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1. Chinese president meets US trade representative, treasury secretary, hailing 'important progress'

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday Feb. 15 met with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who were here for a new round of China-U.S. high-level economic and trade consultations, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, saying "important progress for the current stage" was made after the two-day talks.

Calling China-U.S. ties one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world today, Xi said the two countries share broad common interests and shoulder important responsibilities in safeguarding world peace and stability, as well as promoting global development and prosperity.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/15/c_137825208.htm

2. China's investment to grow faster in 2019

Investment, an important engine of the Chinese economy, is expected to grow faster this year, allowing China to better cope with economic uncertainties in 2019, according to industry reports.

A report from the Economic and Strategic Planning Department of the Bank of China (Hong Kong) forecast a rise of 7.3 percent in China's aggregated investment in 2019, up 1.4 percentage points from 2018.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/business/2019-02/14/content_74463541.htm

China issues guideline on reinforced financial support to private enterprises

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-02/15/content_74467742.htm

3. Larger exhibition space expected for China's second import expo

The exhibition space for the second China International Import Expo (CIIE) this year is expected to be larger than the inaugural one, Shanghai municipal government said Thursday Jan. 31.

With the exhibition space as large as about 40 football pitches, the first CIIE was held in Shanghai from Nov. 5-10 in 2018, and concluded with deals worth about 57.83 billion U.S. dollars.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/31/c_137790255.htm

Chinese tourists make nearly 150 mln outbound trips in 2018

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201902/14/WS5c64e2fca3106c65c34e9528.html>

4. China builds world's largest clean coal power generation system

China has established the world's largest clean coal power generation system, setting a new milestone in cutting emissions and saving energy, the National Energy Administration (NEA) said Tuesday Feb. 12.

The country has beaten its target of ultra-low emission and energy conservation and transformation outlined in the country's 13th Five-Year Plan two years in advance, NEA said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/12/c_137816014.htm

NASA satellite data verify China's contribution to global greening efforts

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/13/c_137819025.htm

Fight against ecology crime made priority in China

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201902/15/WS5c661420a3106c65c34e97a6.html>

5. China to lift another ten million people out of poverty in 2019

China will continue to work vigorously to reduce poverty and lift no less than ten million people out of poverty in 2019, to lay a solid foundation for winning the battle against poverty, the State Council's

executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang decided on Monday Feb. 12.

The year 2018 saw China launch its three-year actions in fighting the battle against poverty. Premier Li Keqiang vowed to reduce the poor population by ten million each year in all his government work reports over the past five years. He gave specific instructions on ways to push forward this work and to better manage the poverty alleviation funds.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2019-02/12/content_74455886.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Premier Li congratulates on 65th anniv. of Icebreaking Mission in China-Britain trade

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Thursday Jan. 31 sent a congratulatory message to an event commemorating the 65th anniversary of the "Icebreaking Mission" in China-Britain trade held by Britain's 48 Group Club.

In the message, Li said that over the past more than 60 years, British friends including the 48 Group Club have been actively promoting trade and cultural exchanges between the two countries, facilitating the process of China's reform and opening-up, and also enhancing bilateral win-win cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/01/c_137792997.htm

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Three Choices in China-UK Relations

On Feb. 13, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the Conservative China Group House of Commons Breakfast and gave a [Keynote Speech](#) entitled *Three Choices in China-UK Relations*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that the key to building the China-UK global comprehensive strategic partnership for the 21st century depends on three crucial choices, namely choosing win-win cooperation over Cold-War mentality, open cooperation over closedness and inclusiveness over "zero-sum game".

He stressed that the "Golden Era" is not "mission accomplished" but requires continuous hard work, and hoped that both countries could cherish the hard-won momentum in China-UK relations and keep to the direction of the "Golden Era".

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Cement the Foundation for the Edifice of China-UK Relations

On Feb. 11, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a [speech](#) at the Chinese New Year Dinner by the Cities of London and Westminster Conservative Association entitled *Cement the Foundation for the Edifice of China-UK Relations*.

Ambassador Liu began by summarising the the three features of China-UK relations as “cooperation”, “closeness” of ties between the two peoples and “coordination” on international affairs. He went on to share his three hopes for bilateral relations in the new year, including hope for “confidence” between the two countries, hope for “constructive” partnership and hope for “cordial” bond between the two peoples.

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming joins Chinese New Year Celebration at the Trafalgar Square

On Feb. 10, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended the Opening Ceremony of Festival of Spring, Chinese New Year Celebration at the Trafalgar Square. In his [remarks](#) at the event, Ambassador Liu commented that the Chinese New Year has become a festival for both the Chinese and British people; the celebrations have set the stage for east to meet west and have borne witness to ever deeper friendship between China and the UK.

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