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6946339.html>

[Hu presents 5-point proposal for boosting China-U.S. ties](#)

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday put forward a five-point proposal for improving China-U.S. relations in a meeting with his U.S. counterpart, Barack Obama. The two sides should persistently stick to the right direction of bilateral ties, and take concrete moves to establish a partnership to jointly deal with common challenges, said Hu. Second, China and the United States should respect each other's core interests and major concerns. This is key to the healthy and stable development of bilateral ties, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6948082.html>

[Boao forum aims to be key voice of Asia: new secretary-general](#)

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

China will work to make the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) a key voice of Asia and more globally represented, the BFA's newly-elected secretary-general Zhou Wenzhong said Sunday. Zhou, a veteran Chinese diplomat, said that for the first time, the BFA's new board of directors has several members from other continents, including former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin. This created conditions for the forum to be more globally represented, Zhou told Xinhua before the BFA wrapped up its annual conference on Sunday in Boao in south China's island province of Hainan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946725.html>

[China stresses market supply in drought-hit areas](#)

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

Local governments should step up efforts to ensure market supplies in the drought-stricken southwestern areas, China's Ministry of Commerce said here Monday. Local authorities in drought-hit provincial localities should enhance their awareness of the

importance to ensure market supplies of daily necessity and production material for local residents, and beef up market supply supervision, the ministry said in a statement on its website. The first priority in these areas is to help drought victims and livestock to get access to drinking water. Local governments must work out effective drought-relief emergency plans, Fang Aiqing, China's assistant commerce minister, said in the statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6948065.html>

Ministerial Meeting of China-Arab Cooperation Forum to be held in China

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

The fourth Ministerial Meeting of China-Arab Cooperation Forum will be held from May 13-14 in Tianjin, China, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said here Tuesday. The meeting, with the theme of deepening comprehensive cooperation and realizing common development, will be attended by foreign ministers and representatives from China and Arab countries, and the secretary-general of the League of Arab States. Participants would discuss the China-Arab relationship, pragmatic cooperation, developing the forum, and global and regional issues of common concern, Jiang said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949645.html>

China pushes to get six-party talks back on track

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

China here on Tuesday called on the parties involved in the six-party talks to maintain contacts and dialogue, show more flexibility and work together to create conditions for the resumption of the talks. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a regular press briefing Tuesday that the parties involved had intensified contacts recently to discuss how to restart the six-party talks. Jiang said, China has consistently supported the reconciliation and cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Korea (ROK).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949583.html>

Chinese premier to visit three southeast Asian nations

People's Daily, 13 April 2010

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will pay an official visit to Brunei, Indonesia and Myanmar, announced Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu Tuesday. Wen's trip from April 22 to 25, is at the invitations of the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Hassanal Bolkiah, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Myanmar Prime Minister Thein Sein. During his stay in Brunei, Wen will hold talks with Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and meet with Brunei's royal family members. While in Indonesia, he will meet with President Yudhoyono and other leaders. In Myanmar, he will hold talks with Prime Minister Thein Sein and meet with Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) Than Shwe and other Myanmar leaders.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6949559.html>

China's one-front war on narcotics

Asahi Shimbun, 13 April 2010

China's strategy on tackling its growing drug problem has been to cut a key artery of supply: the North Korean route used by smugglers and traffickers. The Chinese government has stepped up its surveillance of the route and makes no qualms about

executing those caught in the distribution side of the problem. But on the demand side, it's a different story. Users and addicts receive relatively light punishments, if any, with the priority on rehabilitating the users. Critics say the leniency on drug use is a major reason why the recidivism rate is 50 percent. They also say attempts to smuggle narcotics into China will continue as long as there is demand for the drugs. Four Japanese men who were executed last week in China were caught on the harsh side of the country's anti-drug campaign.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004120233.html>

[Australia Arrests Chinese Crew of Ship in Reef Accident](#)

NYT, 14 April 2010

SYDNEY — Australian police on Wednesday arrested two senior crew members in charge of the Chinese coal vessel that ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef last week, causing serious damage to one of the world's most famous coral outcroppings. The Chinese captain and chief officer on watch during the April 3 accident were charged with damaging a protected marine environment after an investigation found that the freighter, Shen Neng 1, had strayed from its intended course. Officials have said it could take up to 20 years for parts of the reef to recover from the collision, which has prompted widespread calls for more stringent controls on commercial vessels in Australian waters. The scar the ship made on the reef is 1.9 miles long and up to 820 feet wide.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/world/asia/15ship.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Strong Quake Kills Hundreds in Western China](#)

NYT, 14 April 2010

BEIJING — A powerful earthquake in western China killed at least 400 people, injured 10,000 and left many others buried under debris on Wednesday, Chinese state media reported. The quake, which struck at 7:49 a.m. in Qinghai Province, bordering Tibet, had a magnitude of 7.1, according to China's earthquake agency. The China Earthquake Networks Administration said the quake struck in Yushu County, a remote and mountainous area sparsely populated by farmers and herdsman, most of them ethnic Tibetans. The region, pocked with copper, tin and coal mines, is also rich in natural gas.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/world/asia/15quake.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[BRIC ambassadors discuss cooperation, bigger role for emerging powers](#)

People's Daily, 14 April 2010

Leaders from the BRIC countries including Brazil, Russia, India and China will soon meet again to discuss the world's most pressing problems like financial reforms and climate change. Prior to the upcoming summit, a number of ambassadors gave their opinions over the rise and development of the emerging economies when interviewed by Xinhua. As the tidal waves of the international financial crisis recede and the revival of the emerging economies accelerates, their rises, the most visible feature of the 21st century, seem irreversible.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951084.html>

[China, Brazil agree to increase cooperation in security sector](#)

People's Daily, 14 April 2010

Senior officials of China and Brazil Wednesday agreed to enhance security cooperation for international events to be held in the two nations. Zhou Yongkang, a senior official with the Communist Party of China (CPC), and Jorge Felix, Chief Minister of the Brazilian Cabinet of Institutional Security, said in a meeting that the two countries would exchange experience in security work for this year's Shanghai World Expo in China, and the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil. Zhou, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said China and Brazil enjoyed broad common interests in politics, economy, security and other global issues.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951128.html>

[About 300 dead after 7.1-magnitude quake hits China's Qinghai](#)

People's Daily, 14 April 2010

At least 300 people died and many others were buried under the debris after a 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit northwest China's Qinghai Province early on Wednesday, according to China National Radio. More than 85 percent of the houses in the Jiegu Township near the epicenter had collapsed, said Zhuohuaxia, a publicity official with the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, told Xinhua. "The streets in Jiegu are thronged with panic, injured people, with many bleeding in the head," he said. "Many students are buried under the debris due to building collapse at a vocational school," he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6950393.html>

[US: Trade deficit with China narrows](#)

People's Daily, 14 April 2010

The U.S. trade deficit with China narrowed to its lowest level in nearly a year in February, while its overall trade gap widened as strengthening domestic demand triggered a surge in imports from abroad. Analysts said Tuesday's data may provide China a reason to resist revaluing its currency "substantially". "The decline in the bilateral trade deficit with China might take a little of the pressure off the Chinese to allow their currency to appreciate against the dollar," said Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics in Toronto.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949897.html>

[Chinese president urges concerted action to enhance nuclear security](#)

People's Day, 14 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Tuesday called for concerted action by all countries to enhance nuclear security while stressing the need to properly address the challenge. "The potential threat of nuclear terrorism cannot be neglected and the risk of nuclear material diversion and illicit trafficking is on the rise," Hu said in a speech delivered at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. In the speech, Hu put forward five proposals on ways to strengthen nuclear security.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949669.html>

[Kim Jong-il Imports Hundreds of Cars for Loyal Officials](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 14 April 2010

Around 100 Chinese-made cars have been brought into North Korea through a checkpoint on the border with China, probably for North Korean leader Kim Jong-il to

give to favored officials. The delivery was made on Tuesday, two days before former leader Kim Il-sung's birthday, which is the biggest holiday in the North. A North Korean source saw around 30 identical vehicles crossing the bridge across the Apnok (or Yalu) River into Sinuiju at around 9 a.m. The vehicles were the Chinese compact sedan F3 manufactured by BYD, referred to as the "people's car" in China due to its popularity. Around 100 cars reportedly crossed the border into North Korea on Tuesday alone. Starting last week, North Korea brought in more than 200 cars, including luxury foreign cars, jeeps and large vans. The total value of the imported cars is believed to be around US\$5 million.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/14/2010041400791.html

10 Chinese warships pass near Okinawa

Asahi Shimbun, 14 April 2010

Ten Chinese navy warships, including two submarines, passed between Okinawa's main island and Miyakojima island Saturday while heading from the East China Sea to the Pacific Ocean, Japan's Defense Ministry said Tuesday. The vessels continued training exercises Tuesday, Japanese officials said. Chinese warships have previously moved through the same waters, but rarely has a fleet as large as 10 vessels done so. The area is open sea. Under international law, training in open seas or passing through international waters presents no problem. But Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said, "This is an unprecedented case."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004130430.html>

Chinese president arrives in Brasilia for BRIC summit, state visit

People's Daily, 15 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived in Brasilia on Wednesday for a summit of Brazil, Russia, India and China slated for Thursday and Friday, and a state visit to the Latin American state. At the summit of the four countries -- collectively known under their acronym BRIC, the leaders will discuss the global economy and financial situation, reform of the international financial system, climate change and cooperation among the four countries, Chinese diplomats said. President Hu has chosen Latin America as the destination of his first overseas trip so far this year. His visit to Brazil, Venezuela and Chile is seen as an important move to enhance ties between China and Latin American countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951209.html>

BRIC countries need new strategies for growth in post-crisis world: expert

People's Daily, 15 April 2010

The international financial crisis has provoked changes in the world's organization, so the BRIC countries need to develop new strategies to continue growing in the post-crisis world, said Jos Gilberto Scandiucci, from the Division of Financial Policy of Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on Wednesday. Scandiucci and other researchers from Russia, India and China are gathering in Brasilia for a two-day Think Tank Summit to discuss "The Role of the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) in the Post-Crisis Global Transformation." The crisis represented a suspension of the BRICs' ascension, which is regaining force now. But the return to this trajectory happens in a new world, and rich countries above all have changed, said Scandiucci. As Brazil's Foreign Ministry representative, he noted that BRIC countries should focus on developing mechanisms to reinforce relations between them.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951535.html>

[Open doors still welcome foreign investment](#)

People's Daily, 15 April 2010

China will continue to widen market access to foreign investors and better navigate the inflow of foreign capital, top officials said yesterday. Meanwhile, the country will discourage both foreign and local capital from investing in resource-guzzling and polluting sectors to avoid paying too much for being the world's workshop, says a new directive. "China remains the most attractive destination for foreign investment. We treat foreign companies that set up and register as Chinese companies, and products made in China as Chinese products. We give them national treatment," Ma Xiuhong, vice-minister of commerce, told a press conference.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951468.html>

[Senior CPC official: Sino-Turkish economic cooperation has broad perspective](#)

People's Daily, 15 April 2010

Li Changchun, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), said in Istanbul Wednesday that the economic cooperation between China and Turkey has "broad perspective." Li, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, was on an official goodwill visit to Turkey. He addressed businessmen from Turkey and those Chinese enterprises who operate in this country in the crossroad of Asia and Europe. "Mutual trust is the pretext for bilateral cooperation," he said, urging both sides to consolidate political foundation for promoting economic cooperation in line with mutual respect, mutual benefit, equality and common development.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951499.html>

[China urges Australia to treat coal ship crew members fairly](#)

People's Daily, 15 April 2010

China on Thursday urged Australia to deal fairly with Chinese citizens involved in the grounding of a Chinese coal ship in the Great Barrier Reef area. "We hope Australia will ensure the legitimate rights and interests of the Chinese citizens," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a regular press conference. The Shen Neng 1, which was carrying 65,000 tonnes of coal and 950 tonnes of fuel oil, struck the southern part of the Great Barrier Reef, 80 km off the Queensland coast on April 3. About two tonnes of fuel oil spilled, creating a slick about 3 km long and 100 meters wide.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6952730.html>

[N.Korea Expels 3 Workers from Mt. Kumgang](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 15 April 2010

Three Korean-Chinese workers from North Korea's Mt. Kumgang resort arrived in Seoul on Wednesday after being expelled from the communist country. The workers oversaw a South Korean reunion facility there. Their deportations came shortly after North Korea threatened to shut down joint tourism projects and kick out workers. Four workers had been managing the family reunion center established by the South Korean government but one reportedly went on leave prior to the eviction order.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/15/2010041500639.html

[Japan gets jitters on China navy](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 15 April 2010

Beijing's flaunting of its naval strength this week close to Japan's territorial waters set off alarm bells in Tokyo, where the government ordered close monitoring of any similar naval maneuvers by China in the future. The passage of 10 Chinese warships through international waters between Okinawa's main island and Miyakojima island on Saturday provided stark confirmation of the Chinese navy's expansion of its blue-water capabilities, officials said. The excursions could also pose a threat to U.S. naval forces operating in the same western Pacific area, according to analysts.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004140340.html>

[China's Wen to visit in late May](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 15 April 2010

BEIJING--Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao is set to visit Japan from May 30 if Tokyo agrees, according to Japanese and Chinese sources. Wen and Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama are expected to sign a memorandum during the visit on bilateral cooperation to ensure food safety, the sources said. The two countries have been discussing this issue since tainted frozen gyoza dumplings imported from China sickened 10 Japanese in late 2007 to early 2008. Wen will likely arrive after attending a trilateral summit of the leaders of Japan, China and South Korea slated for the South Korean island of Jeju on May 29. He will stay for several days, the sources said.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004140349.html>

[Seeking Survivors as China's Quake Victims Pile Up](#)

NYT, 16 April 2010

JIEGU, China — From afar, the jumble of colorful blankets appeared to be a garbage heap. A closer look, though, revealed the unmistakable outlines of human beings, arms and bare feet poking through the makeshift shrouds that relatives had wrapped around those crushed by the brief but mighty jolt that devastated this city on Tuesday. Ger Lai Tan Zeng, a 20-year-old Buddhist monk, was the recorder of the dead, his graceful Tibetan script filling an old datebook. By Friday morning, he estimated there were 900 bodies spread across the brightly painted pavilion that normally functions as a seating area for the monks at his monastery. By contrast, the official government death toll was 791 as of Friday. "We've been too busy tending the living to count the dead," he said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/17/world/asia/17quake.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Quake toll rises to 791, Wen comforts survivors](#)

People's Daily, 16 April 2010

China's premier Wen Jiabao flew to the Tibetan plateau late Thursday to oversee rescue efforts after a strong earthquake on Wednesday has taken a toll of 791 lives. It is reported that up to 10,000 were injured and Gyegu, the seat of Yushu country, was nearly flattened by the powerful Magnitude 7.1 Richter scale quake. President Hu Jintao is cutting short his visit to Latin America because of the earthquake and will return home early from Brazil, where he is attending a summit of leading emerging markets, a Brazilian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. He was

supposed to go on to Venezuela and Chile.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6952963.html>

[Brazil sees 'affinity' with China over Iran: FM](#)

People's Daily, 16 April 2010

Brazil shares "great affinity" with China over what course to take on Iran, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim told reporters on Thursday, as UN Security Council members mulled new sanctions against Tehran. Amorim said Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva outlined Brazil's defense of Iran in the teeth of the sanctions threat in bilateral talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao ahead of a BRIC summit in Brasilia, explaining that he believed any sanctions would prove ineffective. "Our impression... is that the effectiveness of sanctions is debatable," Amorim said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6953397.html>

[Chinese, Russian presidents meet on bilateral relations](#)

People's Daily, 16 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao met his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev Thursday in Brasilia to discuss bilateral ties and other important issues of common concern. It was the first meeting between the two leaders since they met on the sidelines of the Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Singapore last November. Hu and Medvedev were meeting on the sidelines of a summit of BRIC nations, namely Brazil, Russia, India and China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6953345.html>

[Chinese, South African presidents agree to promote strategic partnership](#)

People's Daily, 16 April 2010

Chinese President Hu Jintao met in Brasilia Thursday with South African President Jacob Zuma, with both leaders agreeing to promote the strategic partnership between their two countries. President Hu stressed that the Chinese side attached importance to the development of its relations with South Africa and was willing to work together with South Africa to inject new impetus into the development of the strategic partnership between the two sides in the following aspects: -- To intensify bilateral high-level contacts, enhance political mutual trust and strengthen exchanges on statecraft.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6953324.html>

[BRICs speak louder about cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 16 April 2010

Compared with their first summit in Russia last year, leaders of BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China) spoke louder about promoting cooperation within the four countries at their second meeting held here on Thursday. NEW SITUATION, NEW CHALLENGES When Chinese President Hu Jintao, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met in Yekaterinburg, Russia last June at their first summit, a rampant global financial crisis was wreaking havoc on the world economy.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954348.html>

[Korea Renews Push for FTA with China](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 16 April 2010

The government will renew efforts to seal a free trade agreement with China, its largest trading partner, a regular economic meeting chaired by President Lee Myung-bak at Cheong Wa Dae affirmed Thursday. Knowledge Economy Minister Choi Kyung-hwan pledged the ministry will "examine the environment for a Korea-China FTA to help Korean firms improve their competitiveness in the Chinese market."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/16/2010041600463.html

[Chinese Premier Visits Tibetan Quake Survivors](#)**NYT, 17 April 2010**

JIEGU, China — Prime Minister Wen Jiabao spent Friday in the Tibetan high country, comforting survivors of this week's devastating earthquake in a prominent display of concern by the country's Han leadership for one of China's most troubled ethnic minorities. "No matter whether you are Tibetans or Hans, you are all in one family," Mr. Wen said during a visit to an orphanage in Yushu Prefecture, a remote area of western China to which he had raced on Thursday after canceling a trip to Indonesia, state news media reported. President Hu Jintao also changed his plans after the quake, cutting short a trip to Brazil. The government's efforts will be closely watched. Although the scope of destruction does not compare with the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan Province, which killed about 87,000 people, the disaster in Qinghai Province presents a delicate political challenge.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/17/world/asia/17quake.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China Starts New Bureau to Curb Web](#)**NYT, 17 April 2010**

BEIJING — China has quietly formed a new bureau expected to help to police social networking sites and other user-driven forums on the Internet, which are proving harder for the government to monitor and control than ordinary news portals. The new bureau marks the latest outgrowth to a morass of agencies tasked with regulating online business and communications in China. People informed of the expansion say the authorities are retooling their media apparatus to deepen their leverage over the Web, and regulators are jostling for the growing power and privilege at stake. The new agency, officially called the Internet news coordination bureau, is part of this effort to better monitor the communications of Chinese Web users, who total nearly 400 million by official estimates.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/17/world/asia/17chinaweb.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Food, drinking water, cold-proof goods badly needed in China's quake zone](#)**People's Daily, 17 April 2010**

Food, drinking water, and cold-proof tents, quilts and clothes are in short supply in the remote, mountainous Chinese town flattened by a devastating earthquake earlier this week, a local official said Saturday. At least 1,144 people died after the earthquake struck the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, Qinghai Province, at dawn Wednesday. About 11,744 people were injured, with 1,192 of them in a serious condition. Many are believed buried under piles of debris. Impoverished Yushu, home to 100,000 people, sits 4,000 meters above sea level. Nighttime temperatures here can easily drop to freezing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6954540.html>

[After Quake, Tibetans Distrust China's Help](#)

NYT, 18 April 2010

JIEGU, China — The Buddhist monks stood atop the jagged remains of a vocational school, struggling to move concrete slabs with pickax shovels and bare hands. Suddenly a cry went out: An arm, clearly lifeless, was poking through the debris. But before the monks could finish their task, a group of Chinese soldiers who had been relaxing on the school grounds sprang to action. They put on their army caps, waved the monks away, and with a video camera for their unit rolling, quickly extricated the body of a young girl. The monks stifled their rage and stood below, mumbling a Tibetan prayer for the dead. "You won't see the cameras while we are working," said one of the monks, Ga Tsai, who with 200 others, had driven from their lamasery in Sichuan Province as soon as they heard about the quake. "We want to save lives. They see this tragedy as an opportunity to make propaganda." Since a deadly earthquake nearly flattened this predominantly Tibetan city early Wednesday, killing at least 1,400 people, China's leadership has treated the quake as a dual emergency — a humanitarian crisis almost three miles above sea level in remote Qinghai Province, and a fresh test of the Communist Party's ability to keep a lid on dissent among restive Tibetans.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/18/world/asia/18quake.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China promises transparency in use of donations to quake-hit NW China](#)

People's Daily, 18 April 2010

The details of how donations to quake victims in Qinghai Province are used will be made public on a regular basis, to boost efficiency and transparency, China's disaster relief authorities said Sunday. "The public are concerned whether their donations can 100-percent reach the quake victims in a timely, open and transparent way," Zou Ming, director of the disaster relief department of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, told a press conference. "This is also what we are trying to do," Zou added.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6954743.html>

[Quake Relief in Action: CPC stresses social stability in quake zone](#)

People's Daily, 18 April 2010

The Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Sunday urged the maintenance of stability in the quake-hit regions in northwest China to create a favorable environment for relief and reconstruction. In a circular released Sunday, the committee ordered local police to step up patrols of key areas and to timely solve disputes to maintain social stability and unity among different ethnic groups.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6954754.html>

[China, Venezuela sign agreements on oil, hydropower projects](#)

People's Daily, 18 April 2010

China and Venezuela on Saturday signed a series of agreements to help the latter develop its oil and hydropower industries. Under the agreements, the two countries will set up an oil exploiting and processing joint venture in Venezuela's Orinoco reserves belt. China will help the South American nation build its own hydropower generator to ease the oil-exporting country's recent energy crisis.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954569.html>

[China dissatisfied with EU's coated paper anti-subsidy investigation](#)

People's Daily, 18 April 2010

China is disappointed the European Union (EU) has decided to launch an anti-subsidy investigation into imported Chinese coated paper, Ministry of Commerce (MOC) spokesman Yao Jian said Saturday. "China will closely follow this issue and reserves its right to take necessary measures in accordance with WTO rules," Yao said. He said the coated paper probe is the EU's first anti-subsidy investigation into Chinese products.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954566.html>

[Sino-U.S. agreement on yuan exchange rate report untrue: ministry](#)

People's Daily, 19 April 2010

Recent Chinese media reports that China and the United States had reached a tentative agreement on the exchange rate level of yuan, or China's currency renminbi, were untrue, a spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOC) told Xinhua Monday. According to the media reports, China's Vice Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan said at the ongoing 107th China Import and Export Fair in Guangzhou that the yuan exchange rate would remain basically stable after discussions between the two sides.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6955832.html>

[Expo enhances cross-Straits relations](#)

People's Daily, 19 April 2010

Ties between Taipei and Shanghai are growing closer in the lead up to Expo Shanghai 2010, following historic exchanges between top-level officials and businessmen from both sides of the Strait. A delegation led by Taipei's Deputy Mayor Lee Yong-ping arrived in Shanghai last Friday to promote Taipei Cultural Week, which will be observed here from June 3 to 28. The deputy mayor's visit to Shanghai follows a trip to Taipei earlier this month by Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng and a 200-member delegation. The four-day visit was undertaken to present a roadshow for Expo Shanghai 2010 and received massive publicity in Taiwan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6955225.html>

[Venezuela: China offers US\\$20 billion in financing](#)

People's Daily, 19 April 2010

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Saturday that China was providing the South American nation with a long-term, \$20 billion financing plan to aid the local economy. "China is going to give financing to Venezuela, to the Venezuelan people ... over the long-term and in large volume of some \$20 billion," Chavez said in Caracas at a signing ceremony Saturday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954847.html>

[President vows to rebuild quake-rocked zone](#)

People's Daily, 19 April 2010

It's being called the largest rescue operation at such an altitude in human history, and the race against time in a hostile environment is taking its toll on those charged

with saving as many lives as possible. President Hu Jintao flew to the quake-hit Yushu region in northwest Qinghai Province Sunday to oversee relief operations there, as the death toll from last week's devastating earthquake climbed to more than 1,700.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6954780.html>

[Military Increasingly Convinced of N.Korean Sub Attack](#)

CHosun Ilbo, 19 April 2010

Military officials and experts believe that if a North Korean torpedo was involved in the sinking of the South Korean Navy corvette Cheonan, it was probably launched from a 325-ton Shark-class submarine. The sub ranks between a full-blown submarine and a mini-sub in terms of size. South Korean military intelligence are reportedly focusing on the fact that one or two Shark-class submarines from a submarine base in Cape Bipagot, South Hwanghae Province are unaccounted for during the time of the Cheonan's sinking.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/19/2010041901342.html

[Kim likely to visit Beijing soon](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 19 April 2010

BEIJING--A close aide to Kim Jong Il has traveled to China to prepare the ground for a visit by the North Korean leader as early as the end of April, sources said over the weekend. The aide, who is in charge of Kim's personal security, was part of a delegation which flew into Beijing on April 8, apparently to make final arrangements for the first visit by Kim to China since 2006. According to China-North Korea sources, the aide discussed the timing of Kim's visit and his itinerary with officials of the Communist Party of China.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004180168.html>

[China insists on dialogue, talks on Iranian nuclear issue](#)

People's Daily, 20 April 2010

China still regards dialogue and talks as the best method in settling the Iranian nuclear issue, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said in Beijing on Tuesday. Representatives of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States -- and Germany, discussed possible steps over the issue last Thursday in New York. "Such discussions do not mean that the door for dialogue and talks has been closed," said the spokeswoman Jiang Yu at a regular briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6957505.html>

[Argentina values strategic partnership with China: official](#)

People's Daily, 20 April 2010

The Argentine government values its strategic partnership with China, an Argentine official said Monday. Nestor Stancanelli, top international economic negotiator of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, met here with Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Jiang Yaoping to discuss bilateral trade and economic ties and some global economic affairs. The recovery and re-balance of the global economy calls for common efforts of all countries around the world, said Stancanelli.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6957506.html>

[Quake Relief in Action: Quake zone prepares for cold snap, rainy season](#)

People's Daily, 20 April 2010

Stoves, coal and overcoats are being sent to the quake-hit Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu in northwest China's Qinghai Province following the forecast of a cold snap in next three days. The high-altitude region had light snow since 5 p.m. Monday and would see light to moderate snow and sleet between Tuesday and Thursday, with temperature falling up to ten degrees centigrade, said Tsering Tashi, deputy chief of the Yushu Prefecture Meteorological Bureau. Twenty thousand coal-burning stoves would be sent to Yushu, which also has been receiving 700 tonnes of coal each day since Sunday, said a spokesperson of Qinghai Civil Affairs Department.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6956712.html>

[Microsoft contractors reportedly break labor rules](#)

People's Daily, 20 April 2010

Two factories that make Microsoft products in southern China violated overtime regulations and failed to properly register the use of workers aged 16 to 18, reports said. The problems at the plants in the city of Dongguan were initially raised last week by the National Labor Committee, a New York-based nonprofit organization that monitors the treatment of foreign workers by U.S. companies. The group alleged that the teen laborers worked long shifts and were not allowed to use bathrooms during working hours at the plants, owned by Taiwan-based KYE Systems. The factories make webcams, computer mice and Xbox controllers for Microsoft, the world's biggest software company.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6956739.html>

[Shroud over show industry](#)

People's Daily, 20 April 2010

A huge ash cloud spreading from a volcanic eruption in Iceland since Friday is likely to deal a blow to China's exhibition industry, with a majority of flights in Europe still grounded on Monday. April typically marks the beginning of the convention/exhibition season in the country, and Auto China 2010 - an annual exhibition for global auto giants to promote new cars that was slated to start on Friday in Beijing - now faces some uncertainty. Senior managers from Europe were expected to arrive in Beijing no later than Thursday for the media day on Friday but now, nobody knows whether they can make it on time.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90860/6956365.html>

[Some Evidence About Shipwreck Obtained, Minister Says](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 20 April 2010

Military investigators have some evidence suggesting that a torpedo or a mine was the cause of the blast that sank the Navy corvette Cheonan, Defense Minister Kim Tae-young said Monday. "There isn't a complete lack of evidence," Kim told the National Assembly's Defense Committee. "There are many things we can infer from the twisted hull of the vessel, and we will comb through specific components to come up with concrete evidence." Kim appears to have been referring to the fact that the upper right hand portion of the Cheonan received the bulk of the damage even though the blast impacted the lower left hand section of the vessel, which is a classic sign of a torpedo or mine attack.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/20/2010042001172.html

[Senior officials of China, ASEAN to meet in Vietnam](#)

People's Daily, 21 April 2010

Senior officials of China and countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold their annual meeting in the Vietnamese city of Hue on April 26-28, Chinese Foreign Ministry announced Wednesday. Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Hu Zhengyue and diplomats of the ASEAN countries will attend the meeting to discuss China-ASEAN relations as well as regional and international issues of common concern. Founded in 1967, ASEAN comprises of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6958822.html>

[Backgrounder: China's major policies to tackle climate change since year 2000](#)

People's Daily, 21 April 2010

The 40th World Earth Day falls on Thursday this year, with a theme of "climate change -- the mother of all environmental and community issues." China has made continuous efforts to address climate change challenges while maintaining rapid economic growth in recent years. The following are the major policies rolled out by the Chinese government since the year 2000, which are aimed to improve the economic growth pattern, promote energy conservation, prevent environment pollution, and push up the development of the recycling economy.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90881/6958854.html>

[China ready to end HIV/AIDS entry ban](#)

People's Daily, 21 April 2010

China appears ready to lift a decades-old travel ban on HIV-positive foreigners. Insiders said the ban may be dropped after the State Council, China's Cabinet, decided on Monday to make changes to laws barring foreign HIV sufferers from entering the country. Currently, foreigners suffering from mental disorders or infectious diseases like leprosy and HIV/AIDS are denied entry.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6957917.html>

[China grieving for 2,000-odd quake dead](#)

People's Daily, 21 April 2010

China's Central Government makes a day of national grieving and memorial services today for the people who have perished in last week's devastating quake in Qinghai. Chinese flags are flying at half-staff today for a national day of mourning for the 2,064 victims who died in the magnitude 7.1 powerful earthquake. The toll is likely to keep rising, as 175 people were still counted as missing yesterday. The total number of injured in Yushu prefecture was 12,135, some of whom remain in critical condition, physicians said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6957625.html>

[FM Noncommittal About Response to Cheonan Sinking](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 21 April 2010

Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan on Tuesday declined to commit himself to any course of action the government could take in response to the sinking of the Navy

corvette Cheonan on March 26. "We need to consider our moves with all options on the table, rather than talk about any possible concrete action," he said. Yu was speaking at a press briefing when asked if he believed it would be possible to invoke the right to self-defense and take military action if it is confirmed that North Korea was behind the sinking of the Cheonan.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/21/2010042100635.html

[Significant progress made in quake relief: Chinese vice premier](#)

People's Daily, 22 April 2010

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said Wednesday significant progress had been made in relief work in Yushu region since it was hit by a strong earthquake a week ago. "Rescuers have reached all affected villages, all the injured have been cured or are being treated, all the seriously injured have been transferred for treatment outside the quake zone, and all survivors have emergency shelters," Hui said at a meeting in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6959102.html>

[Senior Chinese official visits Israel, Palestine, Hungary](#)

People's Daily, 22 April 2010

A senior official of the Chinese political consultative body visited Israel, Palestine, and Hungary between April 11-19. Du Qinglin, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and head of the United Front Work Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, held talks with Majalli Wahabi, deputy speaker of the Israeli Parliament, and Tayeb Abdul Rahim, secretary general of the Palestinian National Authority. Du also met with representatives of the overseas Chinese and briefed them on China's policies on Tibet and the struggle with the Dalai group.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960350.html>

[Senior Chinese diplomat to attend SAARC summit](#)

People's Daily, 22 April 2010

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Guangya will lead a delegation to the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit next week, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said Thursday. The SAARC summit starting on April 28 in Bhutan will discuss climate change as a key issue. Other issues include energy, food crises and effective implementation of the SAARC Development Fund. China hoped the SAARC would contribute more to regional peace, stability and development, and China would continue dialogue and cooperation with the SAARC in this direction, Jiang said at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960349.html>

[China, Russia discuss resumption of six-party talks](#)

People's Daily, 22 April 2010

China and Russia have agreed to work with all relevant parties for an early resumption of the six-party talks on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said in Beijing Thursday. Russian envoy to the six-party talks, Deputy Foreign Minister Alexei Borodavkin arrived in Beijing Tuesday. During Borodavkin's visit, he met with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei, Jiang said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960295.html>

[Interview: Nepal-China relation growing to satisfaction of both sides: ambassador](#)

People's Daily, 22 April 2010

Nepal-China relation, based on the five principals of peaceful co-existence, has been growing to the satisfaction of both countries in the past 55 years, Nepali ambassador to China Tanka Karki said in a recent interview with Xinhua. Nepal-China relationship has not faced any sort of political problems since diplomatic relation between two countries was tied on Aug. 1, 1955, he noted. Though the relation between the two countries dated back to ancient period, yet it has never experienced any complication or any dispute has occurred, rather this friendly relation has fostered up with the due course of time, said Karki.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960293.html>

[Rare Footage Shows Impact of Botched N.Korean Reform](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 22 April 2010

Rare footage of markets and other scenes of North Korean society offers vivid testimony of the major changes that have happened in the reclusive country since a botched currency reform in December last year. The Chosun Ilbo and the Caleb Mission unveiled the footage Tuesday. It shows an open-air market and train station on Onsong, North Hamgyong Province in October 2009, just before the currency revaluation, and in March this year. Onsong boasted a relatively developed market due to its thriving trade with China, which is just across the border over the Duman (or Tumen) River.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/22/2010042200391.html

[Fresh snow hampers quake relief work](#)

People's Daily, 23 April 2010

Traffic to and from region remains unaffected, rescue officials say. Five hours of snowfall left the earthquake-ravaged Gyegu town of Yushu county under a blanket of white on Thursday morning, hampering relief work. The snow started at 5 am and continued until 10:30 am, leaving part of the quake epicenter covered in 3-cm deep snow. "The snow is not heavy," said Tsering Drolma, a quake survivor living in a tent in the town's central Gesar Square. "Snow is quite normal for this season."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6960646.html>

[China stresses development of partnership with Vietnam](#)

People's Daily, 23 April 2010

China here on Thursday stressed the development of its comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership with Vietnam. The China-Vietnam comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership has undergone stable development with great results and friendly cooperation in politics, economics, military affairs, security and culture, bringing tangible benefits to the people of the two countries, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping said while meeting with Vietnamese Defense Minister Phung Quang Thanh Thursday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6961871.html>

[U.S., China to hold new round of human rights dialogue in May](#)

People's Daily, 23 April 2010

The U.S.-China Human Rights Dialogue will take place on May 13-14 in Washington, announced U.S. State Department on Thursday. The U.S. delegation will be led by Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Michael Posner. The Chinese delegation will be headed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General for International Organizations Chen Xu. The human rights dialogue, which was scheduled by the end of February, had been delayed due to tensions between Washington and Beijing over U.S. arms sale to Taiwan and U.S. President Barack Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama early this year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960448.html>

[China defends drills in East China Sea](#)

People's Daily, 23 April 2010

China said Thursday that its naval ships in the East China Sea did not violate international law, after Japanese media alleged that two Chinese submarines and eight destroyers were spotted circling Japan's Okinotori coral reefs. Huang Xueping, a spokesman with the Chinese Ministry of National Defense, warned countries concerned to not track down or disrupt the activities of Chinese military vessels engaged in normal defense exercises. "We will investigate whether China has any intention against our nation" by dispatching the vessels, Japanese Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said last week.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6960403.html>

[Fake Dollars Flood N.Korea-China Border Area](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 23 April 2010

Counterfeit US\$100 notes printed in North Korea are widely circulated in the North Korea-China border area, Radio Free Asia reported Thursday. The U.S. Treasury Department earlier announced a plan to print newly designed \$100 notes with more anti-counterfeit solutions. The so-called "supernotes" have been spotted in large quantity in border towns such as Sinuiju in North Pyongan Province. Amid rumors in mid-January that the U.S. will print new \$100 bills, a department charged with operations against the South in the North Korean Workers' Party and the Army's Reconnaissance Bureau apparently released their stockpiles of the fakes to get rid of inventory, RFA quoted North Korean sources as saying.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/23/2010042300467.html

[China Asks Monks to Leave Quake Area](#)

NYT, 24 April 2010

BEIJING — Chinese authorities confirmed Friday reports that they had asked Buddhist monks to end their relief work in Qinghai, the province in central China's highlands where an earthquake last week left at least 2,187 people dead. The officials disputed complaints from some monks that they were being expelled for political reasons, saying that better-trained workers were required for tasks like disease prevention and building reconstruction. In a written response to questions from The Associated Press, the central government's State Council Information Office expressed gratitude for the monks' rescue efforts. But "it would bring more difficulties to disaster relief work if lots of unprofessional personnel were at the scene," the statement added.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/world/asia/24quake.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese Military Seeks to Extend Its Naval Power](#)

NYT, 24 April 2010

YALONG BAY, China — The Chinese military is seeking to project naval power well beyond the Chinese coast, from the oil ports of the Middle East to the shipping lanes of the Pacific, where the United States Navy has long reigned as the dominant force, military officials and analysts say. China calls the new strategy "far sea defense," and the speed with which it is building long-range capabilities has surprised foreign military officials. The strategy is a sharp break from the traditional, narrower doctrine of preparing for war over the self-governing island of Taiwan or defending the Chinese coast. Now, Chinese admirals say they want warships to escort commercial vessels that are crucial to the country's economy, from as far as the Persian Gulf to the Strait of Malacca, in Southeast Asia, and to help secure Chinese interests in the resource-rich South and East China Seas.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/world/asia/24navy.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China ready to consolidate security cooperation with SCO partners: minister](#) **People's Daily, 24 April 2010**

China is willing to consolidate cooperation with all the other member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on safeguarding regional security and promoting collective prosperity, Chinese Public Security Minister Meng Jianzhu said here Friday. Meng, also a Chinese State Councilor, made the remarks at the fifth session of the SCO Security Council Secretaries, which drew interior and public security ministers of SCO member states to prepare for a June summit of the organization in Tashkent. The SCO, a regional security organization founded in 2001, consists of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6962142.html>

[Zhang Chunxian becomes Party chief of Xinjiang](#)

People's Daily, 24 April 2010

Zhang Chunxian has been appointed as the Party chief of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, according to the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee on Saturday. Former secretary of the CPC Xinjiang regional committee Wang Lequan has been appointed as deputy secretary of the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee of the CPC Central Committee. Before the appointment, Zhang served as the secretary of the CPC Hunan provincial committee starting from December 2005.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6962141.html>

[Senior Chinese, Vietnamese military officers vow to boost ties](#)

People's Daily, 24 April 2010

Senior Chinese and Vietnamese military officers pledged here Friday to further exchange and cooperation to promote relations between the two neighboring states. Xu Caihou, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, hailed the development of Chinese-Vietnamese relations during his meeting with Vietnamese Defense Minister Phung Quang Thanh at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in downtown Beijing. "Such a friendship was hard-won when we established diplomatic

ties in 1950 and we should cherish it," Xu told Phung Quang Thanh, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Vietnam Communist Party Central Committee.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6961951.html>

[N.Korean Defectors 'Disappearing in China'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 24 April 2010

North Korea has apparently intensified a crackdown to stem an increasing exodus of its people by picking up defectors who work along the border to help others escape. Experts say that the North seems to have started the crackdown around November last year. Lee Jo-won, a professor at Chungang University, said, "There is a likelihood that U Dong-chuk, the senior deputy director of the State Security Department, and Ju Sang-song, the minister of Public Security, had discussions with Chinese officials over the defector issue when they visited China late last year. Defectors should be very careful when they go to China."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/24/2010042400300.html

[China's clout puts it in No. 3 spot at the World Bank](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 27 April 2010

WASHINGTON--In a reflection of China's growing economic might, it will soon have a greater say in World Bank affairs. That's because it is set to become the third-largest contributor to the organization following reforms to determine the size of payments from member countries, sources here said. Currently the sixth-largest contributor, China will surpass Germany, Britain and France to rank behind the United States and Japan.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004210384.html>

[China Seeks to Step Up Communication Monitoring](#)

NYT, 27 April 2010

BEIJING — China is on the verge of requiring telecommunications and Internet companies to detect, stop and report leaks of state secrets by their customers, the latest in a string of moves designed to strengthen the government's control over private communications. The proposed amendment to the state secrets law, reported Tuesday by state media, loosely defines a state secret as information that, if disclosed, would damage China's security or interests in political, economic, defense and other realms. The wording of the amendment as cited by the state-run media suggested that Internet providers and telecommunications companies would have to take a more active stance in checking e-mails or text messages for leaked information. But it was not clear from the reports what, if any, penalties would be imposed on companies that failed to comply.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/28/technology/28secrets.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China to bring 'balance' to nuke meeting](#)

People's Daily, 27 April 2010

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said in a report released Monday that China, a vital country in the upcoming Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review meeting, to be held in New York on May 3, would balance the big nuclear powers and the non-nuclear weapon nations. The report, entitled "China and Nuclear Arms Control: Current Positions and Future Policies,"

states that China is expected to strengthen its nuclear forces, noting that "China is unlikely to take part in any unilateral or multilateral disarmament steps in the near to medium term."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6964087.html>

[Growing Chinese navy no cause for fear](#)

People's Daily, 27 April 2010

As strategic equilibrium is shifting in west Pacific Ocean, even the slightest change can be rough for one side to take. A regular military drill by Chinese naval ships in international waters early this month caused a fuss in Japan. The Japanese media was full of hot air over the incident and tried to attach blame to China's seemingly assertive behavior. Admitting the drill took place in international open water, the Japanese media still claimed it raised concern in Japan "since it did not happen before."

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[Japan pressed to talk before scouring seabed](#)

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Tokyo should talk to Beijing about its proposed strategy to scour the seafloors near China's Diaoyu Islands for rare metals, as any unilateral move on its part may likely "trigger a clash" between the Asian neighbors, analysts told China Daily on Monday. The Japanese government is expected to approve as early as June a new national strategy on securing undersea resources, Kyodo News Agency reported, citing a copy of the government document.

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[China amends law to specify compensation for prolonged detention](#)

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Suspected criminals found innocent or those whose cases prosecutors drop after excessive long periods of detention should be compensated by the state, according to a law amendment discussed by lawmakers Monday. The draft amendments to the State Compensation Law were submitted for their fourth reading to a four-day session of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, or the top legislature. According to the Criminal Procedure Law, police can detain those committing crimes or suspected of crimes.

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[Korea Ranks 16th in Voting Power at World Bank](#)

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Korea has moved up six places from 22nd to 16th in voting power among members of the World Bank in the latest overhaul based on the size of their contributions. That means a bigger say in the World Bank's distribution of its annual economic assistance budget to developing nations worth US\$44 billion and its management process. In a session of the World Bank steering committee in Washington on Sunday, member countries agreed to shift 3.13 percent in voting power to developing nations over the next five years.

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