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China-Japan high-level economic dialogue kicks off in Beijing

China and Japan held their first high-level economic dialogue in Beijing on Saturday. The meeting, co-chaired by Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan and Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura, will touch upon issues concerning macro-economic policies, energy-saving and environmental protection, trade and investment, as well as multilateral and regional economic cooperation. The China-Japan high-level economic dialogue mechanism was jointly launched by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan during Wen's Japan trip in April.

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China's warship concludes goodwill visit to Japan

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy's missile destroyer "Shenzhen" left Tokyo's Harumi wharf on Saturday morning, concluding the PLA's first-ever warship visit to Japan. "Shenzhen", with 345 officials and soldiers onboard headed by Rear Admiral Xiao Xinnian, vice chief of staff of the South China Sea Fleet of the PLA Navy, was led off the port by the Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force (MSDF)'s frigate "Thunder" at 09:53 a.m. local time. About three hundred Japan-based Chinese gathered on the bank to see off the warship from homeland. They waved Chinese and Japanese national flags and unfolded banners celebrating the successful visit. Chinese Ambassador to Japan Cui Tiankai also led embassy officials to send off the warship.

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Japan expects joint statement during economic dialogue with China

Japan expects to sign a joint statement with China during the China-Japan high-level economic dialogue to be held on Saturday afternoon in Beijing, said a Japanese official on Friday. Japan has paid much attention to the upcoming economic dialogue and sent six ministers to join, said Mitsuo Sakaba, press secretary for the Japanese Foreign Minister at a news briefing. He said the dialogue would touch upon the issues of macro-economic policies, environment and energy-saving, trade and investment, as well as regional and international issues. The dialogue will be co-chaired by Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan and Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura.

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Forum on Tibet concludes, hailed a "success"

The two-day forum on Tibet's development has helped people understand more about the ongoing developments in the autonomous region of China, and will definitely promote its development, a senior Chinese official said on Friday. "The event has been very successful, very meaningful and fruitful," Qian Xiaoqian, deputy director of the State Council Information Office of China, said at the closing of "the First Forum on the Development of Tibet, China." Participants discussed a variety of topics and agreed on several points, said Qian. The successful forum in Vienna will serve as a good beginning for such events in future, he added.

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Chinese vice premier calls for improvement in nuclear power technology

Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan said Friday that China should reach world-class level in the construction of nuclear power plants as soon as possible. Zeng made the remark when addressing a ceremony at which the State Nuclear Power Technology Corp. signed ordering contracts and cooperative agreements with nine manufacturers including China First Heavy Industries Co. China should waste no time improving its mastery of the third generation nuclear power technology by combining foreign expertise with self-innovation, he said. The country must be capable of designing and making key nuclear power equipment on its own and improving the quality of such equipment, he said.

The People's Daily, 2 December 2007

Chinese, Japanese foreign ministers hold talks

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his Japanese counterpart Masahiko Komura held talks here on Saturday, and both ministers expressed confidence in the further development of China-Japan relations. Yang said the current China-Japan relations have maintained sound momentum and bilateral cooperation in various fields has made remarkable progress. China will continue to pursue the good-neighborly and friendly policy with Japan and develop long-term stable cooperation based on the three political documents between the two countries, he said.

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Chinese FM says maintaining friendly consultations "only correct solution" to East China Sea issue

Maintaining friendly consultations is the only correct solution to the East China Sea issue, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here Saturday when holding talks with his Japanese counterpart Masahiko Komura. Shelving disputes and seeking joint exploration is a realistic way to resolve the issue and making consistent efforts toward each other is key to progress in the consultations, Yang said. To properly settle the East China Sea dispute serves the mutual interests of both countries and is conducive to pushing forward bilateral relations, Yang said, adding China always takes a positive attitude in solving the issue.

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Australia unveils first Confucius statue

Australia's first statue of ancient Chinese thinker Confucius was unveiled Saturday in Burwood, a city near Sydney. The statue was made in China and modeled on a "standardized" image of Confucius unveiled last year by the China Confucius Foundation. Burwood Mayor John Faker said at the unveiling ceremony that the Confucius statue showcases Burwood's government and residents' recognition of and support for cultural diversity. Speaking at the ceremony, Chinese Consul General in Sydney Qiu Shaofang hailed Burwood's contributions to promoting China-Australia relations and said the statue highlights cultural diversity in Burwood.

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China shifts Guangdong, Chongqing Party heads

Bo Xilai has been appointed secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), a statement from the CPC Central Committee said

Saturday. Bo, born in July 1949, replaces Wang Yang who has been appointed secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Guangdong Province in south China. Bo retains his post as minister of commerce. Wang was born in March 1955. Zhang Dejiang, born in November 1946, was no longer the Guangdong Party head, according to the statement.

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Premier revisits AIDS-suffering central China villages

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao paid his second visit to China's worst AIDS-hit villages in Henan Province, a day before the 20th World AIDS Day. It was Wen's fifth face-to-face talks with AIDS patients or their family members since 2003. Wen was accompanied by Henan's Communist Party chief Xu Guangchun and Governor Li Chengyu. Upon learning that all the orphans are studying hard and with good results, Wen said with smile: "I have come to see, because I have kept you in my mind." "You are very unfortunate for losing your parents at a young age, but you are very lucky, as well, since there are lots of people in the country who have taken care of you and showed concern for you," said the premier, advising the children to walk out of the shadow of losing parents.

The People's Daily, 3 December 2007

Premier Wen calls for closer Sino-Japanese economic, trade ties

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called Sunday for China and Japan to seize the opportunity to realize the sustainable, stable and healthy development of the bilateral economic and trade relations. China and Japan are important trade partners and economic and trade cooperation is the basis on which to construct the bilateral strategic and reciprocal relations, Wen said in his meeting with the visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura. According to a press release from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Wen also highlighted the current growth momentum of the Sino-Japanese relations, saying the two nations are facing good opportunities to further developing ties.

The People's Daily, 3 December 2007

Five provinces get new leaders in major reshuffle

A reshuffle of top personnel was announced over the weekend with the appointment of five provincial Party chiefs and the head of the Party's United Front Work Department. Bo Xilai has been appointed secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), a statement from the CPC Central Committee said on Saturday. Bo, 58, replaces 52-year-old Wang Yang, who has been named the Party secretary of Guangdong Province. Bo retains his post as minister of commerce.

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Data from Chinese lunar orbiter available to all

Scientists and astronomy enthusiasts all over the country all have access to data sent back from China's first lunar orbiter Chang'e-I, a leading scientist in the program said here Sunday. Ouyang Ziyuan, academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and chief scientist of the lunar exploration program, said at present the scientific instruments on board Chang'e-1 have all gone into operation and the satellite is sending back 3 trillion of data per second. The total data volume will reach 28 T (1 T is equivalent to 1,000 G)

next year.

The People's Daily, 3 December 2007

Chinese premier, U.N. chief talk climate change on phone

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon exchanged views on the issue of climate change in a telephone conversation Sunday. Climate change is now a common challenge to the whole mankind which should be actively responded to with close cooperation of the International community, with concerted efforts by all, under the framework of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, and in line with the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities," Wen said.

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Japan firms can enjoy better turf

China is ready to improve conditions for Japanese firms to invest in the country, Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan has said. Speaking at the first China-Japan high-level economic dialogue on Saturday, Zeng said: "China and Japan share expanding mutual interests and new opportunities for cooperation under new historical conditions. We should create a new pattern of economic and trade cooperation, with emphasis both on commodities and services." The meeting was co-chaired by Zeng and Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura. Premier Wen Jiabao and then Japanese Prime minister Shinzo Abe launched the China-Japan high-level economic dialogue in April.

The People's Daily, 4 December 2007

China, EU sign joint statement, to jointly face climate change

According to a China-EU joint statement (full text) issued in Beijing Monday, China and the European Union will continue to strengthen cooperation on responding to climate change. The joint statement of the 10th China-EU Leaders' Meeting said leaders of both sides stressed in their meeting the great importance they attached to the issue of climate change, and their willingness to strengthen cooperation to jointly meet the serious challenge of climate change. "China and the EU are committed to the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level which would prevent dangerous anthropogenic climate interference with the climate system, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities," said the statement.

The Statesman, 4 December 2007

Antony's eye-opener Puerile approach to security

After having conveniently, or diplomatically, turned a blind eye to repeated reports of some blatant muscle-flexing by Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control in Arunachal Pradesh, the defence minister would now have us believe that a visit to Nathu La has served as an eye-opener to how far India lags behind in the development of that frontier region.

The People's Daily, 4 December 2007

Joint statement: China, EU relations make "historical progress" over decade

A joint statement of the 10th China-EU Leaders' Meeting was released Monday, noting that over the decade, China-EU relations have made a historical progress. The statement said that leaders of the two sides had an overall review of the development of the bilateral relations since the establishment of the mechanism of China-EU Summit in 1998 and agreed that over the decade, China-EU relations have made a historical progress. Leaders expressed their satisfaction with the comprehensive cooperation between the two sides in broad fields and at all levels, and with the growing maturity of the China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership, said the statement.

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China to launch manned spacecraft Shenzhou VII in 2008

China will launch the manned spacecraft Shenzhou VII next year and its comprehensive whole-craft test has started with numerous major breakthroughs having made for its new-generation carrier rockets, according to Ma Xingrui, deputy chief of the Chang'e-1 lunar orbiting project and vice-president of the China Aerospace Science Group. China is set to launch the Shenzhou VII spacecraft in 2008 and, by then, Chinese astronauts will, for the first time, conduct outer-cabin spacewalk, Ma said, adding that knotty problems relating to air brake and other key technologies have overcome, and the whole craft has undergone a comprehensive, whole-craft test phase, and that the general assembly of the rocket which is to carry Shenzhou VII spacecraft in the vast space is expected to be completed by late December.

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China publishes historical series on Nanjing Massacre

A 27-volume series of historical materials on the Nanjing Massacre, in which more than 300,000 Chinese were slaughtered by Japanese invading troops in 1937, was issued in Nanjing on Monday. In addition to the first 28 volumes that came out in 2005, the 27 new volumes consist of many first-hand historical documents and records, such as U.S. news reports, diaries and official circulars of Japanese troops, diplomatic letters from the British and German governments, lists of casualties and economic losses, and signatures of over 600 Chinese civilians seeking refuge against the atrocity committed by the Imperial Japanese Army from December 1937 to January 1938.

The People's Daily, 4 December 2007

China, Japan to fight climate change jointly

China and Japan will help build a new framework to fight climate change after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012, says a press communique issued yesterday by the first China-Japan high-level economic dialogue in Beijing. The two countries have agreed to strengthen partnerships in energy conservation, environmental protection, food safety and protection of intellectual property rights. They have pledged to work jointly to tackle global warming under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and want the post-Kyoto framework to be an effective mechanism of which all major economies should be a part exhibiting "responsible" attitudes, the communique says.

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China pledges to grant more aid to Africa

China has signed agreements with 28 African countries to exempt their debts and offered 13 preferential loans to 10 countries on the continent. Wang Shichun, foreign aid department director of the Ministry of Commerce, made the remarks here in an online forum. He said that the country would soon dispatch the first group of 51 agricultural experts to Africa, an effort to improve local agricultural levels. At the same time, medicine and medical equipments for eight anti-malaria centers have been delivered, and the first group of experts will soon leave for the continent.

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U.S. official stresses important ties with China

The relations between the United State and China are very important and both sides should learn to work together to find solutions to difficult problems in the world, a senior official of the U.S. State Department said here on Monday. Speaking at a press briefing at the U.S. embassy here, Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of States for Political Affairs, told Xinhua that U.S.-China ties are fundamentally important for both countries, and Washington seeks to engage with and work with China as the bilateral ties between the two countries are based on a wide range of issues, including trade, investment, the nuclear problems in the Korean Peninsula and Iran.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

China to further promote opening up, improve foreign trade next year

China is to further promote the establishment of free trade zones with other countries and enhance bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation next year, according to the central economic work conference which closed in Beijing on Wednesday. The three-day conference said China will turn a new page in its opening-up drive in 2008 by opening wider to the outside world, optimizing the structure of the opened sectors and improving the environment for foreign investors. China will try to develop new advantages while joining the international economic cooperation and competition amid the course of globalization, the conference said.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

National theme years fuel momentum for Sino-Russian cooperation

On the eve of New Year 2007, Chinese President Hu Jintao expressed confidence in a message of greeting to Russian President Vladimir Put in that the activities of the "Year of China" in Russia would be a complete success. With the year drawing to a close, the theme events have proved as fruitful as the "Year of Russia" held in China in 2006. The reciprocal national theme year activities in both countries have contributed to deepening the traditional friendship between the two peoples.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

Senior CPC official: China hopes U.S. curb Taiwan separatist activities

China hoped the United States would resolutely oppose and effectively curb the Taiwan separatist activities of Chen Shui-bian including a referendum on U.N. membership, said a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Xi Jinping, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks in a meeting with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Xi said the Taiwan issue

was related to China's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and he hoped the U.S. would work with China to safeguard peace and stability of the Taiwan Straits as well as the common interests of the two countries.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

Chinese premier vows to boost ties with Australia

China is willing to join hands with Australia and promote the further growth of their bilateral ties, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday in a phone conversation with his Australian counterpart Kevin Rudd. Wen noted that as important countries in Asia-Pacific region, China and Australia are close partners to each other. "The sound development of their bilateral relations is in the common interests of the two peoples and will contribute to peace, stability and development in the region and the world at large," he said.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

Migrant population swelling

Nearly one out of three people in Beijing belongs to the mobile population, according to the capital's population and family planning commission. The municipality's mobile population reached 5.4 million in October, accounting for nearly 30 percent of the total, the commission's deputy director Li Yunli said. More than 80 percent of the capital's mobile population belongs to the China-unique category of rural migrant workers, Li told a conference on population in Beijing on Monday. The remainder is mostly made up of people visiting for less than a month.

The People's Daily, 5 December 2007

China, New Zealand celebrate 35th anniversary of ties

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China-Oceania Friendship Association (COFA) held a reception in Beijing on Wednesday to mark the 35th anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and New Zealand. Gu Xiulian, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, New Zealand's ambassador to China Anthony Brown, and some 30 officials from the Chinese government and the New Zealand embassy in Beijing attended the reception.

The People's Daily, 6 December 2007

FM spokesman: Proper settlement of sensitive issues most important to furthering China-Japan ties

China on Thursday said mutual respect for each other's concerns and a proper settlement of sensitive issues, including the history issue and the Taiwan issue, are most important to maintaining and furthering the sound momentum of the currently improving and developing China-Japan ties. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks Thursday afternoon at a regular press conference when asked whether China cares more about the reality issue than the history issue in its relationship with Japan.

The People's Daily, 6 December 2007

China hopes to make joint constructive efforts to properly solve Iran nuclear issue

China will join hands with other parties in stepping up exchanges and consultations so as to make constructive efforts for peacefully and properly settling the Iran nuclear issue, Qin Gang, spokesman with China's Foreign Ministry, said on Thursday. Qin made the remarks when asked when China will make its decision on whether to support new sanctions on Iran given the United States' latest National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) released on Monday.

The People's Daily, 6 December 2007

FM spokesman: Date of further six-party talk still under consultation

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said on Thursday that the six countries are still consulting on whether to hold a new round of meetings on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue before the end of the year. "The date for further meetings should be acceptable to all six parties and is still under discussion," Qin told reporters at a regular news conference. He said Wu Dawei, head of the Chinese delegation to the six-party talks, has met with chief U.S. negotiator Christopher Hill Thursday. Both exchanged views on the present situation and future work of the six-party talks.

The People's Daily, 6 December 2007

China places great importance on co-op with Africa

China always attaches great importance to consolidation and cooperation with Africa based on mutual respect and benefit, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman QinGang said on Thursday. The consolidation and cooperation did not aim at any third party and were conducive to peace, stability and the common development of Africa and the world, Qin said. He made the comment when asked about some Western countries' remarks on increasing links with Africa so as to curb China's influence in this region.

The People's Daily, 6 December 2007

China to work with world community on climate change

China will strengthen its cooperation with the world community in an effort to commonly deal with the climate change issue, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said on Thursday. Under current situation, all parties should neither deviate from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol nor deviate from or abandon the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities", Qin said. Every country should base on its conditions and make its own efforts to positively deal with the climate change, he added.

The People's Daily, 7 December 2007

UN praises China for forest rehabilitation initiative

BALI, Indonesia: A United Nations official here yesterday hailed an initiative by China to set up a regional network on forest rehabilitation and sustainable management. "It is a fantastic move if the network is put in place and in practice," said Wulf Killmann, chairman of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Interdepartmental Working Group on Climate Change, in an exclusive interview with Xinhua. President Hu Jintao had put forward the initiative at the 15th Economic Leaders' Informal Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Australia in September.

The People's Daily, 7 December 2007

PLA delegation leaves for Turkey, Israel

A delegation of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China left Beijing on Friday morning for an official goodwill visit to Turkey and Israel, according to sources with the Ministry of National Defense of China. The delegation, headed by Zhang Li, deputy chief of general staff of the PLA, makes the visit at the invitation of the armed forces of Turkey and Israel respectively.

The People's Daily, 7 December 2007

Senior CPC official stresses anti-corruption in economic development

Senior Chinese Communist Party leader He Yong has underscored the importance of fighting against corruption in ensuring China's sound economic development. He Yong, deputy secretary of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), made the remarks when he informed CCDI's officials of the just-concluded 2007 Central Economic Work Conference here on Friday. The official asked discipline inspectors to better incorporate anti-corruption into the country's economic works by earnestly studying the essence of both the central economic work conference and the 17th CPC national congress.

The People's Daily, 7 December 2007

China, Japan vow to further party-to-party exchange

The Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) held the second meeting of the regular exchange mechanism on Friday, pledging to further exchange and push forward the healthy and stable relations between the two countries. Ichiro Ozawa, president of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), headed the Japanese delegation to join the meeting. He was also head of the delegation of the "Great Wall" program, a people-to-people exchange scheme between China and Japan. Li Yuanchao, head of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, addressed the meeting.

The People's Daily, 7 December 2007

Chinese warship back from Japan visit

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy's missile destroyer "Shenzhen" arrived at Zhanjiang military port on Friday, after the first visit to Japan by a Chinese warship since 1930s. A welcoming ceremony was held at the port by the South China Sea Fleet of the PLA Navy at 10 a.m. During the four-day visit starting on Nov. 28, the Chinese naval officials met with Japanese officials from the defense ministry and the Maritime Self-Defense Force (MSDF), and the Chinese crew members toured Tokyo and held a variety of exchanges activities, including a soccer match, with their Japanese counterparts.

The People's Daily, 8 December 2007

Chinese president calls on boosting Sino-Japanese ties

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday called for the expansion and deepening of cooperation with Japan and boosting of bilateral relations to a new level. "The two sides should maintain friendly exchange at various levels, expand and deepen pragmatic

cooperation, settle well bilateral disputes through dialogue and equal consultation and continue to expand the mutual benefit between the two nations in an effort to boost bilateral relations to a new level", Hu said.

The People's Daily, 8 December 2007

UN official hails China for endeavor in combating climate change

China is doing what it can in combating climate change as the government is very conscious of the challenges posed by climate change impacts, said a U.N. official here on Friday. Climate change mitigation has to be put in a global context, and it has to be "rational and fair" in demanding any actions required for mitigation, said Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in a side-event held during the ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali.

The People's Daily, 8 December 2007

Top U.S. officials set to travel to China next week for trade talks

U.S. Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab and Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez will travel to Beijing next week for trade talks with their Chinese counterparts, said a government statement released here on Friday. They will attend the U.S. China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) in Dec. 11 and the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) in Dec. 12 and 13, said the statement. The JCCT, a high-level government-to-government dialogue, seeks to open market opportunities and resolve trade disputes. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials will also participate in the JCCT.

The People's Daily, 8 December 2007

Roundup: NYC mayor to leave for Beijing Saturday

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg will leave for Beijing Saturday, starting a week-long trip to China and Indonesia. "I am leaving tomorrow morning, and getting Sunday night to Beijing, China," the mayor said about the trip on his weekly radio show on Friday. Bloomberg said he will spend two days in Beijing and another two days in Shanghai before flying to Bali, Indonesia to attend the U.N. climate change conference.

The People's Daily, 8 December 2007

A Purposeful "Chinese Corner" in Tokyo

Recently, a new way of learning Chinese quietly emerged into Tokyo. Japan Overseas Chinese News and the Japan-China Exchanges Institute jointly initiated "Sunday Chinese Corner" in Tokyo. Every Sunday afternoon, several Japanese people learning Chinese and interested in China gather in Nishi-Ikebukuro Park in Tokyo; and by using Chinese, exchange information and their experiences in China. "Chinese Corner" has drawn an enthusiastic crowd and has received much attention from the media.

The China Post, 8 December 2007

Vietnamese hold rare demonstration to protest China's move to control disputed islands

Several hundred Vietnamese held a rare public demonstration Sunday to protest China's latest effort to claim control of two disputed island chains in the South China Sea. The demonstrators, mostly university students, gathered near the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi

and chanted "Down with China!" and "Long Live Vietnam!" Police let the demonstration continue for about an hour before breaking it up. The protesters were supporting the government's position that Vietnam has sovereignty over the Spratly and Paracel islands, a contentious issue between Vietnam and China for years.

Time of India, 9 December 2007

China warns United States of harm to trade ties

Ahead of the China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue this week, Beijing has warned of "serious harm" to the bilateral economic and trade ties, particularly to the American interests if some legislative bills, now before the US Congress, are passed.

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People's Daily Online, 9 December 2007

China targets key areas for further reforms in 2008

China's top economic planner said Sunday that it would step up reforms in key areas such as the economic system, investment regulation and supervision, resource products pricing and national healthcare. "We should further deepen reform in 2008," Ma Kai, head of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said at the annual working meeting of economic planners at all levels concluded here on Sunday.

People's Daily Online, 9 December 2007

Minister: SED to enhance China-U.S. strategic mutual trust

The China-U.S. Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) is of great significance to enhance strategic mutual trust between the two governments, thus ensuring constant progress of the constructive and cooperative relations between China and the United States, said Finance Minister Xie Xuren.

The Washington Post, 9 December 2007

U.S. conciliatory on safety ahead of China summit

A senior U.S. official struck a conciliatory tone on product safety on Monday ahead of high-level talks with China likely to be dominated by U.S. fears of substandard Chinese-made food and drugs. Recalls, mostly by U.S. companies such as giant toymaker Mattel, have stoked worries about cheap Chinese exports, which now account for about three quarters of the world's toys. Insisting that Washington and Beijing were working well on safety issues, Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt said this was a question of improving the monitoring of imports not only from China but from the rest of the world.

China Daily, 10 December 2007

China, US to sign deals on food, drugs

China and the United States are expected to sign two important agreements on food and

drugs on Tuesday during the two countries' strategic economic dialogue in Beijing, a top US health official disclosed on Monday. Mike Leavitt, US secretary of Health and Human Services, said one agreement is about food and feeds, and the other is on medical equipment and drugs.

The Times of India, 11 December 2007

China warns of high possibility of bird flu outbreaks

China has said the possibilities of bird flu outbreaks in many parts of the country is "very high" in the winter and spring despite efforts to contain the disease. Ministry of Agriculture was "not optimistic" about the situation as there had been cases of poultry infection in many areas despite major strides in preventing the disease, Vice-Minister of Agriculture Yin Chengjie said.

People's Daily Online, 11 December 2007

China hopes to establish free trade zone with ROK at an early date

China hopes to accelerate studies on the possibility of a free trade zone with the Republic of Korea(ROK) in order to quickly implement the zone, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday. During talks with ROK counterpart Han Duck Soo, Wen also urged both countries to expand mutual investment.

People's Daily Online, 11 December 2007

Wen calls for serious steps during talks

Premier Wen Jiabao yesterday called for those in the Six-Party Talks on the Korean nuclear issue to take serious steps in implementing their commitment to the principle of "action for action", to boost the process of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula.

People's Daily Online, 11 December 2007

China, U.S. hold conference on innovation in Beijing

A conference to discuss the creation of innovation-oriented enterprises and an innovation-friendly social environment was held here Monday. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg called for stronger protection of intellectual property rights and greater "freedom to pursue and express new ideas" in his principles to "make up a successful national strategy on innovation".

The Times of India, 11 December 2007

China dismisses accusation of religious repression in Tibet

China on Tuesday rubbished allegations of religious repression in Tibet and charged the spiritual leader Dalai Lama and his "clique" with wanting to restore serfdom in the Himalayan region. "There is only one thing that has been damaged in Tibet... that is the cruel and dark serfdom which the Dalai and his clique aspire to restore," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang told reporters in Beijing.

People's Daily Online, 12 December 2007

Chinese President pledges peaceful use of outer space

Chinese President Hu Jintao pledged Wednesday that China would adhere to the principle of peaceful development and use of outer space in concerted efforts with other nations.

At a grand ceremony in the Great Hall of the People to celebrate the success of China's first lunar probe Chang'e-1, Hu reiterated that peaceful use of outer space was a shared cause of the mankind and accords with the common interests of the mankind.

People's Daily Online, 12 December 2007

China, ROK vow to enhance comprehensive partnership

China said Tuesday that strengthening the comprehensive and cooperative partnership with the Republic of Korea (ROK) conformed to the fundamental interest of the two peoples, and was conducive to regional and world peace, stability and prosperity. Chinese President Hu Jintao made the remarks during a meeting with the ROK Prime Minister Han Duck Soo.

People's Daily Online, 12 December 2007

China, U.S. sign substantial agreements, paving way for strategic dialogue

Dialogue prevailed again in key Sino-U.S. talks, resulting in a series of agreements by Tuesday afternoon to deepen collaboration on contentious issues such as product safety, energy and environmental protection. Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi called this one-day closed-door 18th Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade "substantial" and "evidence of sincere goodwill from both sides to resolve economic and trade issues through peaceful consultation."

The Indian Express, 12 December 2007

PBOC governor: CPI surge, U.S. interest rate cuts to influence China policy

India's attempt to resolve the row with China over security clearances to Chinese cargo carrier Great Wall Airlines by offering Delhi as a point of call instead of Mumbai and Chennai has fallen through with Beijing refusing to accept the compromise. More significantly, China has held up clearances for Air India to fly to Guangzhou as agreed between both countries when Chinese President Hu Jintao visited India last November. Also, Jet Airways' plans to fly to Chicago via Shanghai, too, are blocked as a response to India not letting Great Wall Airlines fly to Mumbai and Chennai.

The China Post, 12 December 2007

Henry Paulson, as lame duck, is losing his clout in China

For all high-level visits, top government officials are given advice and talking points. Ahead of U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's trip to Beijing this week, Vice Premier Wu Yi may have perused analyses that read something like this: Secretary Paulson is leading the U.S. delegation at the third "strategic economic dialogue" at a particularly perilous time for his economy. Growth is slowing, inflation is accelerating and credit markets are in turmoil. Paulson's fifth visit to China as U.S. Treasury secretary can be expected to focus on familiar issues: Faster yuan appreciation, opening the financial sector, our efforts to avoid overheating and the safety of our exports. Few surprises are expected. Yet the talks that started Wednesday and run through Thursday are likely to avoid the three biggest issues facing U.S.-China relations in the next 12 months: Paulson's lame-duck status, increased Chinese investment in the U.S. and next year's presidential election.

People's Daily Online, 13 December 2007

PBOC governor: CPI surge, U.S. interest rate cuts to influence China policy

China's central bank governor, Zhou Xiaochuan, said on Wednesday that surging domestic consumer prices and recent U.S. interest rate cuts would have "considerable influence" over Chinese monetary policy. The central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC), would "seriously consider" the situation, added Zhou.

People's Daily Online, 13 December 2007

Currency 'cannot be revalued' at excessive pace

China is opposed to "excessively rapid" revaluation of the yuan, a top Chinese trade official said yesterday. The key to resolving the trade imbalance between China and the US is to adjust the economic structure, and not to revalue the yuan, Vice-Minister of Commerce Chen Deming said during a break in the Third China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED).

The Washington Post, 13 December 2007

Chinese Are Expecting a New Baby Boom

China expects the start of a baby boom next year, state media said Wednesday, in a development that will further strain a country whose resources are already stretched thin by a population of 1.3 billion. The "mini-baby boom" is partly the result of a relaxation in family planning rules in the 1980s, Zhang Weiqing, the country's top population control official, said in a speech, according to the China Daily newspaper. Exceptions were made to China's "one-child" policy in 1984, and children born since then have reached childbearing age.

The Washington Post, 13 December 2007

China recalls war massacre with sirens, warnings

China marked 70 years since Japan's Nanjing massacre on Thursday, invoking memories of the atrocity to remind Tokyo that the wartime past remains a bitter backdrop to an improving relationship. Sirens wailed, calling citizens to silence, a bell tolled, and tens of thousands of people, including frail survivors, gathered for the reopening of a newly expanded massacre memorial in the former national capital in eastern China. The six-week wave of killing by Japanese soldiers after Nanjing fell was among the bloodiest episodes of Japan's invasion of China. Official Chinese accounts say 300,000 were killed.

The Tribune, 13 December 2007

Army moves 6,000 troops to border with China

Amid reports of intrusion by Chinese forces in Bhutan, the Army has moved more than 6,000 troops to the Sino-Indian border, close to tri-junction of India, Bhutan and China. However, Army Chief Deepak Kapoor said that reported intrusions of Chinese forces in Bhutan were a matter between the two countries. The shifting of Army formations north of Nathu La comes in the wake of reports of Chinese troops coming close to the Siliguri corridor. But Army authorities brush it aside, saying that Chinese forces have been coming close to the Dolam Plateau for over two decades as the boundary in the area is still to be defined.

People's Daily Online, 13 December 2007

Official: China attaches importance to fight against money laundering

The Chinese government attaches importance to the fight against money laundering and financing of terrorism, said a high-ranking bank official here on Thursday. China will broaden and deepen the cooperation with other countries for the peace and prosperity of the whole world, said Su Ning, vice governor of the central bank at the seventh plenary meeting of the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province.

The Washington Post, 14 December 2007

U.S.-China Talks Build Trust, but No Major Deals

Sitting next to each other after dinner this week and watching an acrobatics show, U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. and Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi were chatting casually when the conversation turned to lawsuits. Paulson said Wu told him: "In China, we don't sue each other. So if someone sued someone, that would be a really unfriendly act -- highly hostile." She said she had been talking to U.S. officials earlier in the day who told her that in their system, "you resolve things in the courts. This is normal."

China Daily, 14 December 2007

Dialogue declared a success

China and the United States Thursday agreed to beef up collaboration in the financial services sector. Under agreements reached at the concluding day of the Third China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), qualified foreign-invested companies, including banks, will be allowed to issue renminbi-denominated stocks and bonds. Beijing also pledged to reexamine its policy on foreign participation in domestic securities firms and come up with recommendations on new ceilings for foreign ownership, according to a joint fact sheet circulated after the dialogue.

China Daily, 14 December 2007

Chinese special envoy calls on Pakistani president

ISLAMABAD - Special envoy of the Chinese government and Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi called on Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in the presidential palace here Thursday, conveying warm felicitations and greetings from Chinese President Hu Jintao and the Chinese leadership to Musharraf on his re-election, Wang spoke highly of Musharraf and the Pakistani government for their achievements in ensuring national security, social development and economic growth.

Time of India, 15 December 2007

No troops moved to China border: Army

The Army on Friday denied any movement of troops to Nathu La in Sikkim, the tri-junction of India, Bhutan and China, and reiterated that there had been no Chinese incursions into Indian territory. Clarifying reports on deployment of 6,000 troops in the area, senior officials said there had been no relocation of soldiers in the region in the last one year.

People's Daily Online, 15 December 2007

Discipline inspection head: corruption fight still arduous

The top discipline inspection official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Friday called on the Party to intensify the fight against corruption as "the task was arduous and the situation was serious." He Guoqiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, told a think-tank meeting, "Corruption cannot be rooted out in a short time." He, also secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), said China would stay in the preliminary stage of socialism in the long term when there were both favorable conditions and harmful factors in the fight against corruption.

New York Times, 15 December 2007

In China, Farming Fish in Toxic Waters

Here in southern China, beneath the looming mountains of Fujian Province, lie dozens of enormous ponds filled with murky brown water and teeming with eels, shrimp and tilapia, much of it destined for markets in Japan and the West. Fuqing is one of the centers of a booming industry that over two decades has transformed this country into the biggest producer and exporter of seafood in the world, and the fastest-growing supplier to the United States.

New York Times, 15 December 2007

Politeness of China Talks Can't Disguise the Discord

In three days of talks on economic issues this week, a half-dozen Bush administration cabinet members and their aides sat in rows of tables facing their Chinese counterparts in an ornate conference room. The talk was polite, the atmosphere convivial and the pledges of cooperation profuse. But it was also obvious to the American side that relations with China were going through a difficult phase, with discord sometimes crowding out the areas of agreement. The Chinese frequently threatened retaliation over actions that displeased them, in the political and military spheres as well as the economic.

People Daily, 20 December 2007

Nation switches on to nuclear energy

The nuclear power sector is set to expand in the next few years as the nation tries to reach its target of 40,000 MW of capacity by 2020. Work began on Qinshan, the nation's first nuclear power plant, in 1985. With a 300-MW reactor, the plant went into commercial operation in 1991.

People Daily, 20 December 2007

Sino-Indian anti-terror drill begins

China and India will hold their first joint anti-terror military drill starting tomorrow - a sign of growing military exchanges and mutual trust between the two neighbors. Codenamed "Hand-in-Hand, 2007", the military exercise will be held in Southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Indian Express, 20 December 2007

Need to match up with China: Arunachal CM

NEW DELHI: : Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday stressed before the Government the need to develop and upgrade infrastructure to match the progress made by China in its territories. The necessity of developing the border areas is urgently required in view of the efforts and achievements made by our neighbours, particularly China, Arunachal Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu said at the National Development Council meet.

Peolpe Daily, 22 December 2007

Russian FM: China evolving into a pole in multi-polar world

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told Russian media Friday that China is evolving into a pole in the world which is in the process of transforming into a multipolar one. Lavrov said his observation was based on China's vigorous economic growth and its growing political influence worldwide.

People Daily, 22 December 2007

The 3rd surging wave of Japanese investment in China

Major Japanese companies such as Hitachi Ltd. and Fuji Film Co. Ltd. have shifted their strategic aims to China's market in recent years. To gain ground in today's world market, we must first hit the Chinese market, the GM of Fuji Film Co. Ltd. was quoted as saying.

Hindu, 22 December 2007

Joint military exercise with China begins

Kunming (China): Troops of India and China on Friday began their first-ever joint military exercise, with focus on anti-terrorism drill, in southwest China, taking the ties between the world's two largest armies to a new high.

People Daily, 23 December 2007

China, India hold strategic dialogue

China and India finished a strategic dialogue in Beijing Friday. Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei and Indian Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon exchanged views on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common concern. This is the third time for the two nations to hold strategic dialogue. The two sides reached wide consensus during the two-day dialogue.

People Daily, 24 December 2007

Fukuda: Japan, China face opportunities to expand communication

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda said recently through a Japanese newspaper that Japan and China face a great deal of important opportunities to expand communication in all fields in 2008.

China Post, 24 December 2007

China playing a key role as UN member

This year China has made significant achievements as a member of the United Nations (UN). Playing the role of a participant, a constructor and protector of the international system represented by the UN, the nation has held high the banner of the UN Charter, carried out its independent foreign policies based on the philosophy of a harmonious

world, persisted in strategic talks with other major powers, enhancing friendly relations with neighboring countries and strengthening and expanding good relations with other developing nations.

People Daily, 25 December 2007

Overall Sino-U.S. ties stable in 2007

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States opposed Taiwan's bid to join the United Nations at a year-end press conference last Friday, or December 22. She called the referendum a "provocative policy" that "unnecessarily raises tensions in Taiwan Strait and it promises no real benefits" for the people of Taiwan on the international stage.

China Post, 25 December 2007

China's economic growth an opportunity to Japan

TOKYO -- Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda said Tuesday before his upcoming visit to China that China's economic development offers a good opportunity to Japan as well as to the rest of the world. During an interview with Xinhua and other Chinese media at the prime minister's office in Tokyo, Fukuda said that China's economic development is important to Japan's economic growth.

Daily Youmri Online, 25 December 2007

Japan eyes signing nuclear fusion tech accord with China

The government has decided to move toward concluding its first nuclear fusion agreement with China to boost regional technical capability related to the technology, which is expected to be a future source of energy, according to sources.

China Daily, 26 December 2007

Japan PM's visit to 'improve relations'

China attaches great importance to the coming visit by Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Tuesday. One day before Fukuda's tour begins, Qin said China views the visit as another key step in pushing forward Sino-Japanese ties after the ice-breaking and thawing trips by former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Premier Wen Jiabao, respectively.

Korean Herland, 26 December 2007

China fails to confirm N. Korea will submit list of nuclear programs by year-end

China said Tuesday it hopes North Korea will complete disabling its nuclear facilities by the end of the year under a multilateral deal, but did not confirm that Pyongyang will present a full list of its nuclear programs by then as required, reported Yonhap News Agency.

People Daily, 27 December 2007

Sino-Japanese ties getting warmer in all-round way

People were weighed down with some anxiety a full year ago when expecting the continued improvement of Sino-Japanese relations on the threshold of 2007. After all, bilateral relations have teemed with both opportunities and challenges throughout the

year as it has undergone not only the 35th anniversary of normalization of Sino-Japanese ties but the 70th anniversary of the Lugouqiao incident, staged at the Lugou Bridge near Beiping (now Beijing) on July 7th, 1937, which marked the start of China's War of Resistance against Japanese aggression.

People Daily, 27 December 2007

China's first nuclear power plant to undergo further expansion

The first phase of the Qinshan nuclear power plant, the first Chinese facility of its kind, will add two additional generating units. Xu Pengfei, deputy general manager of Qinshan Nuclear Power Company of China National Nuclear Power Corporation, said preparation for the construction had been going smoothly.

China Post, 27 December 2007

Japanese PM looks to boost ties through China visit

TOKYO -- Japan's prime minister was headed Thursday to China for a summit, facing conditions his predecessors haven't enjoyed for years: warming relations, a boost in economic ties and almost no rhetoric over their historical grievances.

Washington post, 27 December 2007

China Vows Fair Play in Its Global Search for Oil and Gas

BEIJING, Dec. 26 -- China pledged Wednesday that its worldwide search for oil and gas to power a booming economy will be carried out in a spirit of fair play and international cooperation so as not to disrupt sensitive international markets.

China Daily, 28 December 2007

Premier Wen holds talks with Japanese Prime Ministe

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao held talks with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda Friday morning. The talks took place in the Great Hall of the People after a red-carpet welcome ceremony.

Taipei Times, 28 December 2007

Japan faces up to a China dilemma

The relationship between China and Japan seems to have improved since Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda took over in September. The improvement, though, is largely superficial. The maritime dispute in the East China Sea, with prospective oil and gas reserves at stake, remains a flashpoint of sorts.

Taipei Times, 28 December 2007

Why is the US backing the Chinese on Taiwan?

A democracy cannot exist without freedom of expression, just like a body cannot survive without eating. To live, we must eat; to have democracy, we must have freedom of speech. If the talk of "provocative" behavior toward China that comes from US officials holds water in reference to Taiwanese conducting a referendum, then morality must equally be considered a matter of provocation toward thugs, and democracy itself must be a provocation toward dictatorships.

Asahi Shinbun, 28 December 2007

Fukuda's visit to China

Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda left Thursday on a four-day visit to China. Emulating the decision by his predecessor, Shinzo Abe, to visit China soon after taking office, Fukuda is consolidating this trend with his planned summit with the Chinese leadership as well as a tour of local districts of the country.

People Daily, 29 December 2007

Chinese leaders hold "heart-to-heart" talks with Japanese prime minister

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao held "heart-to-heart" talks with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda on Friday, and both stressed joint efforts to promote bilateral relations, saying "a spring has come" for China-Japan ties. Later in the afternoon, Chinese President Hu Jintao and top legislator Wu Bangguo met with Fukuda, respectively, after he spoke at the elite Peking University.

Yomiuri Shimbun, 29 December 2007

China must fulfill its international responsibilities

Japan is finally standing at the doorstep of building "a strategic, mutually beneficial relationship" with China, a nation that is going from strength to strength, economically and militarily. During their talks in Beijing on Friday, Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda agreed with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and other Chinese leaders to make the year 2008 "a year in which Japan-China relations take a leap forward."

People Daily, 30 December 2007

Japanese PM ends "spring herald" China tour

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda left Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, Sunday afternoon, wrapping up his four-day China tour, which was seen as a "herald of spring" for China-Japan ties. "It is sure that Japan and China can contribute more to Asia and the world at large if we cooperate with each other," Fukuda said in an interview at the airport.

People Daily, 30 December 2007

Chinese Premier elaborates "three bases" for healthy China-Japan relations

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao elaborated on Saturday the "three bases" for healthy China-Japan relations, underscoring the principle that people of the two nations were the real foundation of bilateral ties. One of the bases was that the two sides should abide by the three key political documents on ties, including the Sino-Japanese Joint Statement, the Peace and Friendship Treaty and the Sino-Japanese Joint Declaration, said Wen.

China Daily, 30 December 2007

China must manufacture competitive aircraft

XI'AN -- "It is the will of the nation to let (Chinese-made) large aircraft fly up into the sky. It must be done and it must succeed," said Premier Wen Jiabao in a visit to the Xi'an Aircraft Industry (Group) Company on Sunday. "I believe that the day must come and the dream of many generations of Chinese will come true," Wen said, while speaking with engineers at the company.

China post, 31 December 2007

Tokyo and Beijing must work together, Fukuda says after trip

QUFU, China -- Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda called for closer cooperation with China on Sunday as he wrapped up a four-day visit in which the two sides pledged to build on a recent thaw in relations. "This trip to China has been very meaningful," Fukuda told reporters after visiting a shrine in eastern China to the ancient philosopher Confucius.

China Post, 31 December 2007

Top Hong Kong activist denounces reform plan

HONG KONG -- Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy activist denounced Beijing's decision not to let the territory elect its own leader for 10 years, accusing China's government Sunday of stalling on democratic reform.