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## **China News**

### **1. China, Africa agree to build even stronger community with shared future**

China and African countries agreed to work together toward an even stronger community with a shared future, according to a declaration adopted Tuesday September 4 at the 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

Sharing weal and woe, the Chinese and African peoples have forged a deep friendship rooted in similar historical experiences, development tasks, and political aspirations, the declaration says.

"We agree to strengthen collective dialogue, enhance traditional friendship, deepen practical cooperation, and work together toward an even stronger China-Africa community with a shared future," it says.

Further reading on the following websites:

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**Xi's new initiatives give impetus to stronger China-Africa family**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/04/content\\_62048933.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/04/content_62048933.htm)

**Beijing declaration, action plan adopted at FOCAC summit**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/05/c\\_137444719.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/05/c_137444719.htm)

**Guterres: FOCAC Beijing Summit helps African countries reduce poverty**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/internationalexchanges/2018-09/05/content\\_62281164.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/internationalexchanges/2018-09/05/content_62281164.htm)

**Xi meets press as FOCAC Beijing Summit concludes**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/05/content\\_62269805.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/05/content_62269805.htm)

**The Sunday Telegraph Publishes a Signed Article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Entitled Beijing Summit a milestone for China and Africa**

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1590748.htm>

## **2. Expo shows BRI is China-Eurasia trade driver**

China will continue to work with Eurasian economies in building the Belt and Road Initiative for more shared benefits, Vice-Minister of Commerce Fu Ziyang said at the 6th China-Eurasia Expo, a three-day event in Urumqi, capital of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region in Northwest China.

The annual expo is an important platform for promoting trade along the Silk Road Economic Belt, one of the two wings of the BRI. More than 35 countries and regions, including Georgia, Turkmenistan and Pakistan, are participating in this year's event. The expo has attracted over 700 Chinese and foreign companies, including world's leading companies and China's corporate stars.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/31/WS5b888208a310add14f388c20.html>

**China supports Africa building Belt and Road: Xi**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/03/content\\_61890070.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/03/content_61890070.htm)

**Ancient Silk Road revives in new exchanges, opportunities**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/09/c\\_137456328.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/09/c_137456328.htm)

**Belt and Road generates growing passion for China among Middle East youths**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-09/12/content\\_63386197.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-09/12/content_63386197.htm)

**Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's Remarks on British Media's Report on the Belt and Road Initiative and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor**

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1594261.htm>

## **3. President Xi calls for strengthening cooperation in Northeast Asia for regional peace, prosperity**

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday September 12 called on countries in Northeast Asia to seize the historical opportunity and

conform to the trend of the times to strengthen cooperation in the Russian Far East and Northeast Asia for a better future of the region.

He made the remarks while addressing the plenary session of the fourth Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in Russia's Far East.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/12/c\\_137463453.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/12/c_137463453.htm)

**China, Japan should consolidate momentum of improvement in ties: Premier Li**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/13/content\\_63401234.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-09/13/content_63401234.htm)

**China, ASEAN committed to advancing trade amid rising protectionism**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-09/13/content\\_63402267.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-09/13/content_63402267.htm)

#### **4. China lifts 740 mln rural poor out of poverty since 1978**

China lifted 740 million people in rural areas out of poverty from 1978 to 2017, roughly 19 million each year, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Monday September 3.

The poverty ratio in rural areas dropped 94.4 percentage points during the same time period with an average annual decrease of 2.4 percentage points, according to the NBS.

NBS data shows that China's poverty relief achievements have contributed more than 70 percent to global poverty alleviation work in the past 40 years.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/03/c\\_137441670.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-09/03/c_137441670.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. China's reform and opening up efforts highly valued in Britain**

Some of the most renowned British scholars on Thursday September 13 spoke highly of China's reform and opening up policy which, initiated

40 years ago, continues to transform the county itself and impact the world at large.

Further reading on the following websites:

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**Speech by H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming at "Vision China" Hosted by China Daily: Further Reform and Opening Up Creates a Brighter Future**

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1594953.htm>

## **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Share the Opportunities of the Belt and Road Initiative and Create a Splendid Future for the China-UK "Golden Era"**

On September 10, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a [keynote speech](#) at the Launching Ceremony of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Belt and Road Initiative and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor at the Palace of Westminster.

Ambassador Liu observed that there are three reasons for the popularity of the BRI. First, the BRI is a "big family" of equal-footed members and a portal that is open to all, rather than a closed and exclusive "small coterie". Second, the BRI is not a "talking shop" but a platform for action. Third, the BRI is a "chorus" instead of a "one-man show". It is a platform for win-win cooperation rather than a tool to "put one's own country first".

He further noted that the strategic consensus between China and the UK on Belt and Road cooperation is being translated into concrete actions, which are the highlights of the China-UK "Golden Era".

## **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Global Britain must look towards China after Brexit**

On August 29, the Daily Mail and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [Why global Britain must look towards China after Brexit](#).

Ambassador Liu pointed out that the rapid development of Chinese investment in the UK is due to two reasons, namely that the UK is one of the most attractive investment destinations in the world and that Chinese investment in the UK is win-win. A commitment to building a global Britain after Brexit will find open and inclusive policies towards foreign investment conducive to the country ' s long-term prosperity and development.

#### **4. Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's Remarks on British Warship's Entry into China's Territorial Sea without Approval**

Q: A British navy ship sailed near the Xisha Qundao the other day. What is China's reaction to it?

A: On August 31, Britain's HMS Albion-class landing platform dock entered China's territorial sea of the Xisha Qundao without the Chinese government's approval. The Chinese navy identified and verified the British warship in accordance with law and warned and expelled it.

The Xisha Qundao is an inherent part of the Chinese territory. In accordance with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, the Chinese government promulgated the baseline of the territorial sea of the Xisha Qundao in May, 1996. The relevant behavior of the British warship violated Chinese law and relevant international law and infringed upon China's sovereignty. China is firmly opposed to this. We have lodged stern representations with the British side and expressed our strong dissatisfaction.

The Chinese side strongly urges Britain to stop this kind of provocation lest it should undermine the overall picture of bilateral ties as well as regional peace and stability. China will continue to take all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and security.

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1592809.htm>

#### **Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's Further Remarks on British Warship's Entry into China's Territorial Sea without Approval**

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1594260.htm>

## **5. Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's Remarks on the British Government Issuing Its Latest Biannual Report on Hong Kong**

Q: On September 6, the British government issued its latest biannual report on Hong Kong. What is your comment?

A: Since the return of Hong Kong, the policies of "one country, two systems", "Hong Kong people governing Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy have been earnestly implemented. The basic rights and freedom enjoyed by the Hong Kong residents in accordance with law are fully guaranteed by the Constitution, the Hong Kong Basic Law and the local laws of Hong Kong. This is an undeniable fact.

It is ridiculous for the UK to pose itself as a supervisor and make irresponsible remarks on Hong Kong affairs. The Chinese side can by no means accept that. China has stressed many times that Hong Kong affairs fall within China's domestic affairs, which brook no interference from any foreign country. The so-called "responsibility" that the British side claimed for Hong Kong does not exist. We are strongly dissatisfied with and firmly opposed to the British government regularly issuing the so-called biannual report on Hong Kong and making presumptuous remarks on Hong Kong affairs. We urge the British side to face the reality squarely and stop issuing such reports and interfering in Hong Kong affairs.

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1594259.htm>

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