

People's Daily, 1 January 2008

China-ASEAN cooperation sees remarkable improvement

The cooperative relations between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have experienced smooth development, especially in the fields of politics, trade, and investment, in recent years. "The multifaceted cooperation between China and ASEAN has been the best over the past 15 years," Associate Prof. Dr. Do Tien Sam at Vietnam's Institute for Chinese Studies told Xinhua recently.

The Taipei Times, 2 January 2008

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The China Post, 2 January 2008

Taiwan president says US caving in to Chinese pressure to opposes island's UN referendum

TAIPEI, Taiwan -- Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian said Tuesday that the United States is caving in to Chinese pressure and disregarding democratic values by opposing the island's referendum on its attempt to join the U.N.

The Asahi Shimbun, 2 January 2008

China's sudden show of force sent SDF jets scrambling

TAIPEI--Aggressive military action by China's air force in the East China Sea triggered alarm in Japan that resulted in emergency scrambling by Self-Defense Forces fighter jets on two days in September. Chinese bombers made more than 40 sorties in airspace around the disputed Chunxiao gas field, known as Shirakaba in Japanese. SDF jets were scrambled 12 times, according to Taiwanese military sources.

The Taipei Times, 3 January 2008

Can the KMT exist without China?

The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) tends to get agitated whenever its opponents accuse it of being pro-China. By taking a long, hard look at its recent conduct, however, party moderates would perhaps understand why. Late last week, the KMT called on voters not to vote in the two referendums -- one proposed by the Democratic Progressive Party and the other its own -- that are to be held simultaneously with legislative elections on Jan. 12.

People's Daily, 4 January 2008

FM spokeswoman: China expects all participants in six-party talks fulfil commitments

China expected that all concerned parties would continue to fulfil their commitments in earnest and implement the second phase action plan on resolving the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue in an all-round and balanced manner, said Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Jiang Yu on Thursday.

The China Daily, 4 January 2008

China to build 1st 3G nuclear plant in March

BEIJING -- The construction of China's first third-generation nuclear plant, the Sanmen power plant, is set to begin in March, the State Nuclear Power Technology Company (SNPTC) said Thursday. Wang Binghua, SNPTC's chairman of the board, said the plant in east China's Zhejiang Province was expected to generate power by August 2013. It would also become the world's first AP1000 nuclear plant.

The China Post, 4 January 2008

Indian prime minister to visit China: Beijing

BEIJING -- Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will visit China this month as the two nations seek to end a decades-old border dispute and push forward warming ties, Beijing said. Singh will visit China from Jan. 13 to 15, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters, offering few specifics on the trip.

People's Daily, 6 January 2008

Chinese FM talks over phone with Pakistani counterpart

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi called his Pakistani counterpart Inamul Haq on Saturday and the two sides exchanged views on Pakistan's current situation. The Chinese foreign minister said that a stable Pakistan serves not only the national interests of the Pakistani people, but also that of the whole region and the international community.

The Korea Herald, 7 January 2008

China has contingency plans if N.K. becomes unstable: U.S. think tank

China has contingency plans to dispatch troops to North Korea should its neighbor become politically unstable, says a report by American think tanks based on interviews with Chinese specialists in Pyongyang, Yonhap News Agency reported.

People's Daily, 8 January 2008

Chinese FM: Top U.S. nuclear envoy Hill to visit China

Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that top U.S. envoy on the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula Christopher Hill will visit China from Jan. 10 to 11 as part of his four-country tour for consultations about the resumption of the six-party talks.

People's Daily, 8 January 2008

China to send envoy to visit ROK

Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi will visit the Republic of Korea (ROK) in mid January as an envoy of the Chinese government, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said in

Beijing Tuesday. Park Geun-hye, former chairwoman of the ROK Grand National Party, will also visit China as an envoy of ROK President-elect Lee Myung-bak. Relevant arrangements were still under discussion, Jiang said.

People's Daily, 8 January 2008

China to launch 15 rockets, 17 satellites and 1 space craft in 2008

China will put on its aerospace agenda this year the launch of 15 rockets, 17 satellites and 1 spacecraft, revealed Huang Qiang, the Secretary General of the National Defense's Scientific and Technological Commission. He spoke at a news briefing during the 2008 National Defense Scientific and Technological Work Conference on January 7.

The Korea Herald, 8 January 2008

China planning to secure North Korea's nuclear arsenal: report

China has contingency plans to dispatch troops into North Korea and secure nuclear weapons in the event of instability in the hardline communist state, according to US experts who have talked to Chinese military researchers quoted as saying by AFP.

The Times of India, 8 January 2008

◆??Stand up to China◆??

It's difficult to assess whether border talks between India and China are moving in the right direction or whether they have been held hostage to some hard bargaining by China. Repeated Chinese incursions ◆?? as reported by the ITBP recently ◆?? indicate the complexities involved in the issue despite an official citation of "incremental progress" made on the niggling boundary issue. The 2005 agreement between India and China inspired optimism but belligerent public posturing by Chinese officials ◆?? starting with ambassador Sun Yuxi's statement, the denial of travel visa to an IAS officer and Beijing's submission that "mere presence" of populated areas would not affect its claim ◆?? has dented the 10-point political road map for a lasting and mutually agreeable boundary settlement.

The Indian Express, 8 January 2008

◆??A lot to learn from India, says China◆??

New Delhi, January 8: China, which will be hosting Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for three days starting January 13, said it has a lot to learn from India in the field of information technology, and space and ocean sciences. "India has made great achievements in the technologies related to information technology, space and ocean. It is specially worth mentioning that the software industry of India has taken a lead role in the world. We can learn a lot from our Indian counterparts in these areas," Chinese Vice-Minister for Trade Yi Xiaozhun said at a UNIDO seminar at Vienna.

The Indian Express, 9 January 2008

Border talks on right track, says China

Beijing, Jan 8: Ahead of PM Manmohan Singh's visit, China on Tuesday said talks on the boundary issue with India had made ??????positive and important progress?????? and

Beijing was willing to reach a fair and reasonable resolution framework acceptable to both at an early date. ...The two sides have shown their positive political response and we are willing to work together with India so as to reach a fair and reasonable resolution framework acceptable to both at an early date so as to build a friendly and peaceful border area, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu told reporters here.

People's Daily, 10 January 2008

Top U.S. nuclear envoy arrives to boost six-party talks

Top U.S. nuclear envoy Christopher Hill arrived in Beijing on Thursday afternoon to consult on the resumption of the six-party nuclear talks. He did not take any question at the airport, nor make any comments. Sources with the U.S. embassy in China said Hill would meet with Wu Dawei, Chinese vice foreign minister and chief negotiator of the six-party talks, on Thursday afternoon. He is expected to leave Beijing for Russia on Friday.

People's Daily, 10 January 2008

China-India relations elevated to a new plane

Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India, will kick off his official three-day visit to China on January 13. The People's Daily resident reporter in India recently interviewed Chinese Ambassador to India, Zhangyan, and invited his comments on this visit and the development of China-India relations.

People's Daily, 10 January 2008

China considers dialogue best solution to Iran nuclear issue

China considered dialogue and consultation would be the best solution to the Iranian nuclear issue, said a spokeswoman of the foreign ministry on Thursday. Jiang Yu, the spokeswoman, was asked about U.S. President Bush having gotten some international banks to halt financing to Iran after finding that some Iranian companies had used those banks to channel funding for terrorist organizations.

The Chosun Ilbo, 10 January 2008

China Will Cooperate With West in N.Korea Emergency

China is apparently willing to cooperating with the UN and consult the U.S. when tackling future emergencies in North Korea such as leader Kim Jong-ils death, American think tanks say. The Center for Strategic and International Studies and the U.S. Institute of Peace predict Chinas possible responses to emergencies in the North in a joint report entitled Keeping an Eye on an Unruly Neighbor.

The Hindustan Times, 10 January 2008

◆??Wok more, talk less◆??

Prime Ministerial visits to neighbouring countries are always of great importance. And Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's three-day visit, starting January 13, to China is no exception. Since the UPA government came to power in 2004, we have already had two high-level visits by President Hu Jintao, as well as that by Premier Wen Jiabao. Sonia

Gandhi's goodwill visit towards the end of last year, too, was billed high by the Chinese.

The Hindu, 10 January 2008

For a formidable economic engagement across the Himalayas

Manmohan Singh's message during his visit to China next week will possibly emphasise the necessity of developing a multi-faceted bilateral engagement, moving away from the uni-dimensional focus on the boundary dispute. When Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visits China next week, he will be accompanied by a 25-plus member business delegation, comprising the big guns of India Inc. from a range of sectors including manufacturing and IT. On January 14, some 400 members of China's business and government community will gather at a summit in Beijing organised by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), to meet these captains of Indian industry. Ideas will be exchanged to diversify the economic engagement across the Himalayas. A few business deals will be signed.

The Indian Express, 10 January 2008

China keen on more military exercises with India

New Delhi, January 10: With India and China breaking new ground in their ties by holding first-ever joint military exercises, Beijing favours more such endeavours, saying these would enhance "confidence and trust" necessary for tranquility along the border and stability in the region. The two sides could be holding the second joint military exercises, details of which are to be worked out. "It is a very good development. We want to see more cooperation between the two armies. It can help build confidence, build trust," said Chinese Ambassador to India Zhang Yan.

The Indian Express, 10 January 2008

Ties with India witnessing sound momentum: China

Beijing, January 10: China on Thursday said its ties with India were witnessing "a sound momentum" and expressed the hope that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's upcoming visit would further enhance the strategic partnership of cooperation between the two countries. The two sides would exchange views in depth on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common interest during Singh's meetings with the Chinese leadership during his three-day visit to the Communist nation from January 13, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu told reporters here.

The Indian Express, 10 January 2008

Chinese cos keen on Indian market

New Delhi, January 10: Ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Beijing, China has said its companies are keen to invest in India in a big way but sought "level playing field" and easing of restrictions to attract them. As the two countries prepare to discuss ways to enhance trade and economic relations, Chinese Ambassador Zhang Yan said the companies from all sectors, particularly infrastructure, housing and tourism are interested in investing in India.

People's Daily, 11 January 2008

Indian PM's visit expected to enhance friendship

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is due to come on Sunday, or January 13, for a three-day official visit, and it is his first visit to China as prime minister. The last visit by the India side was made four years back, when then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited China in 2003.

People's Daily, 11 January 2008

Indian PM hopes to further boost relations with China through visit

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Thursday that he expected his upcoming visit to China could shape a relationship that befits the two countries and their future generations. "I am going with an open mind to hold free and frank discussions on all issues of common interests with a view to shaping a relationship that befits our two countries and our future generations," Singh said in a written interview with Xinhua.

The Hindu, 11 January 2008

An occasion for India to think big

For any major international power, developing bilateral relations with China inevitably involves coming to terms with its phenomenal rise. For major regional powers such as Russia, Japan, Vietnam and India, this is particularly acute because the Asian security scenario also happens to be very dynamic.

The Hindustan Times, 11 January 2008

◆??On Pakistan mess, monologue yes, dialogue no?◆??

New Delhi: In international affairs, the term "strategic" is an oft-abused one. India and China agreed in 2005 that bilateral relations had acquired a "global and strategic character"; in 2006 they argued their ties were of "global and strategic significance". But what does this amount to in concrete terms? Are New Delhi and Beijing in a position to, say, have a substantive discussion on Pakistan, China's all-weather ally, during the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh?

The Hindu, 11 January 2008

Waiting for Manmohan Singh

By not speaking at Peking University, the Prime Minister will miss out on a chance to help build trust among the Chinese people, something that can never be achieved merely through discussions between the top leadership, feels a Professor at the Centre for India Studies. Harsh, northerly winds sweep across the campus of Peking University, China◆??s most prestigious centre for higher education. The trees are starved of leaves, and woollen-clad students scurry around with nervous energy born of ongoing examinations. In a rectangular room housed in a nondescript building by the university◆??s east gate, a further pall of gloom hangs over the half-a-dozen gathered students and their teacher, Professor Jiang Jinkui.

The Indian Express, 11 January 2008

◆??India◆??s tourism office in Beijing delayed by another 3 months◆??

New Delhi, January 10: It seems, the inauguration of India◆??s first tourism office in China is jinxed. Scheduled to be opened later this month, the inauguration has been put off by another three months. It was earlier stalled by seven months following a disagreement over the location of the office. ◆??The office will be opened in the first week of April now,◆?? Tourism Secretary Sheelbhadra Banerjee told The Indian Express. ◆??We are still waiting for some clearances from the Chinese Government. Now we have adequate time for all that,◆?? he added.

The Hindu, 11 January 2008

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The strategic community in India should rise above getting bogged down in contentious issues on the eve of the Prime Minister◆??s visit to China. For any major international power, developing bilateral relations with China inevitably involves coming to terms with its phenomenal rise. For major regional powers such as Russia, Japan, Vietnam and India, this is particularly acute because the Asian security scenario also happens to be very dynamic.

The Hindu, 11 January 2008

◆??PM: India not part of ◆??contain China◆?? effort◆??

New Delhi: India is not part of any ◆??so-called contain China◆?? effort and its engagement with Beijing is a ◆??priority◆?? and ◆??imperative necessity,◆?? Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Thursday. ◆??I have made it clear to the Chinese leadership that India is not part of any so-called contain China effort,◆?? he told reporters when asked about the four-nation security dialogue among the U.S., Japan, Australia and India. Dr. Singh, who is making his maiden visit to China as Prime Minister from Sunday, said there was ◆??no misunderstanding◆?? between India and China on the proposed dialogue among the four nations which, he added, ◆??never got going.◆??

The Hindu, 11 January 2008

Cabinet clears MoUs to be signed in China

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday cleared memoranda of understanding to be signed during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh◆??s three-day visit to China. The agreements relate to collaboration in traditional systems of medicine, geosciences, railways, planning, land resource management and housing. In traditional medicine, the agreement will provide for development of the systems in both countries and adoption of common strategies for their global positioning.

The Indian Express, 11 January 2008

◆??Boundary talks slow so PM will push for faster clarification on LAC◆??

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10: As progress on a final settlement of the India-China boundary issue takes its slow, complex course, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is expected to push for revitalising efforts towards exchanging maps along the Line of Actual Control to clarify ◆??varying perceptions◆?? to reduce suspicion over troop movements. Singh◆??s visit to China, beginning Sunday, will also see both countries set fresh trade targets besides reflecting similar approaches on key global issues, including terrorism and climate change.

The Indian Express, 11 January 2008

◆??PM leaves no loose end to make China visit a success◆??

New Delhi, Jan 10: In a measure of the utmost importance that he wants to accord to his forthcoming China tour, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is burning the midnight oil and preparing hard for his three-day visit to Beijing. Singh has put his entire focus on his first ever official visit to China, cancelling all regular appointments to accommodate meetings with experts and officials dealing on Sino-Indian issues. While the objective obviously is not to have any loose ends that could signal an absence of adequate homework, sources in the government contend that the Prime Minister is anxious that the visit does not become just an incremental one◆??but throw up prospects for a longlasting relationship with Beijing.

People's Daily, 12 January 2008

China, Costa Rica work on possible free trade deal

Trade officials from Costa Rica and China on Friday concluded their first technical meeting on a possible free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries. Reviewing the results of the meeting, Costa Rica's Foreign Trade Minister Marco Vinicio Ruiz said the framework to study the FTA had been set.

People's Daily, 12 January 2008

Chinese ambassador says ties with India getting closer

The strategic and cooperative partnership between China and India has entered a fast track and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's forthcoming visit to China will further push forward the good-neighborly and cooperative ties between the two countries, the Chinese ambassador has said.

The Hindu, 12 January 2008

◆??Belgaum student for China◆??

Belgaum: Sameer Suresh Ambar, a postgraduate student in cardiology at the KLE Society◆??s J.N. Medical College here has been selected for the Joint Indo-China Dr. Kotnis Medical Mission to China from January 12 to 21. The event has been organised to commemorate 70th anniversary of the Indian Medical Mission in China. The mission is a

joint venture of India and China in which 10 young doctors from India are selected to visit China to study the health care system in China. Similarly, 10 doctors from China will visit India. Dr. Ambar is one of the 10 doctors who left for China on Thursday, according to a release from the college.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

◆??China border issue our strategic aim◆??

Beijing, January 11: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said India and China should pursue an early settlement of the boundary issue as a ◆??strategic objective◆?? while not allowing such differences to affect the ◆??positive development◆?? of the bilateral ties. ◆??I am going (to China) with an open mind to hold free and frank discussions on all issues of common interests with a view to shaping a relationship that befits our two countries and our future generations,◆?? Singh said in a written interview to the official Xinhua news agency published on Friday, a day before he undertakes his maiden trip to the Communist nation.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

◆??India, China committed to maintaining peace: Menon◆??

New Delhi, Jan 11: Ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh◆??s three-day visit to China, New Delhi on Friday conceded that there are differences of perception with Beijing over certain areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) but both countries were committed to maintaining peace and tranquility along the border. ◆??There are individual areas where we think there are activities and infrastructure development. We have ways of dealing with this and it has always been successful,◆?? foreign secretary Shivshankar Menon said when asked on recent reports of Chinese incursions in Arunachal Pradesh. ◆??We have worked together to maintain peace and tranquility along the border... We do have areas where we have differences of perception. We do not see any change in the situation. The border is peaceful and has remained peaceful,◆?? he said.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

India must learn from the China◆??s mistakes: Economist

Kolkata, January 12: India should learn from the mistakes of China so far as industrialisation and opening up of the economy was concerned, Chinese economist Chun Lin said on Friday. "Chinese economy has gone through a massive transformation in the last thirty years and the socialist economy during the Mao Zedong reign has been radically changed to a pro capitalist economy," Lin, an economist at the London School of Economics said speaking at the Sarat Kumar Bose Lecture 2008 at Netaji Bhawan here. China in the post Mao reign opened up the economy allowing multi-nationals to use human resources to meet their demands, which was a mistake, he said.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

Red carpet welcome awaits Manmohan Singh in Beijing

Beijing, January 12: Seeking to add greater thrust to economic ties and momentum to the boundary talks, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrives in Beijing on Sunday to a red carpet welcome on a three-day maiden visit to China. During the visit confined to Beijing, Singh would hold talks with the Chinese President Hu Jintao and his counterpart Wen Jiabao on an entire range of bilateral issues and on matters of global and regional concern.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

India-China ties poised to enter dynamic phase: PM

New Delhi, Jan 12 : Striking a positive note before talks with the top Chinese leadership, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday said India-China relations were now poised to enter a vibrant and dynamic phase. Singh, who arrives in Beijing on Sunday on a three-day visit, said China was India's largest neighbour and a focal point of its Look East policy. "We attach high priority to strengthening our relations with China," Singh said in a departure statement. Singh will be holding wide-ranging talks with his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao and call on President Hu Jintao.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

PM begins China trip, focus on border issue

New Delhi, January 12: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will begin a three-day visit to China on Sunday with hopes of pushing forward bilateral relations through comprehensive economic engagement and developing cooperation in various areas, including defence and security. Singh, who will be making his maiden visit as Prime Minister, will meet his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao over a one-on-one dinner on Sunday before holding wide-ranging delegation-level talks on Monday.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2008

China does intrude into India, admits India

New Delhi, January 12: Ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to China, India has said that the Chinese army "sometimes" does intrude on its territory but the issues are addressed through established mechanisms. It also hinted its backing to Sri Lanka army's action against Tamil Tigers saying any country is free to take action against terrorists within its legal system. "Sometimes the incursions take place. Every incursion is taken care of. It's being addressed through the established mechanism," External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee was quoted as saying in an interview.

People's Daily, 13 January 2008

Defense minister leaves for visits to three Asian nations

Chinese Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan leaves here Sunday for official friendly visits to three Asian countries, namely Brunei, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia. Cao is invited by

the defense ministry of Brunei, Indonesian Minister of Defense Juwono Sudarsono and Saudi Arabian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Aviation and Inspector General Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz, who is also the crown prince.

People's Daily, 13 January 2008

China's first nuclear power plant completes major overhaul

Major repair work on the first phase of the Qinshan nuclear power plant, the first Chinese facility of its kind which began operation in 1991, was completed on Saturday. The overhaul has enormously improved the reliability and safety of the reactor and has amassed precious experience for operating, repairing and upgrading other nuclear power plants in China, said He Xiaojian, general manager of Qinshan Nuclear Power Company of China National Nuclear Power Corporation.

The Yomiuri Shimbun, 13 January 2008

For China, stability comes before democracy

One of the biggest questions concerning the future of East Asia will be the internal evolution of the Chinese political system. China is undergoing breakneck economic development and emerging as a global superpower under the leadership of an authoritarian Communist Party that cannot legitimate itself either democratically or on the basis of its own Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The Korea Herald, 13 January 2008

China, U.S. Make Plans for North Korea Collapse, Reports Say

China and the U.S.-South Korean alliance have begun planning for military intervention in case the Kim Jong Il regime in North Korea collapses, according to two newly published studies -- one of which foresees a race to occupy and control the impoverished communist country, according to Bloomberg News.

The Hindu, 13 January 2008

Ties with China poised for vibrant phase: Manmohan

NEW DELHI: On the eve of his maiden visit to China, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said relations with Beijing were poised to enter a dynamic and vibrant phase. Our bilateral relations are now poised to enter a vibrant and dynamic phase, based on a common recognition that the growth and development of both India and China will make positive and long-term contributions to regional and global peace, security and stability, he said.

The Tribune, 13 January 2008

Pranab admits Chinese incursions

Allaying apprehensions about Chinese incursions across the Line of Actual Control (LAC), external affairs minister Pranab Mukherjee said there were some Chinese incursions but there was no need to press a panic button, as the issue was being addressed through adequate mechanisms.

The Indian Express, 13 January 2008

◆??Trade barriers a concern◆??

Beijing, Jan 12 : India on Saturday conveyed its concerns to China about technical and discriminatory trade barriers, as it pitched for expanding the trade basket and reducing trade deficit ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's arrival here on Sunday. New Delhi made it clear that a large trade deficit was not healthy for a sustaining trade relationship and, concurring with the view, Beijing agreed to send buying missions in a move that may help the nation expand its trade basket.

The Indian Express, 13 January 2008

Pranab admits Chinese incursions, but says no need to panic

New Delhi, January 12 : Ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to China, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee has said Chinese incursions have taken place sometimes across the Line of Actual Control, but felt there was no need to press any panic button. There is nothing to be worried of at this point of time and the mechanisms which we have are doing well, Mukherjee told Karan Thapar on CNN-IBN's Devil's Advocate. Sometimes incursions take place. We immediately take it up. Mechanisms have been established through which we address these type of problems, he said. On whether the frequency of incursions have increased, he said: It is not unusual (but) it has not suddenly increased.

The Indian Express, 13 January 2008

PM crosses the Great Wall to engage China

Beijing, Jan 13: India's fifth premier to visit China, Manmohan Singh, arrived here on Sunday, seeking to push the Indo-Chinese relations to a vibrant and dynamic phase. Strengthening the bilateral economic engagement is a key focus of his three-day agenda. On Monday, he is scheduled to deliver his keynote address at the India-China Economic, Trade and Investment Cooperation Summit—an event organised by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, which will be attended by 400 members of China's business and government community.

The Hindu, 14 January 2008

China is positive towards civilian nuclear cooperation with India

Beijing: Some concrete steps towards an understanding on civilian nuclear cooperation, going beyond the positive but little-noticed paragraph on the subject in the Joint Declaration issued during President Hu Jintao's state visit to India in November 2006, could be a surprise outcome of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to China.

The Indian Express, 14 January 2008

Let us understand each other, think out of the box, PM tells Beijing

BEIJING, JANUARY 13: Signalling a mindset change and a renewed effort to build trust, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today defined Indias relationship with China as an essay in comprehension. He went on to acknowledge his counterpart Wen Jiabaos understanding of the two countries as rising knowledge economy powers and told him that empires of the future are empires of the mind.

People's Daily, 14 January 2008

US admiral's visit to boost ties

US Pacific Command Commander-In-Chief Timothy Keating yesterday started his second visit to China in less than a year - a trip Chinese observers say would help strengthen military ties between the two countries. The admiral is scheduled to meet with senior foreign affairs officials and high-ranking military officials from the Central Military Commission and the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) today.

The Taipei Times, 14 January 2008

Taiwan and fear in US-China ties By Joseph S. Nye

Opinion polls indicate that one-third of Americans believe that China will "soon dominate the world," while nearly half view China's emergence as a "threat to world peace." In turn, many Chinese fear that the US will not accept their "peaceful rise." Americans and Chinese must avoid such exaggerated fears. Maintaining good US-China relations will be a key determinant of global stability in this century.

The New York Times, 14 January 2008

Taiwan Election May Ease Tensions With China

TAIPEI, Taiwan The landslide victory for the opposition Kuomintang in Taiwans parliamentary elections could sharply reduce the political influence of President Chen Shui-bian, who has antagonized China and frustrated the United States with his efforts to forge a strong national identity for Taiwan.

The Hindu, 14 January 2008

◆??PM address at the India-China Economic, Trade and Investment Summit◆??

The India-China Economic Trade and Investment Summit is a unique gathering of businesspersons representing the two most populous countries of the world. You have grown competitive by starting from continent - sized markets and graduating to world markets. You are the symbols of the growth stories in India and China. We salute your dynamism and entrepreneurship. Your meeting today is an expression of your confidence in the potential for economic cooperation between India and China. It is equally a testimony to the progress that business communities from both sides have made in working with each other.

The Times of India, 14 January 2008

Let's Get Real

When CIA and MI6 operatives descended on Tripoli, Libya, on December 12, 2003 they were astonished at the amount of documentation they recovered on Pakistan's clandestine

nuclear assistance to Colonel Gaddafi's regime. The documents recovered included designs of nuclear weapons and other data stuffed into a bag of Pakistani scientist A Q Khan's favourite tailors in Rawalpindi. The nuclear weapons designs were all Chinese. China has violated all international treaties and obligations in supplying Pakistan with nuclear weapons designs, nuclear enrichment know-how and designs and assistance required by Pakistan for developing missile capabilities to strike towns and cities across India. This three-decade-long Sino-Pakistan nuclear and missile nexus still continues, posing a danger not only to India, but given the growing role of jihadis in Pakistan, to the international community itself.

The Times of India, 14 January 2008

◆??China eyes Indian investment◆??

BEIJING: The Chinese government is looking at major Indian companies to invest in the country. The attempt is to reframe China◆??s image in India from being a source for cheap goods to an investment destination. ◆??We would like to see investments from big Indian companies like Tatas and Reliance,◆?? Wang Jinghen, vice chairman of the China Council for Promotion of International Trade told TOI. A large number of Chinese companies are looking at investment possibilities in India. This is evident from the fact that about 400 businessmen representing 300 odd Chinese companies will be attending a business conference, which will be addressed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and commerce minister Kamal Nath in Beijing on Monday.

The Indian Express, 14 January 2008

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The Hindu, 14 January 2008

◆??India has no option but to engage China: Manmohan◆??

Beijing: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met captains of Indian industry here on Sunday afternoon to take measure of their concerns and requests regarding the government◆??s role in shaping the evolution of cross-Himalayan economic ties. The half-an-hour-long meeting was held a day ahead of a speech that Dr. Singh will give at a

business meeting organised by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade on Monday morning. The Prime Minister is expected to use this speech to spell out his vision of the future of the Sino-Indian economic engagement.

The Hindu, 14 January 2008

◆??Manmohan offers funds to Centre for India Studies◆??

Beijing: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrived in China on Sunday morning, bearing gifts. Only a few hours after his plane touched down here, the Prime Minister met students from the Centre for India Studies at Peking University, and much to their delight announced funding to the tune of Rs.75 lakh in support of the centre. The centre, the only one of its kind in all China, was inaugurated almost five years ago in June 2003, by the last Prime Minister to visit the Chinese capital, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It has so far been dependent to a large extent on a Rs. 50 lakh grant from the Indian government that was released in stages spread out over a five-year period from 2003 to 2008.

The Hindu, 14 January 2008

◆??Zee looking for landing rights◆??

Beijing: Zee Entertainment is looking to become the first Indian television company to develop a presence in China, according to Subhash Chandra, Chairman of Zee Entertainment Enterprises. In an interview to The Hindu, Mr. Chandra revealed that Zee has applied for TV landing rights in the Chinese mainland which would allow it to be part of the bouquet of channels offered by satellite operators. Although ZEE applied for landing rights permission more than a year ago, in September 2006, Beijing has yet to give its approval. However, Mr. Chandra is hopeful that a breakthrough might be announced during Manmohan Singh◆??s visit.

The Indian Express, 14 January 2008

◆??N-energy, UN: China and India signal friendship, not rivalry◆??

BEIJING, JANUARY 14: Seeking hard to drive home the point at the highest level that India and China are not rivals but partners, Beijing today took an incremental step forward endorsing New Delhi◆??s aspirations both in the civilian nuclear field and in obtaining a permanent berth in the United Nations Security Council. Much of this had to do with the positive relationship Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao seemed to have struck over a period of time and also during the visit. Before entering the closed-door meeting with Wen, the Prime Minister is believed to have told him that he felt like he was dealing with family and that, somehow, it appeared that their ancestors may have been related. It◆??s learnt that Wen immediately held his hand and told Singh that he treats him like his◆??elder brother◆??.

People's Daily, 15 January 2008

Frequent visits make friends closer

The year 2008 is a year of jubilation for the Chinese people. On these golden days of the early year, we take pride in greeting Prime Minister Manmohan Singh from India, a

friendly neighbor, on his first trip to China in his term of office.

People's Daily, 15 January 2008

China voices willingness to boost military ties with U.S.

A senior Chinese military officer said in Beijing Tuesday that China expected to improve relation with the U.S. military through high-level visits and communications in related fields. Deputy head of the Foreign Affairs Office of China's Defense Ministry, Ding Jingong, said China held a positive attitude toward developing Sino-U.S. military relations as he commented on the visit of Timothy Keating, chief of the U.S. Pacific Command.

The Tribune, 15 January 2008

PM calls for level-playing field

India and China firmly grasped the nettle to make business the principal propellant for rapid advancement of the growing bilateral relationship. Economic cooperation between us has become a principal driver of our strategic and cooperative partnership for peace and prosperity, was the upbeat note struck by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in his address at the India-China Economic, Trade and Investment Summit here yesterday.

The Times of India, 15 January 2008

◆??India, China aim for \$60-billion trade by '10◆??

BEIJING: India and China on Monday raised the target for two-way trade between the two Asian giants by 50% pegging it at \$60 billion for 2010. The radical revision of the target came even as Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called for a "level playing field". Taking up the case of Indian business against China's aggressive mercantile practices which have resulted in India running a huge and still-growing trade deficit, Singh favoured removal of non-tariff barriers, administered exchange rates and a strengthening of an Intellectual Property Rights regime by the Chinese authorities.

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??Beijing thaw◆??

In nudging Communist China to acknowledge India◆??s standing as a de facto nuclear weapon state and agree on bilateral civilian atomic energy cooperation, Dr Manmohan Singh has exceeded all expectations about his maiden visit to Beijing as India◆??s prime minister. The seemingly simple joint formulation in Beijing on Monday ◆?? ◆??as two countries with advanced scientific capabilities, the two sides pledge to promote bilateral cooperation in civil nuclear energy, consistent with their respective international commitments◆?? ◆?? marks an important political triumph for Dr Singh. The new warmth he has generated with the Chinese leaders, marked by an unprecedented joint declaration on the shared vision between New Delhi and Beijing for the 21st century, should help get the Communist parties off his back at home. By injecting real strategic content into Sino-Indian relations, he has at once underwritten the enduring independence of India◆??s foreign policy and improved the prospects for the implementation of the

nuclear deal with the United States.

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??PM in China seeks intl cooperation in civil nuke energy◆??

Beijing, January 15: : India sought international cooperation in the field of civilian nuclear energy, including with China, a day after New Delhi secured a "new pledge" from Beijing to cooperate in the area of atomic power. "We can do much more to jointly develop clean and energy efficient technologies through collaborative research and development. India seeks international cooperation in the field of civilian nuclear energy, including with China," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said in a speech to Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the premier think-tank of China, in Beijing. The Prime Minister said the rapid growth of India and China would lead to expanding demand for energy.

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??PM hopes for settlement of China border row◆??

Beijing, January 15:: As India and China continued their in-camera negotiations on the vexed boundary issue, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday expressed confidence that the two neighbours can find a "mutually satisfactory" solution to the border dispute. The boundary between the two countries is peaceful, Singh said addressing scholars at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the premier think-tank of China. "We are both determined to keep it so while our Special Representatives seek a settlement of the boundary question."

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??We cannot remain untouched by China's rise: PM◆??

Beijing, January 15:: Sounding upbeat on his maiden visit, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Monday expressed optimism on India and China working closely together in creating a world of mutual prosperity, rather than one based on calculations of balance of power and animosity. "The rise of China is among the most important developments of our times," he said addressing scholars at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, a premier think tank in Beijing.

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??Rise of India, China beneficial to the world: PM◆??

Beijing, January 15: Wrapping up his visit on an upbeat note, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said the simultaneous rise of India and China will be beneficial not only for the two countries but also for Asia and the world. Before returning home, Singh called on Chinese President Hu Jintao, who congratulated the Prime Minister for the success of his "short but very productive" maiden visit to the country. "I have come here with the strong belief that our two countries must do everything in their power to strengthen our multi-faceted cooperation, build new ties of friendship and partnership," Singh said at his meeting with Hu at the ornate Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

The Indian Express, 15 January 2008

◆??China agrees to joint research in Tibet plateau◆??

BEIJING, JANUARY 14: India and China on Monday took a significant step in sharing information related to the Himalayas as for the first time they agreed to conduct studies on climatic and environmental changes in the Qinghai-Tibet plateau. As reported by The Indian Express first, India was keen on engaging China on scientific cooperation in areas such as earthquake research and climate change in the Himalayan ecology. This stems from the concerns in India over transnational rivers like the Brahmaputra and Sutlej. While rivers is an immediate issue, India felt that there were several other aspects related to the fragile Himalayan ecology that needed to be addressed. In this context, the Chinese willingness to carry out research in the Tibetan plateau could go a long way in building confidence.

The Hindu, 15 January 2008

A ◆??new era◆?? in ties with China: Congress

NEW DELHI: The Congress Party on Monday hailed what it called the ◆??inauguration of a new era◆?? in India-China relationship. ◆??We also welcome it because this is the consistent outlook of the ◆??Look East Policy◆?? of India which the party fully supports; the policy of inaugurating an era of exchanges and peace not only with our immediate neighbours but within the wider neighbourhood of Asia. These are significant confidence building measures and part of continuous and continuing process, ◆?? said AICC spokesman Abhishek Singhvi here.

The Times of India, 15 January 2008

◆??Pak figures prominently in Manmohan-Wen talks◆??

BEIJING: The Indo-Chinese joint statement, signed on Monday, said: "The Chinese side understands and supports India's aspirations to play a greater role in the United Nations, including in the Security Council." On India's quest for civil nuclear energy, the statement followed through the indication that had earlier come from Wen to drop its resistance.

The Times of India, 15 January 2008

◆??Chinese assurance on trans-border rivers◆??

BEIJING: China has assured India that it would ensure the "protection and rational use" of water resources in the trans-Himalayan rivers that flow to India from the upper reaches of the Himalayas on the Chinese side. Though the two nations did not actually sign an agreement on the issue, the assurance made by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao is significant in the light of fears in eastern India that plans for dam construction on the Chinese side might pose serious dangers on the lower reaches of rivers, including the Brahmaputra.

The Indian Express, 16 January 2008

Delhi, Beijing agree on roadmap to settle border

ON BOARD PMS AIRCRAFT, JANUARY 15: For the first time, India and China have formulated their own drafts on a possible framework agreement involving territorial concessions from either side towards a permanent settlement of the boundary dispute.

The Tribune, 16 January 2008

PM: China won't obstruct N-deal

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is optimistic that China will not be an obstacle when the matter of fuel supply for the Indo-US civil nuclear deal goes before the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). However, he said, I cannot say that I have an assurance today.

The Tribune, 16 January 2008

Sharing a vision: India, China opt for cooperation

THE Shared Vision document signed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and the statements made during Dr Singh's three-day visit to Beijing highlight the mutual realisation that there is no better alternative to enhancing cooperation between the two big neighbours.

The Tribune, 16 January 2008

Trading with Beijing Cheap Chinese goods remain a problem

Although India and China signed as many as 11 pacts during Dr Manmohan Singh's first visit to Beijing as Prime Minister, the existing trade imbalance is unlikely to end in the near future. India's trade deficit is worryingly high at \$9 billion. It was, therefore, natural for Dr Manmohan Singh to call for a level-playing field and ask for Chinese action on non-tariff barriers, intellectual property rights and market-related currency exchange rates.

People's Daily, 16 January 2008

Can China, Japan, India form

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visited China from January 13 to 15, and his three-day official visit came almost five years after then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's China trip in June 2003. And Dr. Singh's visit was crowned with a tremendous success.

People's Daily, 16 January 2008

New chapter for Sino-Indian relations as Singh ends China tour

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh wound up his three-day China visit on Tuesday after consensus-forging talks that analysts say opened a new chapter in Sino-Indian relations. The encouraging extent of the consensus, ranging from the signing of a strategic joint statement, "A Shared Vision for the 21st Century", to substantive deals such as new trade targets and planned military exchanges, will lead to stronger ties between the two big Asian nations, experts said.

The Hindustan Times, 16 January 2008

Chinese Toys

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's four-day visit to China is a reiteration of what

Beijing watchers have been saying for a while: there's a subtle, but sure shift from the political grandstanding of over four decades to a sort of quiet pragmatism in Sino-Indian relations. Both Beijing and New Delhi seem determined not to allow mutual concerns and suspicions to come in the way of improving bilateral ties. This is reflected in the unusual absence of rhetoric at the state level of late and a corresponding increase in official visits at different levels between the two countries. The unprecedented joint military exercises between the navies and armies of the two countries, for instance, with their focus on counter-terrorism, are direct spin-offs. So it is no surprise that the document **Shared Vision for the 21st Century** that Mr Singh and his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao signed last Monday (14 January 2008), boldly underlines the willingness of the two sides to cooperate in the civil nuclear sector.

The Hindustan Times, 16 January 2008

Bhai-bhai, a sequel

I had my Awara moment in Shanghai. **Yindu?** asked the cheerful owner of the hole-in-the-wall restaurant I stumbled across after a heavy day of sightseeing. Reassured by my nod, he broke into a monologue, which, punctuated as it was with the word Yindu, I figured was something about India or Indians. And, judging by the approving looks of the other diners in the small room, nice things too. That happens to me all the time in China. But then it came, slowly at first, then the beat picking up **Abalagu, u uu, abalagu**. Seeing that I wasn't quite getting his point, he presented the final proof of his familiarity with India, the title song of Awara, which was a runaway hit in China.

The Indian Express, 16 January 2008

You are a hero, I'm your admirer, Wen Jiabao told PM

These were the words of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a private dinner he hosted on Sunday. "I am also your admirer," Wen told Singh, according to highly-placed sources privy to details of the **restricted** meeting attended by only a few members of the Prime Minister's delegation from the Indian side. They said the Prime Minister and the Premier had an excellent equation from their earlier meetings in third countries and there were countless admirers for Singh's humility.

The Indian Express, 16 January 2008

India, China to keep contentious issues outside

On board PM's Special Aircraft, January 16:: India and China have decided to keep away "contentious" issues outside the purview of discussions their Special Representatives are having on the festering boundary issue. National Security Advisor and India's Special Representative, M K Narayanan and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister and Chinese Special Representative Dai Bingguo held discussions in Beijing on the sidelines of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit. Highly placed sources said issues like Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, which was recently claimed by the Chinese as belonging to it, was

kept out of the informal talks.

The Indian Express, 16 January 2008

◆??China gave no clear assurance on N-deal: PM◆??

On Board PM'S Special Aircraft, January 16:: India has sought Chinese support for its case in Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG) for India-specific waiver in implementation of the Indo-US civil nuclear cooperation deal but "no assurance" was forthcoming. Disclosing this, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told newsmen on board his Special Aircraft on way back from China that however he does not think Beijing would be an "obstacle" given the new relations between the two countries. He also said there was no time-limit for clearing the processes with the IAEA and NSG, though there were some "issues" to be sorted out and government cannot wish away Parliamentary arithmetic in a democracy.

The Indian Express, 16 January 2008

◆??Trade pact with China to take more time◆??

Gurgaon, January 16: India's market-enlarging pact with China is not expected this year as the proposal for the Regional Trade Agreement between the two fastest growing economies will be first examined by the trade ministers of the countries. "The two Prime Ministers have referred the report (of the Joint Study Group of officials) to their commerce ministers," Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath told reporters on the sidelines of the Partnership Summit in Gurgaon. Nath said he did not expect the agreement this year, adding that the report of the officials would have to be examined by the Joint Economic Group, headed jointly by the two ministers. The Indian industry would also be consulted before the government goes ahead and signs the RTA, he added.

The Times of India, 16 January 2008

◆??Beijing Spring◆??

The UPA government deserves credit for a supple and imaginative China policy. After negotiating the nuclear deal with the US, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has gone to Beijing and hit it off with his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao. Beijing has declared its interest in civil nuclear cooperation with India consistent with its international commitments, which should be a signal to those in India who are opposed to the nuclear deal.

The Times of India, 16 January 2008

◆??Counter China's Designs◆??

One issue emblematic of the Sino-Indian strategic dissonance is Burma. Indeed, there are several important parallels between Burma and the vast territory whose annexation brought Han forces to India◆??s borders for the first time in history - Tibet. India and China may be 5,000-year-old civilisations but the two had no experience in dealing with each other politically until Tibet◆??s forcible absorption made them neighbours. In contrast, India has had close historical ties with Tibet and with Burma, part of the British

Indian empire until 1937. The majority people of Burma, the Burmans, are of Tibetan stock, and the Burman script, like the Tibetan one, was taken from Sanskrit.

The China Daily, 17 January 2008

China lays out plan for 2nd West-East gas pipeline

HENZHEN -- China on Wednesday laid out a primary plan for its second pipeline of the West-East natural gas transmission project. According to the plan, construction of the 8,794 kilometer gas pipeline, which consists of one major line and eight sub-lines, will involve an investment of approximately 143.5 billion yuan (US\$19.8 billion).

The Indian Express, 17 January 2008

◆??No talks on FTA with China this year, says Nath◆??

New Delhi, Jan 16 : Indicating that a free trade agreement (FTA) with China is a long way off, commerce and industry minister Kamal Nath said on Wednesday that New Delhi and Beijing would not have any discussions on such a pact during 2008. ◆??We are not expecting any negotiations (on the proposed India-China FTA) this year. The Prime Minister of India and China have decided to refer the joint task force (JTF) report on the proposed FTA, to the commerce ministers of both the countries,◆?? Nath said here on the sidelines of the CII Partnership Summit 2008.

The Hindu, 17 January 2008

◆??Advani appreciates evolution of ties with China◆??

NEW DELHI: Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha L.K. Advani on Wednesday advocated total normalisation of relations with China, and hoped that the recent visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Beijing had brought the two countries closer.

Speaking at a conference on democracy and conflict resolution in Asia at a ◆??Dainik Jagran Summit◆?? here, he wanted Pakistan to recognise the usefulness of the framework adopted by India and China for normalising and strengthening their ties ◆??without holding them hostage to the resolution of the border dispute.◆??

People's Daily, 18 January 2008

British prime minister starts China visit

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown arrived in Beijing early Friday morning for an official visit to China till Sunday, the first since he took office last June. During his stay here, Chinese leaders Hu Jintao and Wu Bangguo will meet with him, and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will hold talks with him.

The China Daily, 18 January 2008

Japanese PM pledges strengthened ties with China

TOKYO -- Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda made his policy speech Friday afternoon at the first plenary session of the Diet's new regular session, during which he vowed to boost the mutually beneficial ties based on common strategic interests with China.

The China Post, 18 January 2008

China urges resumption of Iran nuclear talks

BEIJING -- Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Thursday night urged all concerned parties to resume the Iranian nuclear talks as soon as possible. "The Iranian nuclear issue is now at a crucial moment. China hopes all concerned parties, including Iran, make joint efforts to resume negotiations as soon as possible in a bid to promote the comprehensive and proper settlement of this issue," Yang told Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili in their talks in Beijing.

The Taipei Times, 18 January 2008

Ma and US cautiously courting China ties

TWO PUBLIC EVENTS, one in Taiwan and the other in China, have brought some much-needed clarity to the often murky and sometimes tense confrontation across the Taiwan Strait. In Taipei, Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) presidential candidate Ma Ying-jeou laid out explicitly what his policy toward China would be if he were elected in March. Calling it his "three noes" policy, Ma said he would pursue a policy of no negotiations for unification, no pursuit of de jure independence and no use of force by either side of the Taiwan Strait.

The Washington Post, 18 January 2008

China Wants U.S. to Do More to Prevent Taiwan Vote

China demanded Thursday that the United States do more to prevent Taiwan from holding a referendum that China views as a step toward independence, but a senior U.S. official said Washington has already done all it can to get the vote called off.

The Tribune, 18 January 2008

China responsive on India's concerns about Pakistan

China coming forward to share openly India's concern over Pakistan and terrorism in the region during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's three-day visit is a notable first. Although it finds no place in the Vision document, unlike in the past, the Chinese leadership was willing to talk about Pakistan and what is happening in our neighbourhood.

The Hindu, 18 January 2008

◆??CPI(M) lauds Manmohan◆??s China visit◆??

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Thursday described Prime Minister Manmohan Singh◆??s recent three-day visit to China as ◆??highly successful◆?? that has positively contributed towards carrying forward the improvement of relations between the two Asian giants. In addition to a number of bilateral agreements signed in various sectors, there was a determined expression to intensify high level political exchanges between the two countries in the future, an editorial in the latest issue of party organ People◆??s Democracy said.

People's Daily, 19 January 2008

China, Britain highlight rapport, friendship amid deals

Ping-pong matches, an Olympic invitation and exchange of well-known proverbs together with trade and climate change deals featured British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's first-day visit to China. Brown, accompanied by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, sat with students, scholars, sportsmen and entrepreneurs for a 45-minute dialogue at the Renmin University of China, and took questions ranging from Olympic cooperation to the ever-popular "Is China's rise a threat?"

People's Daily, 19 January 2008

Hu calls for more Sino-British co-op

Chinese President Hu Jintao called for more Sino-British exchanges and cooperation when meeting with visiting British Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Friday. Hu said both China and Britain shoulder important responsibilities in maintaining world peace and promoting mutual development. China and Britain need to enhance cooperation taking into consideration international political and economic pattern in the 21st century.

The Indian Express, 19 January 2008

◆??India, China have to be friends for Asia◆??s sake◆??

AHMEDABAD: The Dalai Lama on Friday said a strengthening of relations between India and China was necessary to maintain peace in Asia. ◆??India and China together have almost 2.5 billion people. As growing nuclear powers, it is important that both countries strengthen their friendship on the basis of trust,◆?? he said. He said good Sino-Indian relations would have a positive impact in Tibet as India has supported Tibetan exiles. Dalai Lama said since there has been little development in Tibet, it was more beneficial if the nation remains with China.◆?? However, the people◆??s autonomy must be safeguarded in Tibet. For years, my commitment has been to safeguard the people, culture, heritage and nature in my country,◆?? he said.

The Times of India, 21 January 2008

Let's Work Together

On the outskirts of Beijing, a private initiative ◆?? a group of 11 eco-friendly residences built by 11 different architects ◆?? called the Commune by the Great Wall at Badaling, blends the natural with the man-made. One of the buildings even has a brook running through it. The high-end green accommodation complex serves as a meeting/boarding/lodging place for visitors, at safe distance from the crowds that throng tourist destinations.

The Hindustan Times, 21 January 2008

Enter the dragon

The elephant◆??s slow but steady march has been noted by the dragon. A realistic, non-euphoric appraisal of Manmohan Singh◆??s visit to China suggests that Beijing is more

amenable to treating New Delhi on an equal footing than ever before. The political benchmark for judging Sino-Indian relations has been a visit-by-visit assessment ever since Rajiv Gandhi's ground-breaking trip to China in 1988. Singh's visit marks a major step-up in endeavour: India and China are now gearing up to act in bilateral concert on a global scale.

The Times of India, 22 January 2008

India, China sign pact for cooperation in rail sector

NEW DELHI: Indian railways is likely to benefit from the experience of its Chinese counterpart in many ways. The Chinese railways has undergone massive transformation over the last one decade in terms of network expansion, speed raising, modernisation and technical upgradation, a journey which railways here too have begun lately. A memorandum of agreement (MoA) was recently signed between the two countries for cooperation in rail sector. A delegation was led by chairman railway board K C Jena who met the Chinese Railway minister Liu Zhijun and other officials.

The Indian Express, 22 January 2008

Chinese cargo airline to get clearance to fly to Mumbai, Chennai

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21: Within days of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's return from China, the Government is all set to allow the Chinese cargo carrier Great Wall Airlines to fly to Mumbai and Chennai, besides Delhi. The Civil Aviation Ministry has already received security clearance from concerned departments that had nearly put off the plan last year. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will give the final clearance in this regard, said senior officials.

People's Daily, 23 January 2008

Why China vows tightening monetary policy?

Described as a weather vane, the annual national Central Economic Work Conference can always, in the highest measure, catch the public gaze. The 2007 economic work conference, convened in December, attached importance mainly to three issues: preventing fast economic growth from becoming overheated, preventing the structural price hikes from turning into the evident inflation, and tightening monetary policy to rein in economy.

People's Daily, 24 January 2008

Chinese FM meets Vietnamese Deputy PM

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Thursday met with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem in Beijing. Yang and Pham exchanged views on China-Vietnam relations and agreed to strengthen communication and cooperation between the ministries of foreign affairs of the two countries, to well implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries on developing bilateral ties and collaboration in various fields so as to bring the China-Vietnam ties to a new high.

People's Daily, 24 January 2008

China, Russia pledge further party-to-party co-op to boost ties

A top Chinese official on Thursday called for further party-to-party cooperation between China and Russia in an aim to boost the bilateral relations. Xi Jinping, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), met with Gennady Zyuganov, president of the Communist Party of Russian (CPR) Federation at the Hall of the People in Beijing.

People's Daily, 25 January 2008

China, Kazakhstan vow to boost inter-parliamentary co-op

China and Kazakhstan pledged on Friday to boost the cooperation between the two parliaments to help foster the bilateral strategic partnership. During a meeting between China's top legislator Wu Bangguo and visiting chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan Kasymzhomart Tokaev, the two sides agreed to cement the exchange and cooperation between China's National People's Congress, China's top legislature, and the Kazakh parliament.

The Yomiuri Shimbun, 25 January 2008

Chinese naval moves worry Taiwan

Taiwan's vice defense minister, Ko Chen-heng, expressed concern about China's recent expansion of submarine operations around Taiwan, a move that he said indicates China's apparent intention to make the strait an "internal sea of China." .

People's Daily, 26 January 2008

Guo Jinlong elected mayor of Beijing

Guo Jinlong, acting mayor of Beijing, was elected mayor on Saturday at the first session of the 13th Beijing Municipal People's Congress, the local legislative body.

People's Daily, 27 January 2008

Chinese, Japanese policy consultants hold meeting for closer ties

The 7th meeting of the new 21st Century Committee for China-Japan Friendship opened here Sunday, with policy consultants from both sides trying to seek concrete proposals for further improving bilateral ties.

People's Daily, 27 January 2008

China begins paying subsidies to nuclear test participants

The Chinese Government has adopted a new policy since 2007 to pay subsidies to participants of nuclear tests, said Li Xueju, minister of civil affairs, during a visit to a unit of the Chinese People's Armed Police (PAP) on Friday.

The Taipei Times, 28 January 2008

Japan wary of Chinese cruise missiles

Japan is to boost its defenses against cruise missiles as China increases its air strike capabilities, the Yomiuri Shimbun reported yesterday.

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

China advocates legalizing prevention of outer space arms race

China will actively push for the signing of an international legal document on preventing arms race in outer space during the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said here Tuesday. The first 2008 session of the United Nations-sponsored Conference on Disarmament was being held in Geneva from Jan. 23. Wang Qun, Chinese Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs, led the Chinese delegation to attend the conference.

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

China reiterates its willingness to maintain talks on E China Sea issue

China is willing to continue its active consultation with Japan on the East China Sea issue, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said here Tuesday. Jiang made the remarks when asked to comment on whether the issue could be resolved during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Japan this spring. She said China hopes to work with Japan in deepening cooperation in various fields and is willing to discuss with the Japanese side on Hu's upcoming visit.

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

China's Politburo meets on extreme weather

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is urging local authorities to regard disaster relief as the "most pressing task" and to make "all-out efforts" to ensure normal production and life in areas hit by unprecedented bad weather this month. The call came after a politburo meeting here on Tuesday, chaired by Chinese President Hu Jintao, which studied the effects and damage inflicted by icy rain and snowstorms and made plans for future relief work.

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

FM spokeswoman: China supports reasonable, necessary reform of UN Security Council

China on Tuesday said there is no change in its position on the reform of the United Nations Security Council and it supports reasonable and necessary reform of the council. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Jiang Yu made the remarks when asked whether there is a change of views on the reform of the council since relevant intergovernmental negotiations on such reform had already been initiated, marking a new stage of the reform.

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

Thinktank: China expected to become second in objective national strength by 2030

China is expected to become the world's second largest power in terms of objective national strength by 2030, a top think tank reported on Tuesday. In its report "China's Modernization 2008" that was released on Monday, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) said the country, currently number three globally in objective national strength, is expected to surpass Japan in 2030. The report defined the term as "a basic component of the overall national strength and the summation of real assets and objective capacity to maintain the survival and development of a nation".

People's Daily, 29 January 2008

Chinese thinktank initiates "Peace Dove Strategy"

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), the country's top think tank, published its eighth annual report on Monday and introduced a new international strategy. The report -- "China's Modernization 2008" -- proposed a brand new concept, the so-called "Peace Dove Strategy". The strategy, with the principle of "Follow the U.N. Charter and Promote World Peace", calls for the building of a favorable international environment for China's modernization.

People's Daily, 30 January 2008

Tibet reports robust increase in foreign trade

Tibet Autonomous region's foreign trade totaled 393 million U.S. dollars in 2007, a 19.81 percent rise from the previous year, local customs sources said. It was the sixth consecutive year this southwest China plateau region had posted a double-digit increase in foreign trade. Breaking it down, exports accounted for 326 million U.S. dollars, up 46.87 percent, while imports plunged 36.8 percent to 67 million U.S. dollars, according to statistics from the customhouse in Lhasa, the regional capital.

People's Daily, 30 January 2008

Major India bank launches operations in Hong Kong

Punjab National Bank, a major India-based bank, staged a ceremony Wednesday to officially launch its commercial banking operations in China's southern special administrative region of Hong Kong. The new branch will be offering a full spectrum of banking facilities, including checkable accounts, deposit products, trade finance and loan syndication, the bank said, adding that it was critical to the bank's strategy of expanding its operations overseas and meeting the needs of its main customers who have opened offices in China.

People's Daily, 30 January 2008

Vietnam-China relations to develop to new height

There is room for Vietnam and China to develop their relations into a new height in a stable and long-term way, the People newspaper on Wednesday quoted Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Vu Dung as saying. "Maintaining and further strengthening the friendly relations and comprehensive cooperation between the two countries and the two parties of Vietnam and China are principal benefits of the two countries, and in line with the trend of peace, stability and cooperation for joint development in the region and the world," the diplomat stated.

People's Daily, 30 January 2008

DPRK, Chinese senior officials meet on bilateral ties

Senior officials from China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) met in Pyongyang Tuesday to discuss bilateral ties. Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), held talks Tuesday with Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

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HK to extend visa-free visits to nationals of six 6 Mid-East countries

Nationals from six Middle Eastern countries will have their visa-free visits to Hong Kong extended from 14 days to 30 from Feb. 4, Hong Kong's immigration officials confirmed here Tuesday. The move had been announced by the Donald Tsang, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government, at a business luncheon in Saudi Arabia Tuesday, according to an statement from the HKSAR government.

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Chinese President calls for balancing economic growth with quality

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday stressed the need to maintain a sound economy while realizing fast growth. "We should correctly handle the relations between sound and fast with the stress on sound development, said Hu as he presided over a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

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China's Political bureau discusses plans for Beijing Olympics

With the Olympics and Paralympics approaching, the political bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) met on Tuesday to discuss preparations for the two events. The Political Bureau heard reports from relevant organizations on the preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics and discussed the work for the next stage. The meeting was chaired by Chinese President and General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee Hu Jintao.

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Kim Jong Il meets senior CPC official

Kim Jong Il, the top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), met Wednesday with Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Kim told Wang that the DPRK highly values the friendship with China, saying the bilateral relationship has been developing smoothly. He said the DPRK is willing to work with China to increase communication and coordination and push forward the DPRK-China relations.

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Sino-German group forges closer ties

A non-governmental body set up by Chinese and German entrepreneurs is trying to forge closer business and cultural ties between the two nations. The Dsseldorf China Center (DCC) was set up in 2005 in Dsseldorf, Germany to promote Sino-German social, economic and cultural exchanges. "Since it began operation, DCC has committed itself to strengthening friendship between the two countries," said Liu Ying, chief representative officer of DCC. Dsseldorf is located in the center of Germany's industrial heartland, making it an ideal place for Chinese companies to set up their European headquarters.

The Indian Express, 31 January 2008

Manmohan's Arunachal tour begins today

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30: While a visit to Tawang is not on his itinerary, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will visit Kibithu on the India-China border, one of the most remote Circle Headquarters in Anjaw district, during his one-and-a-half day visit to Arunachal Pradesh starting Thursday. Official sources said the Prime Minister, who will be accompanied by at least half-a-dozen members of his Council of Ministers, is set to announce a "massive package" for the state.