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### **UN General Assembly adopts resolution on truce during Beijing Olympics**

The UN General Assembly adopted unanimously on Wednesday a resolution which calls for truce during the Beijing Olympic Games next year. The resolution, submitted by China and cosponsored by 186 nations, urges member states to observe the Olympic Truce individually and collectively during the Games of the 29th Olympiad in Beijing and the following Paralympic Games. The resolution, entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal," was approved by the 192-member body unanimously. It urges member states to observe the truce during the Beijing Olympic Games which will take place from 8 to 24 August 2008, and the subsequent Paralympic Games in Beijing which will take place from 6 to 17 September 2008. It welcomes the decision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to mobilize international sports organizations and the National Olympic Committees of the member states to undertake concrete actions at the local, national, regional and world levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace and harmony based on the spirit of the Olympic Truce.

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### **China approves food safety law as supplement to existing statute**

In the wake of headline food scandals, China's cabinet on Wednesday approved in principle a draft law on food safety to address the "weak points" in food production, processing, delivery, storage and sales. "Food safety is vital to improving people's lives and health, so relevant legislation must match national efforts of safeguarding food safety," said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. The draft law, based on the existing Food Hygiene Law, was discussed at Wednesday's executive meeting of the State Council, which was presided over by Wen. The draft law proposed a food safety risk supervision and evaluation mechanism to provide a "key basis" for constituting food safety standards and food born disease control measures. The mechanism demanded a "unified, timely, objective and accurate" disclosure of emergency information. Related institutional systems covering food production, processing, delivery, storage and sales should be set up to prevent food safety problems, according to the premier.

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### **China starts developing new heavy-duty carrier rockets**

China is building a new range of carrier rockets designed to send heavyweight satellites into space, boosting the current carrying capacity by nearly three times, a space expert has said. The Long March 5 rockets will be able to carry payloads of up to 25 tons for low earth orbit satellites, up from the current limit of 9.2 tons, said Wu Yansheng, president of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT), which is developing the new series of launch vehicles. "Meanwhile, the carrying capacity can reach 14 tons from the current 2.6 to 5.4 tons while sending satellites into geosynchronous orbit, like Chang'e-1," Wu said. China's first lunar probe, Chang'e-1, named after a legendary Chinese goddess who flew to the moon, blasted off on a Long March 3A carrier rocket at 6:05 p.m. on Oct. 24 from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwestern Sichuan Province.

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### **Former top US official calls for more talks**

China and the US should have close and comprehensive consultations on a wide range of issues, a former US national security advisor said in Beijing yesterday. Describing Sino-US ties as the "most important bilateral relations in the world", Zbigniew Brzezinski said such consultations "should not focus firmly on bilateral issues". "They should focus on a wider range of potentially disruptive international developments in which major powers such as the US and China may have common interests but also face diverging risks," said Brzezinski, who served as former US president Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor. The focus should be particularly on issues that have the potential to become disruptive but can be avoided, he said.

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### **Sarkozy in for warm welcome next month**

China warmly welcomes French President Nicolas Sarkozy on a state visit next month, which will "be a great event for China-France relations", Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said at a joint press conference with his French counterpart yesterday. Yang and French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner discussed the preparations for Sarkozy's visit, and agreed that it would definitely achieve great results. A lot of agreements will be inked between France and China during Sarkozy's visit in areas such as energy, transportation and education, Kouchner said. The French foreign minister is in China to pave the way for Sarkozy's visit, the first since he assumed presidency in May. During their talks, Yang said China is ready to go along with France to deepen strategic dialogue, expand mutually beneficial cooperation and have closer consultation and coordination on major international issues.

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### **China will take 'measures' against Taiwan independence**

BEIJING -- China on Wednesday warned long-time rival Taiwan against any push for formal independence, saying it would take "necessary measures" if such efforts continued. "(We) will definitely not swallow the bitter fruit of 'Taiwan independence'," said Yang Yi, spokesman of the Taiwan Affairs Office. "If the 'Taiwan independence secessionist forces' insist on their own way ... we will take necessary measures to safeguard our state sovereignty and territorial integrity." Yang told a regular press conference that China would work hard for a peaceful resolution of the matter but would never compromise. Chinese President Hu Jintao called for a peace agreement with Taiwan at the Communist Party's five-yearly Congress this month, but his remarks were rebuffed by his Taiwanese counterpart Chen Shui-bian. Chen insisted Taiwan "is an independent, sovereign country."

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### **Internet becomes important channel for Chinese public's political participation**

Internet has become an important channel for Chinese public to participate in political affairs, said a senior manager of an internet website on Thursday. Now more and more people express their ideas and proposals through websites thanks to a more open and free press and the increasing confidence of the country's leaders, said Chen Tong, vice

president of Sina.com. Chen made the remarks at a seminar to study Chinese leader Hu Jintao's speech to the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) last month. Chinese leaders have shown great concerns to the development of the internet in China. The Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee specially held a session to discuss the development and administration of the new media.

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**Chinese premier arrives in Uzbekistan for official visit, SCO PMs meeting**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived here Friday afternoon, starting his two-day official visit to Uzbekistan at the invitation of Uzbekistani Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyaev. Wen is also scheduled to attend the sixth Meeting of Prime Ministers of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Uzbekistan's capital city Friday. According to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Wen will meet with Uzbekistani President Islam Karimov and hold talks with Mirziyaev. The two sides will exchange views on bilateral relations and regional and international issues of common concern. Wen will also deliver an important speech when addressing the SCO prime ministers meeting, the ministry added.

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**Make DPRK nuclear deal a success, parties told**

China hopes countries taking part in the Six-Party Talks will honor their pledges and implement the second-phase of the deal agreed upon last month, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said yesterday. Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei met with US Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill and Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) Kim Kye-Gwan in Beijing yesterday, Liu said. Hill and Kim are their respective countries' representatives to the Six-Party Talks. Wu exchanged views with the two leaders on the progress of disabling DPRK's nuclear facilities in the next stages, Liu said. A nine-member working group of US experts reached Pyongyang yesterday to begin disabling the nuclear facilities, the spokesman said.

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**Spokesman: China's lunar probe program has no military purposes**

China's first lunar probe program has no military motives, either in its engineering or scientific objectives, said a spokesman with the China National Space Administration (CNSA) on Thursday. "China has undertaken astronomical activities with the principle of 'peacefully utilizing space'," Pei Zhaoyu, the spokesman, told a press conference in Beijing. "The purpose of China's space program, including missions to probe lunar and outer space, is to explore the universe and benefit humanity," Pei said, adding that China's lunar probe is an open and transparent program. "The program's objective, general plan, technical means as well as the major developers and manufacturers, have all been publicized," he said, "we will also keep the public informed about the major progress of its research and development." The spokesman said China is looking forward to carrying out active cooperation and communication with any other countries in exploring lunar and outer space.

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### **Chinese premier: China-Russia relations at most important stage**

China-Russia relations are now both at their best in history and at the most important historical stage, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said in a recent interview with Russian media. Wen had an interview with Itar-Tass News Agency and Interfax News Agency in Beijing before making an official visit to Russia next week. During the interview, Wen said China-Russia relations have seen big and substantial changes since the two countries established a strategic cooperative partnership 10 years ago. The two countries have enhanced political mutual trust, greatly expanded trade and economic cooperation and enriched the content of strategic cooperative partnership by holding such cultural events as "Year of Russia" and "Year of China".

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### **Finnish PM meets top Chinese official on ties**

Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen met a visiting top official of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Thursday and both sides voiced readiness to enhance bilateral ties. Li Zhaozhuo, vice chairman of the CPPCC national committee, told Vanhanen that China is ready to join efforts with Finland to lift bilateral ties to new heights. China will continue to expand cooperation with Finland in economy, trade, environmental protection and energy conservation, and enhance exchanges in the fields such as culture, education and technology, said Li, who is to conclude his four-day visit to the country Thursday. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1950, both sides have witnessed stable development in bilateral ties under the guidance of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

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### **Chinese ambassador: Sino-Uzbek relations enter historical best phase**

Sino-Uzbek relations have entered their best ever phase since the two countries established diplomatic relations 15 years ago, said the Chinese ambassador to Uzbekistan. "Since China and Uzbekistan reached the agreement on Sino-Uzbek cooperative partnership in 2005, the two countries have greatly enhanced cooperation in terms of politics, economy, culture and international affairs," Ambassador Yu Hongjun told Xinhua prior to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's upcoming visit. Premier Wen will attend the sixth Meeting of Prime Ministers of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent, as well as pay official visits to Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Belarus and Russia afterwards from Nov. 2 to 6. The Uzbek official newspaper, Pravda Vostoka, also highly appraised the relations between two countries, saying that "China is one of Uzbekistan's closest and most reliable friends."

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### **Head of PLA general armaments department promoted general**

China's Central Military Commission (CMC) promoted another senior military officer to the rank of general on Friday, bringing the total number of generals to 168. CMC Chairman Hu Jintao awarded Chang Wanquan, head of the PLA General Armaments Department, the certificate of command at a promotion ceremony. An order for the promotion was announced by CMC Vice-Chairman Guo Boxiong. Chang, born in 1949,

is also a CMC member. China began to confer military ranks to military and police officers in 1955, when Chairman Mao Zedong promoted 10 senior officers to the rank of marshal, which was later abolished. Premier Zhou Enlai then issued a decree conferring the rank of general on 55 officers in 1955 and one each in 1956 and 1958.

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**Joint communique: SCO member states to further enhance economic, culture co-op**

Member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will further enhance regional multilateral cooperation in the fields of economics and humanity, and boost their economic growth. That was the message contained in a joint communique issued at the Sixth Meeting of Prime Ministers of the SCO Member States on Friday in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. "The prime ministers all agree that since the meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in September 2006, all member states have apparently intensified their efforts to deepen and broaden their cooperation in the fields of economics and humanity, with a number of model projects launched successfully," the communique said.

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**Energy supplies guaranteed**

China can ensure energy supplies to power its fast growing economy despite oil shortages reported in some coastal areas as a result of surging oil price hikes in the world market, a senior economic official said on Friday. "The country will definitely ensure the supply of oil products," Zhu Hongren, deputy department director in charge of economic operation under the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), told a press conference. The production of refined oil products in China still meets demand despite regional shortfalls triggered by rising international prices, he said. Zhu said the government would closely monitor domestic refined oil markets and take measures to secure the supply of refined oil products.

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**China and Kazakhstan agree to enhance co-op**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Kazakh Prime Minister Karim Masimov agreed on Friday that the two countries should enhance bilateral exchanges and cooperation on economy and trade. Wen said Kazakhstan is a good neighbor and an important partner of China. The establishment of strategic partnership between the two countries is in the fundamental interests of their peoples and conducive to peace, stability and joint development in the region. Masimov said that Kazakhstan attaches great importance to its relations with China and the country wishes to enhance their bilateral exchanges and cooperation. The two prime ministers agreed that as close neighbors with economies highly complementary to each other, China and Kazakhstan enjoy unique advantages and huge potential for developing cooperation of mutual benefit. The two countries should make the most of these advantages to deepen and expand practical cooperation.

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**Cross-Straits exchanges irreversible**

Cross-Straits exchanges have experienced "extraordinary development" and their scope has greatly expanded over the past two decades, according to the Taiwan Affairs Office

of the State Council. More than 46 million visits to the mainland, twice the population of Taiwan, will have been made by people from the island by the end of this year, said Dai Xiaofeng, director of the office's exchange bureau. The official added that 1.6 million visits to Taiwan would be made by people from the mainland. Dai made the statement on Thursday ahead of the 20th anniversary of the lifting of the mainland visit ban by the Taiwan authorities on November 2, 1987. Nearly 400,000 Taiwan people currently live on the mainland, including more than 18,000 who have settled down, Dai told the Xinhua News Agency.

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### **Chinese mainland vows to deepen media exchange with Taiwan**

The Chinese mainland will continue to deepen media exchanges and cooperation with Taiwan, said Ye Kedong, vice director of the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, on Thursday. The mainland will make efforts to facilitate the mechanism of dispatching resident correspondents to each other, Ye said at a symposium marking the 20th anniversary of the mainland's official opening to Taiwan media. In November 1987, the All-China Journalists' Association, commissioned by the State Council, announced that the mainland was welcoming Taiwan journalists to visit. The mainland started to allow resident Taiwan correspondents in 1994 and so far 11 Taiwan media organizations have dispatched permanent correspondents to Beijing, Shanghai, Fuzhou, Chengdu and other mainland cities.

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### **China concerned about Pakistan's state of emergency**

China is concerned about the situation in Pakistan, and hopes the country could maintain stability and development, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao on Sunday. He was responding to a question concerning Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's declaring of a state of emergency in the country. "We are concerned about the situation in Pakistan, and believe the Pakistani government and people are capable of solving their problems," Liu said, expressing the hope that the country could maintain stability and development. Musharraf on Saturday declared a state of emergency in the country and issued a provisional constitutional order (PCO), citing the ascendancy in the activities of extremists and incidents of terrorist attacks, and the abuse of the judiciary in the country.

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### **China aims to evaluate environmental impacts of industrial, regional development plans**

As part of its bid to improve China's threatened environment, the State Environmental Protection Agency is set to evaluate the environmental impact of development plans in five regions and five heavily polluted industries, as pilot projects for national practice. A council made up of 39 experts will review the environmental impact of the economy in the regions and industries in order to help them draft eco-friendly strategies, said Pan Yue, deputy director of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) at an international conference, which opened here Saturday. The regions include the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River where energy projects are densely located, the west coast economic zone of the Taiwan Straits, the economic zone along Beibu Gulf in

south China, the Bohai Ring economic area in north China and Chengdu-Chongqing economic zone in southwest China.

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### **China, Belarus enjoy sound, stable development of bilateral ties**

China-Belarus relations have enjoyed a healthy and stable development since the two countries established diplomatic ties 15 years ago, marked by political mutual trust and support and mutually beneficial economic cooperation. The two countries have enjoyed a long friendship and share a broad range of common interests in political and economic fields. The bilateral relationship has entered a new stage of all-round development and strategic cooperation. Bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various fields have been fruitful since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1992. In recent years, exchanges of visits by top Chinese and Belarussian leaders have become more frequent, which has helped enhance the friendship and mutual trust. Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko has visited China four times. There are no political differences between the two countries, the president has said. China, seen by Belarus as a friendly partner, has long been its foreign policy priority. China also regards Belarus as a reliable friend. The China-Belarus friendship is built on a solid political foundation.

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### **Chinese premier arrives in Turkmenistan for official visit**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived in Ashgabat on Saturday evening, starting his two-day official visit to Turkmenistan at the invitation of President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov. During his stay in the country, Wen will hold talks with Berdymukhamedov, and meet with Akdzha Nurberdyeva, chairman of the Turkmen Assembly. The two sides will exchange views on bilateral relations and regional and international issues of common concern, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry. A series of agreements concerning bilateral cooperation are expected to be signed during the visit, the ministry said.

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### **China urges int'l community to promote dialogue among Iraqi factions**

China has urged the world community to support the Iraqi government for its efforts for dialogue among various factions, reconciliation and joint participation in the country's reconstruction process. Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Wu Dawei voiced the call in a speech at the expanded foreign ministerial meeting of Iraq's neighboring countries being held in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul on Saturday. In the speech, Wu outlined China's stance on the Iraqi issue, saying the Chinese people have a deep sympathy to the Iraqi people for their difficulties and challenges, and will continue to offer China's efforts to support the reconstruction of Iraq.

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### **Chinese navy task force back from visits to Australia, NZ**

A Chinese navy task force sailed into Qingdao Port in east China's Shandong province on Saturday morning after wrapping up visits to Australia and New Zealand. The formation, which consists of a guided missile destroyer Harbin and a comprehensive depot ship

Hongzhehu from the North China Sea Fleet, departed from the Qingdao Port for the visits on Sept. 10. During the visits, the two ships and ships and aircraft from Australia and New Zealand carried out a joint search and rescue exercise in the Tasman Sea of the Pacific Ocean. Rear Admiral Zhang Xuezheng, vice chief of staff of the North China Sea Fleet of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy, said the three sides dispatched military observers to each other in the exercise.

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### **China plans hefty investment to protect wetlands near Everest**

China plans to invest 14 million yuan (1.86 million U.S. dollars) to protect the wetlands near Mount Qomolangma (Mount Everest), the world's highest peak, according to an official with Tibet Autonomous Region. The wetland conservation project has been approved by the National Development and Reform Commission and will be launched next year, Gama, chief of the administration for Mount Qomolangma State-Level Nature Reserve, told Xinhua. According to the project, 5,900 hectares of natural wetland in the reserve will be sealed off and 4,400 hectares of degraded wetland will be restored. Observation stations will also be built to monitor the ecology, weather, water and birds in the area. "The project must serve to protect the wetlands essentially," said Gama. "It will also be significant to the biodiversity of the Mount Qomolangma area." Located at southwestern Tibet that borders Nepal, the Mount Qomolangma State-Level Nature Reserve has an area of 33,000 square kilometers and is rich in animal and plant species.

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### **Chinese Premier arrives in Belarus for official visit**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived in Minsk Sunday to start an official visit to Belarus at the invitation of Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko. Wen will hold talks with Lukashenko and meet with acting Prime Minister Vladimir Semashko during his stay in the country. The two sides will exchange views on bilateral relations, regional and international issues and other issues of common concern, according to a source with the Chinese Foreign Ministry. A number of agreements on bilateral cooperation are expected to be signed during Wen's visit, the source said. In a written statement delivered at the airport upon his arrival, Wen spoke positively of the growth momentum for bilateral cooperation, noting that the China-Belarus relationship has entered a new stage of all-round development and strategic cooperation.

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### **Chinese president urges missile troops to improve capability**

Chinese President Hu Jintao Sunday called on the Second Artillery Force (SAF), China's strategic missile troops, to improve themselves "quickly and well". Hu, also chairman of Central Military Commission (CMC), made the remark when meeting with delegates of the seventh congress of the SAF of the Communist Party of China (CPC). He urged soldiers and officers of the SAF to fully grasp the essence of the 17th CPC National Congress and "spare no efforts" to fulfill their tasks. "The SAF has speeded up its modernization process and fulfilled the tasks assigned by the Party and people very well in recent years," said Hu, encouraging the troops to further improve capability. Special efforts should be made to improve the work of Party organs in the army, he said.

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**SCO: Implementation crucial for economic, trade ties among its members**

A series of vital, substantial achievements have been scored at the Sixth Meeting of Prime Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held Friday or on November 2, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The meeting beefed up cooperation in the economic and trade sector and humanity field. Since the founding of SCO in 2001, six member nations have unfolded exchanges regarding humanities in an all-round way. SCO has not only started a meeting mechanism for culture and education ministers of member nations, signed cooperation accords and hosted art festivals, but also actively confer on cooperation possibilities in such spheres as environmental protection, emergency disaster rescue or relief operation and the sanitation and anti-epidemic efforts. Moreover, tourism and sports exchanges have also been enhanced.

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**China, neighbors vow closer ties**

Premier Wen Jiabao held talks yesterday with Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov in the capital Ashgabat, as both sides exchanged views in various fields including security, trade and economy, and cultural exchanges. China-Turkmenistan relations have a long history and the ancient Silk Road is a strong bond linking the two countries, Wen said in his meeting with Berdymukhamedov. "China thanks Turkmenistan for its strong support in areas such as the Taiwan question, Tibet and 'East Turkistan' issues," Wen said, adding China will continue to support Turkmenistan's independence, sovereignty and economic development. Berdymukhamedov emphasized that strengthening Sino-Turkmen relations is in the interests of peoples in both countries and contributes to peace, stability and development in the region.

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**Chinese vice premier leaves for Moscow**

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi left here Sunday for Moscow, to inspect and guide the preparation work for the closing ceremony of the "Year of China in Russia" program. Wu will also examine the preparations for the second China-Russia Business Summit in Moscow. She will head for Astana, Kazakhstan on Nov. 7 to attend the fourth meeting of the China-Kazakhstan Cooperation Committee, invited by Kazak Deputy Prime Minister Umirzak Shukeev, who is to co-chair the upcoming meeting with her.

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**North Korea to start disabling nuclear facilities**

SEOUL, South Korea -- North Korea is expected to begin disabling its nuclear facilities Monday, marking the biggest step the communist country has ever taken to scale back its atomic program. The North shut down its sole functioning nuclear reactor at Yongbyon in July, and promised to disable it by year's end in exchange for energy aid and political concessions from other members of talks on its nuclear program: the U.S., China, Japan, South Korea and Russia. Disabling the reactor at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, would mark a further breakthrough in efforts to convince the North to scale back its nuclear

program. The country conducted its first-ever nuclear test in October of last year.

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**Chinese premier proposes better China-Russia economic, trade cooperation**

Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao put forward a four-point proposal in Moscow Tuesday to boost economic and trade cooperation between China and Russia. Addressing the second high-level Sino-Russian economic forum which was also attended by his Russian counterpart Viktor Zubkov, Wen, currently on an official visit to Russia, raised the proposal as follows. Firstly, as the forum marks the closing of the economic and trade activities of the "national theme years," both sides should jointly implement the contracts and agreements signed during the national years, develop a blueprint for the future, establish and improve the mechanism for cooperation and keep the good momentum of frequent exchanges between the enterprises of both countries to achieve more fruits, Wen said.

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**China to consult with other parties on Iran nuclear issue**

China on Tuesday voiced its willingness to maintain coordination and consultation with the parties concerned on the Iranian nuclear issue to promote peaceful settlement of the issue. Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told a regular press briefing that the Iranian nuclear issue is a key topic that U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates discussed with Chinese state and military leaders during his just-concluded China tour. Both sides expounded their stance on the nuclear standoff. "The two countries have the same goal on the Iranian nuclear issue. Both believe Iran should not possess nuclear weapons and both advocate safeguarding the international nuclear non-proliferation mechanism," Liu said.

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**Second Sino-Russian economic forum opens, leaders pledge to deepen economic ties**

The second high-level Sino-Russian economic forum opened in Moscow on Tuesday, with leaders of the two countries pledging to deepen economic and trade ties. Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao told the opening ceremony that since both countries hosted a series of cultural exchanges activities last year, bilateral economic and trade cooperation has further thrived. He cited the new progress in bilateral cooperation in such fields as investment, technology and resources, saying the prospering economic and trade cooperation is a result of the rapid economic development in both countries. He also said the national theme years held in both countries have contributed to a deeper friendship and cooperation between the two peoples. Russian Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov also lauded the progress in bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

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**China supports ASEAN's constructive role in Myanmar issue**

China supports the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on playing a constructive role in Myanmar issue, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in Beijing Tuesday. Liu made the remarks when responding to a question whether the Myanmar issue will be discussed on the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore later this

month. Liu said the Myanmar issue should be fundamentally resolved with the efforts of Myanmar's government and people and China hopes the world community could do more constructive contribution so as to seek national reconciliation, stability, democracy and development at an early date.

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**China hopes ties with Germany could move forward smoothly**

China on Tuesday said it attached great importance to developing relations with Germany and hoped their ties could move forward smoothly. "We hope China-Germany relations could move forward on a sound and smooth track as soon as possible which is in the interest of both countries," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said. Liu's remarks came when responding to a question concerning German Chancellor Angela Merkel's meeting with the Dalai Lama this September. He said some difficulties have emerged in the current bilateral relations and this is all due to the meeting between the German leader and the Dalai Lama. "We hope Germany can take concrete measures immediately to remove the serious impact of its erroneous act," Liu said.

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**China says disablement of DPRK's nuclear facilities "encouraging"**

China said here Tuesday the disablement of the nuclear facilities in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was "an encouraging progress". The joint document that the six parties reached on Oct. 3 has been implemented effectively, and China was satisfied at the progress, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told a regular press conference. "We hope the parties concerned could continue to follow their commitment and consensus, and implement the joint document in a comprehensive and balanced way," Liu said. The United States said on Monday that a team of U.S. nuclear experts had arrived at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, where DPRK's sole functioning nuclear reactor is situated and begun the work of disabling the facilities.

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**Senior CPC official: China believes Pakistan able to solve domestic issues**

A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) said here Tuesday that China believes Pakistan has the ability to handle its domestic situation and realize stability. Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks while meeting with Mushahid Hussain Sayed, secret general of the Pakistan Muslim League. The two sides spoke highly of the all-weather friendship between the governments and parties of China and Pakistan. Wang also briefed Mushahid on CPC's 17th National Congress held from Oct.15 to 21. Wang said the CPC is willing to deepen exchange of experiences on governance and administration with Pakistan Muslim League so to lay sound basis for the strategic partnership of cooperation between China and Pakistan.

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**China, U.S. enhance understanding, trust in military ties**

United States Secretary of Defense Robert Gates left Beijing Tuesday, after meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao, concluding his three-day official visit to China aimed at

enhancing understanding and trust in China-U.S. military ties. Gates said the military-to-military relations between the two countries had made positive progress and were facing opportunities for further development, adding he hoped the armed forces of the two countries could strengthen dialogue, enhance mutual trust and promote the development of military-to-military relations. Talks between Gates and his Chinese counterpart Cao Gangchuan on Monday "reached broad consensus".

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### **China, Russia pledge to enhance co-op in various fields**

China and Russia signed a joint communique Tuesday, pledging to further enhance bilateral cooperation in economy, trade, energy, science and technology, nuclear power, astronautics, aeronautics, transportation, banking and other fields. The communique was signed by visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Russian counterpart Viktor Zubkov at the 12th regular prime ministers' talks between the two countries. The two sides will strive to sharply increase the proportion of electro-mechanical equipment and high-tech products in the bilateral trade, and will place great importance on the task of promoting the development of bilateral trade, the communique said.

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### **"Year of China" ends in Russia**

The closing ceremony of the "Year of China" was held in Moscow Tuesday evening, marking the end of the reciprocal China-Russia national theme years which started in 2006. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Russian counterpart Viktor Zubkov attended the ceremony in the Kremlin. "It's an important measure for China and Russia to host the national years which were expected to enhance the friendship for generations between the two peoples, promote the strategic partnership of coordination in an all-round manner," Wen said while addressing the occasion, calling the event a pioneering effort in bilateral ties. In the "Year of Russia" in 2006, more than 300 activities were held in China, and in the "Year of China", more than 200 events were carried out in Russia.

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### **Chinese president meets Gates**

Chinese President Hu Jintao met with visiting U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates Tuesday morning, two years after his meeting with former Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in October 2005. Gates is the highest ranking U.S. military official to visit China since Rumsfeld's visit. This is also Gates' first visit to China since he was appointed Secretary of Defense in December 2006. Prior to Hu's meeting, Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan and Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo have had talks with Gates on Monday, in which the two sides exchanged views on broad issues including the Taiwan issue. Gates reiterated the U.S. adherence to the one-China policy and the three U.S.-China joint communiqués during the talks. China and the United States also agreed to open a direct telephone line between the defense ministries of the two countries, which is the first of its kind that China has ever established with another country at the defense ministry level.

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### **China, Russia sign joint communique, pledging to broaden strategic co-op**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Russian counterpart Viktor Zubkov signed here Tuesday a joint communique at the 12th regular prime ministers' talks between China and Russia, pledging to broaden strategic and political cooperation between the two nations. Wen and Russian President Vladimir Putin had an in-depth exchange of views on major international and regional issues as well as broadening strategic cooperation and deepening cooperation in the fields of politics, economy and trade, energy, science and technology and humanism, said the communique. Both sides have agreed to work out and adopt the 2009-2012 plan for implementing the Sino-Russian Good-Neighborly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation by drawing on the experience of successfully implementing the treaty during 2005-2008 period, the communique added.

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#### **Sound Sino-US ties in interests of both: Hu**

China and the United States should intensify dialogue and properly handle sensitive bilateral issues to promote the healthy and stable development of ties, President Hu Jintao said yesterday. "To maintain sound development of the Sino-US relationship is in the fundamental interests of the two countries and two peoples, and will help maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and the world as a whole," Hu said when meeting US Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Beijing. Hu also briefed Gates on China's position over the Taiwan question and the latter assured him that the US government is opposed to any move by Taiwan authorities toward independence.

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#### **China hopes Pakistan maintains stability**

China yesterday hoped that Pakistan maintains stability and prosperity. Speaking on the prevailing situation in Pakistan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said: "Pakistan is an important neighbor of China, and we are highly concerned over the situation there." "We believe the Pakistani government and people can handle their internal problems and hope Pakistan maintains stability and development," Liu said. The spokesman rubbished accusations of a human rights organization on media freedom in China, saying the Chinese authorities have made great efforts to smoothen things up for the foreign media operating in China. New York-based Human Rights Watch urged the International Olympic Committee on Tuesday to exert pressure on China to grant so-called freedom to the foreign media.

The People's Daily, 8 November 2007

#### **Constructive China-US relations conform to interests of world**

"China's tremendous energy and vitality in the modernization process is most impressive," said former U.S. National Security Adviser Brzezinski in an exclusive interview with a People's Daily reporter in Beijing. China's development has made contributions to world. Brzezinski came to visit China at the invitation of the International Strategic Studies of China for Academic Exchanges. This is his eighth visit to China. Before the United States and China established formal diplomatic relations in 1978, Brzezinski, the National Security Adviser to United States President Jimmy Carter at that time, paid a visit to China; and made contributions to China-US relations. He brought with him a gift: a piece of moon rock weighing about 1 gram.

The People's Daily, 8 November 2007

**China issues new guide for foreign investment**

China on Wednesday released a new guide for foreign investment to sort out industries that encourage foreign investment and those foreign companies are banned or restricted from entering the Chinese market. The new guide, promulgated against the backdrop of China's economic transformation from quantity to quality, will replace the 2004 version and take effect as of Dec. 1, said the nation's top economic planner.

The People's Daily, 8 November 2007

**What does China-U.S. military hotline imply?**

November 5th heralds a very vital, important day as far as the Sino-US military relationship is concerned. On that day, Cao Gangchuan, minister of national defense, and his US counterpart, the visiting Defense Secretary Robert Gates, agreed to put up direct-dial telephones in the Chinese ministry of National Defense and Pentagon (the headquarters of the US Defense Department), and this poses the China-U.S. military hotline that has attracted global attention. It represents the first-ever high-level military hotline the People's Liberation Army of China (PLA) has established with armed forces in other countries, and it signifies that the development of Sino-US military ties has scaled another new height.

The People's Daily, 8 November 2007

**UN climate change chief impressed by China**

China is taking all the necessary steps to tackle the adverse impacts of climate change, chairman of the UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Rajendra Pachauri has said. At a media workshop organized by the UN Development Programme in Delhi last week, Pachauri said he was impressed by what Chinese scientists and meteorologists had done to fight climate change. Pachauri-led IPCC shared this year's Nobel Peace Prize with green campaigner and US former vice-president Al Gore. "The facilities, capabilities and infrastructure developed by China Meteorological Administration (CMA) have served the people very well," Pachauri said.

The China Post, 8 November 2007

**Taiwan's ruling party candidate offers liberalized agenda for commercial ties with China**

TAIPEI, Taiwan -- The presidential candidate of Taiwan's ruling party on Thursday proposed a liberalization of the island's commercial ties with rival China. Democratic Progressive Party candidate Frank Hsieh told an American business group that if elected president next March, he will move to expand charter flights to China and remove some existing limitations on investment there by Taiwanese companies. Hsieh's comments put him at odds with President Chen Shui-bian, who fears closer economic ties between the two rivals could eventually lead to political unification.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

**Paulson: U.S. not fear economically stronger China**

The United States does not fear an economically stronger China, U.S. Treasury Secretary

Henry M. Paulson said Thursday. "We do not fear an economically stronger and more competitive China, which benefits the Chinese people, the American people, and the prosperity of the global economy." Paulson said when addressing the Fourth Annual China Institute Executive Summit. "The U.S.-China economic relationship is among my highest priorities," he said, adding that it is also among the most challenging. "The United States and China have a unique role to play in the coming decades in assuring a strong global economy and shaping the global economic agenda," he noted.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

### **Argentine FM: China's growth a huge opportunity for world**

China's growth offers immense opportunities for the world, Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana has said. China's development means immense opportunities for Argentina and the rest of the world, rather than a threat or challenge, Taiana said during a meeting with China's new ambassador Zeng Gang on Tuesday. Taiana said the Argentine government wishes to see a powerful China and its economic growth, and is ready to consolidate and strengthen the country's relations with China. The foreign minister said Argentina and China enjoy close cooperation in the political, economic, military and scientific fields and the two countries also share similar positions on issues concerning national sovereignty and territorial integrity and other major international issues. Zeng arrived in Argentina on Oct. 17.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

### **Taiwan question can be solved: Roy**

There is a peaceful solution to the Taiwan question but it will take time, former US ambassador to China J. Stapleton Roy said yesterday. "There is no reason for alarm (on the situation in Taiwan) because there is no significant country that supports the independence of Taiwan," Roy told China Daily on the sidelines of a seminar on China's peaceful development and a harmonious world. Roy said he believed that the public in Taiwan was not in favor of a crisis with the mainland. Therefore, Taiwan leader Chen Shuibian did not have necessary support to attempt any dangerous actions.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

### **China is committed to peaceful development**

China pursues "peaceful, open, cooperative and win-win" development while striving to work with the international community to build a harmonious world, State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan said yesterday. The nation is committed to peace and cooperation to develop itself while safeguarding world peace, Tang said at an international seminar on "China's peaceful development and a harmonious world" in Beijing. The seminar was sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. His remarks follow President Hu Jintao's pledge at the recent 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) that China would unswervingly pursue a path of peaceful development.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

### **China becomes Canada's third-largest export market**

Canada's exports to China surged by 43 percent in the first part of 2007, pushing China into a tie with Japan as the country's third-largest export market, national agency

Statistics Canada said Thursday. Canada's exports to China nearly doubled to 8 billion Canadian dollars (8.8 billion U.S. dollars) in 2006 from 4 billion Canadian dollars (4.4 billion U.S. dollars) in 2002. In the first seven months of 2007, they soared 43 percent over the same period one year ago, the largest gain by any of the G-7 countries, the report said.

The People's Daily, 9 November 2007

**Official: HK remains international financial center**

A Hong Kong official said in Washington that Hong Kong is an international financial center that offers bountiful opportunities for career development, the Information Services Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government said on Thursday. According to a press release from the department, Hong Kong Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Frederick Ma told a Washington audience on Wednesday at local time that Hong Kong is a magnet for talent. Addressing Georgetown University business students, Ma said a number of the school's business students had joined summer study programs in collaboration with the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

**Chinese president meets Slovenian PM**

Sino-Slovenian relations had developed smoothly and bilateral cooperation was fruitful since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 15 years ago, Chinese President Hu Jintao said in a meeting in Beijing on Friday with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa. China and Slovenia had maintained mutual respect and developed the reciprocal cooperation, and consulted each other in international affairs in recent years, he added. "We appreciate Slovenia to adhere to the one-China principle and take the friendly policy toward China," Hu said.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

**China calls for greater Sino-Slovenian co-op**

Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo on Friday urged intensification of bilateral exchanges and increased mutual understanding between China and Slovenia. The two countries have always supported each other on significant issues of their key concerns and the bilateral relations have already moved into a track of comprehensive development, Wu said. In a meeting with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa, Wu said China appreciates the support from Slovenia on issues such as Taiwan and respects the path that Slovenian people choose to develop their country. Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), highlighted the strong complementarity of the two economies, saying that two sides should boost cooperation especially among small and medium-sized businesses.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

**Chinese FM sends condolences over suicide attack in Afghanistan**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Thursday sent a message of condolence to his Afghan counterpart Rangin Dadfar Spanta over the deadly suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan's northern province of Baghlan. Over 60 people, including six lawmakers,

were killed and more than 100 others were injured in the attack, which happened Tuesday in Baghlan, some 150 km north of the capital Kabul. Yang said that the Chinese side strongly condemns the attack and expressed sympathy and deep condolence to the victims' families and the injured. As its friendly neighbor, China will, as always, continue to support Afghanistan in its efforts at economic reconstruction and maintaining stability, Yang said.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

### **China firmly opposes U.S. subsidy probe into Chinese thermal paper**

China firmly opposes a decision of the United States to initiate combined anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations into Chinese-made lightweight thermal paper, a spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement Friday. The U.S. Department of Commerce made the decision on Oct. 29. The spokesman said, "This is the seventh combined anti-dumping and anti-subsidy probe the United States has initiated targeting Chinese products. "So many combined anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations launched by the United States against Chinese products in a short period of time have caused strong discontent in the Chinese industry," the spokesman said. The U.S. moves were unhelpful for the development of a harmonious, healthy trade relationship between China and the United States, which was mutually beneficial, according to the spokesman.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

### **Peru defense minister reiterates adherence to one-China policy**

Peru's Defense Minister Allan Wagner said Friday Peru will continue to adhere to the one-China policy. "The government of Peru holds that Taiwan is an integral part of Chinese territories, and will continue to stick to the one-China policy," Wagner told his Chinese counterpart Cao Gangchuan in their talks in Beijing Friday morning. He said China was the most important strategic partner of Peru in the Asia-Pacific region and Peru hoped to raise the level of bilateral relations. President of Peru Alan Garcia was likely to visit China during the first half of 2008, which would be an opportunity to greatly strengthen relations, he said.

The People's Daily, 10 November 2007

### **Hu Jintao mourns over death of former Party chief of Tibet**

Chinese President and General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Hu Jintao and his predecessor Jiang Zemin have mourned over the death of former Party chief of the Tibet Autonomous Region Wu Jinghua who died of illness on Oct. 19 at the age of 76. Other senior leaders including Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Zeng Qinghong, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang also mourned over the death of Wu Jinghua, Xinhua learned Friday. Wu Jinghua, from the ethnic group of Yi, is a native of Mianning County of Sichuan Province, southwest China. Since he joined the CPC in 1949, Wu had held a series of Party, government and legislative positions of different levels.

The People's Daily, 11 November 2007

### **Slovenian prime minister visits Shanghai**

Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa arrived in east China's Shanghai Saturday, continuing his official visit in China. Slovenia has just established a representative office in Shanghai for its entrepreneurs and investment activities. At the opening ceremony of the office Saturday afternoon, Jansa called on more Chinese entrepreneurs to invest and conduct economic and trade cooperation in his country. He met with Slovenian business people later Saturday and toured the Huangpu River of Shanghai. It is Jansa's first China visit since he assumed the office of prime minister in 2004.

The People's Daily, 11 November 2007

**Acting president: Argentina adheres to one-China policy**

Argentine acting President Daniel Scioli said on Friday Argentina and China support each other in terms of state sovereign and territorial integrity, and that Argentina will continue to adhere to the one-China policy and further develop the Sino-Argentine strategic partnership. "The Sino-Argentine relations have developed steadily in the recent years, with the heads of both countries exchanging high-ranking visits," Scioli said, when Zeng Gang, new Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Argentina, presented credentials to the acting president on Friday. "The two sides have strengthened the political, economic and scientific cooperation between them, which has established solid foundations for further development of bilateral relations," the acting president added.

The People's Daily, 11 November 2007

**Senior PLA leader stresses absolute Party leadership**

A senior military official on Saturday underscored the absolute leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) over the armed forces. "The People's Liberation Army under the absolute CPC leadership will guarantee the sound implementation of the Party's policies and guidelines in the armed forces," said Guo Boxiong, vice chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC). To learn the essence of the 17th CPC National Congress is of great significance to promoting the long-term development of socialism with Chinese characteristics, Guo said while meeting with senior PLA officers. CMC Vice Chairman Xu Caihou and other CMC members were present at the meeting.

The People's Daily, 11 November 2007

**Chinese legislator: Closer ties with Mexico also help South-South co-op**

Strengthening cooperation between China and Mexico will help promote South-South cooperation, which is also conducive to safeguarding world peace and stability, a senior Chinese legislator said. During meetings with Mexican parliament leaders, Jiang Enzhu, director of the Foreign Affairs Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), said strengthening the mutually beneficial cooperation between China and Mexico serves the interests of both peoples. Jiang met separately with Senate President Santiago Creel and Ruth Zavaleta, president of the Chamber of Deputies, on Thursday and Friday. The NPC is ready to boost exchanges and dialogue with Mexico's parliament to foster public support for the China-Mexico friendship and push forward the strategic partnership between the two countries, Jiang said.

The People's Daily, 12 November 2007

**Chinese economy changes from "growth" to "development" mode**

"The transfer of the economic growth mode," a common term we used to invoke, has been replaced by "the transfer of the economic development mode" in the report Comrade Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC), delivered at the 17th CPC National Congress in mid October. The shift from the word "growth" to "development" has enriched connotations of the basic category of development and indicates the nation's adherence to the principle of "taking people first" and the resolve and confidence in pushing forward scientific development.

The People's Daily, 12 November 2007

### **China's top leaders donate to help needy people**

Top Chinese leaders including President Hu Jintao and former President Jiang Zemin have made donations to people in natural disaster-hit areas and poverty-stricken regions of the country, to help them spend the winter in warmth. Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Zeng Qinghong, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang also made their donations to the natural disaster victims and poor people. Following the top leaders, Party members of departments under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) participated actively in the donation, bringing with them woolen clothes, cotton-padded clothes, quilts and mattresses, and cash, to the collection stations.

The People's Daily, 12 November 2007

### **China launches new remote sensing satellite**

China launched a new remote sensing satellite "Yaogan III" Monday morning. The satellite was launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province at 6:48 a.m. (Beijing Time). It entered the preset orbit 21 minutes later. The 2,700-kilogram satellite will be used for scientific research, land resources surveying, crop yield estimate and disaster prevention and relief. Both the satellite and the carrier rocket are developed by the Shanghai Academy of Space flight Technology affiliated to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The People's Daily, 12 November 2007

### **China's PLA prevents illegal recruitment and ineligible recruits**

China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has launched new recruitment checks to prevent ineligible recruits bribing their way into the armed services. The PLA has issued a circular warning recruitment personnel of "severe" penalties if they are caught taking bribes. The PLA's General Staff Department, General Political Department, and the Commission for Discipline Inspection have ordered recruitment personnel to sign an eight-clause pledge to prevent corruption. The circular says the whole process of the recruitment will be made transparent and supervised by senior echelons of the Army and civilian administrations. Recruitment departments at all levels must publish their addresses and telephone numbers to receive complaints from the public.

The People's Daily, 12 November 2007

### **Toys 'did contain' toxic substance**

The bead toys that were recalled in the United States and Australia did contain a toxic

substance, initial investigations by the country's top quality control body have shown. At least five children in America and Australia were reported to have fallen sick after swallowing the beads, which triggered the recalls of millions of units of the popular craft toys in the two countries last week. The toys, products of Australia-based Moose Enterprises, were sold as Aqua Dots in the US and Bindeez in Australia. Moose's agent, Hong Kong-based Duo Yuan Plastic Production Co, outsourced the manufacturing of the toys to the Wangqi Product Factory in Shenzhen.

The People's Daily, 13 November 2007

### **EU Ambassador to China: Summit to enhance cooperation**

The upcoming China-EU Summit will create a climate of "self-confidence and optimism;" and reap an "early harvest" from the new partnership framework talks. The two sides will solve the problems with the trade relationship, which is the "backbone" of the bilateral ties. On November 12, Mr. Serge Abou, the EU Ambassador to China, made these remarks. This 10th Summit, to be held in Beijing on November 28, follows China's successful 17th National Party Congress and the EU's adoption of the Lisbon Treaty. Mr. Abou explained that the prospects of both China and the EU look good. The EU delegation to the Summit, sent by Mr. Abou, will be headed by Mr. Barroso, Chairman of the European Commission, and Mr. Sócrates, Prime Minister of Portugal: the current seat of EU presidency.

The People's Daily, 13 November 2007

### **Chinese Premier vows to stabilize prices**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Monday his government would take measures to ensure sufficient supply and stabilize prices. "Prices have been on the rise these days and I'm aware that even a one-yuan (0.13 U.S. dollars) increase in prices will affect people's lives," said Wen during his visit to some needy citizens in Dongcheng District of Beijing. To prop up people's incomes, Wen called on employers in the country to offer higher salaries and to strictly abide by the rules on minimum wages. "Only when people's quality of life is improved will we feel reassured and believe we did a good job," said Wen.

The People's Daily, 13 November 2007

### **Food safety assured for Games**

The authorities are doing their utmost to ensure food safety during the Beijing Olympics, a senior quality supervision official said yesterday. All supplies to athletes, trainers and coaches will be scrutinized in a tracking system from the farm to the dining table, said Wei Chuanzhong, deputy head of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of China (AQSIQ). Wei made the remarks to 150 journalists from more than 60 domestic and foreign media organizations yesterday in Beijing. The journalists, including 114 from overseas, visited AQSIQ headquarters and two local food producers which are potential suppliers for the Games.

The People's Daily, 13 November 2007

### **Yang in Iran to discuss nuke issue**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki will

discuss Teheran's nuclear program and other issues of common concern today, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said yesterday. The nuclear issue will definitely be on top of the agenda during Yang's visit to Iran. But that is not the sole purpose of his trip, Hua Liming, former Chinese ambassador to Iran, told China Daily. As a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a country with close ties with Iran, China will try to persuade Iran to cooperate with the international community, Hua said. The European Union foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, and Saeed Jalili, who replaced Ali Larijani as Iran's chief nuclear negotiator last month, agreed on Sunday to hold a new round of talks by the end of this month, Iranian news agencies have said.

The People's Daily, 13 November 2007

### **EU-China Summit to finalize key projects**

The upcoming European Union-China Summit in Beijing will discuss some major cooperation projects, from multi-million-euro loans to fighting climate change and possibly a clean-energy research center, EU ambassador to China Serge Abou said yesterday. Addressing a press conference, Abou, who is also head of the European Commission (EC) delegation to China, said the European Investment Bank will give a 500-million-euro loan to Chinese banks. The deal will be struck on the sidelines of the summit scheduled for November 28. The two sides will sign a 10-million-euro program, too, to train management professionals at Shanghai-based China Europe International Business School. A China-EU law school will also be opened next year, he said.

The People's Daily, 14 November 2007

### **China urges U.S. to stop arms sales to Taiwan**

China on Tuesday urged the United States to immediately cancel arms sale programs, stop arms sales and military links with Taiwan. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao made the remarks when asked to comment on U.S. Department of Defense's recent announcement of planning to sell 3 sets of Patriot II anti-missile equipment upgrade systems and affiliated equipments worth of 939 million U.S. dollars to Taiwan. China firmly opposes to arms sales by the U.S. government to Taiwan, and had already raised strong objection and solemn representations to the United States, said Liu, noting that this has been a consistent and clear stance of China.

The People's Daily, 14 November 2007

### **China supports peaceful solution to Iranian nuclear issue**

Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Tuesday that China supports a peaceful solution to Iran's nuclear issue through diplomatic negotiations. "China stands for the maintenance of the international non-proliferation system and supports a peaceful solution to Iran's nuclear issue through diplomatic negotiations," Yang said during his meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. China believes that Iran has the rights to peacefully use nuclear power and appreciates Iran's repeated declaration of no intention to develop nuclear weapons and its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Yang said.

The People's Daily, 14 November 2007

### **FM: China will continue to play constructive role on Myanmar issue**

China had played and would continue to play a constructive role on the Myanmar issue, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao on Tuesday. Liu made the remarks at a regular press conference Tuesday afternoon. China always supported the mediation efforts by the UN secretary general and his special envoy and would sincerely like to see a peaceful, stable, democratic and developing Myanmar, Liu said. Liu said it should be clearly understood that the Myanmar issue was very complicated and could not be thoroughly resolved through one or two rounds of mediation.

The People's Daily, 14 November 2007

### **China, ROK vow to strengthen military ties**

Chinese senior military officials met with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Republic of Korea (ROK), Kim Kwan-jin, on Tuesday, vowing to strengthen relations between the two countries and their respective armed forces. "Based on the principle of peaceful coexistence, China will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the ROK in various fields," said Chinese Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan at the meeting. He hailed the rapid development of bilateral relations in the areas of politics, economy and trade, culture and sci-tech since the two established diplomatic relations 15 years ago. Cao added the military-to-military ties had also experienced steady development.

The People's Daily, 14 November 2007

### **Projects with Africa going on well**

China is steadily implementing the commitments it made at the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation a year ago, senior trade officials declared yesterday. As a result, bilateral trade is expected to hit \$70 billion by year's end, up from \$55.5 billion last year, and continue to skyrocket the next year. Since China removed import tariffs on 454 separate categories from the 32 least developed countries in July, some \$450 million worth of duty-free trade has entered the Chinese market from Africa. In another major boost to ties, by the end of the year China will have waived the debts of 33 poor African countries with which it has established diplomatic relations.

The People's Daily, 15 November 2007

### **Chinese, Japanese PMs to meet during ASEAN meetings**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Fukuda Yasuo are expected to have a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of a series of meetings in Singapore next week, said Assistant Foreign Minister He Yafei on Wednesday. "The two sides are preparing for the bilateral meeting (between Wen and Fukuda)... if the meeting takes place, it will be Premier Wen's first meeting with Fukuda, and I believe the two will discuss issues regarding China-Japan relations," said He at a press conference. Wen will make an official visit to Singapore and attend a series of meetings there from Nov. 18 to 22.

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### **Cooperation remains central theme in view of soaring oil prices**

International oil prices have surged continuously to a new record high and, despite a two-day minor decline, there is only a "distance of few steps" now to scale the mark of 100 US dollars per barrel. Crude oil price hike is ascribed to the outcome of new, serial changes in the global politics and economy. The Middle East region, currently possessing 65 percent of the global oil reserves, constitutes the world's top oil producer. But the prolonged stationing of American troops in Iraq and the escalating U.S. military threat to Iran have, nevertheless, aggravated the instability of the world oil market. Meanwhile, the devaluation of US dollar has further chalked up oil prices quoted in the dollar.

The People's Daily, 15 November 2007

### **China, Japan hold consultations on East China Sea issue**

Chinese and Japanese diplomatic officials Wednesday held talks over the East China Sea issue in Tokyo, the 11th round of consultations over the matter. The two delegations, led by Hu Zhengyue, director general of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Department of Asian Affairs, and Kenichiro Sasae, head of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau respectively, exchanged views in a frank and thorough-going way on joint development of the East China Sea, Chinese diplomatic sources said. During the consultations, the Chinese side expressed the wish to solve differences through friendly consultations so as to realize joint development.

The People's Daily, 15 November 2007

### **Wen likely to meet Japan's PM in Singapore**

Premier Wen Jiabao is likely to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda on the sidelines of high-level East Asian meetings, scheduled for next week in Singapore, Assistant Foreign Minister He Yafei said yesterday. Diplomats from both sides are in "contact" to "arrange" the meeting, He said at a press conference in Beijing. Wen leaves for Singapore on Sunday on an official visit. "It would be the first meeting between them (since Fukuda assumed the prime minister's post)," He said. "I believe they will exchange views on China-Japan relations and discuss how to enrich the strategic ties of mutual benefit and other issues of common concern." If realized, the meeting will play a significant role in promoting bilateral ties, he said.

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"development" has enriched connotations of the basic category of development and indicates the nation's adherence to the principle of "taking people first" and the resolve and confidence in pushing forward scientific development.

The People's Daily, 16 November 2007

### **Sarkozy visit to boost ties**

China will spare no efforts to make French President Nicolas Sarkozy's state visit a great success, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said yesterday. Sarkozy's three-day visit from November 25 will be "a great event for China-France relations," Liu said. Though it will be the French president's first China visit since assuming office in May, he has already met with his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao - on the sidelines of the G 8 Summit in Heiligendamm, Germany, in June. Several senior French officials, including Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, have visited China in recent months to make preparations for Sarkozy's visit. The French president's diplomatic advisor Jean-David Levitte was in Beijing last week when he met with State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan.

The People's Daily, 16 November 2007

### **China to double nuclear power capacity by 2020**

China is to double its nuclear power capacity by 2020, the general manager of China National Nuclear Corporation said here on Thursday. Kang Rixin told the World Energy Congress in Rome that at present China's nuclear power capacity accounts for 2 percent of the total installed capacity of the country. By 2020, the percentage will stand at 4 percent. China's installed capacity of nuclear power will hit 40 million kilowatts by 2020, he said. Kang said China has 11 nuclear power generation units in operation, 8 units are under construction and another 8 units are in their preparation stage.

The People's Daily, 16 November 2007

### **Venezuela eyes better relations**

Close China-Venezuela ties will lead to more exchanges between Asia and Latin America, for both the countries have been calling for multilateralism in international relations, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro Moros said in Beijing yesterday. "Both the countries are opposed to hegemony and want multilateralism in international relations based on equality and mutual respect," Maduro said at a news briefing. "We are standing at the threshold of a new era, an era in which sovereignty should be respected and hegemony opposed." Maduro hopes for greater cooperation between the two countries, especially in agriculture and energy industry.

The People's Daily, 16 November 2007

### **China, New Zealand hold initial strategic consultation between armed forces**

China and New Zealand on Thursday held the first strategic consultation between their armed forces in Beijing. Ma Xiaotian, vice chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), and David Anthony Bamfield, vice chief of the Defence Force of New Zealand, both participated in the consultation. They exchanged in-depth views on relations between the two countries and the two armed forces, as well as regional security conditions. The consultation was conducted in a candid, friendly and constructive atmosphere, the Chinese Ministry of National Defence said. Ma said the PLA of China

valued its friendly relationship with the Defence Force of New Zealand and held an active attitude toward deepening cooperation. He added China was willing to join with New Zealand to continue promoting the in-depth development of bilateral military ties at various levels and in various fields.

The People's Daily, 16 November 2007

### **Chinese DM leaves for visits to Kenya, Kuwait, Thailand**

Chinese Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan left here Thursday night for visits to Kenya, Kuwait and Thailand. Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and a state councilor, started his official and goodwill visit to Kenya and Kuwait at the invitation of Kenyan Minister of State For Defense Njenga Karume and Kuwaiti First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. He will then travel to Thailand to attend the celebration of Thai King's 80th birthday at the invitation of the country's Defense Minister Boonrawd Somtat.

The People's Daily, 17 November 2007

### **China, Singapore agree to upgrade relations to new heights**

China would like to work with Singapore to promote the relations to a new height to benefit the two peoples and the region, said Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday. Hu told visiting Singaporean Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew that Sino-Singaporean relations had further developed since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 17 years ago. The two countries had increased political trust and economic and trade cooperation, and maintained coordination in the international and regional affairs, he added. Hu expressed gratitude for the adherence of Singapore to the one-China policy, and its opposition to "Taiwan's Independence" as well as its support to China's reunification cause.

The People's Daily, 17 November 2007

### **World celebrities on China's peaceful rise, a harmonious world**

The outlook on the peaceful development of China has exerted an increasingly great impact worldwide, and then, how people around the globe look at the prospects of its peaceful rise and how they regard its far-reaching influence in the spheres of international security, global economy and the diversity of civilization? To answer these questions of vital importance, Xu Buqing, Zhang Guangzhen, and Liao Zhengjun, all ace reporters of the People's Daily, China's leading newspaper, interviewed a few celebrities or distinguished statesmen worldwide, who came to partake in a recent international seminar on China's Peaceful Development and a Harmonious World at the sponsorship of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) and some 20 other world issues research institutions across the country.

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### **Chinese gov't special envoy ends Myanmar visit**

Chinese government's special envoy, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi ended his three-day visit to Myanmar Friday. During his visit, Wang called on Myanmar top leader Senior-General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), in the new capital of Nay Pyi Taw Thursday. Earlier in the day, Wang

had a separate meeting with the Spokes Authoritative Team of the SPDC which comprises three Myanmar ministers -- Information Minister Brigadier-General Kyaw Hsan, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and Labor Minister U Aung Kyi. The two sides had a frank and in-depth exchange of views on issues of common interest, speaking highly of the progress of the mutually beneficial cooperation in the political, economic, cultural and other areas in recent years.

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**China encourages Iran to continue dialogues, co-op with IAEA, EU**

China on Thursday encouraged Iran to continue dialogues and cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the European Union (EU). Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao made the remarks at a regular press briefing. Iran has stated for several times that it has no intention to develop nuclear weapons, the spokesman said, adding consultation and dialogues are required in order to help the international community to believe Iran's sincerity. China always advocates to firmly maintain the international non-proliferation system, spokesman added. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi visited Iran on Tuesday, and met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki and Supreme National Security Council Secretary Saeed Jalili.

The People's Daily, 17 November 2007

**HKSAR gov't responds to U.S. Congress' report on HK**

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government responded Friday to sections relating to Hong Kong in the 2007 Annual Report issued by the U.S. Congress' U. S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. An HKSAR government spokesman said they are pleased to note that the report recognizes that Hong Kong is favored by businesses from all parts of the globe as a center for commerce in Asia, and as a key financial center for the Asia-Pacific region. "This is consistent with the rankings given by renowned international organizations, such as the World Bank, which ranks Hong Kong fourth in terms of ease of doing business, and the World Economic Forum, which ranks Hong Kong first in the area of financial market sophistication," said the spokesman.

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**Hong Kong Chief Executive to visit Beijing**

Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang will meet Central People's Government leaders and brief them on Hong Kong's latest social, economic and political developments during a duty visit to Beijing from Nov. 21 to 23. He will also meet senior officials of the relevant ministries before he visits Guangzhou. On Nov. 23 and 24, he will exchange views on cooperation with Guangdong provincial leaders. During his absence, Chief Secretary Henry Tang will be the Acting Chief Executive.

The People's Daily, 18 November 2007

**Chinese vice premier leaves for visits to Algeria, Cyprus, Spain**

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu left Sunday for official visits to Algeria, Cyprus and Spain from Nov. 18 to 29 at the invitation of the governments of the three countries.

During his stay in Spain, Hui will also attend the fourth meeting of the China-Spain Forum, a non-official and high-level institution. Established in July 2003 with focus on facilitating bilateral cooperation in economy, politics, culture and education, the forum holds its annual meetings in China and Spain in turn.

The People's Daily, 18 November 2007

### **Parliamentary delegation of Thailand to visit China**

A parliamentary delegation headed by Potjanee Thanavarant, second vice president of the National Legislative Assembly of Thailand, will visit China from Nov. 20 to 25, a press release from China's top legislative body said Sunday. Thanavarant, who is also head of the Thailand-China parliamentarians friendship group, is invited by the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress for the visit, said the press release.

The People's Daily, 18 November 2007

### **Chinese premier leaves for Singapore tour**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao left here Sunday morning for an official visit to Singapore and a series of meetings there from Nov. 18 to 22. The meetings include the 11th ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) plus Three (China, Japan and the Republic of Korea) summit, the 11th China-ASEAN summit, and the third east Asian regional summit. Wen will also attend the eighth annual meeting of leaders of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea during his stay in Singapore.

The People's Daily, 18 November 2007

### **China, Russia report major progress in natural gas negotiations**

China's largest oil and gas company CNPC and Russian gas giant Gazprom have reported a major progress in their natural gas negotiations, Gazprom's deputy chairman Alexander Medvedev said here Saturday. The negotiation, which touched on rising prices of crude oil and gas pipes on the international market, was constructive but the two sides hadn't agreed on specific prices, said Medvedev. However, big progress was made in the negotiation, which paved the way for a future agreement on specific prices, he said. "I believe we will finally get a result that is acceptable to both sides."

The People's Daily, 18 November 2007

### **China to ease restrictions on foreign investments in service sector**

China will gradually scrap restrictions on the destination, stock ownership and business scope of foreign investment in the service sector, a senior economic planner said here on Saturday. Zhang Mao, vice minister of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said the country would stick to its opening-up policy and promote a "quantity-to-quality transformation in attracting foreign investment". He added existing restrictions on foreign investment in key industries concerning China's national security and its citizens livelihood remained unchanged.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **Chinese, Singaporean PMs reach important common understanding**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong reached important common understanding on enhancing mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation

during their talks on Sunday, according to a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman. The bilateral relations between China and Singapore have seen big progress and have turned to a track of rapid, stable and mature development, though the two countries established diplomatic ties only 17 years ago, Wen said during the talks. The two countries have maintained frequent high-level visits and deepened political trust while the economic cooperation is pragmatic, efficient and fruitful, Wen said.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **Hong Kong winds up 3rd-term District Council election**

The Hong Kong Electoral Affairs Commission announced at predawn hours here Monday that the counting of ballots in the third-term District Council election was completed as 364 candidates won in their contested constituencies. The announcement by the Electoral Affairs Commission came at about 4:45 a.m. local time Monday (2045 GMT Sunday) as it took more than five hours to complete the ballots-counting process, which began at 22:30 (1430 GMT) Sunday immediately after the voting ended. More than 1.14 million registered voters cast their votes in the election for the third-term District Council in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), about 70,000 more than those in the 2003 election, according to the Electoral Affairs Commission.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **China aims to double satellite life expectancy by 2010**

China is likely to double the life expectancy of its homemade satellites by 2010, a vice minister in charge of the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence said on Sunday. Sun Laiyan, also chief of the China National Space Administration, said the country would strive to boost the life expectancy of its satellite designs in sun-synchronous orbit to four to five years by the end of the 11th Five-Year period (2006-2010). Currently, it is two to three years. The life expectancy of satellites in geo-stationary orbit is expected to nearly double to 15 years from eight years at present, Sun said at the country's third civil space work conference.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **Civilian use of satellites expanded**

The authorities are promoting the use of satellites for remote sensing, navigation and communications to provide better public services and meet the requirements of economic development. Proposals for the civilian use of satellite technology, jointly issued by the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense and the National Development and Reform Commission, were unveiled yesterday. The proposals outline the development guidelines, major goals and policy and regulatory guarantees necessary for expanding the use of satellite technology. Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan said the country's use of satellite technology had shifted to the commercial stage after more than 50 years of development.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **Chinese premier arrives in Singapore for official visit, ASEAN meetings**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived in Singapore on Sunday to start an official visit to

Singapore and to attend a series of regional summit meetings to be held in the country. In an arrival statement issued at the Changi International Airport, Wen said China and Singapore are friendly neighbors and the two peoples enjoy a close and traditional friendship. "Since the establishment of diplomatic ties 17 years ago, China-Singapore relations have maintained rapid growth, and we have carried out fruitful cooperation in many areas, bringing benefits to both countries," he said. The Chinese premier, who was met at the airport by his Singaporean counterpart, Lee Hsien Loong, and Zhang Xiaokang, Chinese ambassador to the island state, also expressed confidence that his visit would further advance China-Singapore relations.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **French warship visits Shanghai**

A French escort vessel, Fs Vendemiaire, with 91 officers and soldiers, arrived in Shanghai on Sunday for a six-day goodwill visit. The 2,600-ton tonnage Fs Vendemiaire is scheduled to end its visit next Friday and leave the Chinese metropolis for the Philippines. This is the second time for Fs Vendemiaire to visit Shanghai after the first time in Nov. 1997. The vessel also visited Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province in 2001, 2005 and 2006.

The People's Daily, 19 November 2007

### **OPEC to strengthen China collaboration**

Oil exporting countries have expressed strong interest in trade and exploration with China even as they voiced concern that rising prices could weaken demand from the fast-paced economy. Nigerian Energy Minister Odein Ajumogobia said his country plans to invest 5 billion U.S. dollars next year for energy development and production, with 4 billion dollars of that amount open to third-party investors. "China and Nigeria can deepen cooperation as huge business opportunities exist," Ajumogobia told China Daily over the weekend at the Third OPEC Summit hosted by Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil producer and largest source of imports for China.

The People's Daily, 20 November 2007

### **Chinese premier expounds on China's opening up policy**

Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expounded on China's opening up policy here on Monday, saying China will unswervingly follow the set policy. Delivering a speech entitled "Only an Open and Inclusive Nation Can Be Strong" at the National University of Singapore, Wen said the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China convened in October highlighted China's resolve to pursue reform and opening up and to build socialism with distinctive Chinese characteristics and its confidence in accomplishing this endeavor. China's opening up policy is long-term, comprehensive in nature and based on mutual benefit, said the Chinese premier.

The People's Daily, 20 November 2007

### **Chinese premier proposes 4 priority areas for co-op with Singapore**

Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao proposed four priority areas for cooperation with Singapore Monday evening. First, the two countries should launch flagship projects in bilateral business cooperation. Second, the two sides should jointly promote the building

of a bilateral free trade area (FTA). Third, the two countries should provide better services to facilitate business cooperation. Fourth, the two countries should expand cooperation in services. Wen made the proposals at a dinner hosted by the Singapore-China Friendship Association and Singaporean Business Community.

The People's Daily, 20 November 2007

**FM spokesman: China strongly opposes U.S. recent report**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao refuted Monday a recent U.S. report that he said smeared China and interfered in China's internal affairs. "China sternly opposes the report and has lodged strong representations to the U.S. side," said Liu when asked to comment on the recent annual report presented to the U.S. Congress by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The report criticized China's economic and trade policies, intellectual property rights and other issues, saying China has posed threat to the United States in the security sector. It suggested the U.S. government and Congress to take actions and exert more pressures on China.

The People's Daily, 20 November 2007

**Chinese president underscores energy efficiency, conservation**

Chinese President Hu Jintao has urged the country's energy industry to increase efficiency and reduce emissions to support sustainable development. Hu, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the comments during a visit to north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Hu called for implementation of the "conservation culture" that the CPC advocated during the 17th National Congress. He said this effort should include an awareness of energy-saving measures. At the 17th CPC National Congress, Hu explained that a "conservation culture" means "forming an energy- and resource-efficient and environment-friendly structure of industries, pattern of growth and mode of consumption."

The People's Daily, 20 November 2007

**Wen urges dialogue on Myanmar**

China is deeply concerned over the Myanmar situation and hopes related parties strengthen dialogue to promote national reconciliation, Premier Wen Jiabao said yesterday in a meeting with Myanmar Prime Minister Thein Sein. The two leaders are in the city state to attend the annual summits of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and East Asia that take place today and tomorrow. "China maintains that the future of Myanmar should be determined by its people, and the international community should provide constructive assistance to the country," Wen said. China will continue to support the mediation efforts by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and his special advisor Ibrahim Gambari, he added.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

**Chinese premier attends 11th China-ASEAN summit**

The 11th meeting between leaders of China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held in Singapore on Tuesday. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and leaders of the 10 ASEAN member countries attended the summit, during which Wen delivered a speech. Wen said over the past year, guided by the Joint Statement issued at

the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, China and ASEAN countries have made new achievements in good neighborly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation. China and ASEAN are currently moving into new times and stages of development, respectively, he added.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

**China urges Iran to further cooperate with IAEA on nuclear issue**

China on Tuesday encouraged Iran to abide by UN resolutions and strengthen cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to achieve early solution of its nuclear issue. "China is working on IAEA Director General Mohamed El Baradei's newly released report on the Iranian nuclear program, which is objective and professional," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao told a routine press conference. "According to the report, some progress has been achieved by Iran and the IAEA. However, Iran has not abided by the demands of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and suspended its uranium enrichment activities," Liu said.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

**Opening "window of opportunity" for China-Singapore cooperation**

At the invitation of Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited Singapore and attended the East Asian leader's meetings between November 18 and 22. It is the first visit by a Chinese Premier to Singapore in eight years, and Wen's visit will strengthen friendly, bilateral relations between the two countries. It will deepen the China-ASEAN strategic partnership, and promote cooperation within East Asia. Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong once said, "Singapore hopes to open a window of communication with China and the entire world." Singapore holds a strategic international position and integrates Eastern culture with Western culture.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

**China, Ecuador pledge to further all-round co-op**

China and Ecuador agreed to enhance cooperation ranging from the political areas to economic and trade fields after Chinese President Hu Jintao held talks here Tuesday with visiting Ecuadorian President Fafael Correa. During the talks, Hu told Correa that China would encourage the bilateral cooperation between the governments, parties and legislative organs and would encourage more Chinese entrepreneurs to invest in Ecuador. He also voiced the hope to enhance cooperation on agriculture, energy resources and finance, as well as the personnel exchanges. Hu said China would like to maintain consultation with Ecuador in the multilateral arenas including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and Andean Community to promote a just and reasonable international order.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

**UN keen on more peacekeepers**

The nation has reaffirmed its commitment to United Nations peacekeeping operations by expanding its training center for police peacekeepers - the announcement coinciding with the world body's call for more Chinese involvement. The China Police Peacekeeper Training Center in Langfang, Hebei Province, will be expanded to 23 hectares from 13

hectares, Guo Baoshan, deputy director of the international cooperation bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, said yesterday. He told visiting UN Under-Secretary-General for peacekeeping operations Jean-Marie Guehenno that the 100 million yuan (\$13 million) expansion is designed to train anti-riot police teams while the existing base will be used for the training of civil police officers. He said the new base will have special training facilities such as a shooting range and a driving area.

The People's Daily, 21 November 2007

### **China congratulates ASEAN on signing of Charter**

China on Tuesday congratulated the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the signing of the ASEAN Charter at a regional summit in Singapore. "The signing of the ASEAN Charter is a landmark during the 40 years since ASEAN was established and a key result of ASEAN community building," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao at a routine briefing. "We believe that under the Charter, ASEAN will continuously advance its integration through building an ASEAN community, to further peace, progress and prosperity in the region and world," Liu said. Leaders of the 10 members of ASEAN gathered in Singapore on Tuesday for the grouping's 13th summit, where they signed the Charter, which will transform ASEAN into a more effective, rules-based and rules-bound organization.

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **Climate change tops Chinese premier's address at East Asia summit**

Climate change and environmental issues took center stage during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's address at a regional summit here Wednesday. Wen, who was in Singapore attending the 3rd East Asia Summit, outlined China's views and position on climate change and its measures to tackle the problem. The Chinese premier called climate a global issue and urged countries to work together to address the issue. Developed countries should face up to their historical responsibilities, take the lead in cutting emissions and honor their commitment on technological transfer and financial aid to developing countries, he said.

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **Wen's visit deepens mutual trust, co-op among East Asian countries**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao paid an official visit to Singapore last Sunday and later attended a series of important regional meetings there, including the ASEAN plus Three summit, the East Asia summit and the trilateral meeting of the leaders of China, Japan and South Korea. This visit is highly fruitful as it has deepened China's good-neighborly relations with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and strengthened cooperation among East Asian countries, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, who accompanied Wen on the visit, told Chinese media Wednesday night.

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **China, Japan to hold first high-level economic dialogue early next month**

China and Japan will open their first high-level economic dialogue in Beijing on Dec. 1, a spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said on Wednesday. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda agreed on the opening date

during their meeting in Singapore, the spokesman said. Premier Wen and former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed to launch the initiative during Wen's visit to Japan in April. The dialogue, with the theme of "Cooperation, Win-Win and Coordinated Development", will be a platform to exchange economic development strategies and economic policies.

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **PLA ship on maiden voyage to Japan**

Missile destroyer Shenzhen set off for Tokyo from Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province, yesterday, and by next week it will become the first People's Liberation Army (PLA) ship to call at a Japanese port. Rear Admiral Xiao Xinnian, vice-chief of staff of the PLA's South China Sea Fleet, is leading 345 naval officers and soldiers on the trip. Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force will hold a ceremony to receive the Chinese group. The two sides will conduct military exchanges and entertainment programs, including visiting each other's naval ships and holding a joint band performance for people in Tokyo. The ship will be open to the public in Tokyo, and will reportedly call at Yokosuka, a port at the entrance to Tokyo Bay, too.

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **China, India 'to hold joint exercise'**

Amid reports that China and India will hold their first joint military exercise next month, the two countries yesterday reiterated they were ready to take their strategic cooperative partnership to a "new level". As Premier Wen Jiabao met with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the sidelines of the East Asian Summit, Indian Defense Ministry spokesman Sitanshu Kar said about 100 troops each from both the countries will take part in the military drill. "The joint exercise, to be held in Southwest China's Yunnan Province, will focus on counter-terrorism measures," the Australian Associated Press quoted Kar as having said yesterday. "This is important to boost bilateral ties."

The People's Daily, 22 November 2007

### **Chinese premier concludes Singapore tour**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived here on Wednesday night, concluding an official visit to Singapore and a series of meetings there. The meetings include the 11th ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) plus Three (China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK)) summit, the 11th China-ASEAN summit, and the third East Asian regional summit. Wen made a five-point proposal on strengthening and deepening cooperation among the 10 ASEAN states and China, Japan and the ROK upon the Summit. The Chinese Premier also attended the eighth annual meeting of leaders of China, Japan and the ROK during his stay in Singapore.

The People's Daily, 23 November 2007

### **East Asia faces eight challenges**

Recently, the 11th ASEAN-China Summit, the 11th ASEAN 10+3 Summit (ASEAN plus China, Japan and South Korea) and the 8th meeting of Chinese, Japanese and South Korean leaders, were held in Singapore. For East Asian countries, these meetings are crucial for deepening mutual understanding, strengthening mutual trust, and promoting

cooperation in various fields including the economy, trade, science and technology, energy, environment, finance, culture, education, and tourism. Despite problems and conflicts in East Asia, all countries share the common interest of building a "harmonious East Asia" and promoting peace and development.

The People's Daily, 23 November 2007

**Yang to attend Mideast peace talks**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi will attend the US-sponsored Middle East peace conference in Annapolis, Maryland, next week, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao announced yesterday. China hopes the two-day meeting that starts on Monday achieves substantive and positive results and helps enhance contacts among the participants, including Israeli and Palestinian leaders. "We will work together with other parties to discuss ways to push forward the peace process in the Middle East and hope the issue is fully and fairly solved with the help of the international community at an early date," Liu said.

The People's Daily, 23 November 2007

**Top Chinese, U.S. diplomats mull Middle East peace conference over telephone**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke by telephone late Thursday about the upcoming the Middle East peace conference. The two senior figures mulled over the issue and expressed the desire to have talks during the international meeting set for Nov.26-27 in Annapolis, Maryland, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a press release. They also exchanged views on other regional issues of common concern, it said. Earlier in the day, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told a regular press conference that Yang has been invited by Rice to attend the meeting and that China will work with parties concerned to discuss how to promote the Middle East peace process.

The People's Daily, 23 November 2007

**EU: China makes considerable progress in product safety**

China has made considerable progress in taking actions to ensure safety of toys and other products exported to Europe, the European Union (EU) consumer chief said on Thursday. An EU overview of China's efforts showed the Chinese authorities have made "a significant effort with respect to the enforcement actions it took as a follow-up to the RAPEX notifications of dangerous consumer goods," EU Consumer Protection Commissioner Meglena Kuneva told reporters. RAPEX is an EU-wide rapid alert system for non-food consumer products. Since 2006, the EU has been relaying information to China of unsafe products of Chinese origin which were reported on the European market under its RAPEX.

The People's Daily, 23 November 2007

**Lift curbs on exports, EU urged**

China yesterday urged the European Union to remove barriers in hi-tech exports to China to adjust the bilateral trade imbalance. China has applied many measures to curb its own exports this year and hopes the EU will remove the barriers to hi-tech exports to China, said Wang Xinpei, spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce. Wang made the remark

ahead of next week's annual Sino-EU summit, when top Chinese and EU leaders, including Premier Wen Jiabao and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, will meet in Beijing. Trade imbalance and the value of the yuan are expected to top the summit agenda. "We hope that through bilateral coordination, especially by removing unreasonable barriers to exports of hi-tech products, China's imports can be expanded," said Wang.

The People's Daily, 24 November 2007

**Wu: China keen to continue to boost trade**

China remains open to foreign investment and is keen to address key issues including the trade imbalance and food security, Vice-Premier Wu Yi said in Beijing on Friday in her keynote speech to American companies operating in China. China and the US are major trade partners for each other, Wu said at an annual event at the American Chamber of Commerce in China. Her speech came ahead of the third China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue, when top officials from the two countries will meet in Beijing early next month to discuss trade issues. Trade between China and the United States has been developing very fast over the past decade, Wu said, and the two countries are now each other's second-largest trading partner.

The People's Daily, 24 November 2007

**China, Russia to build 10-mln-ton oil refinery in Tianjin**

China and Russia have agreed to locate a planned oil refinery capable of processing 10 million tons a year in the northern port city of Tianjin. China's top oil firm, China National Petroleum Cooperation (CNPC), and Russia's Rosneft, have set up a joint venture in Tianjin to implement the project, which is still subject to approval by the National Development and Reform Commission. The refinery project is a concrete followup to the two companies' agreement reached in March 2006 to intensify cooperation in the oil sector. During a recent meeting with a Rosneft delegation, Tianjin's vice mayor Yang Dongliang promised to allocate quality land for the project before June.

The People's Daily, 24 November 2007

**Chinese FM holds talks with Mexican counterpart**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Friday met with his Mexican counterpart, Patricia Espinosa Cantellano. The officials had an in-depth exchange of opinions on comprehensively strengthening the strategic partnership, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao also met Espinosa on Friday. Yang noted that China attached great importance to developing relations with Mexico. Yang also said that mutual trust had been strengthened and bilateral cooperation in various fields had made significant achievements since the two countries established diplomatic ties 35 years ago. Particular progress had been made since 2003, when they set up a strategic partnership.

The People's Daily, 24 November 2007

**Japan-China relations "most important", say Japanese ruling party leaders**

A Japanese statesman said in Beijing Friday that Japan-China ties are the one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world and the two nations should build strategic

and reciprocal relations based on a consensus. Sadakazu Tanigaki, the policy research council chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), one of Japan's two ruling parties, said that a stable relationship between Japan and China was of great importance to Asia's development and prosperity. "I think the key fact for the Japan-China relationship is that it not only concerns the two countries but also is vital to the peace, stability and prosperity in Asia and the world at large," Sadakazu Tanigaki said in a written interview with Xinhua on the sidelines of the third meeting of the ruling party's exchange mechanism.

The People's Daily, 24 November 2007

### **Central government leaders pledge to support HK, Macao regional gov'ts**

President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday met with chief executives of Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions (SAR) and pledged "all-out support" to them and their governments. After hearing reports by Hong Kong's Donald Tsang and Macao's Ho Hau Wah on their work, both Hu and Wen spoke highly of the achievements the two SAR governments have made. "The next five years will be an important phase in Hong Kong's development and the HKSAR government should always prioritize economic development and improvement in people's livelihood," Hu said to Tsang.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

### **Sarkozy arrives in Xi'an for three-day China visit**

French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrived in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi province, on Sunday morning, kicking off his first state visit to China since he took office in May this year. During his three-day stay in China, Chinese President Hu Jintao will hold talks with him. China's top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao will also meet with him. Sarkozy is scheduled to deliver a speech at Beijing's prestigious Qinghua University. Sarkozy said in an interview with Xinhua in Paris on Friday that he would like to work together with Chinese President Hu Jintao on many topics of mutual concern like the environment, economic and trade relations and how France and China can make bigger contributions to the world's security.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

### **Chinese premier congratulates Australian labor leader on election win**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao sent a message to Kevin Rudd on Sunday, congratulating him on his victory in Australia's general elections. The Labor Party led by Rudd won a landslide victory in the national elections on Saturday. Rudd will become the country's 26th prime minister, replacing Prime Minister John Howard.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

### **Economist: U.S., China should join hands to reform world financial system**

The United States and China should join hands in an effort to reform the world financial system, which has currently entered the most deadly crisis in recent centuries, a renowned U.S. economist said Saturday. "The end of the present world monetary-financial system is inevitable, unless the system is replaced by a new world system during a relatively brief, remaining time available," said Lyndon La Rouche at a luncheon

at the Forum on U.S.-China Relations and China's Peaceful Reunification. La Rouche, also a famous political activist, said the present international financial crisis could only be brought under control when major countries like the U.S. and China cooperate.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

**Senior CPC official leaves for visit to ROK, Nepal**

Senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Wang Jiarui left the Chinese capital on Sunday for working visits to the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Nepal. Wang, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, was invited by the ROK Foreign Ministry and the Nepali interim government.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

**Senior party official: enhance cohesion, appeal of socialist ideology**

A senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official has stressed the need to "enhance the cohesion and appeal of the socialist ideology" and ensure the public's "basic cultural rights" partly by promoting the free opening of museums and memorials to the masses. The Party should enthusiastically explore effective ways of using socialist core values to lead the current social and ideological trends, Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau, said recently during talks with CPC publicity officials, government officials and scholars in Beijing and Tianjin. The country should gear up for the reform of the cultural system to meet the masses' increasing demand for cultural consumption, Li said.

The People's Daily, 25 November 2007

**Vice premier Wu: China to boost IPR protection**

China will take further actions to boost intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and improve the business climate, Vice Premier Wu Yi said on Friday. Addressing the 2007 Government Appreciation Dinner here, hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce, Wu said China would step up efforts to build a fair market and boost legal transparency, as well as IPR protection. The Chinese government was also committed to building a fairer, transparent, effective and convenient business environment, the vice premier stated. The government will stick to the reform and opening-up policy and continue to welcome foreign investment to play a role in promoting self-innovation, industry upgrading and coordinated regional development in China, she said.

The People's Daily, 26 November 2007

**Chinese president proposes more co-op with France on energy, aviation**

Chinese President Hu Jintao has proposed greater cooperation with France on nuclear energy, aviation and aerospace as part of a four-point plan for the development of relations between the two countries. During talks here on Monday morning with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Hu outlined the points in his proposal. The first point in the proposal was intended to deepen bilateral political relations and enhance strategic mutual trust. The two sides should maintain high-level exchanges and contacts, continue to strengthen important dialogue and consultation mechanism building, and understand and support each other on major issues concerning each other's national interests. The second was to further strengthen multi-lateral cooperation to jointly meet challenges.

The People's Daily, 26 November 2007

**French President Sarkozy kicks off China visit, stressing close ties**

French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrived in Beijing Sunday afternoon for his first state visit to China since taking office in May, emphasizing close bilateral links. "Our two countries enjoy very close political ties and energetic economic links," the French president told a business forum on Sunday evening. He expressed confidence about future bilateral cooperation in politics, economy, technology and other fields. He said that he appreciated China's constructive role in international affairs, especially its positive contribution to the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue and the Darfur issue.

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**'Ambitious approach' needed for new, better China-EU ties**

BRUSSELS: The European Union (EU) and China need to adopt an ambitious approach at negotiations to strike a new partnership and cooperation deal, EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson said recently. "This has to be an agreement of the highest standard and ambition, which addresses current concerns and provides the framework for the coming years," Mandelson said in a written interview before a crucial China-EU summit. Chinese and EU leaders will assemble in Beijing next week for their annual summit. And the new partnership agreement is almost certain to be high on their agenda, which will also include trade relations, cooperation in environmental protection and international issues.

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**Good ties with China won't change**

The new Australian leadership will bring no significant changes to the country's policy towards China, according to a Chinese expert. "The Sino-Australian relationship has been developing smoothly during Howard's term and such a trend has become part of the Australian foreign strategy," said Zhai Kun, a senior researcher with China Institute of Contemporary International Relations. "No matter who wins the election, the goal of maintaining good ties with China will not be changed," Zhai said. China is Australia's largest trading partner while the US is Australia's close ally. How to deal with relations with the two countries will be a challenge for the new Australian prime minister, Zhai said.

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**Foreign Ministry holds open day for Games**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and British ambassador to China William Ehrman tested their skills with Chinese ping-pong queen Deng Yaping at the ministry's building yesterday. Though they were beaten, as expected, the 120 participants applauded them at the ministry's second open day, "Chinese Diplomacy, Beijing Olympics". Yang and Ehrman played the game to appeal for greater sportsmanship and less politics. Greek ambassador Michael Cambanis, too, was supposed to play but couldn't because he wasn't feeling well. Ambassadors of past and future Olympic host nations had been especially invited to the event. "We should avoid mixing politics with sports," Cambanis said. For example, when we held the Athens Games we faced a similar pollution problem (like Beijing)."

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**Chinese-French friendship continues**

On the eve of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's state visit to China, former French premier Jean-Pierre Raffarin was invited to speak at the closing ceremony of the Chinese-French Local Governments' Cooperation Forum in Bordeaux. Upon finishing his speech, Raffarin was to return to Paris immediately, for he would be accompanying President Sarkozy on his visit to China the following day. As a result, we interviewed Mr. Raffarin on his way to the airport. Raffarin has long been a great friend to the Chinese people, and has a profound understanding of and friendly sentiments towards China.

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**Kuwaiti Emir, PM meet Chinese DM to discuss ties**

Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah and Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammed al-Sabah met visiting Chinese Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan here Tuesday for discussions on promoting bilateral ties. The Kuwaiti emir said at a meeting with Cao, who arrived in Kuwait Monday, that Kuwait and China enjoy a good relationship and bilateral cooperation is developing smoothly in a variety of areas. Kuwait values its ties with China and hopes to expand bilateral cooperation, he added. At a separate meeting with Cao, Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammed al-Sabah said China is a good friend of Kuwait and the two countries have for long supported and cooperated with each other.

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**FM spokesman: China not to trade its sovereignty, principle**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said on Tuesday China would never trade its sovereignty or principle when asked whether China would support sanctions on Iran if the United States stops selling weapons to Taiwan. Qin made the remarks at a regular press conference. He said it is improper to connect China's stance on the Iranian nuclear issue with its opposition to weapons sales by the U.S. government to Taiwan. China firmly opposes the U.S. selling of advanced weapons to Taiwan, and hopes the international community make more efforts in peacefully solving the Iranian nuclear standoff through talks.

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**FM spokesman: China to further strengthen exchanges, co-op with Australia**

The Chinese government congratulated Kevin Rudd on his victory in Australia's recent general elections, and is willing to further promote friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation with Australia, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Tuesday. China is willing to move forward the China-Australia all-around cooperative relations healthily and steadily together with Australia, Qin said when asked about China's comments on the Labor Party leader Rudd's victory in the elections. Qin said China attaches great importance to the China-Australia relationship, which is based on cooperation and mutual trust.

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### **China says Vietnam protest on navy exercise "groundless"**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman on Tuesday refuted Vietnam's protest that Chinese Navy's exercise in Xisha Islands has infringed upon its sovereignty as "groundless". "The protest by Vietnam is groundless," Qin Gang told a press briefing. "Chinese Navy's routine exercise in Xisha Islands has been its normal activity within China's territorial waters." China has indisputable sovereignty over Xisha Islands and adjacent water areas, and "no dispute exists between China and Vietnam" in this regard, he said.

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### **Chinese FM, EU foreign policy chief meet on ties**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met in Washington Monday with the European Union (EU) High Representative for European Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana to discuss China-EU relations and exchange views on international and regional issues of mutual concern. Yang is here to attend the Middle East peace conference scheduled to open in Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday. Both sides praised the development of China-EU relations, saying that relations between China and the EU has maintained a positive momentum of development.

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### **China, Egypt agree to strengthen consultations on Mideast peace process**

China and Egypt agreed on Monday that both countries should strengthen bilateral consultations and coordination on major international and regional issues, the Middle East peace process in particular. Meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Ahmed Abul Gheit in Washington, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that the convening of the Middle East conference, to be held in Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, is the result of joint efforts by all parties concerned. It reflects the wishes of the international community to find a solution to the final status of Palestine through negotiations and establish an independent Palestinian state living side by side in peace with Israel, Yang said.

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### **France opposes Taiwan referendum**

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said yesterday that his country opposes "Taiwan independence" and the island's push for a referendum next year on UN membership. France holds that there is only one China in the world, and Taiwan is an integral part of China, which is the general position of the international community, Sarkozy said. Any unilateral initiative is "ineffective and unjustified", especially the planned referendum, he said during the meeting with President Hu Jintao. "It (the referendum) is not a useful initiative. It is therefore regrettable and I hope it will not be pursued." Sarkozy said that France has taken note of the peace proposal in Hu's report to the recent 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

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### **Chinese FM announces five principles to promote Middle East peace**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, speaking at the Annapolis conference held here on

Tuesday, announced five principles to promote the Middle East peace process. First, respect history, accommodate each others' concerns and keep the peace talks on the right track. The state of Israel has been in existence for nearly sixty years, but for the Palestinian people, their dream of an independent Palestinian State has yet to come true. The Middle East is now undergoing profound changes, and the parties concerned must face up to reality and take bold steps in keeping with the trend of the times.

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### **U.S. welcomes rise of a confident, peaceful, prosperous China**

The United States has signaled to China that it welcomes the rise of a confident, peaceful and prosperous China, the Bush administration's top envoy to China said on Tuesday. "A weak and insecure China is not in America's economic or security interests," Ambassador Alan Holmer said in a speech delivered to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He spoke highly of the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), saying the U.S. and China are advancing the bilateral economic relationship by establishing new habits of bilateral cooperation through the framework. It "helps us signal to China that we welcome the rise of a confident, peaceful and prosperous China," he said.

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### **China makes proposals on tackling world humanitarian challenges**

China made proposals to the international community on Tuesday about how to deal with humanitarian challenges caused by armed conflicts, terrorism, transnational crimes, epidemics, lack of natural resources and climate change. "Members of the International Red Cross movement should, on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, mobilize all possible forces and resources to respond these new types of challenges," said Li Baodong, Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Addressing some 1,500 delegates at the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Li said the world should seek peace and promote development, as peace and development are still the main themes in the world today.

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### **China doing its utmost to curb global warming**

While some developed countries are tracking down the causes of global warming; China is making a significant step forward in conserving energy and reducing the emissions of waste and pollutants. The State Council released three action plans and three measures on November 23. The three action plans are for: the unit GDP energy consumption statistical index system, a testing system, and a supervisory system. The three measures include testing, supervision, and total emissions reduction statistics for major pollutants. The three action plans and the three measures correspond with the comprehensive assessment of economic and social development throughout the country.

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### **China asks U.S., EU, Japan to shoulder main responsibilities for stabilizing int'l currency system**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday called on the United States, the European Union (EU) and Japan to shoulder the main responsibilities for keeping the international

currency system stable. During a meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker, President of Euro group, Wen also asked the world's three major economies to further strengthen coordination, and contribute to the orderly adjustment of the international exchange rate system. Wen said the Euro has greatly appreciated in recent years due to devaluation of the U.S. dollar and the international market's turbulence.

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**China opposes public threat to security of Chinese peacekeepers in Darfur**

China on Wednesday said it could not tolerate criticism from any party for its participation in peacekeeping missions in the Darfur region of Sudan, and opposes any public threat made against the security of its peacekeepers there. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks on Wednesday morning when asked to comment on the threat from the Sudanese Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), an anti-government armed force, to take action against Chinese peacekeeping forces if China does not withdraw its peacekeeping personnel from the country.

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**Chinese Vice Premier: China's development benefits China, world as whole**

China's development has benefited China and the world as a whole, visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said in Madrid on Tuesday. In a speech to the opening ceremony of the Fourth China-Spain Forum in the Spanish capital, Hui said China's achievements in its modernization drive has not only benefited China, but has also contributed to the world's peace, stability and development. China is willing to make joint efforts with Spain to boost their comprehensive strategic partnership, Hui said. The establishment of the partnership in 2005 marked a milestone in the bilateral ties, said the Chinese leader.

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**Chinese FM meets with Palestinian, Israeli leaders in Annapolis**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met in Annapolis, U.S. Tuesday with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert separately on the sidelines of the Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Maryland. Yang told Abbas that the China-Palestine relation is solid and the Chinese government has been continuously supporting the righteous course of the Palestinians. He noted that as an important Mideast peace meeting since the Madrid Conference, the one-day Annapolis event is expected to help solidify the forces of peace within Israel and Palestine, as well as help to build international consensus and push forward the peace process.

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**China, EU outline future strategic partnership**

The 10th China-EU Leaders' Meeting was held in Beijing Wednesday, and leaders from both China and the European Union (EU) outlined their future strategic partnership while discussing pragmatic issues. The yearly summit was attended by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister Jose Socrates of Portugal, which currently holds rotating presidency of the European Union, and European Commission President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso. The meeting came as the 10th anniversary of the regular meeting mechanism of Chinese and EU leaders. Over the past decade the China-EU ties have

witnessed the fastest development in history and mutually beneficial cooperation has produced rich results and the ties now have reached an unprecedented level in width and depth, Wen said during the meeting.

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### **President Hu highlights priorities for China-EU relations**

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday afternoon met here with Prime Minister Jose Socrates of Portugal, the current holder of the EU's rotating presidency and Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, president of the Commission of the European Union (EU), both of whom are in China for the 10th China-EU Leaders' Meeting. In the meeting, Hu highlighted three priorities in which he thought China and EU should make joint efforts. The first priority is to strengthen strategic mutual trust, be aware of the general situation and grasp the future.

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### **Premier Wen : China aims at overall trade balance**

China is not intentionally pursuing a trade surplus but is aiming for an overall balance of trade, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday told a China-EU Business Summit. "We have, and will continue to put in place, measures aimed at expanding imports and promoting a more balanced bilateral trade," Wen said. "The European Union (EU)'s exports to China have grown at an annual rate of more than 20 percent for two consecutive years," Wen said, "much higher than the 15 percent rate of the EU's general export growth." China and the EU have set up a dialogue mechanism on expanding EU exports to China and redressing the trade imbalance in June, 2007.

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### **PLA warship's visit to Japan of far-reaching significance**

The warship and guided-missile destroyer, Shenzhen, left its home port in Guangdong Province; and was due to arrive in Japan, on November 28, for a four-day visit at the invitation of the Japanese Navy. This is in commemoration of the 35th anniversary of normalizing diplomatic relations between China and Japan. It is also the new Chinese navy's first visit to Japan. Since last year, Chinese and Japanese leaders have successfully exchanged upper-level visits to their respective countries and have improved bilateral political relations. It is in this context that the "Shenzhen" Warship sets sail for Japan; and aims for a breakthrough in Chinese-Japanese military exchanges since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

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### **Can Annapolis handshakes lead to Middle East peace?**

As the old saying goes, every cloud has a silver lining. The accords emerged from lengthy, last-minute talks on a joint document indicating Israel and Palestine would commit to a 2008 peace treaty, and negotiate the "final status" of the conflict. "We agreed to immediately launch, in good faith, bilateral negotiations for a peace treaty resolving all outstanding issues, including core issues, without exception," US President George W. Bush said, reading from the joint statement at the US-backed peace conference in Annapolis.

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**Bush says he attaches great importance to U.S.-China ties**

U.S. President George W. Bush met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi in the oval office of the White House on Tuesday to exchange views on bilateral ties as well as international and regional issues of mutual concern. The president said that he attaches great importance to U.S.-China relationship, adding that his administration is willing to strengthen communications and cooperation with China. Yang said that the Sino-U.S. relationship has generally maintained a positive momentum of stable development. He said the Chinese side would work with the U.S. side in firmly implementing the important consensus reached between Chinese President Hu Jintao and President Bush on the development of constructive and cooperative Sino-U.S. relationship.

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**China ratifies protocol amending WTO's TRIPS agreement**

China notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Wednesday that it had ratified the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). Chinese Ambassador Sun Zhenyu sent a notification letter to WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy together with the instrument of ratification signed by President Hu Jintao and Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, said the Chinese mission to the WTO. The Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement, done at Geneva on Dec. 6 2005, means to allow WTO members to export patented medicines to third countries with no manufacturing capacity in the pharmaceutical sector, by making use of compulsory licenses.

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**China, Brazil hold first strategic dialogue**

China and Brazil hold the first strategic dialogue on Nov. 29, according to the sources with the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Friday. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Li Jinzhang and his Brazilian counterpart Roberto Jaguaribe Gomes de Mattos presided over the dialogue. The two sides agreed that both China and Brazil are the developing and major powers of the world, and the strategic dialogue will promote mutual understanding and the bilateral ties and play an important role in enhancing south-south cooperation and peace and prosperity of the world.

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**Hu sends congratulation message, praises friendship**

President Hu Jintao yesterday sent a message to President Musharraf, congratulating him on his re-election as Pakistan's president. In the message, Hu said that China and Pakistan have always respected, understood, trusted and supported each other since the two countries established diplomatic ties more than half a century ago. He said Pakistan is China's good friend, neighbor, partner and brother all in one, adding that the two countries have forged all-weather friendship and all-round cooperation.

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### **White House: U.S., China to move beyond Kitty Hawk incident**

The United States and China have very good relations and could move beyond their dispute over aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk's recent aborted attempt to have as top in Hong Kong, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said on Thursday. "I think the president believes we have good relations with China. We work cooperatively with China on so many different issues. This is one small incident. And in the big picture, in the big scheme of things, we have very good relations," Perino said at a White House news briefing. "We have been in communication with the Chinese. We are asking them to clarify the reasons that the Kitty Hawk was turned back," she said. "I think we will get it (clarification), and then we'll be able to move beyond this," she added.

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### **China, Myanmar sign MoU on science, technology co-op**

China and Myanmar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) here Thursday on enhancement of bilateral cooperation in the sector of science and technology. The MoU between the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and the Myanmar Ministry of Science and Technology was inked by Executive Vice-President of the CAST Deng Nan and the Myanmar Minister U Thuang on behalf of respective sides. Under the MoU, the two sides will strengthen cooperation in academic exchange in science and technology as well as personnel exchange.

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### **Tibet in best period of development, stability**

Tibet is in the best period of stability and development, with unprecedented high levels of economic and social development, a senior leader of China's Tibet Autonomous Region said here Thursday. "The policy of the Chinese central government, which is centered on the economic development and focus on development and stability, is now bearing fruits," said Nyima Tsering, vice chairman of Tibet Autonomous Region, at a press conference on the sidelines of the First Forum on the Development of Tibet, China. He said much of the investment by the Chinese central government in Tibet is being devoted to agriculture and animal husbandry.

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### **TSL vows to close cross-Straits relations**

China's Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League (TSL) said here Thursday that it would work hard to strengthen relations and promote understanding across the Taiwan Strait. "As a party made up of Taiwan people on the mainland, many members have relatives and friends on the other side of the Strait. We shall take the advantage to promote understanding and mutual trust across the Strait," said Lin Wenyi, chairwoman of the TSL Central Committee, here Thursday at the ongoing TSL 8th all-league congress. "In the future, we shall keep close contacts with Taiwan compatriots, no matter whether they are permanently or temporarily living on the mainland. We shall listen to them and help get their voices heard," she said.