

People's Daily, 2 September 2006

China to host meeting on central Asian economic cooperation

Finance ministers from China and seven other countries in central Asia are expected to agree on a framework for medium-term strategic cooperation in a meeting in northwest China next month. Ju Kuilin, deputy-director of the International Department of the Chinese Ministry of Finance, said ministers from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as well as China are also expected to pass a comprehensive action plan on regional economic cooperation and launch cooperation in research and capacity building for AIDS and avian flu prevention...

People's Daily, 2 September 2006

Chinese defense minister leaves Beijing to visit 4 European countries

Chinese Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan left Beijing on Saturday afternoon for official goodwill visits to Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Belarus. Cao is invited by his counterparts of the four European nations, including Bulgarian Minister of Defence Veselin Bliznakov, Hungarian Minister of Defense Szekeres Imre, Romanian Minister of National Defence Teodor Atanasiu and Minister of Defense of Belarus Leonid Maltsev. During the visits, Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councilor, will meet with leaders and senior governmental officials of the four nations, and hold discussions with his counterparts on international and regional situation, bilateral relations and military ties between China and these countries, as well as other issues of mutual concern...

People's Daily, 3 September 2006

Chinese vice premier calls for better cooperation in Northeast Asia

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi said in Changchun Saturday that the cooperation mechanism among Northeast Asian countries should be improved. Trade facilitation process should be quickened in the region with more government support, said Wu at the Northeast Asia Economic Cooperation Forum held in Changchun, northeast China's Jilin Province. Wu said China's strategy of rejuvenating its old industrial base in northeast China has brought great business opportunities to companies in Northeast Asia. The vice premier said China would stick to its policy of opening up and reform to strive for prosperity in Northeast Asia along with other nations...

People's Daily, 4 September 2006

China, Russia prepare for anti-terrorism drill

China and Russia will hold their first joint anti-terrorism drill in the Far East area of Russia next year, Xinhua News Agency quoted Russian Deputy Interior Minister Nikolai Ovchinnikov as saying on Friday in Moscow. But details of the exercise, such as duration, location, participants and size, have not yet been fixed, according to Ovchinnikov. Police of the two countries are preparing for the exercise in Russia, sources said. Senior officials from the Ministry of Public Security of China will be invited to inspect an anti-terror drill in New Siberia late this month, the China News Service reported. Ahead of this, senior Chinese police officials observed a similar exercise in southern Russia this April...

People's Daily, 4 September 2006

China's rural reform aims to safeguard farmers' material interest, democratic right, premier

China's reform in rural areas, which has made remarkable achievement in about 30 years, serves the purpose of safeguarding farmers' material interest, democratic right and developing productivity. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao made the remarks at a national conference on rural reform. The two-day conference closed on Saturday. Annuling the agricultural tax across China this year marks a new stage of China's reform in rural area, and the Chinese government will continue to deepen institutional reform at township level and financial reform at county and township levels, he said...

People's Daily, 5 September 2006

China to establish three large ship-building bases

China will establish three modern ship-building bases around Bohai Bay, at the mouth of the Changjiang and Pearl Rivers for the mid-and long-term development of the shipping industry. An official from the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense said China's share of the world's ship-building industry has increased to 20 percent in 2005 from 6 percent in 2000. The output of domestically-produced ships ranks the third in the world for the eleventh consecutive year.

People's Daily, 5 September 2006

Premier Wen to attend China-ASEAN commemorative summit

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will attend a commemorative summit between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to be held next month in Nanning, capital of South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang announced at a regular press conference here on Tuesday that the summit meeting will be held on October 30. The summit meeting is to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relations. Leaders from ASEAN countries will also attend the summit.

China Daily, 6 September 2006

US negotiator in China to push Six-Party Talks (Qin Jize)

The US chief negotiator to the Six-Party Talks arrived in Beijing yesterday afternoon from Tokyo, seeking fresh co-operation with Asian counterparts to bring Pyongyang back to the table. Christopher Hill, US assistant secretary of state, last night held talks with Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei, the top delegate on the Chinese side, and is scheduled to meet with assistant foreign ministers Cui Tiankai and He Yafei today. The two sides will talk about the ways to resume nuclear talks as well as bilateral relations, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang yesterday...

China Daily, 6 September 2006

Wen: China needs time, peace, friends

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao pledged progress on sustainable economic growth, currency reform and democracy on Tuesday but stressed change would be gradual rather than radical. Wen also sought to flex China's diplomatic muscle by urging Iran to heed international concerns over its weapons programmes but said dialogue, not sanctions, was

the proper means of securing solutions to the Iran and North Korean nuclear crises. Wen, in a wide-ranging interview with Reuters and a small group of foreign media, stressed that resolving conflicts ranging from the economic to the diplomatic in a harmonious manner was critical to the sustainable development of the world's fourth-largest economy. "We need peace, we need friends, and we need time," Wen said, closing a one-hour interview in the Purple Radiance Hall inside the Zhongnanhai compound ahead of a visit to Finland, Britain and Germany...

People's Daily, 7 September 2006

Pakistan-China relationship promotes regional stability: PM

Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday in Islamabad said that the all-weathered strategic relationship between Pakistan and China is a source of strength and stability for the region. The prime minister was talking to Jin Zhuanglong, Vice Minister Commission of Science and Technology and Industry of National Defence (COSTIND) of China, who called on him along with a delegation here at the PM House. Aziz expressed satisfaction over the progress on JF-17 Thunder Aircraft and F-22 Frigate project. He said Pakistan will start receiving the JF-17 Thunder Aircraft during the first quarter of next year...

China Daily, 7 September 2006

China urges EU to lift arms embargo

China on Wednesday urged the European Union to lift a 17-year-old arms embargo as Premier Wen Jiabao prepared to attend a Europe-Asia summit next week in Finland. "We hope the EU will honour its commitment and make the political decision to lift the ban at an early date, because that will be conducive to the further growth of Chinese-EU relations," said Li Ruiyu, deputy director of the Department of European Affairs of the Foreign Ministry...

People's Daily, 8 September 2006

China asks U.S. to return terrorist suspects, says FM spokesman

China has asked the United States to return Chinese terrorist suspects imprisoned at the Guantanamo Bay, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang on Thursday. "China has taken notice of the concerns of the international community on the secret prisons of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States," Qin told a regular press conference. By announcing the transfer of 14 key terror suspects from secret CIA custody to the U.S. naval base at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, U.S. President George W. Bush acknowledged on Wednesday the existence of these secret prisons for the first time...

People's Daily, 8 September 2006

S. Korean to boost all-around cooperation with China

South Korea is looking forward to boosting an all-around cooperation with China to contribute to the regional peace and prosperity, said Lim Chae-jung, speaker of the National Assembly, Thursday. Lim made the remarks when meeting with Liu Yunshan, a member of both the Central Committee Political Bureau and the Central Committee Secretariat of the Communist Party of China (CPC), in Seoul...

People's Daily, 8 September 2006

Abe's "ambiguous strategy" harms Sino-Japanese relations: Chinese scholar

The "ambiguous strategy" adopted by Shinzo Abe, who is likely to be the next Japanese prime minister, will make Sino-Japanese relations uncertain, according to a Chinese scholar. The comments, made by Gao Hong with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in a commentary published on Thursday's overseas edition of People's Daily, refer to Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe's defence of current Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's pilgrimages to the controversial Yasukuni Shrine and his refusal to say whether or not he would visit the shrine as prime minister. "Abe must ultimately use facts to demonstrate whether he is truly serious about relations with China," Gao said...

People's Daily, 8 September 2006

China-ASEAN commemorative summit to upgrade bilateral strategic partnership

China will host a commemorative summit between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in late October, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry. Chinese experts on international studies believe that the summit will push the China-ASEAN strategic partnership to a new level. This will be the first time leaders of ASEAN members and China meet in China, which shows their intention to push forward bilateral relations, said Shen Shishun, an expert with China Institute of International Studies...

People's Daily, 9 September 2006

China eyes closer bilateral ties with APEC members

Chinese Finance Minister Jin Renqing met, respectively, with seven counterparts from APEC members in two days to discuss issues of common concern, especially those about economic and trade cooperation. Jin told Xinhua Friday that during the 13th APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) Finance Ministers' Meeting which concluded here Friday, he held successful bilateral meetings with the finance ministers from seven countries, including Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, South Korea, Thailand, New Zealand and Singapore, and discussed such issues as promotion of bilateral economic and trade cooperation, and international economic integration...

China Daily, 10 September 2006

China issues rules on news release by foreign media

Beijing - Xinhua News Agency on Sunday promulgated a set of measures to regulate the release of news and information in China by foreign news agencies and the subscription of such news and information by users in China and to promote the dissemination of news and information in a sound and orderly manner. Xinhua News Agency formulated the Measures for Administering the Release of News and Information in China by Foreign News Agencies in accordance with national laws, administrative regulations and the relevant regulations of the State Council. With 22 articles, the Measures go into effect as of the date of promulgation...

People's Daily, 10 September 2006

9th China-EU summit held in Helsinki

The 9th China-EU summit was held on Saturday in Helsinki, and leaders from both sides

vowed to deepen the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and the European Union (EU). The yearly summit, attended by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen whose country is holding the EU presidency, and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, decided to launch the talks on the new partnership agreement. "In order to reflect the full breadth and depth of today's comprehensive strategic partnership between the EU and China the two sides agreed to launch negotiations on a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement ...," said the joint statement issued after the summit...

China Daily, 11 September 2006

China, S. Korea leaders have rare chat with Koizumi

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Sunday chatted with leaders of China and South Korea, who have refused one-on-one meetings with him because of his visits to a war shrine seen as a symbol of Japan's militaristic past. The rare encounters took place as leaders of 13 Asian countries mingled on the sidelines of a two-day Asia-Europe summit that opened in the Finnish capital on Sunday. Koizumi exchanged "simple greetings" with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said. The Japanese prime minister also greeted South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and alluded to ongoing bilateral discussions about a dispute over desolate islands claimed by both Tokyo and Seoul, the official said.

People's Daily, 11 September 2006

Chinese Premier: Korean Peninsula de-nuclearization key to Northeast Asia security

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Sunday in Helsinki that the key to security in Northeast Asia is still on the realization of de-nuclearization in Korean Peninsula. The Chinese Premier made the remarks in his meeting with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun at the sidelines of the sixth summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The two leaders expressed their willingness to boost the development of bilateral relations. They also exchanged views on the situation in the Korean Peninsula. Wen said China is ready to make joint efforts with South Korea to make contributions for the de-nuclearization in the peninsula and safeguard security in Northeast Asia.

People's Daily, 12 September 2006

Hu Jintao concludes inspection to Xinjiang

Chinese President Hu Jintao concluded his six-day inspection to Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Monday, and urged local officials to effectively improve the living standard of all ethnic people in the region... During the inspection, he urged local governments to transform their economic growth pattern by sticking to a scientific way to industrialization and promoting readjustment of economic structure and technological innovation. Hu called on local governments to step up the improvement of infrastructure construction in energy, hydropower, traffic and telecommunications, and to prioritise projects which will directly benefit the public. He stressed the balance between construction and environmental protection... He hoped that Xinjiang would grasp the opportunities brought about by the country's strategy of developing the western areas to achieve new progress in regional stability, unity and development.

East Day, 12 September 2006

China's PM expounds position at ASEM summit

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao yesterday expounded China's position on various international issues in a keynote speech delivered at the end of the sixth summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit... Addressing the closing ceremony of the summit, Wen said China was striving to build an environmentally-friendly society, pointing out that energy and environment were the two big issues the country faced in its economic development... Regarding to the function of the United Nations, Wen called for the enhancement of the UN ability in tackling threats and challenges. Wen said China insisted that international disputes should be solved through dialogue and negotiations, instead of the apply of force or threat of force... Wen said globalization not only brought valuable opportunities, but also caused great challenges for Asian and European countries... Wen also urged ASEM members to cooperate in preventing and controlling infectious diseases, especially bird flu. As for the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula, Wen said the most important task now was to resume the six-party talks as soon as possible. He suggested that all parties involved should exercise self-restraint. Meanwhile, Wen said diplomatic negotiations was the best way to solve the Iranian nuclear issue, adding that Iran should pay enough attention to the world's concerns and take constructive measures. Turning to the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Chinese premier said disputes should be settled through political negotiations under the guideline of "land for peace."

The Hindu, 12 September 2006

Call for innovation with globalisation (Ashok Dasgupta)

BEIJING: The two-day China Business Summit organised by the World Economic Forum (WEF) concluded here on Monday with a unanimous call for globalisation along with innovation if the country's manufacturing sector is to see robust growth rates in the years to come. At the closing plenary, four global corporate honchos hailed the arrival of global, high-growth companies from China and offered the aspiring international players advice on how to succeed in the world market. "What China has done is unique," said Maurice Lévy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Publicis Groupe, France and a Co-Chair of the China Business Summit. "Imagine what will happen when they have the skills, are able to build great brand innovation and own intellectual property rights. This is the future of China," he said. The growing presence of Chinese MNCs in major industries and markets was a major topic of discussion at the Summit. In a survey of 100 participants conducted by the WEF, 58 per cent said that the issue would have the biggest impact on China's future development.

People's Daily, 12 September 2006

Pakistan, China enjoy excellent brotherly ties: Pakistani Minister

Pakistani Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Tariq Azeem Monday said state-run television channels of Pakistan and China have been engaged in close technical cooperation, promoting the existing excellent relations between the two countries. He was speaking at a ceremony where a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan Television Corporation and China Central Television was signed. Pakistan and China will further enhance co-production and exchange of programmes, boost technical

facilities and Pakistani participation in Chinese TV festivals, he said.

People's Daily, 13 September 2006

Premier says China capable of meeting 90 percent of its own energy needs

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Tuesday said China's energy strategy was to rely mainly on domestic supply and that the country had been able to meet 90 percent of its total energy needs. In a speech entitled "Enhance Cooperation to Make Win-win Progress" at the 2006 China-Europe business summit, Wen elaborated on China's strategy on energy. Wen said the main thrust of China's energy strategy was to rely mainly on domestic supply, laying equal emphasis on conservation and development, while giving top priority to conservation. The Premier added that China would promote technological progress and pursue a new path of industrialization to ease the shortage in energy supply.

People's Daily, 13 September 2006

Premier Wen: Yasukuni Shrine visits must end

Japan's new leadership should remove political obstacles in bilateral relations by ending visits to the Yasukuni Shrine, Premier Wen Jiabao said on Monday. The top-level visits by Japanese leaders, including Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to the shrine that honours convicted war criminals have deeply hurt the feelings of Chinese and Asian people, and have also formed political obstacles in Sino-Japanese relations, according to Wen. China and Japan are neighbours that should have a long-term friendship, said Wen, hoping the new Japanese leader can deal with the issue appropriately and normalize bilateral relations.

People's Daily, 16 September 2006

China calls for enhancing developing countries' voice in IMF

Hu Xiaolian, Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China, Saturday called for enhancing developing countries' voice in the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "Developing countries not only account for a majority of the Fund's membership but also are main participants in its program," said Hu at the 76th G24 Ministers Meeting held Saturday in Singapore. She noted that the Fund's quota reform is at a critical juncture and developed countries should adopt a pragmatic and flexible approach to enhance developing countries' voices. "We call for a large increase in basic votes and the establishment of a stable mechanism whereby basic votes account for an appropriate percentage of the quota," Hu said.

BBC News, 17 September 2006

China and India 'boosting Africa'

China's Prime Minister Wen Jiabao visited Africa earlier this year. China and India's growing trade and investment in Africa holds great potential for African economic growth, a World Bank report has said. The study found that, led by China and India, Asia now gets 27% of Africa's exports, triple the amount in 1990. At the same time, Asian exports to Africa are now growing 18% per year, faster than any other global region. The study says both China, India and African nations must improve their trade reforms to help boost this trend...

People's Daily, 17 September 2006

China calls for early resumption of six-party talks

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Saturday called for an early resumption of the six-party talks, saying the peaceful resolution of the Korean Peninsula issue will make the peninsula free of nuclear weapons. In a speech at the 14th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Havana, Yang, who led a Chinese government delegation to attend the meeting as an observer, said the peaceful resolution of the Korean Peninsula issue will conducive to peace and stability both on the peninsula and in Northeast Asia...

People's Daily, 18 September 2006

Italy prone to lift arms sales ban against China

Italy is prone to EU's lifting of arms sales embargo against China, said visiting Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi on Monday in Beijing. Prodi made the remarks at a meeting with the press after holding official talks with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. This year marks the China-Italy year that involves a wide range of activities on trade, culture and science. The Italian prime minister is accompanied with a huge business delegation of about 700 entrepreneurs in finance, industry and trade. The Italian prime minister started his six-day official visit to China on Sept. 13 that also took to the port city of Tianjin, the eastern city of Nanjing as well as Shanghai and Guangzhou..

People's Daily, 18 September 2006

China supports NAM, saying role 'must be strengthened'

HAVANA: Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Saturday that China supports Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries playing a major role in world affairs, and called for maintaining unity and strengthening co-ordination. In a speech at the 14th NAM Summit conference, Yang, who led a Chinese government delegation to attend the Havana summit as an observer, said NAM's "role must be strengthened." "We support the NAM's involvement in resolving major international issues in a more flexible and proactive manner to make the voice of developing countries better heard in the world," said Yang...

People's Daily, 19 September 2006

Pakistan-China oil, gas cooperation rapidly growing: official

Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan Amanullah Khan Jadoon has said that Pakistan-China cooperation in the oil and gas sector was rapidly growing for the mutual advantage, according to a petroleum ministry statement Tuesday. He was talking to the delegation from China Xinjiang Petroleum and Allied Services headed by General Manager Youting Kou who called on him here Tuesday and discussed with him investment opportunities in the oil and gas sector, said the statement. The minister said the government was providing attractive package of incentives to the prospective investor in the onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and it would welcome China Xinjiang Petroleum's investment in these activities...

People's Daily, 20 September 2006

FMs vow to strengthen Sino-US ties

The foreign ministers of China and the United States agreed on Monday to further

strengthen bilateral ties during a meeting on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. Speaking to US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said both countries should put into effect the important consensus reached by the two presidents with regard to advancing the Sino-US constructive partnership in the 21st century, make sure the Sino-US strategic dialogue proceeds well and promotes bilateral interests. As to the Taiwan question, Li said that China appreciates the US stance of maintaining the one-China policy and opposing Taiwan "independence." China hopes the US could abide by its commitments and handle the Taiwan question with caution, Li said...

People's Daily, 20 September 2006

China opposes sanction on DPRK

China is opposed to financial sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), said Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang on Tuesday, warning against further complication of the thorny issue. The spokesman, in a comment on Japan's newly-approved financial sanctions on the DPRK, urged all sides in the six-party nuclear talks to keep calm and exercise restraint. China has always maintained that the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula should be solved through dialogues, Qin told a press briefing. "All parties concerned should focus on how to resume the talks as soon as possible and avoid any action that may further complicate the situation," the spokesman said. He said that the situation on the peninsula is sensitive and complicated, calling for efforts to ease the tension...

People's Daily, 20 September 2006

China says changes in Thailand are internal affairs

The changes that occurred in Thailand are its internal affairs and China has always adhered to the principle of non-interference in other country's internal affairs, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Wednesday. Qin said as friendly neighbors, China wishes Thailand to maintain harmony and prosperity, and ensure a peaceful and secure environment for its people. China hopes the Sino-Thai relations cherish further advancement, he stressed. Thai military overthrew the government of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra Tuesday night when he was in the United States for the 61st session of the UN General Assembly...

China Daily, 21 September 2006

China, US set up strategic economic dialogue (Qin Jize and Wu Jiao)

High-ranking Chinese and US officials will meet twice a year for wide-ranging discussions on their economic relationship, the first such mechanism between the two nations. The establishment of the China-US Strategic Economic Dialogue was jointly announced by Vice-Premier Wu Yi and visiting US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson in Beijing. President Hu Jintao and his US counterpart George W. Bush agreed last month to establish such a dialogue. "Given the rapid pace of economic globalization and growing bilateral economic relations, the establishment of the talks will have a positive impact on world economic development as well as global economic stability and security," Wu told a press conference. The dialogue will focus on bilateral and global strategic economic issues of common interest and concern; and both sides intend to meet

twice a year in alternate capitals, according to a joint statement...

People's Daily, 21 September 2006

China urges Abe to make concrete efforts to improve Sino-Japanese relations

China hopes the newly-elected President of the Japanese ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Shinzo Abe will suit his actions to his words, and make concrete efforts to improve China-Japan relations, said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang on Wednesday. Abe, who received an overwhelming 464 votes out of a total of 703 ballots, was elected the 21st president of the LDP on Wednesday afternoon, and is sure to succeed Junichiro Koizumi as Japan's next prime minister. He has defended Koizumi's pilgrimages to the Yasukuni Shrine, where Japan's war dead, including 14 class A Second World War criminals, are honored, and refused to say whether or not he would visit the shrine as prime minister. But he still pledged to try to improve relations with Asian neighbors in his policy platform announced during the campaign...

People's Daily, 21 September 2006

China values judicial cooperation within SCO framework: Chinese President

The Chinese government attaches great importance to judicial cooperation within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) framework and will work with other SCO members to enhance the level of judicial cooperation, said President Hu Jintao. "We will work with governments of the SCO countries to improve the judicial cooperation mechanism and constantly enhance the level of judicial cooperation in accordance with the 'Shanghai Spirit', the Charter of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and other relevant legal documents," Hu said in a congratulatory letter sent to the first SCO supreme court presidents conference, which opened Thursday in Shanghai...

People's Daily, 22 September 2006

China, Japan to hold strategic dialogue

China and Japan will hold a new round of strategic dialogue in Tokyo this weekend, as Japan's new ruling party chief Shinzo Abe prepares to succeed outgoing Junichiro Koizumi as prime minister next Tuesday. Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Shotaro Yachi will head the two delegations during the 6th round of the strategic dialogue, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said at a regular news briefing yesterday. "China hopes to exchange views with the Japanese side on bilateral ties and other issues of common concern through the dialogue," Qin said. The previous round of the strategic dialogue between the two countries was held in Beijing in May 2005...

People's Daily, 22 September 2006

European parliament sees China's development as good news for all

European Parliament President Josep Borrell said Thursday in Brussels that China's development is good news both for China and for the rest of the world. "China is waking up. But we should not be fearful of China," Borrell told Chinese reporters after a luncheon with the Chinese ambassador to the European Union. "On the contrary, the development of China is good news for the Chinese first of all, particularly for those who still live in poverty conditions. But it is also good news for the rest of the world," he said

through an interpreter. Borrell, who is influent in English, spoke in his mother tongue, Spanish. He said he hoped China's development would be a constant process and that China can play an increasingly important role in international affairs in the 21st century...

People's Daily, 23 September 2006

SCO members sign pact to develop judicial ties

China agreed to develop judicial co-operation with Shanghai Co-operation Organization (SCO) member states at supreme-court level in a joint declaration signed on Friday. The declaration, signed between China and five other SCO members including Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, vows to further develop co-operation between the supreme courts of member states on case trials, intermediation and verdict implementation under the current international conventions. A mechanism for regular meetings between the presidents of the courts will be established and a department will be formed in each supreme court to communicate specific issues...

People's Daily, 24 September 2006

Opinion: Strategic dialogue good for China, US to deepen trust

US Secretary of Treasury Henry Paulson and Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi announced the creation of a new "strategic economic dialogue" between China and the United States on September 20, the very day Paulson arrived in Beijing. Both countries would aim to grapple with the long-term issues arising from China's emergence as a leading economic power. Obviously, this is a vital issue that concerns interests of both sides, as Vice-Premier Wu put it: "the strategic economic dialogue will deal mainly with long-range and big-picture issues that affect both the U.S. and China, with its contents focused on the common interests of the two nations." Sino-US dialogue mechanism has gradually taken shape in some areas over recent years, originating from proposals from academic circles. Most of these issues in Sino-US relations come from misunderstanding and suspicions, a couple of Chinese and American scholars have acknowledged, and the dialogue mechanism is favorable for increasing communication and understanding, and it is more crucial and significant to enable the other side to know and understand itself, and this is a more viable way to dispel misunderstanding and mutual suspicions. Conditions have turned matured for the introduction of such a dialogue mechanism in the wake of steady growth in Sino-US ties, ever increasingly closer economic and trade ties in particular...

People's Daily, 25 September 2006

China offers four-point proposal to boost Sino-US space cooperation

China has offered a four-point proposal to boost Sino-US space cooperation, said Sun Laiyan, administrator of China National Space Administration. Sun was speaking on Monday, the day after formal talks with his U.S. counterpart Michael Griffin, administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), in Beijing. "The two sides both expressed willingness to jointly promote Sino-American space cooperation to further contribute to the constructive and cooperative relations," Sun said...

China Daily, 26 September 2006

Abe elected Japan PM; China calls for better ties

TOKYO - Shinzo Abe, an advocate of tighter ties with Washington and a bigger say for Japan in world affairs, was elected Japan's prime minister by parliament on Tuesday, becoming at 52 the youngest Japanese leader since World War Two. The hawkish Abe, a relative novice by Japanese political standards, faces the challenges of repairing ties with China -- frayed by predecessor Junichiro Koizumi's visits to Tokyo's Yasukuni war shrine -- and keeping economic reforms on track while addressing voter concerns about widening social gaps. In Beijing, China on Tuesday urged Abe to help improve bilateral ties. "We hope that the new leadership of Japan can endeavour for the improvement and development of Sino-Japanese relations," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said at a regular press briefing...

People's Daily, 26 September 2006

China calls for stronger cooperation of ASEAN plus three on poverty reduction

China on Monday called on the member states of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) along with the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Japan to hold regular ministerial meetings to discuss poverty reduction. The proposal was issued at the Second ASEAN Plus Three High-level Workshop on Poverty Reduction held here Monday. The meeting reviewed and assessed the ongoing poverty reduction efforts of the region, and discussed how to improve their efforts and effectiveness...

People's Daily, 27 September 2006

China, Japan conclude 6th round of strategic dialogue

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and his Japanese counterpart Shotaro Yachi concluded the sixth round of China-Japan strategic dialogue in Tokyo on Tuesday. During the dialogue, which was held on Sept. 23-26, both sides expressed the willingness to improve and develop the China-Japan relationship, and deeply exchanged views on how to clear up the political obstacles to the development of bilateral relations, according to a statement released by the Chinese Embassy in Japan. The two sides agreed to continue the dialogue, the statement added...

People's Daily, 27 September 2006

China, U.S. hold vice-minister-level defense talks on building trust

China and the United States on Tuesday in Beijing held defense talks at vice-minister level, a sign of bilateral efforts to continue improving ties between the two armed forces. "China-U.S. military ties have progressed steadily as the overall relations between the two countries have enjoyed a sound development," People's Liberation Army (PLA) Deputy Chief of Staff General Ge Zhenfeng told U.S. Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Christopher Henry. Ge appreciated Henry's efforts to explain to China the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), which was released by Pentagon in February...

People's Daily, 28 September 2006

Dialogue brings China, US armed forces closer

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military ties have progressed steadily as the overall relations between the two countries have enjoyed sound development," People's Liberation Army (PLA) Deputy Chief of Staff General Ge Zhenfeng told US Deputy Under Secretary of Defence Christopher Henry. Ge appreciated Henry's efforts to explain to China the 2006 Quadrennial Defence Review (QDR), which was released by the Pentagon in February. The 92-page QDR report said China had "the greatest potential to compete militarily with the United States and field disruptive military technologies that over time offset traditional US military advantages." Over the past year, US-China military relations had "improved greatly," Henry was quoted as saying in a statement released by China's Defence Ministry late on Tuesday...

China Daily, 28 September 2006

Chen's secessionist attempt rebuked (Xing Zhigang)

Beijing yesterday condemned Taiwan "president" Chen Shui-bian for his attempt to change the island's name and "territorial" definitions, warning any move towards formal "independence" would not be tolerated. Chen proposed the possible change at a seminar on Sunday and has instigated his ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) to include the issue in its "draft constitution." While pushing for the "constitutional re-engineering project," the independence-leaning DPP is studying "constitutional" changes to name the island the "Republic of Taiwan", instead of "Republic of China", and redefine its "territory." Members of the DPP, which enshrines formal "Taiwan independence" in its party platform, are expected to introduce "legislation" on the new "constitution" next month...

People's Daily, 28 September 2006

Chinese defense minister meets DPRK border defense delegation

Chinese Minister of National Defense Cao Gangchuan on Wednesday met with a border defense delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The delegation was headed by Choe Pu Il, deputy chief of the general of staff of the armed forces of the DPRK. During the meeting, Cao reviewed the deep friendship between China and the DPRK, saying it was valued by both nations. Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and a state councilor, said the traditional friendship had been continuously consolidated and developed under the care and promotion of the leaders of the two countries. The close exchange and cooperation, the mutual cooperation between the two militaries had contributed greatly to their development as well as overall bilateral relations...

People's Daily, 29 September 2006

China, Russia launches friendly strategic dialogue mechanism

China and Russia on Thursday jointly launched a friendly strategic dialogue mechanism with the aim to further develop the bilateral strategic partnership of coordination through non-governmental channels. The first meeting of the dialogue mechanism, co-sponsored by the China Association for International Friendly Contacts (CAIFC) and the Russian Institute of Security, National Defense and Justice, attracted about fifty experts and scholars from both countries to discuss strategic issues on regional security, anti-terrorism and energy cooperation...

People's Daily, 29 September 2006

Abe pledges to improve relations of trust with China, South Korea

Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed Friday in his policy speech to improve relations of trust with China, South Korea, calling them "important neighbors." "China and South Korea are important neighbors, with which Japan has established unprecedentedly close relations in economic and other areas," Abe said in his first policy address to the parliament. "It was extremely important, to Asia as well as to the international society, to strengthen trust with China and South Korea," said Japan's first premier born after World War II. Japan has strained ties with its Asian neighbors largely due to its prime minister's visits to the war-linked Yasukuni Shrine, where top war criminals are honored...

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China warns Japan over Koizumi's possible Taiwan visit

China frowned on Taiwan's efforts to invite former Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to visit the island province, and urged Japan yesterday to be "on high alert" to such an invitation. Taiwan leader Chen Shui-bian on Wednesday formally invited Koizumi to visit the island. China sees such practices as separatist activities, according to Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang. "We oppose Taiwan authorities' activities of separating the motherland on the international stage in any name or with any excuses," Qin said at a regular news briefing, "We hope the Japanese side can be on high alert to this." He urged Japan to handle the question of Taiwan properly under the one-China principle...

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Japan defense chief: China not threat

TOKYO - Japanese Defense Minister Fumio Kyuma said on Friday that China's military was a concern rather than a threat, retracting earlier comments that had triggered a rebuttal from Beijing. Tokyo and Beijing are making efforts to resume meetings between their leaders, which had been halted during the tenure of former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi due to his annual visits to a Tokyo shrine seen by China and South Korea as a symbol of Japan's past militarism. Kyuma, who was appointed on Tuesday by the new prime minister, Shinzo Abe, said that China did not pose a threat, as Beijing did not have an intent to attack Japan...

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China insists new UN secretary-general come from Asia

The Chinese government on Friday said it would continue its insistence that the next UN secretary-general should come from Asia. It is a common desire of Asian nations and has been widely supported by the international community that next UN secretary-general should come from Asia," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qing Gang said. "China will continue to support an Asian candidate," he said...