

The Hindu, 1 December 2008

**Hu: China's economy faces challenges**

Beijing: Chinese President Hu Jintao has warned that the global financial turmoil will make it harder for China to maintain the pace of its economic development in the near future. China is under growing tension from its large population, limited resources and environment problems, and needs faster reform of its economic growth pattern to achieve sustainable development, said Mr. Hu addressing members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee on Saturday...

People's Daily, 1 December 2008

**China's diplomacy ushers into golden age**

China's diplomacy in the past 30 years can be characterized by big changes in overall situations, big adjustment in policies and fast development in diplomacy. The big change in overall situation means that the world enters the age of peace and development from the previous epoch of war and revolution. The world was plagued by war and revolution in the 20th century. The first man who sensed change in China was Deng Xiaoping...

Taipei Times, 1 December 2008

**Hu tells politburo China is losing its competitive edge**

Chinese President Hu Jintao warned that China has started to lose its competitive edge in trade amid the global financial crisis as he told Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leaders the challenge posed a test to the government's ability to rule. China's economic growth is expected to fall to about 9 percent this year, down from last year's 11.9 percent...

Taipei Times, 1 December 2008

**THE LIBERTY TIMES EDITORIAL: Concern grows for fate of Taiwan**

After six months in power, the most common criticism against President Ma Ying-jeou's administration involves its pro-China leanings and its use of the judiciary and police to carry out political attacks and undermine human rights. The front page of the Nov. 24 issue of the US weekly Defense News ran a story headlined "In Taiwan, Arrests Raise Echoes of Martial Law"...

People's Daily, 2 December 2008

**Top political advisor: China ready to push forward economic, trade cooperation with Laos**

China is ready to work with Laos to take effective measures to push forward bilateral economic and trade cooperation in the reciprocal and win-win spirit, said China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin here Monday. Jia, member of the Political Bureau Standing Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks at a meeting with Bouasone Bouphavanh, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Lao prime minister...

Taipei Times, 2 December 2008

**Editorial: Wo Weihai: 'spy', father, victim**

China's execution on Friday of medical researcher Wo Weihai, 59, on charges of passing on "secrets" to a group affiliated with Taiwanese intelligence was a disgraceful act that warrants far more than the condemnation Beijing received from the US, the EU and a handful of rights organizations. As Amnesty International and

other critics pointed out, Wo's confession that he discussed the health of a senior Chinese official and copied military data from unclassified magazines was made under duress...

The Hindu, 3 December 2008

#### **China's AIDS vaccine gives hope**

Beijing: An AIDS vaccine developed by Chinese scientists has completed initial clinical trials with "good results." But researchers cautioned that further studies need to be made to verify its effectiveness. Prof. Shao Yiming of the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention has said here the first part of the first phase of clinical trials has been completed with "safe and good results"...

People's Daily, 3 December 2008

#### **Vice premier: Tap consumption potential to sustain China growth**

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan has called for more concrete measures to tap China's domestic consumption potential to sustain economic growth. External demand for Chinese goods has fallen markedly amid the global financial crisis, while domestic consumption power also fell, Wang told recent meetings on foreign and domestic trade. But the country's continued industrialization and urbanization create huge demand, which helps to shield the economy from a slowdown, he said...

People's Daily, 3 December 2008

#### **Orientation and path of reform & opening up entirely correct**

The development of a nation can be seized accurately only when it is recognized from the aspect of coordinates of the world or the era. And a social change can be imbued with both hope and vitality only when it has originated from the common voice from the masses of the people. Turn the clock of history back to 1978, when people could see the rise and fall of 60 airplanes per hour at Charles de Gaulle (CDG) International Airport, 16 miles (26 km) northeast of downtown Paris, while the Beijing Capital International Airport could only handle two planes per hour then...

The Asian Age, 4 December 2008

#### **China vows to support democracy in Nepal**

Kathmandu: China has extended full support to Nepal's recent political change and expressed its commitment to provide necessary assistance for protecting its territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence. "China will always honour the political change which has come about through the massive participation of the Nepalese people," visiting Chinese foreign minister Yang Jiechi said while attending a dinner reception hosted by his Nepalese counterpart Upendra Yadav on Tuesday...

The Times of India, 4 December 2008

#### **China lacks moral authority to be a superpower: Dalai Lama**

Brussels: China lacks the moral authority, including over the question of Tibet, to be a true superpower, the Dalai Lama said Thursday during a European tour that has angered Beijing. After addressing the EU parliament in Brussels, the Tibetan spiritual leader said China "deserves to be a superpower" given its huge population and economic and military strength. "Now one important factor is moral authority and that is lacking," he told a press conference in Brussels...

People's Daily, 4 December 2008

#### **China, U.S. start strategic economic dialogue amid financial crisis**

China and the United States started their fifth strategic economic dialogue (SED) in Beijing amid the deepening global financial crisis and transition in the U.S.

government. Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan and the U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson co-chaired the dialogue on Thursday morning as special representatives of President Hu Jintao and President George W. Bush. "The most pressing issue we have to deal with is coping with global financial turmoil," Wang said before going behind closed doors...

People's Daily, 4 December 2008

### **Harmonious exchanges to scale new heights**

The deepening global financial crisis and the transition in the US government have pushed the coming Fifth China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) scheduled on Dec. 4 and 5 further into the limelight. In the past four rounds, China and the US conducted consultations and cooperation, as well as confrontation of ideas. The fifth strategic dialogue is expected to be the most harmonious one so far...

Taipei Times, 4 December 2008

### **Dalai Lama not welcome to visit: Ma**

President Ma Ying-jeou said yesterday that the Dalai Lama is not welcome to visit Taiwan. Ma, attending a presidential briefing held by the Taiwan Foreign Correspondents Club in Taipei, was asked how he would respond to the Tibetan spiritual leader's Nov. 28 comments to Elta TV in the northern Indian city of Dharamsala that he would like to visit Taiwan next year...

Taipei Times, 4 December 2008

### **Ma in a corner over the Dalai Lama**

The announcement by Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Friday that he hopes to visit Taiwan - where he has a large base of supporters - sometime next year will present an immense challenge to the Ma Ying-jeou administration, which in recent months has endeavored to improve ties with Beijing. Despite the Dalai Lama's assertion that, given the improved relations in the Taiwan Strait, "maybe this is a good time" to visit Taiwan, the symbolism of the presence in Taiwan of such a paramount icon of autonomy would be such that Beijing would bring tremendous pressure to bear on Taipei not to permit it...

The Hindu, 5 December 2008

### **China, U.S. focus on global economic system**

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Taipei Times, 5 December 2008

### **China pressures Sarkozy not to meet Dalai Lama**

China sent another strong warning to France yesterday, hinting that a planned meeting between French President Nicolas Sarkozy and the Dalai Lama could have a broad effect on ties between the two countries. China's latest salvo in its campaign to isolate the Tibetan leader and punish Sarkozy came two days ahead of tomorrow's meeting in the Polish city of Gdansk...

Taipei Times, 5 December 2008

### **Editorial: Ma seems to have forgotten the south**

In the eyes of most people, especially residents in southern Taiwan, the changes in President Ma Ying-jeou's attitude after he was elected president is the source of most criticism. Before the presidential election, Ma's visits to the south gave residents new

hope, which helped him win by a landslide. However, since he was elected, he has not shown any concern for southerners...

The Hindu, 6 December 2008

#### **China-U.S. bid to boost global commerce**

Beijing: China and the U.S. on Friday said they would inject \$20 billion to buoy up the global commerce. "The two export-import banks [in U.S. and China] will make available an additional 20 billion U.S. dollars for trade finance, particularly for creditworthy importers in developing countries," U.S. Treasury chief Henry Paulson told the press. Mr. Paulson was speaking at the end of the two-day China-U.S. Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) in Beijing...

People's Daily, 6 December 2008

#### **Chinese President Hu hails fruitful SED dialogue**

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday met with U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, special envoy of President George W. Bush. Hu hailed the fruitful results of the fifth China-U.S. Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED). Hu first expressed congratulations on the successful holding of the SED, saying that the dialogue co-chaired by Chinese vice Premier Wang Qishan and Paulson has achieved important consensus and fruitful results...

Taipei Times, 6 December 2008

#### **Editorial: Now we're really being watched**

The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) of today is not the same as the KMT of the 1950s and 1960s, even if some officials in its uppermost ranks clearly long for this to be so. This means that the party is limited to some extent in its ability to influence proceedings throughout systems of government and oversight mechanisms. Although checks and balances can be weakened to the detriment of higher democratic standards, the interests that would line up to oppose this drift might be more subtle and more numerous than mainstream political forces recognize or would admit to...

Taipei Times, 6 December 2008

#### **John Tkacik On Taiwan: Pricing Taiwan's missile defense**

China's missile deployments against Taiwan are the single most dangerous threat to the nation's sovereignty, yet some insist that Taiwan either doesn't need the Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile defense system or that the US is trying to cheat Taiwanese taxpayers with hidden PAC-3 price tags - or both. Both charges are false and the latter borders on insulting...

The Asian Age, 7 December 2008

#### **Sarkozy set to meet Dalai as China fumes**

Poland: French President Nicolas Sarkozy is expected to meet with Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Saturday at a gathering of Nobel Peace Prize laureates in Poland, a move that has left China fuming. As current holder of the European Union's six-month rotating presidency, the French leader's decision to engage with the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader has so far seen Beijing retaliate by scrapping a China-EU summit in France earlier this week...

People's Daily, 7 December 2008

#### **Sarkozy's meeting with Dalai Lama an unwise move detrimental to Sino-French ties**

Despite China's repeated persuasions and representations, French President Nicolas Sarkozy insisted on meeting Saturday with the Dalai Lama, who is on a Europe tour.

This development is indeed an unwise move which not only hurts the feelings of the Chinese people, but also undermines Sino-French ties...

Taipei Times, 7 December 2008

**DPP, TSU seek to integrate opinions**

The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU) yesterday announced they would co-sponsor a conference to integrate public opinion on national affairs. DPP Chairperson Tsai Ing-wen and TSU Chairman Huang Kun-huei made the announcement shortly after Huang visited Tsai yesterday at DPP headquarters in Taipei. DPP Secretary-General Wang Tuoh said the proposed "2009 Taiwan Civil National Affairs Conference" would be conducted in two parts...

Taipei Times, 7 December 2008

**Editorial: Working within APEC's framework**

The subprime crisis caused by the burst of the US housing bubble has had a significant impact on the world economy. Many economists and researchers did not see it coming. The downturn is affecting real GDP growth this year and will likely extend into next year. Like all other countries, Taiwan has been trying hard to cope with the economic slowdown caused by the global financial crisis...

Taipei Times, 7 December 2008

**Editorial: Ma seeks to reassure as his support rating sags**

These are not happy days for Taiwan or President Ma Ying-jeou. He evidently felt compelled to address many of the troubling issues in a sort of state of the union report two weeks ago. Ma told an extraordinary meeting of his Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT): "We must humbly engage in introspection. We must not forget the difficult times over the past eight years in opposition"...

People's Daily, 8 December 2008

**China's DM urges U.S. to cancel arms sale to Taiwan**

China's Defense Minister Liang Guanglie Monday urged the United States to immediately cancel its planned weapons sale to Taiwan, and cease all military ties with Taiwan. U.S. Arms sale to Taiwan has poisoned the sound atmosphere of bilateral military relations and endangered China's national security, Liang told Richard Myers, former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, who is in Beijing for a visit...

People's Daily, 8 December 2008

**Chinese official: Scientific development can help offset economic downturn**

A senior Chinese official on Sunday said an ongoing campaign to educate Communist Party of China (CPC) cadres on "scientific development" should provide the impetus for the country to cope with current economic difficulties. Li Yuanchao, head of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, said this was desirable because the ultimate goal of the campaign was that China achieve sustainable, broad-based development under the leadership of the CPC...

Taipei Times, 8 December 2008

**China condemns Sarkozy's meeting with Dalai Lama**

French President Nicolas Sarkozy defied China on Saturday by meeting the Dalai Lama and said Europe shared the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader's concerns over the situation in his homeland. China called the meeting an "opportunistic, rash and short-sighted approach to handling the Tibet issue," despite Sarkozy saying he regarded Tibet as part of China and that there was no need to "dramatize" the

encounter...

Taipei Times, 8 December 2008

**Editorial: Setting a poor precedent**

President Ma Ying-jeou said last week that the Dalai Lama would not be welcome to visit Taiwan anytime soon. The Presidential Office said such a visit, given the current state of cross-strait affairs, would undo its efforts, and that Ma's decision was based on national interest. This view ignores the existence of Taiwan and only takes aim at short-term benefits. Since the question was hypothetical - the Dalai Lama hasn't applied for permission to visit - Ma could have avoided controversy by simply pointing this out...

The Asian Age, 9 December 2008

**China: Sarkozy will pay for Dalai meet**

Beijing: French President Nicolas Sarkozy will pay a "heavy price" for meeting the Dalai Lama, a Chinese state paper said on Monday, keeping up Beijing's vitriol over Mr Sarkozy's encounter with the exiled Buddhist leader. Beijing brands the Dalai Lama a dangerous "splittist" for demanding self-determination for Tibet and was incensed by Mr Sarkozy's meeting on Saturday with the exiled 73-year-old Buddhist monk...

The Times of India, 9 December 2008

**China ups efforts to rid food of illegal additives**

Beijing: China is launching a four-month food safety campaign on Wednesday that will include inspections of food makers to weed out illegal or excessive chemicals in food, in the country's latest move to restore trust hurt by a tainted milk scandal. The drive will be jointly conducted by nine central government departments and will target food and additive producers across the country, the Health Ministry said in a statement...

People's Daily, 9 December 2008

**New round of Korean Peninsular nuclear talks starts in Beijing**

Envoys from the six nations gathered in Beijing on Monday for a fresh round of talks on removing nuclear programs from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). "I propose the talks focus on three issues," Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei said in his opening address late Monday afternoon. "First, verification; secondly, implementation of the remaining second phase action plan; and thirdly the establishment of a peace and security mechanism in northeast Asia"...

People's Daily, 9 December 2008

**Economic stimulus package to improve people's livelihood**

Unlike measures taken during the Asian financial crisis 11 years ago, more attention is focused on improving people's living standards in the Chinese government's recent 4 trillion yuan (584 billion U.S. dollars) economic stimulus package, experts said. The package, unveiled early last month, included 280 billion yuan in spending for low-income housing projects, 370 billion yuan for improving people's living standards and infrastructure in rural areas and 40 billion yuan for health and education programs...

People's Daily, 9 December 2008

**China opens top economic work meeting with focus on stable growth**

China's annual Central Economic Work Conference opened in Beijing Monday to set tone for the economic development next year. Observers believed the three-day event would give priority to efforts to maintain stable economic growth. They

reckoned in 2009, China would see more risks for worse economic slowdown, more struggling smaller businesses, grim export situation and arduous task of transformation of economic growth pattern...

Taipei Times, 9 December 2008

**DPP accuses KMT of political vendetta**

Opposition lawmakers yesterday slammed proposed amendments to remove the monthly pension and security details of former heads of state convicted of corruption by the district court as a politically motivated move aimed at former president Chen Shui-bian. The legislature's Judiciary, Organic Laws and Statutes Committee failed to reach a consensus on two amendments to the Statute Governing Preferential Treatment to Retired Presidents and Vice Presidents proposed by Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) lawmakers and decided to debate the proposals article by article at the next meeting...

Taipei Times, 9 December 2008

**THE LIBERTY TIMES EDITORIAL:Ma bows to China over Dalai Lama**

In response to the Dalai Lama's suggestion that he visit Taiwan, President Ma Ying-jeou said last Wednesday that the timing was not appropriate. Ma's remarks have caused much debate. Even Legislative Speaker Wang Jin-pyng suggested that Ma reconsider his decision. But Presidential Office Spokesman Wang Yu-chi explained on Thursday that the decision was made out of concern for "overall national interests," for which the timing was not right. It remains unclear which "nation" the president has in mind...

The Asian Age, 10 December 2008

**China calls on France to mend ties**

Beijing: China said on Tuesday that it was entirely up to France to repair relations between the two countries after President Nicolas Sarkozy met the Dalai Lama over the weekend. "The... responsibility is not on the Chinese side, it is fully on the French side," foreign ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told reporters. "We urge the French side to take responsibility and concrete measures to correct its erroneous practice, and create favourable conditions... for the development of China-France relations"...

The Times of India, 10 December 2008

**Chinese protest on human rights anniversary**

Beijing: Two dozen people protested outside China's Foreign Ministry in downtown Beijing on Wednesday, using the 60th anniversary of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights to decry a myriad of alleged government abuses. Kneeling outside the front gate of the building, the group held up letters of complaints and called for redress for illegal detentions, government seizures of land, and abuses by local courts...

People's Daily, 10 December 2008

**Official: China still holds ample patience with the Dalai Lama**

The central government still holds expectations for the Dalai Lama and has ample patience with him, a senior Chinese official said. Sita, vice minister of the United Front Work Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, called a press conference for reporters on December 10 at the Chinese embassy during a visit to the US capital, Washington D.C. At the press conference, he introduced the latest contact and talk between the central government and the Dalai Lama's personal representative, and answered questions from Chinese and foreign reporters...

People's Daily, 10 December 2008

**China calls for strengthening multilateral counter-terrorism co-op**

China on Tuesday called on the international community to continue to strengthen multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation within the UN framework. China's UN Ambassador Zhang Yesui made the appeal at the thematic debate of the UN Security Council on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorists. "Recently, a series of alarming acts of terror occurred in such places as Mumbai, resulting in heavy casualties of innocent people. The Chinese delegation expresses its deep condolences to the victims," Zhang told the council...

Taipei Times, 10 December 2008

**TAHR slams Ma over rights abuses**

The suppression by police of protests during last month's visit by a Chinese official topped this year's top 10 human rights violations, the Taiwan Association for Human Rights (TAHR) said yesterday, urging the government to stop sabotaging the nation's hard won democracy by promptly amending the Assembly and Parade Law. "President Ma Ying-jeou said he wants to export Taiwan's democracy to China. Instead, the government has imported the Chinese government's oppressive tactics into Taiwan," TAHR deputy chairperson Lin Chia-fan said, slamming Ma for lacking credibility...

Taipei Times, 10 December 2008

**Editorial: China: threat or economic savior?**

Last month's visit by Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS) Chairman Chen Yunlin sparked conflicts within Taiwan that have not dissipated. Chen's visit highlighted sharp differences in the public's views of China as well. One view focuses on the opportunity and benefits that China may represent. Some believe that China's yearly GDP growth of 10 percent, its accumulation of US\$2 trillion in foreign reserves and the potential buying power of its economy will be the saviors of the global economic recession...

People's Daily, 11 December 2008

**China, India start finale drill of joint anti-terror military training**

Chinese and Indian armies started a comprehensive anti-terrorism military drill in south India's Belgaum district Thursday evening. It's the third and also the last stage of the joint anti-terrorism military training between the two sides from Dec. 6 to 12. The scenario of the drill was set as that a group of "international terrorists" secretly enter into and hide in two villages in the forest of northwestern Belgaum. The anti-terror soldiers have to "catch or kill" them without hurting innocent villagers...

People's Daily, 11 December 2008

**China strives for economic soft landing next year amid global financial crisis**

After five years of double-digit economic growth, China on Wednesday set the tune of carrying out a "soft landing" to begin a new growth cycle, as Chinese policy makers gathered at the Central Economic Work Conference to tackle mounting difficulties in sustaining growth amid global financial tsunami. The central authorities pledged to strive for continued economic growth next year through domestic demand expansion and economic restructuring...

Taipei Times, 11 December 2008

**Editorial: Ma's ironic Human Rights Day**

At the invitation of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, President Ma Ying-jeou

delivered a keynote speech yesterday marking International Human Rights Day in Taipei. In his speech, Ma expressed the wish that the legislature would speedily approve the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to show the importance Taiwan attaches to human rights...

Taipei Times, 11 December 2008

**Editorial: Taiwan needs to decide on rights**

In celebrating the 60th anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on Dec. 10, 1948, the UN has invited all its member states to join in the party - despite the fact that some of the invitees have a disturbing human rights record. Taiwan, because of its international status, is not on the guest list. It is denied statehood and thus UN membership by the huge majority of that very same international community that received invitations to the global party on Human Rights Day...

The Hindu, 12 December 2008

**China vows to sustain growth**

Beijing: China has concluded the three-day annual Central Economic Work Conference in Beijing with a pledge to maintain stable, healthy growth next year through domestic demand expansion and economic restructuring. President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao addressed the meeting, which is held once a year to set the tone for economic development during the next year...

The Times of India, 12 December 2008

**China's JuD stance a bid to distance itself from Pak: Tharoor**

New Delhi: China's changed stance - in not opposing India's demand to ban terror outfit Jamaat-ul Dawa at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) - could be read as an attempt to distance itself from Pakistan. Noted writer and former UN under secretary for communications and public information, Shashi Tharoor, said that there was a feeling in China that its opposition to India on the issue of terrorism would "no longer be compatible with its (China) being seen as a responsible player in the system"...

People's Daily, 12 December 2008

**China, Japan, ROK cooperate to cope with crisis**

The leaders of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) meet in a trilateral summit in Fukuoka on Friday, December 13. The China-Japan-ROK trilateral summit is held in grim situation when the global financial crisis now appears to be spreading and penetrating East Asia. The leaders will exchange views and deliberate on policies to deal with the crisis...

People's Daily, 12 December 2008

**Chinese president underscores int'l co-op on human rights**

Chinese President Hu Jintao has vowed the Chinese people will, as always, work together with the international community to promote healthy development of the human rights cause in the world. Hu made the remarks in a letter to the China Society for Human Rights Studies on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the publication of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights...

Taipei Times, 12 December 2008

**Editorial: No reason to postpone visit from Dalai Lama**

President Ma Ying-jeou recently said that based on the overall national interest, a

visit by the Dalai Lama would not be appropriate at this time - a comment that has disappointed many people. Since the Presidential Office has failed to give a concrete answer on what impact a visit might have on the national interest, Ma's comment has fueled a great deal of speculation...

Taipei Times, 12 December 2008

**Editorial: China readies for economic winter**

Although China's economic growth rate has slipped for five quarters in a row, in the third quarter of this year its rate was still one of the highest in the world at 9 percent. While national economies around the world are slowing down or going into recession, China's economic performance can only be called exceptional. Some people even look to China as the savior that could bring the global economy back to life...

People's Daily, 13 December 2008

**Chinese mainland says ready for cross-Straits post service**

A Chinese mainland official said on Friday that the mainland is ready to launch a direct postal service across the Taiwan Straits slated for next Monday. The direct postal service would end a situation that has prevailed since 1949, under which air, sea and postal movements between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan have gone through a third place...

People's Daily, 13 December 2008

**Chinese vice president urges officials to meet economic challenge with scientific outlook**

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping on Friday urged Communist Party of China (CPC) cadres to combine the spirit of "scientific development" with the nation's endeavors to deal with current economic problems. Xi addressed a meeting in Beijing, at which a group of heads of agencies of the CPC Central Committee and the central government discussed how to implement the Scientific Outlook on Development...

Taipei Times, 13 December 2008

**Editorial: If only our president were more like Sarkozy**

Ignoring Chinese complaints, French President Nicolas Sarkozy met the Dalai Lama in Poland last Saturday. Sarkozy was also the first sitting president of the EU to meet the spiritual leader. The Chinese government responded to the meeting with predictable hysteria. Prior to the meeting, China had tried to intimidate Sarkozy through various channels...

People's Daily, 14 December 2008

**Chinese premier stresses co-op between China, Japan, S Korea**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday underlined the importance of cooperation between China, Japan and South Korea, and put forward proposals for boosting trilateral ties. Wen was speaking to reporters at a joint press conference with Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak after their meeting here. China, Japan and South Korea are countries of major influence in East Asia, Wen said...

People's Daily, 14 December 2008

**China, Japan, S Korea sign joint statement on partnership relations**

Leaders of China, Japan and South Korea Saturday signed a Joint Statement for Tripartite Partnership after a tripartite meeting. In the statement, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso and South Korean President Lee

Myung-bak said they gathered here to help lay a solid foundation in promoting their tripartite cooperation...

The Times of India, 15 December 2008

**China, Taiwan connect by air, sea after 60 years ending political distrust**

Beijing: China today took a major step towards resolving its icy relationship with Taiwan by linking the two with direct passenger flights and opening new postal and shipping routes. The links were closed in 1949 when Taiwan declared itself to be an independent nation. The move comes immediately after the United States agreed to sell a fresh batch of weapons to Taiwan, which is seen as a move to keep China on tenterhooks...

People's Daily, 15 December 2008

**Chinese president calls for maintaining stable economic growth amid challenges**

Chinese President Hu Jintao called for maintaining a stable and healthy economic growth amid the challenges in industrial restructuring, export, employment and people's lives during his visit to northeast Liaoning Province from Friday to Sunday. Hu paid a visit to Liaoning, a center of heavy industries, after the annual Central Economic Work Conference, setting the tone for next year's economic development, closed on Wednesday...

People's Daily, 15 December 2008

**China, Japan, ROK issue Action Plan for spurring Trilateral Cooperation**

Leaders of China, Japan and Republic of Korea (ROK) issued an Action Plan for Promoting Trilateral Cooperation among in Fukuoka, Japan on Dec. 13th, calling for trilateral cooperation in about 30 areas including environmental protection and human exchanges. The Plan of Action contains about 120 specific measures...

People's Daily, 15 December 2008

**Sixth Sino-Pakistani Defense and Security Talks held in Beijing**

China and Pakistan agreed to work together to deepen military ties during the Sixth Sino-Pakistani Defense and Security Talks held in Beijing on Monday. The talks was co-chaired by Chen Bingde, Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and Tariq Majid, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of Pakistan...

Taipei Times, 15 December 2008

**Direct air, shipping links start today**

Taiwan and China will start direct air and shipping services today, formally ending a nearly six-decade ban on regular links. Prominent politicians will attend inauguration ceremonies in Taiwan and China today to mark the opening. The first Taiwanese ships, from Evergreen and Yang Ming Marine, are scheduled to leave from Kaohsiung and Keelung for Chinese ports at about noon...

Taipei Times, 15 December 2008

**Editorial: Cross-strait air and sea pacts forfeit sovereignty**

The humiliating direct sea and air transportation agreements signed by Taiwan and China - which basically forfeit Taiwan's sovereignty - have been forced through in the legislature. President Ma Ying-jeou said the pacts did not touch on sovereignty issues and that cross-strait routes were neither domestic nor international. However, under the agreements, although direct sea and air links are defined as "special routes," they have in effect become domestic routes...

People's Daily, 16 December 2008

### **China, U.S. reach broad consensus in strategic dialogue**

China and the United States reached broad consensus on bilateral, regional and international issues in their sixth strategic dialogue held here Monday. The meeting, co-chaired by visiting Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, focused on how to keep the healthy and stable momentum in the development of China-U.S. relations and how to enhance the two-way cooperation and coordination on regional and global issues...

People's Daily, 16 December 2008

### **Expansion of Sino-US ties benefits world prosperity**

On December 16, 1978, the People's Republic of China and the United States of America issued a joint communique to recognize each other and establish formal diplomatic relations as of January 1, 1979. Great changes have taken place in Sino-US ties between the two countries in the past 30 years since then. As for the international pattern, the cold war between the two superpowers, US and the former Soviet Union ended when China and US established diplomatic ties...

Taipei Times, 16 December 2008

### **Direct shipping links, mail and flights launched**

Direct cross-strait flights, shipping and mail services were launched yesterday, with the first flight to China taking off from Taipei at 8am. TransAsia Airways flight GE332 left Taipei Songshan Airport with 144 passengers and landed in Shanghai at 9:50am. China's first direct flight to Taiwan was a Shenzhen Airlines plane that arrived at Songshan Airport at 8:45am...

People's Daily, 17 December 2008

### **Vice FM: China 'seriously considering' naval escorting operations in Somali waters**

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei said here on Tuesday that China is "seriously considering sending naval ships" to the waters off the Somali coast for escorting operations in the near future to fight against rampant piracy there. Speaking at a ministerial meeting of the UN Security Council on Somali piracy, He said that China welcomes international cooperation in the fight against piracy off the coast of Somalia and supports the efforts of relevant countries to send warships to the region to crack down on pirates in pursuant to international law and Security Council resolutions...

People's Daily, 17 December 2008

### **China, Pakistan vow to advance bilateral relations**

China would work with Pakistan to push forward the bilateral strategic and cooperative partnership, said Vice President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Tuesday. Xi made the remarks in a meeting with Tariq Majid, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of Pakistan. Hailed the relations between China and Pakistan, Xi said the two nations enjoyed profound friendship, which had stood the test of international changes...

Taipei Times, 17 December 2008

### **Editorial: The challenges of regional bodies**

APEC's 16th Summit was held in Lima, Peru, last month. Without a question, the Taiwanese public and media were most interested in the meeting between Chinese President Hu Jintao and former vice president Lien Chan. Given the way China and

Taiwan had tried avoiding each other at previous APEC meetings, the Lien-Hu meeting could be viewed as the first official and positive dealing between the two countries under the APEC framework. The meeting also received positive recognition from APEC members...

The Indian Express, 18 December 2008

**Dalai Lama wants elected leaders to take over struggle**

Dharamsala: Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama on Wednesday made a fresh offer to retire to enable the democratically elected Tibetan leadership to carry forward the struggle against China for greater autonomy. Dalai Lama, who earlier addressed members of the Himachal Assembly at the new Vidhan Sabha complex after the end of the winter session, was replying to questions by mediapersons on his retirement...

The Indian Express, 18 December 2008

**Editorial: Secular questions**

After no little speculation, when the inevitable finally happens, it happens without the element of surprise. But that doesn't necessarily diminish its portent. The Dalai Lama has announced a "semi-retirement", leaving the determination of the future course of action for the Tibetan movement in the hands of the "elected government" under "Prime Minister" Samdhong Rinpoche...

People's Daily, 18 December 2008

**President Hu eulogizes three-decade reform**

Chinese President Hu Jintao eulogized here Thursday the nationwide reform adopted by the Communist Party of China (CPC) for the past three decades when China saw nearly ten percent average annual growth rate. Hu, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, highly valued Deng Xiaoping, Chinese paramount leader at that time, and his most senior associates for their bold decision on restructuring the national economy and opening up to the outside world...

People's Daily, 18 December 2008

**China celebrates 30th anniversary of landmark reform, opening-up**

China held a meeting on Thursday morning to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its reform and opening-up drive, which turned the once poverty-stricken country into one of the world's largest economies. Top leaders, including President Hu Jintao, attended the ceremony, which started at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing at 10:00 a.m. The celebration also drew nearly 6,000 Chinese from all walks of life...

People's Daily, 18 December 2008

**China, Angola pledge to promote bilateral practical co-op**

China and Angola will work jointly to promote bilateral practical cooperation, and advance bilateral friendship to a higher level, Chinese President Hu Jintao reached the consensus with his Angolan counterpart here on Wednesday. During the meeting with the visiting Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Hu raised four proposals to deepen cooperation between the two countries...

Taipei Times, 18 December 2008

**Editorial: An ironic US-China success story**

Is China an island of stability in the midst of the gathering global financial storm, or will it, too, soon be sucked into the vortex? Chinese officials have said that the crisis that began in the US will not slow down long-planned reforms in the financial markets. They insist that China will go ahead with plans to introduce margin trading,

short selling and futures contracts on share prices...

The Hindu, 19 December 2008

**Hu lauds three-decades of reform**

Beijing: President Hu Jintao lauded here on Thursday the nationwide reforms adopted by the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the past three decades when the nation saw nearly 10 per cent average annual growth rate. Mr. Hu, also General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, highly valued Deng Xiaoping, Chinese paramount leader at that time, and his most senior associates for their bold decision on restructuring the national economy and opening up to the outside world...

The Indian Express, 19 December 2008

**Editorial: 30-year march**

Thirty years ago, the "little man from Sichuan", Deng Xiaoping, laid the Cultural Revolution to rest and embarked on the "reform and opening up" policy. The five-foot tall Long Marcher had not only rehabilitated himself but also seized control of the Communist Party. His vision set China on a miraculous economic course that would pull the largest number of people out of poverty in the shortest period ever in human history - a policy shift that, as per World Bank estimates, shot the average income up from \$293 in 1985 to \$2,025 in 2006...

The Asian Age, 19 December 2008

**China will dispatch ships to battle piracy**

Beijing: China announced on Thursday it will dispatch naval ships to join international forces battling Somali pirates. Foreign ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Beijing welcomed stronger international cooperation in countering piracy, which was why China decided to send vessels to help the cause. "Now the preparation is under way," Liu said, without elaborating on details of the mission...

People's Daily, 19 December 2008

**A final glance at Sino-European relations 2008**

The Sino-European relationship is one crucial part of international relations, particularly in consideration to the ups and downs as well as challenges the world is facing at the moment. Its changes and development will have a great impact on global politics and economy. What characterized Sino-European relations this year? And in which direction will it develop next year? Feng Zhongping, Director of the Institute of European Studies under the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations voiced his views on Sino-European ties in 2008...

People's Daily, 19 December 2008

**Chinese Premier promises support to Hong Kong, Macao amid global financial crisis**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced Friday the mainland's plan to help Hong Kong and Macao tackle economic challenges amid the global financial crisis. "The motherland will always provide a reliable backing for HongKong", Wen said during a meeting with Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region(HKSAR). The move is reminiscent of China's pledge to back Hong Kong, a leading world financial center, during the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997...

Taipei Times, 19 December 2008

**Editorial: Hollow promises of media freedom**

Reporters Without Borders, an NGO devoted to press freedom, issued a statement on Wednesday saying that despite recent assurances to the contrary from President Ma

Ying-jeou, it was concerned that media independence in Taiwan remains under threat from the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) government. The statement highlighted KMT attempts to control the programming of Public Television Service (PTS)...

The Times of India, 20 December 2008

#### **China promises economic assistance to Taiwan**

Beijing: China said on Saturday it is willing to help Taiwan boost its economy if it requires assistance to weather the world economic slowdown. The statement at a meeting between the two sides in Shanghai comes amid new indications of warmth between the former rivals. Early this week they initiated daily air and direct maritime links after a break of nearly 60 years...

Taipei Times, 20 December 2008

#### **Keating pleased with progress in China relations**

Admiral Timothy Keating, head of the US Pacific Command, said on Thursday in Washington that while he continued to closely monitor the Chinese military, he believed that tensions in the Taiwan Strait had been reduced over the last two months. He said that while there had been some changes in China's military posture toward Taiwan, those changes were not significant...

The Asahi Shimbun, 20 December 2008

#### **Editorial: China's economic reform**

The Communist Party of China, during a Central Committee plenary session Dec. 18-22, 1978, started a campaign to reform and open up the nation's economy. In the 30 years since then, China's gross domestic product has grown nearly seventyfold, and the country is on track this year to surpass Germany as the world's third-largest economy...

The Hindu, 21 December 2008

#### **Chinese help to steady Taiwan's financial system**

Shanghai: The 4th Cross-Straits Economic, Trade and Cultural Forum between China and Taiwan began on Saturday. Jia Qinglin, member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, and Kuomintang (KMT) chairman Wu Poh-hsiung and honorary chairman Lien Chan attended...

People's Daily, 21 December 2008

#### **China decides to send navy vessels to fight pirates off Somali coast**

China has announced that its naval deployment to the seas off Somalia to fight pirates will be of three vessels. Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao confirmed on Saturday evening that the taskforce would consist of three vessels, and would patrol the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia. The Ministry of Defence said the taskforce would consist of two destroyers and a supply ship, and will leave Sanya of southern Hainan Province on Dec. 26...

Taipei Times, 21 December 2008

#### **MOI clarifies status of officials' visits to PRC**

Senior military personnel will be allowed to visit China on some occasions if the government lifts its restrictions, Vice Minister of the Interior Chien Tai-lang said yesterday, adding that certain checks would still remain in place to review applications. Chien's remarks corrected an announcement by Premier Liu Chao-shiuan on Friday that the government would soon relax regulations on visits to China

by senior civil servants, political appointees, top executives of state-owned enterprises and military personnel...

Taipei Times, 21 December 2008

**China willing to 'help' Taiwan's economy: CCP**

China said yesterday it was willing to help Taiwan boost its economy if it required assistance to weather the world economic slowdown. The statement was made at a meeting between Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) officials and their Chinese Communist Party (CCP) counterparts in Shanghai. "If the worsening global economic situation continues and the Taiwan side asks for help to solve economic difficulties, the mainland is willing to offer assistance with utmost efforts," said Jia Qinglin, the fourth most powerful person in the CCP, Xinhua news agency said...

The Hindu, 22 December 2008

**Iran, China will begin counter-piracy patrols Atul Aneja**

Dubai: Iran and China are sending their warships to counter piracy in the Gulf of Aden. "After travelling more than 4,000 maritime miles an Iranian warship entered the Gulf of Aden to protect Iranian ships against pirates," an Iranian radio report said. Iran's state-run Press TV said the decision to send the ship came after Somali pirates hijacked the Iranian ship, Delight, off the coast of Yemen in November...

The Indian Express, 22 December 2008

**Editorial: Blue water marks**

The People's Liberation Army's decision to deploy its warships to fight piracy in the Gulf of Aden marks the beginning of a major shift in the Indian Ocean balance of power. On the face of it, Beijing is merely responding to the recent attacks on Chinese commercial shipping and the United Nations Security Council's authorisation of international action against Somali pirates...

People's Daily, 22 December 2008

**China's reform and opening-up contributes to world's prosperity**

The Spanish research institute, The Royal Institute Elcano, recently published an article on the 30th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up. It says China's reform and opening-up since 1978 is one of the greatest transformations in the history of mankind and it contributes to the whole world's prosperity and development. The article says the Chinese leaders' decision of reform and opening-up 30 years ago has directly influenced the development of contemporary China...

People's Daily, 22 December 2008

**Chinese leader: Use crisis as driving force for economic restructure**

Senior Chinese leader has urged Shanghai, the country's major economic hub, to use the global financial crisis as a driving force to pursue economic restructuring. Shanghai should focus on developing equipment manufacturing, modern logistics, financial services, electronic commerce, culture innovations and capsulation, said Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), during his trip to Shanghai from Dec. 19-2...

Taipei Times, 22 December 2008

**Editorial: Beijing's bid to 'internalize' Taiwan**

One of the key components of Beijing's policy on Taiwan and Tibet has been to internalize the problems and to fight efforts by so-called "separatists" to internationalize them. As the Chinese government accused in Question 38 of the 100 Questions about Tibet booklet it published in 1989, the Dalai Lama has aimed "to

internationalize the Tibet Question" through his "New Proposal" of 1988 and meetings with leaders of other countries, efforts that continue to be met with the strongest of opposition by Beijing...

Taipei Times, 22 December 2008

**THE LIBERTY TIMES EDITORIAL: Blink and Taiwan will be sold out**

Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference member Hu Angang once said there is no need for China to take up arms against Taiwan, and that doing so would be the worst option. Hu said Taiwan's economic dependence on China runs so deep that economic sanctions would bring Taiwan to its knees in seven days. In Hu's words, Taiwan is like a diabetes patient in need of China's insulin...

The Times of India, 23 December 2008

**China still reluctant to pressurise Pak against terrorism**

Beijing: The Chinese foreign ministry has finally spoken on the India-Pakistan-China axis amidst the rising tensions over the Mumbai attacks. But the statements show that Beijing still reluctant to pressurise Islamabad to come clean on the antecedents of the terrorists. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Qin Gang on Tuesday expressed the hope that India and Pakistan will cooperate with each other in the investigations into the Mumbai attack...

People's Daily, 23 December 2008

**China to 'seriously consider' building aircraft carrier**

China's Ministry of National Defense spokesman said Tuesday that aircraft carriers are "a reflection of a nation's comprehensive power" and are needed to meet the demands of a country's navy. The Chinese government would seriously consider "relevant issues" with "factors in every aspects" on building its first ever aircraft carrier, said the spokesman Huang Xueping when responding to a question on whether it was a good opportunity at present to build China's aircraft carrier, at a press conference...

People's Daily, 23 December 2008

**China requests WTO probe into U.S. anti-dumping measures**

China on Monday asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to establish an expert panel to investigate U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties on Chinese products which may violate WTO trade rules. The U.S. measures at issue "appear to raise a number of WTO concerns," and China "is deeply concerned" about the compatibility of these measures with U.S. obligations in the WTO, the Chinese delegation told a meeting of the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB)...

Taipei Times, 23 December 2008

**KMT cannot be a substitute for government, DPP says**

The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) caucus yesterday accused the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) of replacing the government in cross-strait negotiations and said it was bringing back the old "party-state." DPP caucus whip William Lai told a press conference in Taipei that Taiwan-China talks should proceed within a government-to-government framework, rather than party to party...

Taipei Times, 23 December 2008

**Editorial: Stepping into the spies den**

"Anyone wanting to betray the country could do so without having to go to China," said Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) Legislator Shuai Hua-min on the weekend in defense of looser regulations for senior political, military and intelligence officials

visiting China. Quite right, but looser rules make it a hell of a lot easier to betray the country...

Asian Age, 30 December 2008

### **Dragon in our backyard By Brahma Chellaney**

While India has remained fixated on the "Jihadistan" to its west - with an indecisive Indian leadership's addiction to empty rhetoric allowing an open-and-shut case against Pakistan over the Mumbai terrorist assaults to go by - Communist China has made its first-ever deployment of a naval task force beyond the Pacific by dispatching battle-ready warships to India's backyard. The task force comprising two destroyers and a supply ship is starting escorts and patrols along the Indian Ocean rim in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden. This move, under the banner of internationalism, aims to extend China's maritime role and presence far from its shores while demonstrating, under UN rules of engagement, a capability to conduct complex operations in distant waters where Indian, US, Iranian and Russian navies are already active. Earlier, the anti-piracy plank also came handy to Beijing to agree to joint patrols with Pakistan in the Arabian Sea and extend cooperation to Asean. Significantly, Beijing is seeking to chip away at India's maritime pre-eminence in the Indian Ocean - a theatre critical to fashioning a Sino-centric Asia, if China can assert naval power there to protect its commercial interests and to expand its influence over the regional waterways and states. As the state-run China Daily put it, quoting a military analyst, a "key goal" in battling pirates in Indian Ocean waters off Somalia "is to register the presence of the Chinese Navy

Indian Express, 31 December 2008

### **India, China to hold new round of boundary talks: Pranab**

India and China will hold a new round of negotiations on the vexed border issue which is an area of 'differences and divergences' despite bilateral relations having witnessed 'visible' improvement, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Tuesday. "Of course there are areas of concern...not concern, but areas of differences and divergences with regard to the border dispute," Mukherjee said when asked about the future of Sino-Indian relationship

Indian Express, 31 December 2008

### **The Chinese way**

The latest edition of CPM mouthpiece People's Democracy carries a series of articles tracking the economic reforms undertaken by China three decades ago. The main article by Sitaram Yechury says China opened up its economy and thereby released the potential growth of productive forces even while firmly adhering to its four cardinal principles (Marxism-Leninism and Mao Zedong Thought; the socialist road; people's democratic dictatorship; and leadership of the Communist Party)

People's Daily, 31 December 2008

### **Chinese President promotes military values**

President Hu Jintao, who is also the Chairman of the Central Military Commission, wants Chinese soldiers to adopt core military values. The traditions include loyalty to country and its people, devotion to their career and upholding military glory. Hu made the remarks in a recent meeting with senior military leaders in Beijing

Taipei Times, 31 December 2008

### **EDITORIAL: China's charter crackdown**

Over the past few days, China has continued an arbitrary crackdown on the signatories of Charter 08 - a move that flies in the face of its own laws. Beijing has

not recovered from the shock of the charter, a bold call for democratic reforms signed by hundreds of concerned citizens - including government officials - and it is not prepared to forgive. Three weeks after the charter's release, Liu Xiaobo , former chairman of the non-governmental organization Independent Chinese PEN and a participant in the Tiananmen protests of 1989, spent his birthday in incommunicado detention