

China Daily, 1 April 2006

### **Condition laid out for resuming summit talks (Qin Jize)**

President Hu Jintao said on Friday that he is ready to meet Japan's leader as long as he promises not to visit the Yasukuni Shrine that honours Japanese World War II war criminals. Hu made the remark when he met the heads of seven Japan-China friendship organizations at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. It is the first time China's leader has explicitly laid out conditions for resuming long-stalled talks between the two countries' top leaders. "As long as the Japanese leader makes a clear-cut decision to no longer visit the Yasukuni Shrine, where Class-A war criminals are honoured, I would like to hold talks with him to improve Sino-Japanese relations," Hu told his Japanese guests, who included former prime minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. Current Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi Junichiro's repeated visits to the shrine, a symbol of Japan's past militarism, led to the suspension of high-level contact between the two countries. Hu said the cause of the worsening relationship did not lie with China or ordinary Japanese people.

People's Daily, 1 April 2006

### **Political row over Taiwan's rejection of mainland pandas**

The "Council of Agriculture" of Taiwan on Friday decided to decline the offer of two giant pandas from the Chinese mainland, sparking criticism in Taiwan that the issue had been politicized. Taiwan media reported that the council made the decision in line with instructions from the Taiwan authorities, which had earlier asked the council to provide a report saying, "Taiwan can not accept the pandas for technical reasons, not for political reasons." Taiwan leader Chen Shui-bian and other officials had earlier expressed their intention to refuse the giant pandas entry to Taiwan. Ma Ying-jeou, chairman of the Kuomintang party, said the issue had been subject to political influence. He called on the Taiwan authorities to reconsider the offer from the technical perspectives.

People's Daily, 2 April 2006

### **Experts propose to build railway ferry between China, ROK**

Experts from China and the Republic of Korea (ROK) proposed Saturday that a railway ferry should be built between east China's Shandong Province and ROK's Kyonggi-Do to replace the container ship transport. The debarkation points would be at Weihai port of the Shandong Province and Pyongtaek port of Kyonggi-Do, according to a China-ROK joint study issued at a seminar hosted by China's traffic and transportation association and the Northeast Asia Economic Forum in Weihai. The study said a more efficient and low-cost international logistic network was needed urgently as the bilateral trade and economic cooperation between China and the ROK grew rapidly. Once completed, the railway ferry will be able to provide highly efficient logistical service to the two countries and help the ROK explore a land transportation corridor to Europe via China, according to the study, which was jointly conducted by China's traffic and transportation association and ROK's boko economic institution.

People's Daily, 2 April 2006

### **China's poverty-relief program still has long way to go**

Although China's rural poverty-relief program is going smoothly, the situation of the country's poverty alleviation work remains serious, Liu Jian, director of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, said recently in Chengdu. By the end of 2005, Liu said, China had 23.65 million needy people with per capita annual income below 683 yuan (85.4 U.S. dollars), which is only 20 percent of the average annual income of the country's rural population. Besides, the country has 40.67 million people whose annual income is less than 944 yuan (118 U.S. dollars). In line with the international standards, the number of the needy population in China is the second largest in the world after India, Liu said. More than half of the poverty-stricken population in China are living in mountainous areas. Each has less than one mu (0.067 hectare) of farmland. He said the food supply problem has not been fundamentally solved in some poverty-hit areas.

People's Daily, 3 April 2006

### **Chinese, Australian PM hold talks on bilateral ties**

Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday met with his Australian counterpart John Howard to exchange in-depth views on bilateral relations as well as international and regional issues of common concern. After their talks, Wen and Howard witnessed the inking of a series of inter-governmental agreements and documents, including an agreement for bilateral cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy and an agreement on the transfer of nuclear material. The economic and trade relationship between China and Australia has been developing very rapidly in recent years. The dual-lack trade volume between the two countries registered 27.3 billion U.S. dollars in 2005.

China Daily, 3 April 2006

### **Japan FM calls China a military threat**

Japan's foreign minister signaled on Sunday there could be no immediate thaw in relations with China, saying Tokyo saw Beijing's defense build-up as a threat. The remarks are likely to anger China just days after President Hu Jintao said he was willing to meet Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi provided Koizumi stopped visiting a war shrine Beijing considers a symbol of Tokyo's past militarism. Ties have slumped to their lowest point in decades, strained by numerous disputes including the issue of Koizumi's visits to the Yasukuni shrine and a row over undersea energy resources. Aso reiterated Tokyo's concern over the fast-rising Chinese defense budget. "The real problem is a lack of transparency -- we don't really know what it's being used for," Aso told a political talk show on Fuji Television. The Japanese government's official line is that China poses no threat, but a report issued last week by a think tank linked to the Defense Ministry termed Beijing's growing military strength a "major destabilizing factor" in East Asia.

China Daily, 4 April 2006

### **China military is transparent, no threat**

China's military is transparent and not a threat, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Monday after the United States and Japan criticized the Asia giant for not being open enough about a build-up of its defense forces. China's military is transparent and not a threat, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Monday after the United States and Japan criticized the Asia giant for not being open enough about a build-up of its defense forces. During a visit to Australia on Monday, Wen said China had reduced its military by 1.7 million over the past two decades, and its military spending as a share of the gross domestic product and the government budget was fairly low by international standards. "The modest increase in Chinese military expenditure is mainly for improving the welfare of its servicemen, strengthening its defense capabilities and safeguarding national reunification," Wen told a lunch meeting in Canberra. "Thus China will not pose a threat to anyone. China's defense policy is transparent," he said.

China Daily, 4 April 2006

### **Chen rejects KMT call for talks (Xing Zhigang)**

Taiwan's pro- "independence" leader Chen Shui-bian yesterday rejected an opposition call for a resumption of talks with the Chinese mainland based on the "1992 consensus" on the one-China principle. During his two-hour meeting with opposition Kuomintang (KMT) Chairman Ma Ying-jeou in Taipei, Chen did little to conceal his determination to pursue independence for the island. "It would be problematic to regard this (the 1992 consensus), which does not exist at all, as the basis of talks," Chen said, adding that he would do nothing to compromise Taiwan's "sovereignty." The "1992 consensus" refers to an informal agreement, reached orally between Taiwan and the mainland, that both sides should adhere to the one-China principle, which holds that both Taiwan and the mainland belong to one and the same China. But Chen and his Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) have denied the existence of the consensus since he took power in May 2000.

China Daily, 4 April 2006

### **EU backs China's gradual yuan moves**

The European Commission backed China's policy of switching to a more flexible exchange-rate system at its own pace, rebuffing U.S. calls for faster steps to boost the yuan, according to a confidential document. The commission, the European Union's Brussels-based economic watchdog, warned that sudden moves to strengthen the Chinese yuan as demanded by some U.S. officials could further weaken the dollar against the euro. "China should introduce greater exchange-rate flexibility in a gradual manner," according to a document obtained by Bloomberg News. A gradual move would lessen the risk of the dollar, euro and Japanese yen "overshooting" on the markets. The U.S. is pushing for a more flexible exchange-rate system to boost American exports and erode the U.S. trade gap with China. U.S. officials complain that China keeps the yuan, a denomination of the renminbi, artificially depressed so Chinese products are cheap in the marketplace.

People's Daily, 4 April 2006

### **China, Australia ink uranium, nuclear energy deals**

CANBERRA: China and Australia signed agreements yesterday on the peaceful use of nuclear energy and uranium supply, which have been hailed as a landmark in bilateral relations. Premier Wen Jiabao and his Australian counterpart John Howard witnessed the signing of the pacts following one-and-half hours of talks. "China-Australia relations have

ever been as good as they are today," Wen said at a joint news conference with Howard following the signing ceremony. Australia requires countries that have signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to agree on separate nuclear safeguards with Canberra before it exports uranium. Wen stressed that China would honour the safeguards pact and its responsibilities under the international atomic energy and non-proliferation treaties. Six other inter-governmental pacts and documents on education, agriculture and safe coal-mine production as well as a series of commercial deals on minerals, natural gas and power were also signed yesterday.

People's Daily, 4 April 2006

### **Medical system to cover all residents**

China is expected to be able to build a nationwide medical insurance system by 2020 for all its residents, 75 per cent of whom are still not covered by the umbrella, experts said. Chen Zhu, vice-president of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), said the system should be provided by the government for all people in both urban and rural areas. The average per capita gross domestic product is expected to reach US\$4,000 or even higher by then. Now, only 130 million of the 500 million urban residents have medical insurance. Most farmers have no medical insurance at all. Many people in the country cannot afford any medical services because of their high costs. At least 80 per cent of such services are available in cities. In the rural areas of central and western China, a co-operative medical system is implemented, which pools money from the governments and farmers to cover their medical costs. Starting this year, the central government is increasing the amount of money given to every farmer from 20 yuan (US\$2.5) to 40 yuan (US\$5). The system, which can only provide limited support to farmers, should be replaced by a medical insurance system, experts said.

People's Daily, 4 April 2006

### **China makes "biggest ever progress" in human development: report**

China's Human Development Index (HDI) ranks 85th among 177 countries, rising up by 20 percent, according to a report from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) released in Hong Kong Monday. The UNDP and the Chinese University of Hong Kong co-organized a seminar here Monday on the report, which names "China Human Development Report 2005". The report analyzed China's income and wealth distribution, employment opportunities, social security, and public expenditure. It said that China has made remarkable progress in social and human development since its reform and opening up. According to the report, China's HDI in 2003 was 0.755, ranking 85th among 177 countries, which represents a medium level of human development. China's ranking has risen up by 20 percent since 1990, the biggest progress ever, largely due to income growth. However, the report also argued that China still faces many challenges despite such progress. Statistics at the macro level cannot disguise the gaps in development between regions, urban and rural areas, genders and social groups. To deal with these problems as well as promote equal human development in China, the report makes some policy recommendations in the end.

People's Daily, 5 April 2006

### **China, US seek stronger coop on security, crackdown on illegal migrants**

China and the United States agreed on Tuesday to cooperate more on security and crackdown on illegal migrants during meetings between visiting U.S. Homeland Security chief and Chinese leadership. "Our discussions have produced very good and productive results," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff told reporters Tuesday afternoon at the end of his three-day China visit. This was Chertoff's first visit to China as secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which was established in January 2003 in response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. "During Chertoff's visit, China and the United States reached important consensus on stepping up cooperation in such fields as combating terrorism and illegal immigration," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao. Echoing Liu's comment, Chertoff characterized his China visit as "very positive."

People's Daily, 5 April 2006

### **No positive response' from Japan on summit**

Japan has failed to respond positively to a proposal for a top-level meeting, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday. President Hu Jintao last Friday told a Japanese delegation on a goodwill visit that he is ready to hold a summit with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi if he stops his visits to the Yasukuni Shrine that honours war criminals of World War II. Hu first met Koizumi in April last year on the sidelines of a regional conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. Japanese political figures including Foreign Minister Taro Aso and Shinzo Abe, top spokesman in the cabinet and the frontrunner to be the next prime minister rejected Hu's offer, saying that China's "method is beyond comprehension." "China has made unswerving efforts to make a summit meeting possible, but regretfully, China fails to see a positive response from Japan,"

oreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said yesterday.

ople's Daily, 5 April 2006

### **Chinese, DPRK defense ministers meet on relations**

ao Gangchuan, visiting Chinese Defense Minister held talks with Kim Il-chol, Minister of People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), on Tuesday afternoon in Pyongyang. Cao praised the development of bilateral exchanges and cooperation in military fields, noting that the China-DPRK traditional friendship has a strong vitality in the new era. The Chinese armed forces are ready to further enhance future exchanges and cooperation with DPRK armed forces based on traditional friendship to contribute to safeguarding regional security and peace in the Korean Peninsula, Cao said. Kim said the DPRK always attached importance to the traditional friendship with China and the Chinese military force. He expressed the DPRK's willingness to closely work with China to further deepen relations between the two countries and their military forces.

ople's Daily, 5 April 2006

### **State Councilor: China to further expand cooperation with ASEAN**

China is willing to further expand cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to help make a bigger contribution to peace, stability and prosperity of the region, said Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan in Beijing Tuesday. Tang made the remarks when he met with visiting Bruneian Princess Hajah Masna in the Great Hall of the People. He also spoke positively of the important role Brunei plays in promoting China-ASEAN relations, adding that he appreciates ASEAN's support of China on the Taiwan issue. Tang said China and Brunei have good prospects to cooperate on politics, economy and culture. This year will be the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. Masna said Brunei will work with China to hold some activities to mark the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties.

ople's Daily, 5 April 2006

### **Bangladesh procures fighter aircraft from China**

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on Tuesday asked the Air Force members in the country to be more active for making the force more disciplined and dynamic. While addressing a function marking the inclusion of eight F-7 BG fighters into the fleet of Bangladesh Air Force's fighter planes here Tuesday, Zia said she believed that the meritorious pilots who will run the new fighter aircraft will be able to build themselves as efficient officers through training and practice. Bangladesh has bought 16 F-7 BG fighter aircraft with maximum speed of 2,170 km per hour from China and the other eight of them are yet to be delivered and included into the fleet of Air Force. Zia thanked the Chinese government for its cooperation in strengthening Bangladesh Armed Forces and the country's economic development.

ople's Daily, 6 April 2006

### **Chinese navy holds anti-terror drill in Qingdao**

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) held an anti-terror drill in east China's Qingdao City Wednesday to test its capabilities in dealing with possible terrorist attacks using chemical weapons during the sailing events of the 2008 Olympic Games. Most events will be held in the Chinese capital Beijing apart from the sailing competitions in Qingdao, Shandong Province and the equestrian events in Hong Kong. A chemical detachment of the PLA Navy conducted the two-hour drill, which included moving local residents to safer places, examining the chemical toxicity and cleaning-up chemicals in the affected area. The Navy detachment has been assigned to take up the job during the Olympic Games, and over the past six months, the troops have been busy training for combating terror attacks with the use of chemical weapons.

BC News, 7 April 2006

### **China introduces new media curbs**

The Chinese government has introduced new restrictions on foreign magazines seeking to publish Chinese editions, an official has told journalists. A moratorium on new tie-ups between foreign magazines and local publishers is in place, the unnamed official said. The ruling, which has not been widely publicised, does not affect science and technology publications. China's media is controlled by the government, with press, broadcast and internet media subject to restrictions. Foreign magazines seeking to break into the Chinese market must find a local partner with whom to form a joint venture. But the unnamed official, from the General Administration of Press and Publishing, said a new rule had been approved last year putting a moratorium on new joint ventures in place. "China never promised to let foreign

companies distribute Chinese versions here; they've always had to have a Chinese partner that selects content based on our requirements," Reuters news agency quoted him as saying. "Now approvals will be limited to science and technology publications," he said.

China Daily, 7 April 2006

### **Official: EU penalties on Chinese shoes a lose-lose decision (Jiang Wei and Dai Yan)**

The provisional tariffs slapped on Chinese leather shoes by the European Union (EU) are a lose-lose situation which must be turned around, a top Commerce Ministry official said Thursday. The EU was not justified in imposing the anti-dumping penalties because there was no credible evidence for denying market economy status to Chinese shoemakers, Vice-Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng told China Daily. He was referring to the EU decision to levy provisional tariffs on imports of Chinese leather shoes. The measures come into force today and gradually rise from 4.8 per cent to 9.4 per cent by October, when a final decision is expected. "The EU declined to grant market economy status to 13 firms investigated on the spot. But all of them are privately-owned or foreign-invested, and comply with the criteria for market economy treatment," said Gao, also the ministry's international trade negotiation representative. "It also denied market economy treatment to non-sampled companies, about 150 or 90 per cent of the total respondents, without giving any explanation," he added.

People's Daily, 7 April 2006

### **Chinese vice foreign minister to visit Japan for Korean Peninsula nuclear talks**

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei will visit Japan to meet with envoys of the five other countries involved in the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday. "He will meet with delegation heads of other parties and discuss the issues concerning the six-party talks," spokesman Liu Jianchao said at a press conference. While Wu is in Tokyo, a conference on security in northeast Asia will be held in the Japanese capital from April 9 to 11, with participants from China, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Russia, the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the United States. But Liu said Wu had no plans to attend the forum. He said the conference involved unofficial consultations on security cooperation and dialogue in northeast Asia. "Officials from China's foreign and defense ministries and researchers will attend the conference in a private capacity."

China Daily, 8 April 2006

### **Deals worth US\$4.4b signed with US (Cao Desheng and Li Weitao)**

A Chinese entrepreneurial delegation led by visiting Vice-Premier Wu Yi signed an array of procurement contracts worth US\$4.44 billion in Los Angeles on Thursday. Wu is heading more than 200 executives from 110 State-owned and private-sector companies in the visit. She is expected to meet with US Trade Representative Rob Portman and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez next week in Washington. The delegation signed deals with 27 US firms including software giant Microsoft Corp, GE Energy and General Motors. The projects range from software and power generation equipment to automobiles and electronic products. Washington and Beijing should resolve trade disputes in a spirit of "objectivity, equality and consultation and avoid politicizing economic and trade issues," Wu said at the contract-signing ceremony.

People's Daily, 8 April 2006

### **China marks 35th anniversary of Sino-U.S. "Ping-Pong diplomacy"**

A reception here Friday evening marked the 35th anniversary of "Ping-Pong diplomacy", which led to the normalization of China-U.S. relations. Senior Chinese officials, including vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Xu Kuangdi, Vice Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and U.S. senior officials attended the reception which was hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and held at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. Chinese and U.S. participants hailed the wisdom and foresight of the two countries' then leaders and the enthusiasm of the two peoples, which forged the "Ping-Pong diplomacy". A U.S. table tennis team visited China in April 1971 at the invitation of their Chinese counterparts, which is the first U.S. group to visit China since the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949. That visit broke the ice after two decades of frosty Sino-U.S. relations and eventually led to full diplomatic ties.

China Daily, 17 April 2006

### **China, US to grapple with changing ties**

Beijing, April 16: Pundits say the trade dispute is the white elephant in the room when Chinese President Hu Jintao talks with U.S. President George W. Bush at the White House this week. Chinese experts say how to build mutual trust and to

convince Washington that China's development is not a threat remains critical for the two giants. The April 18-21 trip, Hu's first visit to the United States as president, will take him to the Boeing and Microsoft plants in Seattle and then to Washington DC where he will hold a summit with President Bush and meet with US politicians and business leaders. While trade and world affairs will likely dominate discussions, the two nations will also grapple with what kind of relationship they want to build at a time when distrust mixes with recognition of the need to work together, analysts said. They said that Beijing has responded positively to a Washington call for it to act as a "responsible stakeholder". Hu's trip comes as the world's largest economy and the biggest developing country face growing trade disputes, especially over China's currency. Washington believes the yuan is undervalued, giving Chinese exports an advantage and contributing to a record trade deficit...

People's Daily, 17 April 2006

### **1992 consensus crucial to maintaining peace: Hu**

Beijing, April 16: Communist Party of China (CPC) chief Hu Jintao yesterday underlined the importance of the "1992 consensus" to maintaining cross-Straits peace while calling for a fight against "Taiwan independence." During his meeting with Lien Chan, honorary chairman of Taiwan's opposition Kuomintang (KMT), Hu described the consensus as the vital foundation for achieving cross-Straits peace and development. The consensus refers to a 1992 informal agreement under which Beijing and Taipei acknowledge that both the mainland and Taiwan belong to one China with each side having different interpretations of its political meaning. Hu refrained from naming Taiwan leader Chen Shui-bian of the ruling pro-"independence" Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) but his overtures were apparently in response to Chen's latest rejection of the consensus...

BC News, 17 April 2006

### **New Japan-China spat over gas**

Tokyo, April 16: Japan has asked China to clarify reports that Beijing has imposed a ban on shipping near disputed gas fields in the East China Sea. Both Japan and China have claimed rights to develop the Pinghu gas field which straddles an area both countries say is part of their territory. News reports say a ban has been imposed while Chinese workers lay pipelines and cables in the area. This is the latest salvo in a long running dispute between Japan and China over oil and gas resources in the East China Sea...

People's Daily, 17 April 2006

### **Mainland gives green light to Taiwan tours**

Beijing, April 16: Beijing unveiled a policy yesterday to allow mainland visitors to tour Taiwan in groups organized by designated mainland travel agencies. The regulation came just one day after the central government announced a new package of preferential policies towards the island as a further step the mainland has taken to boost cross-Straits exchanges and co-operation in favour of Taiwan compatriots...

China Daily, 17 April 2006

### **Economy grows 10.2% in 1st Qtr**

Beijing, April 16: President Hu Jintao yesterday said the Chinese mainland's economy grew by 10.2 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter of this year, but expressed concern about the rapid growth. The mainland's economy expanded by 9.9 per cent in 2005 and the government has set a growth target of 8 per cent for this year...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Chinese NPC chairman meets Philippine senate president**

Beijing, April 17: Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo met with the President of the Senate of the Philippines Franklin Drilon on Monday. Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), praised the relations between China and the Philippines, saying China is ready to make joint efforts with the Philippines to strengthen cooperation in various fields. Wu recalled the visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao to the Philippines last year during the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-Philippines diplomatic ties...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **China values ties with Austria, CPPCC leader says**

Beijing, April 17: Senior Chinese official Jia Qinglin said in Beijing Monday that China values ties with Austria and hopes to further friendly cooperation with Austria and the European Union on the basis of mutual benefit and mutual

spect. In a meeting with Vice-President Anna Elisabeth Haselbach of Austria's Federal Council, Jia reviewed the development of China-Austria ties, saying bilateral relations have developed fast and China has become Austria's largest trade partner in Asia...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Ethiopian president says Ethio-Chinese ties gaining momentum**

Beijing, April 17: Ethiopian President Girma Woldegiorgis said on Monday in Addis Ababa the multi-dimensional relations between Ethiopia and China are gaining momentum. While holding talks with He Luli, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC) at his office, Girma said the involvement of Chinese companies in various development activities in Ethiopia accelerates the ongoing anti-poverty struggle in the country. He said Ethiopia would play its role in further enhancing the Sino-African relations...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Czech Republic, China enjoy broad cooperation prospects: president**

Beijing, April 17: Czech President Vaclav Klaus said on Monday that China was one of his country's most important partners in Asia and the two countries foresaw even greater prospects in the future. Klaus made the statement while meeting with visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu. The president said that frequent high-level visits in recent years showed the close relationship between the Czech Republic and China. Prague was glad to see that bilateral trade ties had also developed rapidly. China played an increasingly important role not only in Asia, but also in terms of international affairs, and Czech-Chinese cooperation had wide-ranging future prospects, Klaus said...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **China may top US as India's lead trade partner**

Beijing, April 17: China will likely emerge as India's largest trading partner, overtaking the United States within a few years, with the two-way trade hitting US\$100 billion in the near future, predicts a senior Indian businessman. Saroj Kumar Poddar, president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), said yesterday in Beijing that "tremendous potentials" exist in regards to bilateral trade between the world's two fastest-growing economies. The trade between China and India last year hit a record of US\$18.7 billion, jumping 38 per cent year-on-year. If the growth is sustained, the bilateral trade could soon overtake Indo-US trade, which is hovering around US\$30 billion, said Poddar, who is leading a FICCI CEO delegation in China this week...

People's Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Russian FM meets senior Chinese official on Iran nuclear issue**

Beijing, April 17: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met in Moscow Monday with Cui Tiankai, assistant to the Chinese Foreign Minister, on Iran's nuclear issue. The two sides agreed during the meeting to strengthen dialog and cooperation to work toward solving Iran's nuclear issue through negotiations and diplomacy. All related parties should step up diplomatic efforts to avoid an escalation of the issue, said Lavrov. For his part, Cui said China would support Russia's role in seeking a diplomatic solution to the issue...

The Indian Express, 18 April 2006

### **Fixed reception awaits Hu in US**

Seattle, April 17: Red and gold Chinese flags drape the International District in celebration of Chinese President Hu Jintao's two-day stop here en route to Washington DC. But some Seattle residents are not happy that the city and state are rolling out the red carpet. Hundreds of demonstrators are expected downtown after Hu's arrival on Tuesday. Practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritual movement labelled an "evil cult" in China, will be protesting oppression...

China Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Major topics for presidents: Nuke standoff, trade**

Beijing, April 17: The White House has revealed what the United States cares most when President George W. Bush meets Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday: partnership to deal with world security issues, and a more balanced bilateral trade relationship. Bush will ask his Chinese counterpart to step up pressure on both Iran and North Korea to help end nuclear standoffs, and also, will bring up the topic that China needs to move faster on its currency, the Associated Press report quoted senior administration officials as saying on Monday...

'hina Daily, 18 April 2006

### **Market to decide Yuan exchange rate**

Beijing, April 17: China will gradually move towards an exchange rate determined to a larger extent by market forces, the nation's top forex official said in a newspaper article. The remarks by Hu Xiaolian, head of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, came on the eve of the departure of Chinese President Hu Jintao for a US visit expected to be dominated by trade and currency issues...

'hina Daily, 19 April 2006

### **Hu Jintao in Seattle, promoting trade relations**

Seattle, April 18: Chinese President Hu Jintao received a celebrity welcome, arriving at the western American coastal city Seattle to kick off his 4-day US visit, the highlight of which will be a summit with his US counterpart George W. Bush in Washington DC. While trade is expected to hover over the visit, in Seattle, the 63-year-old leader of the world's most populous country and his wife Liu Yongqing were greeted by a local kung-fu club drumming and dancing Chinese dragon and lion dances...

'hina Daily, 19 April 2006

### **China issues rules on offshore investing**

Beijing, April 18: China's banking regulators on Tuesday issued rules for commercial banks to invest client funds offshore, an important step toward opening up the country's tightly controlled foreign exchange regime. The regulations, which take effect immediately, are meant to widen the investment options available to institutional and individual investors, allowing them to diversify their risks and get better returns, the People's Bank of China, or central bank, said in an announcement...

'hina Daily, 19 April 2006

### **Japan urged to respond positively**

Beijing, April 18: China yesterday once again urged Japan to make a "positive" and "well-meaning" response to President Hu Jintao's remarks on Sino-Japanese ties and work to restore normal bilateral relations, Xinhua said. Jia recalled Hu's remarks on March 31 in a meeting with the heads of seven Japan-China friendship organizations in Beijing, saying that the remarks provided direction on improving bilateral ties...

'aipei Times, 19 April 2006

### **US politicians ask Bush to lean on Hu**

Washington, April 18: Taiwan's friends in the US capital called on the US president to confront the Chinese president while supporting Taipei's WHO bid. On the eve of Chinese President Hu Jintao's meeting with US President George W. Bush, US congressional leaders delivered a statement to Bush calling on him to request that Hu remove missiles targeting Taiwan. The statement came in the wake of a recent letter submitted to WHO Director-General Jong Wook-lee on behalf of 14 US senators, expressing support for Taiwan's bid for observer status in the organization...

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'he New York Times, 19 April 2006

### **China's Rising Need for Oil Is High on U.S. Agenda**

Washington, April 18: The competition for access to oil is emerging high on the agenda for President Hu Jintao's visit to the White House this week. President Bush has called China's growing demand for oil one reason for rising prices, and has warned Beijing against trying to "lock up" global supplies. With crude oil selling for more than \$70 a barrel and American motorists paying \$3 a gallon for gasoline, American officials say the subject cannot be avoided at Thursday's meeting in the Oval Office, as it was sidestepped when Mr. Bush visited Beijing last fall...

BC News, 19 April 2006

### **China, Russia bar Sudan sanctions**

Darfur, April 18: Russia and China say they will oppose UN sanctions against four Sudanese officials accused of involvement in continuing violence in Darfur. Russia's UN envoy said the Security Council should delay sanctions until Sudan's talks with Darfur rebels reach an African Union deadline of 30 April. The Chinese UN envoy also said the time was not right for the measures proposed by the UK and the US...

People's Daily, 20 April 2006

### **China, US share same aspirations**

Seattle, April 19: President Hu Jintao on Tuesday (yesterday Beijing time) highlighted the common aspirations and strategic interests shared by China and the United States while calling for joint efforts to enhance relations. The Chinese leader called for deepening Sino-US ties at a dinner hosted by Washington state Governor Christine Gregoire ahead of a White House summit on Thursday with his US counterpart George W. Bush...

People's Daily, 20 April 2006

### **U.S., China sign memorandum on air marshals cooperation**

Seattle, April 19: China and the United States on Tuesday afternoon signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in deployment of air marshals. Under the MOU, the two countries will cooperate in the deployment of air marshals on board their respective flights entering and exiting the territory of the other side. The signing of the document is one of the major achievements the two countries have made under within the framework of Sino-U.S. long and medium-term anti-terror exchange and cooperation. It will help strengthen security on commercial airliners entering and exiting the territories of the U.S. and China...

People's Daily, 20 April 2006

### **President Hu calls for joint efforts to resolve China-U.S. trade imbalance**

Seattle, April 19: Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday in Seattle called for joint efforts to resolve the issue of trade imbalance between China and the United States. Speaking at a luncheon here hosted by the Washington State, the Seattle business community and local organizations, Hu said China took trade imbalance between the two countries seriously and worked hard to address the issue. The Chinese president said his country's trade surplus with the United States, fundamentally speaking, results from different industrial restructuring of the two countries and the accelerated international division of labor driven by economic globalization...

The New York Times, 20 April 2006

### **China's Leader, in Seattle, Tells U.S. Not to Dwell on Divisive Issues**

Seattle, April 19: Gaily donning a Boeing baseball cap and mingling enthusiastically with local business executives, President Hu Jintao of China said Wednesday that his nation and the United States "enjoy extensive common interests" and could avoid major problems in their relationship if they "avoid politicizing" the issues that divide them. Mr. Hu, on the second day of his first visit to the United States as China's top leader, continued a charm offensive directed mainly at commercial interests and offered an overview of economic relations that broke little new ground but displayed a prodigious memory for statistical data...

The Washington Post, 20 April 2006

### **Bush-Hu Meeting To Highlight Role That China Plays**

Washington, April 19: When President Bush sits down with Chinese President Hu Jintao this morning in the Oval Office, some of the biggest foreign policy challenges facing the United States will be on the table, including the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea. Increasingly, administration officials believe, the key to these issues and other overseas problems may lie in Beijing, a reflection of the pivotal position China has come to play on the international stage. China, consumed with domestic problems at home and eager for stability overseas, has long resisted playing a leading role in foreign policy...

The Guardian, 20 April 2006

### **Human rights concerns threaten to sour US-China summit**

Washington, April 19: Beijing's hopes of a smooth summit today between presidents Hu Jintao and George Bush were undermined yesterday amid new evidence that US internet firms in China cooperated in the crackdown on dissidents. For

section of Congress where there is increasing unease about the growing trade gap and Beijing's human rights record, the discovery of a third instance in which Yahoo! released information that led to the jailing of a dissident provides a powerful incentive for Mr Bush to demand concessions from Beijing...

China Daily, 21 April 2006

### **Hu meets Bush, discussing trade, Taiwan, and security**

Washington, April 20: U.S. President George W. Bush, welcoming President Hu Jintao to the White House, said on Thursday his nation intends to "build a relationship that is candid and cooperative" with China. President Hu, receiving a 21-gun welcome and a full military honor guard salute, reciprocated by talking to a massive audience of government officials from both countries that he has come "to enhance dialogue, expand common ground, deepen mutual trust and cooperation, and promote an all-around growth of constructive and cooperative China-US relations in the 21st century"...

China Daily, 21 April 2006

### **Residents: No Taiwan independence**

Washington, April 20: US President George W. Bush reiterated opposition to the Taiwan independence on Thursday and called for the avoidance of "confrontational and provocative" actions that will destroy stability across the Taiwan Straits. He made the remarks twice Thursday: first in the speech delivered at the welcoming ceremony for visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao on the White House's South Lawn that featured a 21-gun salute, and the second in their meeting with the press after their talks...

China Daily, 21 April 2006

### **CNOOC inks deal to acquire Nigerian oil field**

Beijing, April 20: Chinese oil company CNOOC Ltd. said Thursday that it completed an agreement for a 45 percent stake in a Nigerian oil field \_ the firm's first major investment since last year's failed bid to take over Unocal Corp...

People's Daily, 21 April 2006

### **China will continue to seek peaceful solution to Korean Peninsula, Iranian nuclear issues: Hu**

Washington, April 20: China will continue to work with the United States and other parties concerned to seek a peaceful solution to the nuclear issues on the Korean Peninsula and in Iran, Chinese President Hu Jintao said Thursday. Hu made the remarks at the welcome ceremony hosted in his honor by U.S. President George W. Bush on the White House South Lawn...

The New York Times, 21 April 2006

### **Bush and Hu Vow New Cooperation**

Washington, April 20: President Bush and China's president, Hu Jintao, pledged to cooperate more closely on fighting nuclear proliferation and reducing trade imbalances on Thursday, but broke no new ground on the most delicate issues that divide the two nations. The meeting, the first at the White House between the men since Mr. Hu became China's top leader in 2002, was plagued by gaffes that upended months of painstaking diplomacy over protocol and staging...

The Taipei Times, 21 April 2006

### **White House bans foreign press during Bush-Hu talks**

Washington, April 20: Not only has Chinese President Hu Jintao refused to hold a joint press conference with US President George W. Bush during his visit to the US, but the US has banned members of the foreign press from reporting from inside the White House...

The Washington Post, 21 April 2006

### **Bush, Hu Produce Summit of Symbols: Protester Screams At Chinese President**

Washington, April 20: President Bush pressed China's visiting President Hu Jintao yesterday to open up markets, expand freedom and do more to curb nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea but came away with no specific agreements in a summit emphasizing symbolism over breakthroughs...

China Daily, 22 April 2006

### **Hu wraps up US visit with Yale speech**

New Haven, April 21: Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao said at Yale University Friday that China had aligned itself

with a new concept of scientific development to meet the needs of 21st century. China will "pursue a scientific outlook or development that makes economic and social development people-oriented, comprehensive, balanced and sustainable," Hu said...

China Daily, 22 April 2006

### **Six-point proposals put forward to advance Sino-US relation**

Washington, April 21: Visiting President Hu Jintao told US business and political leaders on Thursday that China's growth lies in peaceful development and a peaceful international environment. He also said that China's approach is deeply rooted in its history, culture and tradition. Hu put forward a six-point proposal to advance China-US relations, which is believed had "gone far beyond a bilateral context and had become increasingly global in importance."...

People's Daily, 22 April 2006

### **China insists it does not accept Japan's claim of "median line" in East China Sea**

Beijing, April 21: China on Friday once again stressed that it does not accept Japan's claim of a so-called "median line" in the East China Sea. "China did not recognize it in the past. China does not recognize it now and will not in the future," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in response to questions concerning a ship traffic ban around the Bohai gas field. Qin said China and Japan have never conducted a demarcation of the East China Sea...

China Daily, 22 April 2006

### **Zeng calls for Asian's win-win efforts**

Beijing, April 21: Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong urged Asian countries to seize opportunities for win-win progress at Boao Saturday morning. At the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Meeting 2006, Zeng pointed out three opportunities Asia faces to echo the theme of the conference, "Asia Searching for Win-Win: New Opportunities for Asia." The first opportunity is that Asia is in a relatively stable and peaceful period for development rarely seen in its history...

BC News, 22 April 2006

### **Riots highlight China tensions**

Honiara, April 21: Rioting in the Solomon Islands has highlighted sensitivities over Chinese business influences, both in the islands themselves and across the South Pacific. When Solomon islanders took to the streets in protest at their new prime Minister Snyder Rini, they targeted the Chinatown area of the capital Honiara...

The Guardian, 22 April 2006

### **Chinese artists cross the red line**

Beijing, April 21: China's censors may not fully understand contemporary art, but they know what they don't like. Since the start of this month, police and propaganda officials have launched their biggest crackdown on Beijing's counterculture hothouse - Dashanzi art district - where at least three galleries have been ordered to remove politically sensitive works...

The Hindu, 23 April 2006

### **Beijing, Riyadh anchor energy and security ties**

Dubai, April 22: China and Saudi Arabia have anchored their energy and security partnership by signing several agreements that cover the oil and gas sector, trade and defence. Both sides on Saturday signed an agreement that would expand China's on-going cooperation in the energy sector, in the presence of visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao and Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz...

China Daily, 24 April 2006

### **China ready to help in peace efforts**

Riyadh, April 23: China is ready to help bring about peace and stability in the Middle East, visiting President Hu Jintao said on Sunday. President Hu Jintao addresses at the Saudi Arabia's Shura consultative council. In an address to Saudi Arabia's Shura consultative council an advisory body in the capital Riyadh, Hu said world peace and prosperity are not possible without stability and development in Middle East, a region of great global significance...

People's Daily, 24 April 2006

### **Zeng urges Japan to 'respond seriously**

ainan, April 23: Vice-President Zeng Qinghong on Saturday urged Japan to respond seriously to President Hu Jintao's recent proposals on improving bilateral relations. China-Japan relations are at a low point currently as Japanese leaders continue visiting the Yasukuni Shrine where 14 Class-A war criminals are honoured, despite protests from China and other Asian neighbours...

People's Daily, 24 April 2006

### **US visit was fruitful, says FM**

Washington, April 23: President Hu Jintao's visit to the United States was "fruitful" and a "milestone" in bilateral relations, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said on Saturday. During the four-day visit, President Hu conveyed the idea that China and the US are "not only stakeholders, but also constructive partners."...

People's Daily, 24 April 2006

### **China, India can achieve win-win through cooperation: experts**

Beijing, April 23: Described as "dragon" and "elephant" in Asia, China and India, the two largest developing nations of the world, can achieve win-win by cooperation rather than competition, said experts attending the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2006 running on April 21-23. The rising of these two countries has caught worldwide attention. The Asia Development Bank projected the economic growth of Asia in 2006 at 7.2 percent, which mainly gains power from the fast growth of China and India...

The Washington Post, 24 April 2006

### **China's Rise Prompts IMF To Reallocate Voting Power**

Washington, April 23: Scrambling to maintain its influence in a rapidly changing world economy, the International Monetary Fund yesterday adopted a plan aimed at reshaping itself to handle new challenges such as global trade imbalances and the rise of China. The endorsement of the strategy by the IMF's policy-setting committee, which represents its 184 member governments, topped the agenda of economic policymakers gathered in Washington this weekend for the spring meetings of the monetary fund and the World Bank...

China Daily, 25 April 2006

### **Hu arrives in Morocco on state visit**

Rabat, April 24: President Hu Jintao arrived in Rabat, capital of Morocco, on a state visit yesterday and was scheduled to hold talks with King Mohammed VI in the evening. In a written speech delivered upon arrival, Hu said although China and Morocco are geographically far apart, the friendship between them dated back to ancient times. During the visit, agreements were expected to be signed on economic, technical, scientific, cultural and medical co-operation early this morning Beijing time. Morocco is eight hours behind China...

International Herald Tribune, 25 April 2006

### **Hu's Saudi visit signals a change in Gulf**

Washington, April 24: A state visit to Saudi Arabia by President Hu Jintao of China over the weekend offered the latest sign of shifting winds across the Gulf region: China has grown as a major market for oil, and Arab states have begun turning to it as an alternative to the United States and Europe in other areas. Hu and King Abdullah signed agreements to strengthen cooperation in several areas over the weekend, including energy exploration and security, Agence France-press reported. Hu's agenda also included meeting with Saudi business executives, and on Sunday he became one of the few foreign leaders ever to address the Shura, the consultative council that advises the king and the cabinet...

People's Daily, 25 April 2006

### **Kenya speaks highly of Chinese president's coming visit**

Beijing, April 24: The coming three-day state visit to Kenya by Chinese President Hu Jintao late this week marks the culmination of efforts to strengthen ties between the two countries, said a statement issued Monday by Kenyan Presidential Press Service. Over the past three years, Kenya has dispatched several delegations to China and has hosted several senior delegations from China. During the exchange of visits, important documents on bilateral relations have been signed, it said...

People's Daily, 26 April 2006

### **China and Morocco ink package of accords**

abat, April 25: China and Morocco have agreed to expand trade and co-operation in fields of telecommunications, agriculture, oil and gas development to boost bilateral ties. The agreement was reached following talks in Rabat between visiting President Hu Jintao and Moroccan King Mohammed VI, during Hu's three-day state visit to the African nation. The two leaders signed a package of accords on economic, technical, scientific, cultural and medical cooperation, the Moroccan Communications Ministry said...

China Daily, 26 April 2006

### **CO plans joint military drill in 2007**

Shanghai, April 25: Six member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Wednesday agreed to stage a joint anti-terror military exercise in 2007 in Russia, according to a joint communique. The joint communique was signed in the wake of the SCO defense ministers' meeting, which groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan...

China Daily, 26 April 2006

### **USA, China to discuss cooperation**

Beijing, April 25: NASA head Michael Griffin said he had accepted an invitation to visit China for talks on possible Sino-American space cooperation. "The Chinese have offered an opportunity to discuss cooperation," Griffin told the Senate subcommittee on Science and Space, while not specifying a date...

People's Daily, 26 April 2006

### **China to enhance cooperation with Russia's far eastern area**

Moscow, April 25: China and Russia are to enhance cooperation in Russia's far eastern area, visiting Chinese State Councilor Hua Jianmin said when meeting Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov and Russian presidential aide Viktor Ivanov in Moscow Tuesday. During their meeting in the Kremlin, Hua said that the two countries "build up mutual trust in the political sphere and intensify strategic cooperation in many fields," and "President Vladimir Putin's successful visit in Beijing promoted the relationship between the two countries."...

China Daily, 27 April 2006

### **China's coffers full, investing abroad encouraged**

Beijing, April 26: China is not expected to take any drastic action to change its currency value, as the current yuan fluctuations, which are both market-regulated and cautiously administered by the central bank, serves the economy of China and the neighboring countries well, analysts said. Wu Xiaoling, a deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, said recently that Beijing was doing its best and that it would trust market forces to gradually let the currency move more freely...

People's Daily, 27 April 2006

### **Ukraine expects to cooperate with China in peaceful use of nuclear energy**

Beijing, April 26: Ukraine is willing to enhance cooperation with China in the peaceful use of nuclear energy and prevention of nuclear disasters, said a senior Ukrainian official in Beijing Wednesday. Igor Ostash, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Ukrainian parliament, made the remarks at a press conference held by the Ukrainian embassy in Beijing to mark the 20th anniversary of the explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power station in Ukraine...

People's Daily, 27 April 2006

### **SCO's anti-terrorism military drill to be transparent, open: Russian defense minister**

Beijing, April 26: The joint anti-terrorism military exercise by members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will be transparent and open to the media and the public, said Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Ivanov in Beijing Wednesday. Six members of the SCO agreed Wednesday to hold a joint anti-terrorism military drill next year in Russian territory, near the Ural mountain in an area close to Central Asia, said Ivanov at a press conference...

ABC News, 27 April 2006

### **China and Nigeria agree oil deal**

Beijing, April 26: China has secured four oil drilling licences from Nigeria as President Hu Jintao continues his week-long tour of Africa, his second in three years. In exchange China will invest \$4bn (£2.25bn) in oil and infrastructure projects in Nigeria. China will buy a controlling stake in Nigeria's 110,000 barrel-a-day Kaduna oil refinery and build a

ilroad system and power stations. Nigeria, Africa's top oil exporter, has long been viewed by China as a partner...

people's Daily, 28 April 2006

### **NATO-China relations fully recovered: NATO spokesman**

Beijing, April 27: Relations between NATO and China had fully recovered from the difficult time after NATO's bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade in 1999, said a spokesman for the organization on Thursday. There was obviously difficulty in relations in that period, said James Appathurai. "But I can tell you now, based on my own experience, that relations between China and NATO have fully recovered, that the relations, such as they are, are friendly," he told reporters at a briefing prior to the opening of an informal meeting of North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers in Sofia...

people's Daily, 28 April 2006

### **Ambassadors hail Hu's Africa visit**

Beijing, April 27: Diplomats from African nations in Beijing have spoken highly of President Hu Jintao's ongoing visit to the continent, saying it shows that China values relations with African countries. Hu is now in Nigeria, part of a trip that has also seen him visit Morocco and will take him on to Kenya. It is his second trip to Africa since he took office in 2003. He visited Egypt, Gabon and Algeria in January and February 2004...

people's Daily, 28 April 2006

### **China urges restraint on Iran issue**

Beijing, April 27: China yesterday reiterated its position on peacefully solving the Iran nuclear issue, urging all parties to keep calm and be patient. Today the United Nations atomic watchdog reports on Teheran's activities. "We do think the Iranian nuclear issue is at a crucial stage," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang at a regular press briefing in Beijing. He said he hoped all parties concerned could keep calm and exercise restraint to create favourable conditions for a diplomatic solution...

people's Daily, 28 April 2006

### **Musharraf urges Pakistan, China to cooperate in energy sector**

Beijing, April 27: Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf said on Thursday that Pak-China relations are multi-faceted and there was a need to strengthen further by cooperating in the energy sector as well as economic, commercial and trade fields. Musharraf made the remarks when he met with head of All China Federation of Industry and Commerce Lu Deping, who led an 80-member delegation to attend Pakistan-China Energy Forum from April 25-27...

The New York Times, 28 April 2006

### **China Raises Rates to Slow Its Economy**

Hong Kong, April 27: China's central bank raised lending rates on Thursday for the first time in a year and a half, in a move by Chinese leaders to rein in the world's fastest-growing economy. The action aims to slow a spectacular surge in investment and it may potentially brake China's voracious appetite on world markets for oil and other commodities...

China Daily, 29 April 2006

### **Deal signed to search for oil in Kenya**

Beijing, April 28: China and Kenya signed a series of agreements on Friday, including one that allows a Chinese oil producer to search for oil in the east African nation. The deals' further details were not released as President Hu Jintao paid a two-day state visit to Kenya, the last stop of his five-nation tour. He has already been to the United States, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Nigeria. Other bilateral co-operation documents signed cover economic links, trade, culture and education...

people's Daily, 29 April 2006

### **China, Africa seek win-win**

Beijing, April 28: Chinese President Hu Jintao started his visit to Morocco on April 24, and after that will go to Nigeria and Kenya. This is another important visit to Africa by a top Chinese leader. On January 12 this year, the Chinese government released China's African Policy, marking an important event in the history of Sino-African relations. In the coming November, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation as well as its 3rd Ministerial Conference will be held in Beijing, an event of unprecedented scale in history. Such a series of major diplomatic activities demonstrated the high

attention China paid to Africa, and marked a new stage of China-Africa friendship and cooperation...