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1. Xi Jinping, Kim Jong Un hold talks, reaching important consensus

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chinese president, on Tuesday Jan. 8 held talks with Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), who arrived in Beijing on the same day for a visit to China.

In a cordial and friendly atmosphere, the two leaders had an in-depth exchange of views on China-DPRK relations and issues of common concern, and reached important consensus.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/10/c_1210034532.htm

2. Chinese VP urges dialogue, consultations for healthy, stable China-US ties

China and the United States should respect each other's sovereignty, security and development interests and properly handle and control differences through dialogue and consultations, which is key to the healthy and stable development of bilateral relations, Vice President Wang Qishan said on Thursday Jan. 10.

The remarks came as Wang attended a reception marking the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/10/c_137734563.htm

China, US hold vice-ministerial level talk on economic, trade issues in Beijing

http://english.scio.gov.cn/internationalexchanges/2019-01/10/content_74358517.htm

3. China, France to launch joint projects under B&R Initiative

China and France are expected to jointly launch several projects on infrastructure and ecology in the coming years under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, China Ambassador to France Zhai Jun said on Thursday Jan. 10.

The Belt and Road Initiative has become a cooperation platform widely appreciated on a global scale, Zhai said while attending the second Paris Forum on the Initiative.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/world/2019-01/11/content_74362231.htm

More freight trains travel between Chongqing, Europe in 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/06/c_137724097.htm

China-Singapore land-sea trade corridor connects 71 countries, regions

http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2019-01/09/content_74355058.htm

4. China to upgrade comprehensive bonded zones into new platforms of high-standard opening-up

China will introduce measures to upgrade its comprehensive bonded zones in line with advanced international standards to promote trade and investment facilitation, maintain steady growth in foreign trade and investment, and nurture new competitive advantages, the State Council's executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang decided on Jan. 2.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2019/01/02/content_281476462077442.htm

China gives more tax breaks to small firms

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/09/c_137731754.htm

Account opening norms eased

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2019-01/10/content_74358930.htm

China's first e-commerce law to discipline market growth

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/01/c_137712678.htm

5. China open to international cooperation in future space missions

China is open to international cooperation in its future space missions, officials from the Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA) said on Monday Jan. 14 at a press conference on the Chang'e-4 probe.

Wu Yanhua, deputy head of the CNSA, said China is willing to work with the international community to push forward the frontiers of space exploration on the basis of equality, mutual benefit, peaceful use and inclusive development.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/15/c_137743685.htm

6. China's air quality improves in 2018

The air quality in 338 Chinese cities improved in 2018, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment said on Monday Jan. 7.

A total of 338 cities enjoyed good air quality on 79.3 percent of days last year, up 1.3 percentage points year on year, meeting the air quality target for the year, according to the ministry.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2019-01/07/content_74349567.htm

Anti-pollution effort pays off along Yangtze

<http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201901/07/WS5c329927a31068606745f237.html>

North Chinese province to cut 14 mln tonnes of iron and steel capacity in 2019

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/14/c_137743037.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China is Firmly Committed to Peaceful Development and Win-Win Cooperation

On Jan. 8, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming gave a [keynote speech](#) at the Oxford and Cambridge Club entitled China is *Firmly Committed to Peaceful Development and Win-Win Cooperation*.

He began by asking what China's development means to the UK: is it an opportunity, a challenge or a threat? He went on to point out that the key to understanding China is to understand that China's success of the past 70 years is attributed to its development path that suits China's national conditions. He briefed the audience on the four salient features of the path which is known as socialism with Chinese characteristics.

In the latter part of the speech, Ambassador Liu talked about the role that China is going to play in the world: First, China will be a "booster" for world economic growth; Second, China will be a "builder" of a community with a shared future for mankind; Third, China will be a "backer" of the existing international order; Fourth, China will promote "BRI" as an important platform for win-win cooperation between all countries.

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Reform Promotes Development and Cooperation Enhances Friendship

On Jan. 14, the Embassy of China in the UK hosted a reception to celebrate Mr. Stephen Perry being awarded the China Reform and Friendship Medal.

In his [speech](#) at the event, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming highly commended the support from three generations of the Perry family to the cause of China's reform and opening up. On the issue of further advancing China-UK relations in the "Golden Era", Ambassador Liu pointed out that three important lessons could be drawn from Mr. Perry's award: First, we should break through ideological barriers, engage each other and exchange ideas in order to enhance mutual understanding and promote inclusiveness; Second, we should focus on common interests and achieve win-win results through friendly cooperation; Third, we should follow the trend of history and achieve common progress through mutual learning.

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