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## **China News**

### **1. President Xi chairs SCO summit to draw up blueprint for shared future**

Chinese President Xi Jinping chaired the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) annual summit Sunday June 10, calling for a shared future of common prosperity amid global instability and uncertainty.

The 18th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Member States of the SCO in east China's port city of Qingdao marked the first gathering of leaders of all its eight member states -- since India and Pakistan were admitted as full members last year.

The SCO accounts for 20 percent of the global economy and 40 percent of its population.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-06/11/content\\_51983015.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-06/11/content_51983015.htm)

#### **Full text of President Xi's speech at the 18th SCO Qingdao summit**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/10/c\\_137244587.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/10/c_137244587.htm)

#### **SCO Qingdao declaration calls for common ground to face global challenges**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-06/11/content\\_51981082.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-06/11/content_51981082.htm)

#### **A quick guide to SCO and its military cooperation**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/infographics/2018-06/05/content\\_51673238.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/infographics/2018-06/05/content_51673238.htm)

### **2. China issues statement on Sino-US trade talks**

Chinese and U.S. teams, led by Chinese Vice Premier Liu He and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, held economic and trade consultations in Beijing from June 2-3, according to a statement issued by the Chinese side.

"To implement the consensus reached in Washington, the two sides have had good communication in various areas such as agriculture and energy, and have made positive and concrete progress while relevant details are yet to be confirmed by both sides," the statement said.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/03/c\\_137227287.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/03/c_137227287.htm)

### **3. China, EU uphold multilateral free trade hand in hand amid headwinds**

As two major forces in the world, China and the European Union (EU) should jointly safeguard the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, improve global governance, and advocate an open world economy, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said recently in Brussels.

In the face of the United States' imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum, China and the EU share the similar stance of safeguarding the multilateral trading system, which underpins the global economic growth.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-06/08/content\\_51803612.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-06/08/content_51803612.htm)

### **4. China to further cut import tariffs to meet consumer needs**

At the State Council executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang on May 30, it was decided that import tariffs for daily consumer goods would be further reduced. This is considered good for expanding China's opening up, meeting diversified consumer demands, and pushing product quality improvement and industrial upgrading.

According to a statement released by the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on May 31, import tariffs for daily consumer goods will be cut starting from July 1.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-06/05/content\\_51673038.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-06/05/content_51673038.htm)

### **China will open wider to attract foreign investment**

[http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2018/05/30/content\\_281476165905614.htm](http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2018/05/30/content_281476165905614.htm)

### **5. China achieves remarkable success in IPR protection**

China has achieved remarkable results in intellectual property right (IPR) protection, according to an official at the State Intellectual Property Office on Tuesday June 5.

Shen Changyu, head of the office, made the remarks at a forum in Beijing. The forum evaluated the country's IPR achievements since 2008, when a national IPR strategy was unveiled.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/05/c\\_137232649.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/05/c_137232649.htm)

## **6. Join Hands with the Future of Cities to Achieve Win-win Cooperation---Ministry of Foreign Affairs Holds Event Presenting Xiongan New Area**

On May 28, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the 13th promotion event presenting Chinese provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities to the world under the theme of "China in the New Era: Xiongan-A Vision for the Future of Cities" at the Blue Hall of the Ministry. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the event and delivered a speech.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1564054.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1564054.shtml)

**Promo for China's new economic zone Xiongan New Area released**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paxRy2msloY&feature=share>

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Xi calls on China, UK to strengthen cooperation in scientific, technological innovation**

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday May 29 called on China and the United Kingdom to strengthen cooperation in scientific and technological innovation.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with visiting HRH the Duke of York at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Xi said he appreciates the British royal family's contribution to the China-UK friendship, and recalled his successful state visit to Britain in 2015, which opened up the "Golden Era" of bilateral ties.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/30/content\\_51531565.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-05/30/content_51531565.htm)

**Xi Jinping Meets with Duke of York Prince Andrew of the UK**

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1564360.htm>

## **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Confucius Institutes are key to China-UK friendship**

On June 7, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [\*Confucius is key to China-UK friendship\*](#). In the article, Ambassador Liu observes that there is great enthusiasm in Britain towards Confucius Institutes and Classrooms. He points out that the Confucius Institute follows the principle of open operation and joint benefit, is strictly for public good and the operation of the Confucius Institute is transparent.

## **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming encourages “Young Icebreakers” to “Break the Ice through Inclusive Cooperation”**

On June 5, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the 2018 "Young Icebreakers" 10th Anniversary Dinner and made a [keynote speech](#) entitled *Break the Ice through Inclusive Cooperation*. In the speech, he regards the dangerous logics of "zero-sum game", "Cold War" mentality and ideological bigotry as the "hard ice" that must be broken, and that this should be done through inclusive cooperation, mutual benefit and assuming the responsibility of a major stakeholder.

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