

The Times of India, 1 September 2008

**China quake damages over 180,000 homes, kills 27 people**

Beijing: An earthquake that hit southwest China's Sichuan and Yunnan provinces has killed 27 people, damaged or destroyed more than 180,000 homes and affected at least 800,000 residents, state media said on Sunday. The epicentre of Saturday's quake, which struck around 4.30pm, was about 30km southeast of Panzhihua, near Sichuan's border with Yunnan, according to the US Geological Survey. The quake was about 10km deep...

People's Daily, 1 September 2008

**Death toll from magnitude-6.1 quake jumps to 32 in SW China**

The 6.1-magnitude quake that jolted southwest China's Sichuan and Yunnan provinces on Saturday has killed 32 people, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs. Sichuan reported 27 deaths and the other five were in Yunnan, the ministry said Sunday night. The quake that occurred at 4:30 p.m Saturday also injured more than 400 people...

Taipei Times, 1 September 2008

**Editorial: Global media doesn't get Taiwan**

Despite the sizeable turnout at the demonstrations against mismanagement by the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) government on Saturday in Taipei, many of the world's most important newspapers failed to cover the event. Those that did relied for the most part on wire agencies rather than on-site reporters - the result of many years of budget and staff cutbacks at news organizations, which now only maintain reporters in major cities or dispatch them to "important" events...

Taipei Times, 1 September 2008

**Editorial: Can Ma's KMT secure Taiwan's hereafter?**

It seems that President Ma Ying-jeou is incapable of performing his elected duties properly. Ma's lack of performance led to Saturday's demonstration against him and his administration. The main themes of the demonstration - protecting sovereignty, demanding a full stomach, asking for transparency - were a reflection of the Taiwanese public's feeling that Ma's election slogan "care for Taiwan, boost the economy, demand integrity" has turned out to be nothing but an empty one...

The Hindu, 2 September 2008

**China aims for fastest bullet train**

Beijing: Clearly not ready to let go of the Olympic motto - higher, faster, stronger - even after the end of the 2008 Games, Chinese state media has announced the country's plans for developing the world's fastest bullet train. The new train would link China's political capital Beijing to its commercial centre Shanghai and would run at a speed of 380 km per hour, or 30 km per hour more than the current generation of bullet train, making it the fastest the world has ever seen...

The Times of India, 2 September 2008

**China to launch third manned space flight in September**

Hong Kong: China has brought forward the launch date of its third manned space flight to late September, a report said on Tuesday. The launch of Shenzhou VII is now expected to take place between September 17 -- the end of the Beijing Paralympics and China's National Day on October 1, Hong Kong newspaper Wen Wei Po said, citing unnamed sources. The period offered the best launch window for Shenzhou VII, the source told the Chinese-language newspaper, without giving any more details...

People's Daily, 2 September 2008

**China calls for balance of nuclear nonproliferation, energy use**

China's Foreign Ministry said in Beijing on Tuesday that the country hopes the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) can resolve the relationship between nonproliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy in a balanced way. "China hopes the NSG finds a way to strike a balance between nuclear nonproliferation and the peaceful use of energy," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a routine press conference.

The Hindu, 3 September 2008

**Chinese Foreign Minister to visit India**

New Delhi: Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi will be paying a three-day visit to India at the invitation of his counterpart Pranab Mukherjee from September 7. Mr. Yang will visit Kolkata and New Delhi. He is scheduled to inaugurate the Chinese Consulate General in Kolkata. In New Delhi, he will hold delegation-level talks with Mr. Mukherjee and will call on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh...

The Hindu, 3 September 2008

**China's Olympic gold medals pay-off**

Beijing: Talent and hard work may have no substitute in the making of an Olympics champion, but nor are they enough on their own to ensure a gold medal at the Games. Money is an increasingly vital part of any analysis of the final medals tally and this year's Beijing Olympics were no exception. China made a sweep of the gold medal tally with 51 medals, but the cost of each of these has been revealed to be at least around 15.7 million yuan (\$2.3 million) a year...

People's Daily, 3 September 2008

**Chinese premier: days since May 12 quake "shocking and touching"**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called the past 110 days since the May 12 quake "shocking and touching" when speaking to journalists in southwest China's quake-hit Sichuan Province on Tuesday. "The past 110 days were days that shocked our minds, and also days that touched our hearts," said Wen. "It's not a long time, but what we did, as witnessed by people all over the world, will go down in history"...

Taipei Times, 3 September 2008

**'Truce' paying off: Presidential Office**

The Presidential Office yesterday hailed President Ma Ying-jeou's proposed "diplomatic truce" with Beijing, saying if it were not for Ma's initiative, Beijing might have snatched away Taiwan's diplomatic ally Paraguay. A senior Presidential Office official, who requested anonymity, said the main difference between Ma's foreign policy and that of the former Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) government was that the DPP could not resolve the source of the problem: cross-strait relations...

Taipei Times, 3 September 2008

**Editorial: Discontent fuels demand for change**

Five months after it was closed in response to protests that rocked Tibet, the Drepung Monastery in Lhasa quietly reopened to the public last week. As the capital's major monastery welcomes worshippers again, it will no doubt offer some comfort and hope to Tibetans who have suffered oppression since the March demonstrations...

The Indian Express, 4 September 2008

**China's syndrome**

Whether the tirade against the Indo-US nuclear deal in the Chinese Communist Party's mouthpiece, People's Daily, represents the official view of the government or not, Beijing is treading close to a dangerous political rupture with New Delhi. Although Chinese academics have voiced reservations in the past about India's civil nuclear initiative, the latest salvo has been full frontal. That the attack came a few days before the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group meets in Vienna to consider a revision of the rules of global nuclear commerce in India's favour, should deepen the wariness in New Delhi...

People's Daily, 4 September 2008

#### **A nation's civilization to be seen in honor of the disabled**

In the days leading up to the Beijing Paralympic Games, which runs from Sept 6-i7, the athletes with physical disabilities from across the world will be flooding to Beijing, and they will present us with not only their wonderful performance in sports but also the best qualities found in humans, which would be brought out in the competitions by their resolve to fight against the physical barriers. The Paralympics will also provide the ideal opportunity for the Chinese public to improve its awareness and understanding of people with physical disabilities...

Taipei Times, 4 September 2008

#### **'State to state' theory is dead, Ma says**

The relationship between Taiwan and China is not one between two countries, but a type of special relationship across the Taiwan Strait, President Ma Ying-jeou has told a Mexican newspaper, in a marked departure from former president Lee Teng-hui's special state-to-state model of relations. "Basically, we don't think the relationship between the two sides is one between two Chinas, but a special one," Ma said in an interview with Sol de Mexico on Aug. 26, the Chinese text of which was released by the Presidential Office yesterday...

Taipei Times, 4 September 2008

#### **Editorial: Taiwan's Ministry of Surrender**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' reaction to various diplomatic developments is leading many to question the validity of the so-called "diplomatic truce" touted by the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) government and wonder whether it might not be a pretense for a surrender of sovereignty. The latest example came in remarks by the ministry earlier this week in response to BirdLife International's decision to change the Taiwanese chapter's name from "Taiwan" to "Chinese"...

The Asian Age, 5 September 2008

#### **Chinese to set up Antarctica station**

New Delhi: China will set up a new observatory station in Antarctica at the region's highest peak within two years. "The 25th Chinese Antarctic expedition starting in October will mainly focus on building a new station on Dome A and further exploration of the Antarctic plateau," said Wu Jinyou, party secretary with the Polar Research Institute of China. Wu made the statement during a visit on Wednesday to the Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to promote environmental protection...

Taipei Times, 5 September 2008

#### **Government defends Ma on '6-3-3'**

The Presidential Office yesterday defended President Ma Ying-jeou's "6-3-3" economic policy, saying it was announced before the global economic downturn, that Ma had not abandoned it and that it would apply until 2016. Presidential Office

Spokesman Wang Yu-chih said that the administration would strive to achieve its goals in spite of the global economic slump...

Taipei Times, 5 September 2008

**Editorial: Doublespeak hides Ma's agenda**

President Ma Ying-jeou wiped out almost 10 years of progress made under former presidents Lee Teng-hui and Chen Shui-bian in one fell swoop last week when he told a Mexican newspaper that the relationship between Taiwan and China "is a special one, but not [one] between two countries." By turning back the clock to before Lee's 1999 "state-to-state relations" declaration, Ma's statement was a marked departure from his pre-election pledges to defend Taiwan's sovereignty, a fact the Presidential Office was quick to "clarify"...

The Hindu, 6 September 2008

**Iraqi Cabinet clears oil deal with China**

Dubai: China will become the first country to develop an Iraqi oil field after the American invasion of Iraq. The Iraqi Cabinet has cleared the \$3-billion deal with the state run China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC). Iraq's Oil Minister Hussain Al-Shahristani said the Chinese company would develop the Al-Adab oil field, located 160 km south east of Baghdad...

The Times of India, 6 September 2008

**US, China talk over N Korea reactor move**

Beijing: US nuclear envoy Christopher Hill met with his Chinese counterpart and the Russian ambassador on Saturday as concerns mounted over North Korea's resumption of work at its main atomic reactor. Hill had already held talks with Japanese and South Korean diplomats after arriving on Friday, days after reports emerged that North Korea had moved equipment back to the Yongbyon nuclear complex...

The Times of India, 6 September 2008

**US seeks China's help on N Korea nuclear problem**

Beijing: The United States finds itself desperately seeking China's help to stop North Korea from going back on its promise of fully dismantling nuclear facilities and allowed the six-nation mechanism to verify it. US Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill on Saturday met China's chief envoy in the nuclear talks, Wu Dawei to discuss the issue. The turn of events is interesting because the US is believed to be at the other end of the spectrum with regard to the India-US nuclear deal...

People's Daily, 6 September 2008

**Oil price could spur China industry restructuring**

Concern over surging oil prices could mean the restructuring and upgrading of China's industries, according to a United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) official here on Friday. "Commodity price hikes have severely affected the Chinese economy, but they also occurred as China faces industrial restructuring challenges," Li Yuefen, the UNCTAD Debt and Development Finance Branch head, said...

Taipei Times, 6 September 2008

**Ma issues apology on '6-3-3' confusion**

President Ma Ying-jeou apologized twice yesterday for failing to explain his "6-3-3" economic policy clearly, but argued that he had not broken his campaign promise as his goal of an annual per capita income of US\$30,000 had always been targeted for

2016. Ma promised to achieve the other two goals annual GDP growth of 6 percent and an unemployment rate of less than 3 percent - by the end of his term in 2012...

Taipei Times, 6 September 2008

**Feature: Muslims learn to deal with hurdles living in Taiwan**

Anyone who has seen the Jum'ah congregational prayers being performed on Fridays at the Taipei Grand Mosque may believe that Islam is well-accepted and prosperous in Taiwan - however, the reality is just the opposite. "O ye who believe! When the call is proclaimed to prayer on Friday, hasten earnestly to the Remembrance of Allah, and leave off business: That is best for you if ye but knew," the Koran extols the followers of Islam...

The Indian Express, 7 September 2008

**Iran impasse: Hu for further diplomacy**

Beijing: Chinese President Hu Jintao urged world powers on Saturday to show flexibility to resolve a prolonged stand-off over Tehran's nuclear ambitions, saying there was a rare opportunity for the resumption of talks. Hu met President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Saturday after the Iranian leader arrived in the Chinese capital for a one-day visit to attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing Paralympics...

The Times of India, 7 September 2008

**NSG decision to impact border talks with China**

Beijing: The Chinese leadership has signalled its belief that India is a responsible nuclear power, which will never use its nuclear capability against China while supporting India's case at the Nuclear Suppliers Group, a senior expert at a government-run think-tank told TNN on Saturday. "I hope the Indian leaders and the Indian people realise that China sincerely wants to improve relations between the two countries. This is a very big political decision of the Chinese leaders," Ma Jiali, research professor at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations said soon after the NSG announced its decision in Vienna...

People's Daily, 7 September 2008

**Chinese president meets German counterpart**

Chinese President Hu Jintao met in Beijing on Sunday with German President Horst Koehler, who attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing Paralympic Games on Saturday night. The meeting started with Hu welcoming his German counterpart to the Paralympic Games and extending congratulations to German athletes on their "excellent performance" at the Beijing Olympic Games...

Taipei Times, 7 September 2008

**President vows to follow through on '6-3-3' policy**

President Ma Ying-jeou pledged again yesterday to carry out his "6-3-3" economic policy, while promising that his administration would reflect upon its performance in the face of growing anger. One day after offering apologies to the public for failing to explain the policy clearly in a recent interview with a Mexican newspaper, Ma yesterday brushed off concerns that he would be unable to follow through with his plans...

Taipei Times, 7 September 2008

**Editorial: China draws the line at support for secessionism**

While invading Russian tanks lumbered into Georgia last month, crowds in Beijing were pouring into Olympic venues in a globally televised show of international engagement. The contrasting images may yield a diplomatic boon for China, one that

could bring real advantages in its rise to global prominence. While both Russia and China rank as newly assertive global giants, China - even with its surging foreign trade, booming military spending and growing international reach - looks practically benign compared with an angry, aggressive Russia, experts say...

The Hindu, 8 September 2008

#### **Chinese Minister optimistic on ties**

Kolkata: Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi said on Sunday that the opening of Chinese Consulate General's office here was a good omen for friendship and cooperation between the two countries. "This shows China's sincerity towards building bilateral friendship." Mr. Yang refused to take any questions on his country's stand at the Vienna meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. The Chinese Minister, who is visiting India for the first time, said he felt at home in Kolkata...

The Hindu, 8 September 2008

#### **China plans spacewalk**

Jiuquan (Gansu): China's manned spacecraft Shenzhou-7 would be launched between September 25 and 30 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Gansu Province, a spokesman has said. The crew had conducted drills and their controlling over the system was "skilled" and they were in "good" physical and mental state, he added. The announcement came at a meeting held at the mission headquarters set up to accomplish the first spacewalk by Chinese astronauts - also known as taikonauts...

The Asian Age, 8 September 2008

#### **Pranab to meet China FM today**

New Delhi/Kolkata: New Delhi may have characterised Beijing's not-so-discreet attempt at blocking an NSG waiver as "disappointing" but diplomatic and security policy communities here had less charitable things to say about it. A former Indian diplomat said China opposed the India-US nuclear deal from day one. The Chinese worked behind the scenes, the diplomat said, adding that Beijing's attitude at the NSG plenary in Vienna was only to be expected...

The Times of India, 8 September 2008

#### **Nuclear India may trigger arms race in Asia: China**

Beijing: Chinese experts on international affairs are calling for creation of a mechanism for India and China to discuss issues relating to nuclear non-proliferation on a regular basis. Beijing is worried that Saturday's decision of the Nuclear Suppliers Group might lead to an arms race with Pakistan and also impact the border negotiations between India and China...

People's Daily, 8 September 2008

#### **Chinese president meets German counterpart, Japanese guest**

Chinese President Hu Jintao met separately with German President Horst Koehler and Japan-China Friendship Association Chairman Koichi Kato in Beijing on Sunday. The meetings took place on the sidelines of the Beijing Paralympic Games, which just opened on Saturday night. President Koehler and Kato, who is former secretary-general of the Japanese Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), both attended the Games' grand opening ceremony...

Taipei Times, 8 September 2008

#### **Siew nixes idea of Cabinet reshuffle**

Vice President Vincent Siew yesterday bluntly acknowledged that the Cabinet needs

to conduct a self-review over the dismal performance of the TAIEX, but stopped short of suggesting a Cabinet reshuffle over the matter. Siew said President Ma Ying-jeou had not discussed with him whether the Cabinet should be reshuffled. He merely stressed that he had made his economic views clear to Ma and Premier Liu Chao-shiuan, and that he hoped the Cabinet would propose effective policies in response...

Taipei Times, 8 September 2008

**Editorial: Ma is giving it all away**

To the public, President Ma Ying-jeou's "diplomatic truce" is all about showing China too much goodwill and offering too many compromises. The government is voluntarily restricting its freedom of movement without getting anything in return. This looks more like capitulation than a truce. The advantage of Taiwan and China not pursuing each other's diplomatic allies is that a lot of resources are saved, but it doesn't mean that both sides gain equal benefits, since they are far from equal in terms of leverage...

The Hindu, 9 September 2008

**China denies it blocked India at NSG meet**

New Delhi: China has denied attempting to block an exemption for India at the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) meeting in Vienna. After days of protracted negotiations, the NSG lifted the sanctions on India, freeing it to buy nuclear material and technology from its 45 members...

People's Daily, 9 September 2008

**Two Olympics, equal splendor**

"Two Olympics, equal splendor", this is China's commitments to the world. 2008 Beijing Olympic Games has achieved great success and left rich material and spiritual wealth which will become the foundation of the smooth operation of Beijing Paralympic Games...

The Indian Express, 9 September 2008

**Editorial: Dragon, not so hidden**

It is in times of adversity that one learns who one's friends are. In the vexed few hours leading up to the news that the Nuclear Suppliers Group had agreed to a clean waiver for India, Vienna was abuzz with rumours about who was blocking the deal, and why. Of course, the anti-proliferation "white knights" were always going to be difficult. What surprised some was China's threat to walk out of the proceedings...

The Asian Age, 9 September 2008

**Zardari plans N-deal with China**

Islamabad: Mr Asif Ali Zardari, the President-elect of Pakistan, will visit China next week to negotiate a nuclear deal similar to the one between India and the US, an official said on Monday. "Pakistan is already in touch with China for the nuclear deal to meet its energy crisis and the talks would start during Mr Zardari's visit," an official said on condition of anonymity...

The Times of India, 9 September 2008

**China-Pak nuclear deal not possible: India**

New Delhi: Amidst reports that Asif Ali Zardari, the president-elect of Pakistan, will visit China next week to negotiate a nuclear deal similar to the one between India and the US, govt sources have said that India is confident that the Sino-Pak deal will not happen. Pakistan's poor non-proliferation record will make it difficult for the deal

to get through NSG or IAEA, sources said adding that A Q Khan's record will also make it difficult for the country...

People's Daily, 9 September 2008

### **China pioneers in renewable energy**

The facts cited as follows will evidently confirm the report released last month by the Climate Group that China is the world's leading producer of energy from renewable sources and is on the way to overtaking developed countries in creating clean technologies. In 2007, China led the world in terms of installed renewable capacity at 152 gigawatts...

People's Daily, 9 September 2008

### **Economy to continue 'doing fine'**

The government is fully confident of tiding over the difficult situation arising out of a global economic slowdown, Vice-Premier Wang Qishan said yesterday. Addressing overseas investors at an international fair for investment and trade, Wang said: "The overall economic situation in China is fine. We are confident and ready to overcome difficulties and challenges to ensure a steady economic performance and to contain the fast-rising consumer price index"...

Taipei Times, 9 September 2008

### **Editorial: Beware, the KMT is going religious**

Except for the theocracies the rest of the world takes delight in ridiculing, most modern governments build their legitimacy and credibility by proposing policies that we assume are the result of detailed analysis and clear-headed decision-making. Public relations specialists advise world leaders to adopt a calm, cool and composed image when they appear in public - especially in times of crisis...

The Indian Express, 10 September 2008

### **Let's move beyond doubts to build ties: China to India**

New Delhi: Insisting that it had done nothing to sabotage NSG waiver for India, China on Tuesday said the two countries should "move beyond doubts" to build a stronger relationship. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said his country fully understands India's "urgency" to make "full use" of peaceful nuclear power because of its growing needs and that he was "shocked and surprised" on seeing reports over Beijing's role in the meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in Vienna last week...

The Asian Age, 10 September 2008

### **China: Issue can be solved with patience**

New Delhi: India should exercise patience and approach the boundary question from a strategic perspective, keeping the larger interest of the bilateral relations in mind, Chinese foreign minister Yang Jiechi said here. "It (boundary resolution) is an arduous and complex task ... we should, with sincerity, resolve, confidence and patience, work hard to seek a fair and reasonable solution that is acceptable to both sides," he said delivering a lecture, entitled "For peace and friendship, win-win cooperation and common development", organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Institute of Chinese Studies...

The Times of India, 10 September 2008

### **Fresh Chinese incursions across LAC**

New Delhi: Though it eventually refrained from back-stabbing India during the Nuclear Suppliers Group meeting at Vienna, China continues to needle Indian forces all along the 4,057-km Line of Actual Control (LAC). In the latest set of incursions

across the LAC, Chinese patrols once again "transgressed" into the Indian side at the strategically located Pangong Tso lake as well as Trig Heights in eastern Ladakh on September 2-3, said sources...

The Times of India, 10 September 2008

**Border talks: NSA heads for Beijing next week**

New Delhi: Despite a distinct chill in India-China ties after the latter's open opposition to the NSG waiver for India at Vienna, national security adviser M K Narayanan will travel to Beijing next week for the much overdue border talks. The talks should have been held in summer, but the Chinese put it back until after the Olympics, which India agreed to. Yet, it's clear that Beijing's inflexibility on the border question remains, despite Chinese foreign minister Yang Jiechi saying on Tuesday that both countries should adopt a "strategic approach"...

People's Daily, 10 September 2008

**Chinese FM: China-India relationship stands at a new starting point**

China-India relationship stands at a new starting point, the two should view and approach relations from a strategic and long-term perspective and keep moving forward their partnership to benefit the two countries and peoples, visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here Tuesday. He made the remarks in his speech titled "For Peace and Friendship, Win-Win Cooperation and Common Development" at a meeting held by the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Institute of Chinese Studies...

Taipei Times, 10 September 2008

**Editorial: President Ma must reform the KMT**

In the second televised presidential election debate, Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) candidate Ma Ying-jeou expressed regret that his party had not reformed during its eight years in opposition. After the presidential election, I wrote an op-ed in this newspaper arguing that reform of the KMT remained an urgent issue. Today, more than five months later, the KMT still remains unreformed, but party reform has become even more urgent. The KMT center, and not the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), has become the most important opposition to the Ma government. For example, on July 10, the China Times, one of Taiwan's most "blue" journals, attacked Ma's leadership in a damning editorial. Four days later, the Kuomintang News Network, a KMT English-language Web site, circulated a full English translation around the world...

Taipei Times, 10 September 2008

**Editorial: Ma has abased himself for nought**

The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) is an old party, and President Ma Ying-jeou and his government should have pushed to reform it during their first 100 days in office. But there has been little in the way of reform so far. Instead, Ma has created two political miracles. First, Ma's approval ratings have dropped by almost half as public discontent soars. Second, despite all the awkwardness resulting from the scandal surrounding the former first family, the pan-green camp still managed to organize a successful demonstration against Ma...

The Hindu, 11 September 2008

**We support Sri Lanka's territorial integrity: China**

Columbo: Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi told Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa on Wednesday that China was confident that under his leadership the nation would "play an important role in promoting and ensuring peace

and stability" in Sri Lanka and South Asia. The Minister is on a two-day visit here. He called on Mr. Rajapaksa after holding formal talks with his Sri Lankan counterpart Rohitha Bogollagama on bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest...

The Indian Express, 11 September 2008

**Cong lowers heat over Beijing: China was part of NSG consensus**

New Delhi: Amid the heated buzz against China over its stand at the NSG, the ruling Congress today sought to lower the temperature and endorsed Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi's stand that Beijing had not opposed the waiver and, instead, played a constructive role in Vienna. "We have nothing within our knowledge to contradict him (Yang). During negotiations (at NSG meeting), something may have occurred. But ant bhala to sab bhala (all's well that ends well)," said AICC spokesperson Shakeel Ahmed. China was very much part of the "consensus" behind the waiver, he said...

The Indian Express, 11 September 2008

**Op-Ed: Behind the stonewall**

The Chinese foreign minister was in town. Many in India would, of course, like a better explanation of the perceived Chinese opposition to the Indo-US nuclear deal at the NSG. While the National Security Advisor declared that India was "disappointed," others less diplomatic have cried "betrayal," referring to earlier declarations by China that it "would not stand in the way." In fact, very few in India seem to have actually trusted China or expected anything good of it in the deliberations, and there are many who feel vindicated now...

The Asian Age, 11 September 2008

**Editorial: Don't expect China's attitude to change**

On a visit to this country earlier this week, China's foreign minister Yang Jiechi hoped that the two countries will be sincere in "crafting this strategic and cooperative partnership between us". This is an unexceptionable sentiment. However, it will be a reckless optimist who will be prone to see a "strategic" element in the current relationship between the two countries. Only last week, the Chinese leadership declined to entertain telephone calls from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the eve of a crucial meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in Vienna called to consider a waiver of the rules of international nuclear commerce for India...

People's Daily, 11 September 2008

**Chinese President underscores breakthroughs in reform, development in rural areas**

Chinese President Hu Jintao stressed three breakthroughs in rural restructuring, modern agriculture and rural public facilities to push forward reform and development in the countryside. Hu made the remarks during a visit to central Henan Province from Monday to Wednesday, where he met with local officials, farmers and entrepreneurs...

People's Daily, 11 September 2008

**President Hu addressed three top concerns in field tour**

In the run-up to the opening of the 3rd Plenary Session of the 17th CPC Central Committee to be convened next month in Beijing, and in the days from Sep.8 to 10, China's President Hu Jintao made his field tour to Henan Province, one of the most prominent grain producing provinces in China. On his tour of conducting grassroots investigation, President Hu discussed with the local authorities on wide arrays of issues concerning China's rural reforms under new circumstances...

Taipei Times, 11 September 2008

**US short-sighted on PRC policy: Tsai**

The US government is unaware of the potential long-term consequences of President Ma Ying-jeou's opening of Taiwan to China, instead welcoming the short-term easing of tensions that Ma's policies have brought, Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Chairwoman Tsai Ing-wen said in Washington on Tuesday. Speaking at the Heritage Foundation think tank on the second day of a five-day visit to Washington, Tsai said the US had not begun to come to terms with the long-term price Taiwan will have to pay for Ma's cross-strait policy...

Taipei Times, 11 September 2008

**Editorial: 'Non-state to state' risks 'status quo'**

President Ma Ying-jeou's first interview with an international media outlet after the end of the Beijing Olympics sent shock waves through the international community after he said cross-strait relations are a "non-state-to-state special relationship." Ma's proclamation of Taiwan's position forgoes the sovereignty that former presidents Lee Teng-hui and Chen Shui-bian insisted on following democratization of the country, and firmly returns Taiwan to the "one country, two governments" or the "one country, two regions" framework...

People's Daily, 12 September 2008

**Sino-India relations developing in-depth**

China's consulate-general in Kolkata (or Calcutta), the capital of India's west Bengal, opened to the public under the auspices of visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Monday, or September 8. To date, two consulates-general have been established in Mumbai (or Bombay) and Kolkata for China, and two consulates-general set up in Shanghai and Guangzhou for India. Sino-India bilateral relations have grown rapidly with an increasingly frequent exchange of high-level visits since the entry of the new century...

People's Daily, 12 September 2008

**CASS Report: Two challenges emerging in social harmony and stability**

The State think tank, China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Friday released a report entitled Research Report on China's Social Harmony and Stability (hereinafter referred to as the report), pointing out the complex relations between different interests groups and the outstanding social problems emerging with social progress remain the top two challenges facing China's government when it is bent on the construction of a harmonious and stable society. The report is the first ever academic report on harmonious society studies...

Taipei Times, 12 September 2008

**Cabinet unveils economic measures to boost growth**

The Cabinet yesterday unveiled a NT\$180.9 billion (US\$5.6 billion) package of measures to lift the sagging economy, but said it had not yet calculated how much it would contribute to annual economic growth. "Of course [the proposal] will be a boost to GDP, but we are still in the process of calculating [its contribution to growth]," Council for Economic Planning and Development Chairman Chen Tian-jy said...

Taipei Times, 12 September 2008

**Editorial: Diplomatic truce: tactic or strategy?**

Taiwan's national strength and status in the international community are not

commensurate with those of a mature democracy and a highly developed economy. As a result, Taiwanese pay more attention to foreign affairs than people in many other countries. This is commendable and shows that the planning of Taiwan's diplomatic strategies cannot be based solely on the ideas of a political elite, but also need to take into account the opinions of a population that possesses sufficient ability and interest to monitor the government's diplomatic policies. These policies need to reflect the public consensus...

The Hindu, 13 September 2008

#### **China to address urban-rural income gap**

Beijing: A recent special report of the Chinese State Council raised a pair of paradoxical figures that reflected one of the most difficult problems of the economy. According to the report to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the per capita disposable income gained 9.5 per cent to 4,140 yuan (about \$608.8) in real terms in 2007 in the countryside, the largest annual growth since 1985. But it is not accompanied by a lower urban-rural income gap. The average city dweller received an income that was 3.33 times higher than the rural resident...

The Indian Express, 13 September 2008

#### **Editorial: Great leap to the present**

Except for India and China there are no two large neighbours whose relations over time have fluctuated so sharply as to rival the roller coaster. The kathakali act staged by China at the Nuclear Suppliers' Group meeting in Vienna only confirms this. The age of Hindi-Chini Bhai-Bhai was followed, after the brief but brutal border war in the high Himalayas in 1962, by an era of Hindi-Chini bye-bye. The relationship remained frozen for 14 years, despite Indira Gandhi's 1968 initiative to offer China "unconditional" talks, dropping the prior insistence on Chinese acceptance of the Colombo proposals aimed at narrowing the gap between the two sides' positions...

The Times of India, 13 September 2008

#### **Dalai Lama calls meeting on China-Tibet peace talks: Aides**

New Delhi: The Dalai Lama has called a meeting of key Tibetan leaders later this year to review the ongoing peace talks with China, aides to the spiritual leader said on Friday. The Dalai Lama, who returned to his home in northern India on Tuesday after recovering from a brief illness that put him in hospital for four days, will convene the meeting in either November or December, they said. Spokesman Tenzin Takhla said invitations had been sent to exiled Tibetan leaders involved in the campaign for greater autonomy for their Himalayan homeland, as well as representatives of non-governmental organisations...

People's Daily, 13 September 2008

#### **Green tax considered to help cut emissions**

The authorities have started researching an environmental tax for polluters to cut their emissions, a top environment official said on Friday. Several government agencies have organized an inter-ministerial team and brought together experts to come up with a research paper on environmental taxes, Pan Yue, deputy minister of environment protection, said. He did not give details of the scope of the tax or when the policy would come into effect...

Taipei Times, 13 September 2008

#### **Editorial: Sovereign status: Ma is throwing it all away**

With the nation in the midst of an economic downturn, President Ma Ying-jeou said in an interview with a foreign media outlet that although the relationship between

Taiwan and China is special, it is not state-to-state in nature. The Presidential Office added that the cross-strait relationship involves two "areas." It appears that Taiwan's sovereignty can now be downplayed. In 1991, president Lee Teng-hui ended emergency measures for the "communist rebellion" and said there was "one China, two areas and two political entities"...

People's Daily, 14 September 2008

**China reports 432 infants with kidney stones, production of Sanlu halted**

North China's Hebei provincial government has ordered a halt of production of the Sanlu Group, the producer of the contaminated milk powder that initial investigation shows caused kidney stones of at least 432 babies. Relevant authorities of the Central Government have ordered stopping sales of all Sanlu brand baby milk powder on the market and tightening checks on feedstuff, raw milk, and the processing, wholesale and sale links, Gao Qiang, a senior official of China's health ministry, said at a press conference here on Saturday...

People's Daily, 14 September 2008

**China starts emergency response over tainted milk powder incident**

China's State Council, the Cabinet, has started the first-class national food safety emergency response to deal with the tainted Sanlu milk powder incident that has caused kidney stones in at least 432 babies. The State Council has set up a national leading group comprising officials from the Health Ministry, the quality watchdog and local governments for the incident...

Taipei Times, 14 September 2008

**Editorial: President is confused as ever on PRC relationship**

The First National Assembly held its eighth meeting in 1991. At the session I hosted on April 22 that year, the delegates completed two major constitutional achievements: They added 10 Articles to the Constitution of the Republic of China and abolished the Temporary Provisions Effective During the Period of Communist Rebellion. On May 1, then-president Lee Teng-hui officially announced that the period had ended...

The Asian Age, 15 September 2008

**Toll in China landslide rises to 254**

Beijing: The death toll has risen to 254 in a landslide triggered by the collapse of an illegal mining dump, which engulfed a village in northern China, a government official said on Sunday. By late Saturday, rescuers had identified 128 of the dead bodies recovered after Monday's accident in Shanxi province's Xiangfen county, a duty officer surnamed Zhang at the Shanxi provincial government said. The tally could rise as more than 1,000 rescue workers comb through 74 acres (30 hectares) of sludge and mining waste covering the area, where hundreds more people could be buried...

People's Daily, 15 September 2008

**China's first Mid-Autumn holiday helps fulfill wishes for family reunions**

Millions of Chinese have used this year's mid-Autumn Festival, which fell on Sunday, to get together with family and loved ones. This year the Chinese government made the festival a three-day national holiday for the first time. Railways and buses from Chengdu, capital in southwest China's Sichuan Province, carried 180,000 people to quake-battered cities in the province on the first day of the holiday on Saturday, according to the transport authority...

People's Daily, 15 September 2008

**Sanlu's partner producer seized with contaminated infant formula**

Inspectors had found poisonous chemical in the Sanlu infant formula produced by one of its partner producers in northwest China's Gansu Province, an official said on Sunday. Two out of the 12 samples randomly selected from the Sanlu milk powder produced by the Haoni Dairy Co., Ltd. in Jiuquan City had tested positive for melamine, said Xian Hui, vice-governor of Gansu...

Taipei Times, 15 September 2008

**The Libertytimes Editorial: President Ma gives away the store**

When looking at President Ma Ying-jeou's main policies, it is quite easy to feel that he has a multiple-personality disorder. Ma calls for a diplomatic truce and the improvement of cross-strait relations on the one hand, and on the other he talks about ending war but not fearing war, and preparing for war but not asking for it, as if Taiwan would not step back from a war with China...

Taipei Times, 15 September 2008

**Editorial: What did Beijing gain from Games?**

The lights in Beijing's Olympic sites have been turned off, the drummers and the fireworks have been stilled and Michael Phelps and the other athletes have gone home from the most politicized Olympic spectacle in decades. Now comes a really trying event: assessing the effect of the Olympics on China itself and on China's stamina and strategy as a long distance runner in a marathon to see who will dominate Asia...

Taipei Times, 15 September 2008

**Editorial: Beijing faces image problem in post-Olympic era**

Lavish parties tend to leave a hangover as the problems of daily life, put aside for the celebrations, come crowding back. China's Olympic party is not likely to prove an exception. The full legacy of this year's extraordinary events in the People's Republic of China will take many years to emerge, but in the short term, a number of pressing problems are clear. The Olympics, with its political project of displaying China's power as much to its own population as to the rest of the world, has been the prime focus of domestic propaganda for several years, rallying people behind the nationalist theme with the promise to situate China as a restored power...

The Hindu, 16 September 2008

**Food contamination: China to tighten regulatory norms**

Shanghai: China's health authorities on Monday ordered an overhaul of the food safety system after two infants died and more than 1,253 babies developed kidney stones after consuming contaminated milk powder. Initial investigations indicated that milk powder produced by the country's largest producer of baby products, the Sanlu Group, was contaminated with melamine, an industrial chemical used in manufacturing fabrics, plastics and glue. Melamine has the same white, powdery appearance as milk powder, and is used to artificially raise the protein content of food products...

The Times of India, 16 September 2008

**Nepal PM sets to rest doubts about China ties**

New Delhi: In an attempt to allay India's apprehension about growing proximity between Nepal and China, visiting Nepalese PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Monday said his country's ties with India were crucial and vital. Prachanda, who is on a five-day visit to India, added that Nepal's ties with India could not be compared

with his country's relations with Beijing...

People's Daily, 16 September 2008

**China, Macedonia vow to boost co-op**

Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang met here on Monday with Macedonian President Branko Crvenkovski with both sides vowing to boost cooperation between the two countries. "China attaches great importance to the bilateral relations with Macedonia, and regards Macedonia as a trust-worthy partner in the west Balkans," Zhang said. Zhang pointed out that the bilateral relations between the two countries have made positive progress during the past 15 years, and that economic cooperation and exchanges in the fields such as culture, education and sports have witnessed new development...

People's Daily, 16 September 2008

**Tainted milk powder sickens 1,253 babies in China**

The number of Chinese infants stricken with kidney stones caused by contaminated milk powder soared to 1,253 with two dead as of 8 a.m. on Monday, the Ministry of Health said here on Monday. According to the ministry, most of the cases occurred in Hebei, Jiangsu and Gansu provinces. The two deaths were both in the northwest Gansu Province. The tainted milk powder was produced by the Sanlu Group, the country's dairy giant in the northern Hebei Province...

Taipei Times, 16 September 2008

**Editorial: Ma is dismembering the military**

After World War II and the Cold War, many countries decided to transform their compulsory military systems into all-volunteer forces. Once a national emergency has passed, it makes perfect sense to professionalize the military and avoid relocating manpower from other sectors. Despite President Ma Ying-jeou's insistence that it has always been his goal to have a professional military, the move toward an all-volunteer army began during the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) administration...

Taipei Times, 16 September 2008

**Editorial: Will the Wild Lilies bloom again?**

While hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets to show their displeasure with the ineffectual performance and potential betrayal of the country's sovereignty by President Ma Ying-jeou in his first 100 days in office, media have also been discussing the alleged "money laundering" by former president Chen Shui-bian. Chen had wired, via his wife, US\$20 million to bank accounts overseas. While it is being investigated as to whether what Chen did qualifies as money laundering, some felt betrayed; some felt vindicated and many others were shocked...

The Hindu, 17 September 2008

**News Analysis: Realism in India-China relations**

After a year-long hiatus, boundary negotiations between India and China are set to resume this week in Beijing. The latest round of talks, the twelfth since Special Representatives were appointed in 2003 to hammer out a solution to the almost half-century-old dispute at a political level, takes place against a geo-political tapestry of burgeoning complexity. On the one hand, booming bilateral trade, increasing people-to-people contact, and a sustained exchange of high-level visits indicate a maturing of ties. India-China trade for the first six months of the year was worth \$29 billion, a 69 percent increase over the figure for the same time period in 2007. Earlier this year Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visited Beijing...

The Times of India, 17 September 2008

### **Three dead, 6,200 sick in China after drinking tainted milk**

Beijing: Three babies died, 158 are in hospital with acute kidney failure and thousands of others fell ill after drinking tainted milk in China, Health Minister Chen Zhu said on Wednesday. Giving the government's first detailed account of a scandal that erupted last week over milk powder contaminated with a chemical used to make plastics, Chen said 6,244 babies had fallen ill after consuming the product. While many of those had recovered, 1,327 remained in hospital and 158 of those were suffering from acute kidney failure, Chen told reporters...

People's Daily, 17 September 2008

### **Pacts signed with 3 nations**

China signed agreements on economic and technological cooperation with three countries yesterday, as the final diplomatic gathering of the summer coincided with the end of the Beijing Paralympics. President Hu Jintao met with the president of Guinea-Bissau yesterday afternoon, while Premier Wen Jiabao held separate talks with his counterparts from Nigeria and Bangladesh in the morning. Each meeting was followed by a signing ceremony...

People's Daily, 17 September 2008

### **China, Japan vow to boost ties**

China and Japan will push forward their relationship despite obstacles, outgoing Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda said yesterday. "During President Hu Jintao's visit (to Japan) in May, the two countries signed a joint statement on promoting a strategic relationship of mutual benefit, which clearly shows the direction of bilateral relations," Fukuda said in a message to the 4th Beijing-Tokyo Forum, which opened yesterday...

Taipei Times, 17 September 2008

### **Editorial: Tsai Ing-wen's time to shine**

After a lackluster presidential campaign that wasted far too much breath on non-issues like the status of President Ma Ying-jeou's green card, serious damage was done to the reputation of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). Add to this the eruption of money-laundering allegations against the party's single most influential figure, former president Chen Shui-bian, who withdrew from the DPP last month, and things look even bleaker than after the party's humiliation at January's legislative polls. Key to the party's recovery will be the strength of new voices, which must present the face of a maturing DPP...

Taipei Times, 17 September 2008

### **Editorial: Taiwanese neutrality offers road out of abyss**

A neutral country is one that does not take part in war and remains neutral with belligerent countries under international law, and a neutral zone is a place where hostile acts cannot be performed. Current neutral countries include Sweden, Switzerland and Austria. Examples of neutral zones include international canals and straits. Taiwan was invaded by the Dutch in the 17th century and was then a colony of various nations for more than 300 years. It was not until 1992 that Taiwan democratized and could elect its own president. Different from party-state China, which adopted a planned economic system, Taiwan implemented capitalist economic policies...

People's Daily, 18 September 2008

### **A promise honored, says Hu**

China has kept its word in presenting a special Paralympic Games, President Hu Jintao said while raising a toast to some 30 VIPs from across the world in Beijing yesterday. "The Chinese people have kept the solemn promise made to the international community. They have welcomed guests from across the world with enthusiasm, and presented a special and high-standard Games," Hu said at the Paralympics closing ceremony luncheon. China had promised "Two Games, Equal Splendor" while bidding for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games...

People's Daily, 18 September 2008

### **China, U.S. achieve positive results at bilateral trade talks**

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan announced Tuesday that positive results had been achieved at a one-day China-U.S. trade meeting here, saying China stands ready to work with the U.S. to further expand bilateral economic and trade ties. "China-U.S. economic relation is not only important for our two countries, but important for the whole world," Wang said at the end of the 19th session of the China-U.S. Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT), which was held at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in a Los Angeles suburb...

Taipei Times, 18 September 2008

### **Editorial: It's no joke: Ma et al just don't care**

Typhoon Sinlaku wreaked havoc in parts of the country last week, bringing torrential rain that triggered landslides, while claiming 12 lives and injuring 20, with 12 still missing. Hundreds remain trapped in mountainous areas, waiting for help. While Mother Nature can sometimes appear cruel, no less chilly was the response - or lack thereof - from various senior government officials to the disaster. "The public's pain is my pain and your suffering is my suffering," President Ma Ying-jeou once said. But judging from his Cabinet's response to date, the statement sounds disturbingly hollow...

Taipei Times, 18 September 2008

### **Editorial: Taiwan deserves a seat at table**

The UN General Assembly met on Tuesday to review Taiwan's application for "meaningful participation" in the UN agencies. This was the 15th consecutive year that Taiwan tried to gain some form of representation in the 192 member world body. Last year, at the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly, the world body decided not to include the issue of Taiwan's participation in the UN on its agenda. That decision was made because of enormous pressure from the Chinese delegation at the UN, especially on the African delegations...

Taipei Times, 18 September 2008

### **Editorial: More needs to be done to ensure food safety**

This year's Mid-Autumn Festival was spoiled by concerns over the damage caused by Typhoon Sinlaku and worries about moon cakes and milk tea made with poisonous milk powder. The Sanlu brand of milk powder manufactured in China was found to be poisonous because it contained melamine, a material used in the production of laminate paneling and disposable plastic utensils. Consuming too much melamine can cause kidney stones and even uremia. If one were to ingest melamine in a moon cake, drinking plenty of water would probably remove it from the body, health specialists say...

The Hindu, 19 September 2008

### **India, China hold boundary talks**

Beijing: After a year-long hiatus, India and China on Thursday held a fresh round of boundary talks, with Beijing saying the two countries must maintain peace and tranquillity along the border to help in a speedy resolution of the protracted problem. "Both should maintain peace and tranquillity in the border area before the boundary issue is resolved," Chinese Vice-President Xi Jinping said during a meeting with National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan here. Mr. Narayanan, who is heading the Indian delegation at the talks, said New Delhi also hoped to realise the consensus by the leaders of the two countries to settle the issue at an early date...

The Hindu, 19 September 2008

### **'Asia's growth depends on India, China'**

Chennai: Many analysts have called the coming century "Asia's century," but for that to come to pass, India and China, should co-operate strategically, speakers said here on Thursday. At a seminar on "Sustaining Asia's growth: challenges and opportunities," organised by the Australian High Commission, Bambang Harymurti, corporate chief editor, Tempo, a Jakarta-based news magazine, said that Asia's growth depended on India and China, which were posting respectable growth rates while the developed world was afraid of slipping into recession...

The Asian Age, 19 September 2008

### **UN turns down Taiwan request to join agencies**

New Delhi: A committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday tossed out Taiwan's request to join UN specialised agencies like the World Health Organisation in a closed-door session to decide the agenda for debate of the 63rd session commencing Tuesday. Earlier, temporarily setting aside the issue of "membership" in United Nations organisations, Republic of China (Taiwan) had said it is focusing instead on "participation" in various UN-specialised agencies that formulate plan of action to address concerns of global importance...

Taipei Times, 19 September 2008

### **Ma, MOFA regret latest rejection of UN attempt**

President Ma Ying-jeou and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) expressed regret yesterday after the UN on Wednesday rejected a proposal to include Taiwan's request to be allowed to participate in UN agencies on the General Assembly agenda. While Ma said the government would not give up its efforts to work with the UN and vowed to adopt the "right" strategy, the ministry called on Beijing to display "wisdom and flexibility" with regard to Taiwan's international space to foster amicable cross-strait relations...

Taipei Times, 19 September 2008

### **Editorial: Excuses for corruption have run out**

When Chen Shui-bian was elected president in 2000, it was hailed as a milestone for Taiwan's burgeoning democracy. Campaigning before the election to root out "black gold" politics, Chen promised to operate a transparent and corruption-free government. Eight years later, with Chen and his family embroiled in a corruption scandal, President Ma Ying-jeou has been making the same promises as his predecessor. But if the last eight years have taught us anything, it is that the executive has little power to determine if meaningful anti-corruption legislation can be passed...

Taipei Times, 19 September 2008

### **Editorial: No more bargaining chips for Ma**

Judging from the US' refusal to sell Taiwan F-16 C/D fighters, President Ma Ying-jeou

has caused US diplomacy a lot of trouble. Ma has ruined relations between the US and Taiwan. This has made China very happy, although it has not rewarded Ma for his efforts. Under former president Chen Shui-bian, the direct links issue was something that Beijing would constantly bring up for possible discussion. Now that the second round of cross-strait negotiations is nearing, Taiwan is busy making suggestions on what issues the negotiations should cover but it's still not clear what Beijing wants to discuss or if it wants to discuss anything at all...

Taipei Times, 19 September 2008

**Editorial: Milk scare becomes another power play**

A large portion of the shipment of melamine-contaminated milk powder recently imported into Taiwan has already been used to make bread, beverages and other products, making it very difficult for authorities to trace it. This has provoked a lot of anger among Taiwanese, as have China's efforts to use the opportunity to belittle Taiwan's sovereignty. What's even more worrying is that the milk powder incident may be only the tip of the iceberg. Consumers'Foundation data showed Chinese products accounted for 307 cases, or 66.1 percent, of all cases of unsafe products detected in Taiwan between January and July, making China the No. 1 supplier of unsafe goods to Taiwan...

The Hindu, 20 September 2008

**India, China talks conclude**

Beijing: India and China on Friday failed to reach any specific agreements on the boundary issue in the latest round of negotiations but decided to pursue their goal for a "fair and reasonable" solution. "Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo and Indian National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan headed their delegations for the talks, which were pragmatic, candid and friendly," a bland statement issued by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said here...

The Indian Express, 20 September 2008

**China begins training first batch of aircraft carrier fighter pilots**

New Delhi: Indian maritime security experts are keenly watching China as it starts training its first batch of fighter pilots to operate from the country's future fleet of aircraft carriers. A small article in a recent issue of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Daily announced that the first batch of 50 pilots cadets have been inducted at the Dalian Naval Academy to undergo training on "ship borne aircraft flight"...

The Times of India, 20 September 2008

**China recalls tainted milk products**

Shijiazhuang (China): China's national product safety agency said all batches of milk that have tested positive for an industrial chemical are being recalled and by Saturday the dairy sections of many stores were empty in Beijing and Shanghai. China's food safety crisis widened on Friday after melamine was found in milk produced by three of the country's leading dairy companies - prompting stores, including Starbucks, to yank milk from their shelves...

People's Daily, 20 September 2008

**Chinese President urges CPC members to learn from latest security incidents**

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday urged all the members of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to put people's interests first and learn the bitter lessons from the latest security incidents. Addressing the opening ceremony of a seminar for the country's ministerial-level leaders in Beijing, Hu, also the General Secretary of the

CPC Central Committee, said that the major accidents on work and food safety which occurred in some places of the country this year had incurred severe losses of people's lives and property...

People's Daily, 20 September 2008

**China's Cabinet urges efforts to save babies stricken with tainted milk powder**

China's State Council, or Cabinet, on Friday urges all-out efforts to save babies stricken with tainted baby milk powder, orders to check all dairy products and rectify the dairy industry in an all-round manner. Medical authorities should provide free examination and treatment for infants who have developed kidney stones after drinking tainted milk, and screening efforts should be beefed up in the countryside and remote areas, according to a circular issued by the State Council...

Taipei Times, 20 September 2008

**Ma defends Premier Liu, gives support to Cabinet**

President Ma Ying-jeou yesterday defended the Cabinet's efforts and called on the public to give the government more time to show its worth. His remarks suggested that he does not have immediate plans to reshuffle the Cabinet. Addressing the closing ceremony of a government affairs research class hosted by the Central Personnel Administration yesterday morning, Ma spoke in defense of Premier Liu Chao-shiuan, who also attended the ceremony, and gave his support to the Cabinet...

People's Daily, 21 September 2008

**FM: China indignant, opposed to U.S. Senate legislation on Tibet**

China on Saturday expressed strong indignation and opposition over a legislation on Tibet recently approved by the U.S. Senate. "The Tibet issue is China's internal affair, so is the Chinese government's contact and dialogue with the Dalai Lama," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said...

People's Daily, 21 September 2008

**Premier: China confident, capable of keeping economic growth**

Premier Wen Jiabao said on Saturday China was confident and fully capable of keeping a good momentum of economic growth this year despite domestic difficulties and a global economic slowdown. Addressing a seminar for the country's ministerial-level official in Beijing, Wen said this year had been the most difficult year as China faced both global challenges and domestic problems in economic operation...

Taipei Times, 21 September 2008

**Editorial: Cabinet panic: The jury's still out**

Premier Liu Chao-shiuan last week told a group of industry heavyweights that the economy would enjoy an upturn in the fourth quarter thanks to his government's economic stimulus package. He must be joking. It doesn't take a genius to appreciate the severity of the current global financial crisis and the implications it may have for Taiwan's economy...

The Times of India, 22 September 2008

**53,000 Chinese kids fall ill due to contaminated milk**

Beijing: The tally of children sickened by tainted milk in China jumped to nearly 53,000 as the government vowed to crack down on those responsible for the scandal, which has raised more questions about the safety of the country's food chain. More than 80 per cent of the 12,892 children hospitalised in recent weeks

were 2 years old or younger, the Health Ministry said in a statement posted on its website late on Sunday...

People's Daily, 22 September 2008

**Chinese astronauts for Shenzhou-7 mission arrive at launch center**

A panel of six Chinese astronauts arrived at Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern Gansu Province on Sunday, making the last-minute preparations for the country's third manned space mission. Taking a special flight to the remote center, three qualified spacemen and three substitutes said they had "full confidence to successfully accomplish the mission" after various trainings and tests...

People's Daily, 22 September 2008

**Chinese president pledges closer economic ties with Japan**

China would deepen economic and trade cooperation and step up strategic and mutually beneficial relations with Japan, Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Sunday. "China hopes the two sides would work together to enhance economic and trade cooperation, aiming at realizing mutual benefit and development," Hu told members of a delegation from the Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade (JCAET)...

People's Daily, 22 September 2008

**China Focus: Chinese premier calls on sick infants**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Sunday visited hospitals, communities and supermarkets in Beijing to see for himself the infants sickened by tainted milk powder and the milk market. His first stop was Beijing Children's Hospital, where many parents had brought their children for kidney tests. Outside the consulting room, ultrasonic scan room and medical wards, Wen asked parents and children how they were faring...

Taipei Times, 22 September 2008

**Editorial: Visions crumble, pessimism rules**

President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to "retreat to the second line," his cross-strait policy of "no unification, no independence and no use of force," the "diplomatic truce," his "low-profile transit diplomacy," the "preventative defense" policy and his definition of the two sides of the Taiwan Strait as "two areas" that have a "non-state-to-state relationship" have left people with the impression that the government is pulling back, restricting its own diplomatic space and denigrating itself...

Taipei Times, 22 September 2008

**The Liberty Times Editorial: Selling out the country, step by step**

Under the "wise" rule of President Ma Ying-jeou, Taiwan is looking increasingly less like a country. A few days ago, the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) held talks with China-based Taiwanese businesspeople. During the meeting, the head of the Taiwan Business Association requested that the government allow Taiwanese businesspeople to hold positions in the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) to increase their say on China's government policy and help protect their rights and interests in China...

Taipei Times, 22 September 2008

**Editorial: Political convergence packaged as integration**

President Ma Ying-jeou has appointed Vice President Vincent Siew as convener of a new panel to advise the Presidential Office on financial and economic affairs. But does Siew really have any bold economic vision? Nothing he has said goes beyond the usual free-market mechanisms, relaxation of laws and regulations, a complete

free rein for Taiwanese companies to "go west" and forming a common market with China. Siew's policies comply with the fashionable pillars of globalization - deregulation, denationalization and minimizing the role of government...

The Times of India, 23 September 2008

**China sacks chief of food quality agency**

Beijing: The head of China's product quality watchdog resigned Monday in the wake of the tainted baby formula scandal that has sickened nearly 53,000 infants, highlighting a breakdown in the country's food safety system only a year after a major overhaul. The official Xinhua News Agency said Li Changjiang stepped down with the approval of China's Cabinet. Li's agency is responsible for ensuring that China's food supply chain is safe...

The Times of India, 23 September 2008

**China's third manned mission to include spacewalk**

Beijing: China this week launches its most ambitious space mission yet, a sign of rising confidence as Beijing cements its status as a space power and potential future competitor to the United States. The Shenzhou 7 mission, to launch as early as Thursday, will be the first to carry a full complement of three astronauts, one of whom will perform China's first space walk, or EVA for "extra-vehicular activity." It is China's third manned mission...

People's Daily, 23 September 2008

**Change in Japan's political scene & Sino-Japanese ties**

Taro Aso, one of the five candidates for Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), was elected the LDP party chief on September 22, and won the premiership because of LDP's majority in parliament's Lower House. Nevertheless, Taro Aso's imminent cabinet is seen as a "takeover cabinet for the general election" even before its birth, as no lower house (or the House of Representatives) election needs to be held until September 2009 but is likely to be held much earlier, possibly later this year...

Taipei Times, 23 September 2008

**Editorial: The GAPP between free and unfree**

Representatives of the publishing industry in Taiwan and China sat down in Taipei over the weekend to discuss joint ventures, especially on materials for Chinese-language education. Despite claims by the head of the Chinese delegation, General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP) head Liu Binjie, that the industry transcends political conflict and promotes understanding, Taiwanese would do well to tread carefully when dealing with their Chinese counterparts...

The Asian Age, 24 September 2008

**Tibetan kids punished for studying in India**

Kathmandu: Thousands of Tibetan children and their families face stiff punishment at the hands of the Chinese government for enrolling in schools in India run by the Tibetan government in exile headed by their spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, a rights body said. The Washington-headquartered International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) has expressed its misgivings as the ultimatum issued by the Communist Party of China authorities to the Tibetan Party and government workers expired last week...

People's Daily, 24 September 2008

**Chinese premier calls for further strengthening of China-U.S. relations**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Tuesday that China and the United States are not rivals but partners in cooperation and they should work together to further

strengthen bilateral relations. In a speech delivered at a luncheon co-hosted by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and other friendly American organizations, Wen said China-U.S. relations have made significant progress since his first official visit to the United States in 2003...

Taipei Times, 24 September 2008

#### **Government to send food safety task force to China**

Premier Liu Chao-shiuan said yesterday the government would dispatch a special task force comprising doctors and food safety experts to China to gain a better understanding of China's food safety mechanisms and the melamine scandal. The Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) would negotiate the matter with its Chinese counterpart, the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS), Liu told the legislature...

Taipei Times, 24 September 2008

#### **Chinese official says dairy industry is 'out of control'**

A senior Chinese agriculture official pledged to crack down on the nation's unsupervised milk-gathering system, which he conceded was "out of control" and had led to abuses. The government has been scrambling for days to show it is tackling the problem after tainted baby formula sickened nearly 53,000 Chinese infants and killed four. Recent days have seen a number of arrests and forced resignations of officials, while state media reported on Monday night that the company at the center of the scandal was aware of a problem as early as last December...

The Yomiuri Shimbun, 24 September 2008

#### **Editorial: Tighten inspections on China-made food**

It is hard to believe that a mildly toxic chemical could get mixed in with milk. But this is exactly what happened in yet another food scandal in China. Several babies died, and tens of thousands of children reportedly have been sickened in the country, after consuming powdered milk tainted with melamine. Adding melamine to milk can make it appear to be richer in protein, and Chinese dairy producers allegedly "supplemented" protein levels in milk by adding melamine to it after the milk was diluted with water...

The Hindu, 25 September 2008

#### **India, China satisfied over border talks**

New York: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao expressed "satisfaction" at the progress made recently by their respective designated special representatives on the boundary question. Acknowledging that the boundary dispute was a "complicated" issue, the two prime ministers reportedly encouraged the special representatives to continue their labours. The two premiers are here to attend the United Nations General Assembly, and on Wednesday the Chinese leader called on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at Hotel New York Palace. The two leaders met for 30 minutes...

Times of India, 25 September 2008

#### **Tainted-milk scam: China apologizes to Taiwan**

Beijing: China on Wednesday pledged strong action in dealing with the widening scandal over tainted milk and issued an apology to consumers in Taiwan as an increasing number of countries boosted testing of Chinese food imports. "We feel extremely painful about the damage that the milk powder brought to people in Taiwan. Our government attaches great importance to it and is taking a series of

measures to minimize the damage and influence," said Li Weiyi, a spokesman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office...

People's Daily, 25 September 2008

### **China, Venezuela sign series of deals as Chavez visits Beijing**

China and Venezuela on Wednesday inked a series of agreements on wide-ranging fields, a sign of bilateral efforts to advance their strategic partnership to a new high. The agreements came out of the summit talks in the Great Hall of the People as Beijing rolled out the red carpet for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. The 12 new cooperative deals covered trade, oil, finance, education, justice, telecommunications, infrastructure, sports and cultural relics...

People's Daily, 25 September 2008

### **Premier Wen expounds China's domestic, foreign policies at UN debate**

China will stick to the path of peaceful development and continue to pursue the policies of reform and opening-up and an independent foreign policy of peace, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Wednesday. "The whole world wants to know in what direction China is heading" after the Beijing Olympic Games, Wen said in a speech delivered at the annual high-level debate of the United Nations General Assembly...

People's Daily, 25 September 2008

### **Hu Jintao meets Party chiefs of major military units**

Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, called on Wednesday for strengthening the development of the CPC in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in a substantial way. The CPC must turn its political and organizational advantages into the drive of scientific development and strengthen party building in the army, said Hu. He made the comments while meeting with a group of CPC chiefs of major military units who were attending a workshop here...

Taipei Times, 25 September 2008

### **Ma wants Beijing hotline for information**

President Ma Ying-jeou proposed setting up a hotline with Beijing yesterday to ensure food safety and public health in Taiwan. Ma said China's milk producers should be condemned for making tainted milk powder and that while they were drastic measures, he supported the Executive Yuan's effort to request compensation from Chinese milk firms and to recall Chinese-made milk powder and vegetable proteins...

Taipei Times, 25 September 2008

### **Editorial: A strong EU is preferable for China**

The last rival superpower to the US, the Soviet Union, collapsed in 1991. But, apart from its military strength, the USSR was never really powerful enough to counterbalance US influence. In the late 1980s, Japan seemed capable of challenging the US' industrial leadership, but by the 1990s, it had lost its competitive edge. China might itself wish to be a major force in a multipolar world, but it has been plagued by its lack of overall strength. Given these realities, China sees the expanding EU as a likely counterweight to unchecked US power...

The Hindu, 26 September 2008

### **Ascent of Chinese technology: Hu**

Jiuquan (Gansu): China successfully launched its third manned spacecraft on

Thursday with three astronauts - or taikonauts - on board to attempt the country's first-ever space walk. Shenzhou-7 blasted off on a Long-March II-F carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Gansu Province. Onboard pilots - Zhai Zhigang, Liu Boming and Jing Haipeng - are expected to orbit the Earth for three days, when one of them would float out of the cabin about 343 km above the Earth...

The Indian Express, 26 September 2008

**Edits & Columns: Toxic recalls**

India has joined dozens of countries around the world in banning the import of dairy products from China. As contamination of infant milk powder and other milk products is revealed to be wider by the day, strong questions need to be asked once again of China's regulatory mechanisms. In China, four children are dead and more than 50,000 sick after consuming tainted milk products. Given the range and depth of Chinese exports, this has rightly set off recalls around the globe...

The Times of India, 26 September 2008

**Amid milk scare, all-organic food for China's elite**

Beijing: While China grapples with its latest tainted food crisis, the political elite are served the choicest, safest delicacies. They get hormone-free beef from the grasslands of Inner Mongolia, organic tea from the foothills of Tibet and rice watered by melted mountain snow. And it's all supplied by a special government outfit that provides all-organic goods from farms working under the strictest guidelines...

People's Daily, 26 September 2008

**China issues white paper, refutes charge of "cultural genocide" in Tibet**

China issued a white paper on Thursday to acquaint the world with its efforts on the protection and development of Tibetan culture, refuting the charge of the so-called "cultural genocide" in Tibet. It is "published to give the international community a better understanding of the reality of the protection and development of Tibetan culture" and "to further the protection and development of Tibetan culture", the white paper on Protection and Development of Tibetan Culture said...

People's Daily, 26 September 2008

**China-EU reach trade consensus**

The 23rd China-EU Joint Economic and Trade Committee co-chaired by Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and European Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson in Beijing on Sept. 25 has led to consensus on a variety of issues. In the face of the international financial turbulence the two sides highlight the important role they can play in stabilizing the world economy by consolidating their economic and trade ties through opening up and cooperation...

Taipei Times, 26 September 2008

**Health minister resigns over milk crisis**

Minister of Health Lin Fang-yue stepped down yesterday over panic caused by the discovery of contaminated Chinese dairy ingredients and what critics said were belated and inconsistent measures to protect the public and ensure consumer confidence. "The Department of Health's [DOH] decision, made for efficiency's sake, caused misunderstandings and shattered consumer confidence. I should take responsibility," Lin said at a press conference yesterday morning after attending the weekly Cabinet meeting, during which he tendered his resignation to Premier Liu Chao-shiuan...

Taipei Times, 26 September 2008

### **Editorial: The bitter aftertaste of the Chinese food scandal**

Making a pun on the words "independence" and "poison," both pronounced du in Chinese, China often refers to "Taiwanese independence" as "Taiwanese poison." In reality, however, it is in China that poisonous contaminants keep turning up in food, proving that the real "poison" is China itself. An Internet user and new father in Jiangsu Province posted an article saying he had bought Sanlu milk powder to support the economy by buying Chinese-made goods...

The Hindu, 27 September 2008

### **Chinese spacecraft settles into orbit**

Beijing: China will broadcast live the nation's maiden spacewalk slated for Saturday, said Wang Zhaoyao, spokesperson with the space programme. The spacewalk, or extra-vehicular activity (EVA), would last about 30 minutes, he said on Friday. Excluding the opening and the closing of the module gate, the real spacewalk may take about 20 minutes, he added. One of the three taikonauts - Zhai Zhigang, Liu Boming and Jing Haipeng - aboard the Shenzhou-7 spacecraft would conduct the spacewalk...

The Times of India, 27 September 2008

### **Baby cereal latest problem in China milk scandal**

Beijing: The list of products caught in China's tainted milk scandal grew on Friday to include baby cereal in Hong Kong and snack foods in Japan, while Taiwan reported three children and a mother with kidney stones in the island's first cases possibly linked to the crisis. The Japanese government also said it had suspended imports of milk and milk products from China, where some 54,000 children have developed kidney stones or other illnesses after drinking baby formula contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine...

Taipei Times, 27 September 2008

### **Carbon dioxide emissions even higher as China becomes world's No. 1 emitter**

China has leapfrogged the US to become the world's biggest carbon emitter and India is heading for third place, scientists said yesterday in a report that warned global greenhouse-gas emission levels were at record highs. The report, by a research consortium called the Global Carbon Project (GCP), confirms an estimate that China has become the biggest producer of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the principal gas that causes global warming...

Taipei Times, 27 September 2008

### **Editorial: Uncertain times for Taiwan, the US and PRC**

The US and Taiwan are going through a very uncertain period. Both are dealing with very difficult economic problems. In addition, the US faces a tight election, and Taiwan has a new government that is focused on working with China. The future of the US-Taiwan relationship is not as clear as in the past. The US is suffering economic mayhem that has government officials and banking organizations struggling with enormous debt...

The Hindu, 28 September 2008

### **China spacewalks into history**

Beijing: Taikonaut Zhai Zhigang slipped out of the orbital module of Shenzhou-7 on Saturday afternoon, starting China's first spacewalk - or extravehicular activity (EVA) - in outer space. "Shenzhou-7 is now outside the spacecraft. I feel well. I am here greeting the Chinese people and people of the whole world," he told ground control

in Beijing, where President Hu Jintao watched the proceedings with top space scientists. Donning a \$4-million homemade Feitian space suit, Mr. Zhai waved to the camera mounted on the service module after pulling himself out of the capsule in a head-out-first position, video monitor at the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC) showed...

People's Daily, 28 September 2008

**Premier: China to further deepen reform and opening-up**

Premier Wen Jiabao said Saturday China would continue to further reform and opening-up "through the entire process of modernization drive." Wen made the remark in a speech delivered at the opening ceremony of 2008 Summer Davos in north China's Tianjin Municipality. The two-day Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2008 organized by the World Economic Forum has drawn some 1,400 participants, including business executives, officials and scholars from nearly 90 countries and regions...

People's Daily, 28 September 2008

**Premier Wen: China has confidence to ensure fast, sound economic growth**

China has full confidence and capability to overcome various difficulties to ensure sound and fast economic growth for an even longer period of time, said Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday. Addressing the opening ceremony of the 2008 Summer Davos Forum in the north China port metropolis of Tianjin, Wen said China is in the stage of rapid industrialization and urbanization, and has huge potential for economic growth...

Taipei Times, 28 September 2008

**Editorial: Toxic milk scandal is opportunity for change**

Jian Guangzhou, a reporter at the Oriental Morning Post in Shanghai, on Sept. 11 became the first to report that 14 children in Gansu Province were suffering from kidney disease after consuming toxic milk powder produced by the Sanlu Group. The report dealt the company a vital blow, forced the resignation of several high-ranking government officials and severely damaged China's national image. But it also saved countless innocent children from toxic milk powder. Isn't a journalist's job to tell the public the truth?...

The Hindu, 29 September 2008

**Committed to peaceful use of outer space, says Wen**

Beijing: Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said it is the Chinese people's persistent aspiration to develop the manned spaceflight technologies for the peaceful exploration and use of the outer space. "The successful mission marked a milestone and great leap forward of China's space technology development as China became the third country capable of spacewalk," said Mr. Wen after the landing of the Shenzhou-7 spacecraft...

The Hindu, 29 September 2008

**Opinion: Confucius commemorated**

"The movement of heaven is full of power. Thus the superior man makes himself strong and untiring." This is the classic doctrine of Confucius. It was chanted and signed by 40 deaf or mute children during a ceremony marking the 2559th birthday of the great Chinese thinker on Sunday in Quzhou in east China's Zhejiang Province. Quzhou is where one of the two family temples of Confucius locates. Twenty-eight generations of Confucius' descendants had lived there...

The Asian Age, 29 September 2008

### **Bush's call to Dalai denounced by China**

Beijing: China on Sunday denounced a telephone call made last week by US President George W. Bush to the Dalai Lama as interference in Beijing's internal affairs. Mr Bush called the Dalai Lama to express concern over the health of the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, who recently cancelled two international trips so he could recover from exhaustion. "We firmly oppose it," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said...

The Times of India, 29 September 2008

### **China showing 'flexibility' on border talks with India**

Marseilles: Buffeted by the strong Indian reaction to its failed bid to stop the NSG waiver for India, China has been showing flexibility on boundary talks. Sources said the Chinese leadership appears to have instructed its negotiators not to get bogged down on the boundary dispute while promoting the strategic partnership between the two countries. The new approach was evident during NSA's recent visit to Beijing for the new round of boundary talks with his counterpart Dai Bingguo...

People's Daily, 29 September 2008

### **Celebrations in Beijing mark China's National Day**

A reception gathering and a concert were held in Beijing on Sunday night to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the founding of the New China. Members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Jia Qinglin, Xi Jinping and Li Keqiang joined more than 3,500 overseas Chinese, compatriots from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan in a reception held in the Great Hall of People...

People's Daily, 29 September 2008

### **Premier Wen hails success of taikonauts' return**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao celebrated the successful return of Chinese taikonauts who had completed the country's third manned space mission on Sunday. Together with other senior officials and officers at the Beijing Aerospace Control Center (BACC), Wen watched the re-entry of Shenzhou-7 space module to Earth in a live transmission...

Taipei Times, 29 September 2008

### **DPP to propose changes to food-safety regulations**

The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) caucus is expected to propose amendments today to two food safety laws that would require that the place of origin of ingredients in packaged and canned foods be stated on the labels. Amid the scare sparked by melamine-tainted products from China, DPP legislators plan to introduce the draft amendments to the Act Governing Food Sanitation and the Commodity Labeling Law, DPP caucus whip Ker Chien-ming said...

Taipei Times, 29 September 2008

### **Editorial: Beijing's 'North Korea' card no ace**

Well before President Ma Ying-jeou's peace overture to Beijing required supposed nursing by the international community, many commentators rationalized US President George W. Bush's unexpected policy volte-face on Taiwan by arguing that the US needed China's help in the six-party negotiations to disarm a nuclear North Korea. Cognizant of Beijing's style of diplomacy, in which it never gives freely but always expects something in return, the US and other countries involved in the talks with Pyongyang allowed themselves to become more flexible on a matter they knew

was of tremendous importance to China's Taiwan...

The Indian Express, 30 September 2008

**Edits&Columns:The final McMahon Line**

In the '50s, Chairman Mao Zedong complained that China could not even shoot a potato into space. Hu Jintao's China has come some distance since then: on September 27 a Chinese astronaut went outside his vessel to walk in space, China becoming in the process only the third country in the world to conduct a successful spacewalk. China, naturally, has used this achievement with its customary ability to shore up domestic support for its programme and for the government...

The Times of India, 30 September 2008

**27 arrested in China milk scam**

Beijing: Police in northern China have arrested 27 people in their probe into tainted milk that has sickened 53,000 children and embarrassed China's reputation abroad, state media reported on Tuesday. The 27 are among 36 detained since law enforcers in Hebei province started investigating Sanlu Group, the company at the centre of the scandal, earlier this month. It followed the discovery that the industrial chemical melamine, which is normally used to make plastics, had been added to Sanlu powdered milk...

People's Daily, 30 September 2008

**Premier Wen: China to stick to reform, opening-up**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday vowed the administration's resolve to stick to reform and opening up on the eve of the 59th anniversary of the People's Republic of China. "We will continue to free our mind, stick to reform and opening up, promote social harmony and strive for new achievements in building a moderately prosperous society," Wen said at a reception in the Great Hall of the People marking the anniversary...

People's daily, 30 September 2008

**Hu Jintao urges Party members to better learn socialist theory**

Communist Party of China (CPC) chief Hu Jintao has urged Party members to learn the theory on socialism with Chinese characteristics more conscientiously. Hu, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, made the remark at a seminar which was participated in Sunday afternoon by members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. Prof. Yan Shuhan from the Party School of the CPC Central Committee and prof. Qin Xuan from the Renmin University of China delivered speeches at the seminar and put forward their views on applying the theory into practice...

Taipei Times, 30 September 2008

**Editorial: The stone age meets the space age**

In most cases, states that embrace capitalism will over time see a rift develop between the "haves" and the "have-nots" as the rich get richer while the less fortunate are left behind, unable to catch up socially, financially and academically. Through the "structural adjustments" imposed by the IMF, countries seeking loans from the international lender are often compelled to forsake social nets and embrace full-fledged capitalism, which again leads to a world of haves and have-nots...

Taipei Times, 30 September 2008

**Editorial: China's gift of pandas: Returning the favor**

Only the most miserly of people would disparage the custom of exchanging gifts. The

best childhood memories often include unexpectedly receiving a coveted item on holidays or birthdays. There is a great joy in giving gifts. Beyond strengthening personal relationships, charity brings people a healthy sense of righteousness. Billionaires that once seemed the epitome of capitalist greed almost instantly transform into paragons of virtue when they share their wealth...