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China News

1. The second Belt and Road Forum opens and President Xi delivers a keynote speech

On April 26, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing. He delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony.

A total of 10,000 representatives of political parties, think tanks and non-governmental organizations from countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative will be invited to China for exchanges in the next five years, Xi Jinping said.

He also mentioned that China will work with other parties to promote a coalition of sustainable cities and an international coalition for green development under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Further reading on the following website:

<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/home/rolling/87737.htm>

Full transcript of the keynote speech on the following website:

<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/qwyw/rdxw/88232.htm>

Full video of the keynote speech on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/26/c_138008377.htm

Xi stresses high-quality, sustainable infrastructure under BRI

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/26/c_138011602.htm

China to increase imports on larger scale: Xi

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/26/c_138011723.htm

China establishes mechanism for fulfilling international agreements: Xi

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/26/c_138011718.htm

2. Xi meets the press as second BRF concludes

On April 27, Chinese President Xi Jinping met the press at the closing of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing

A total of 283 items of practical outcomes were achieved during the preparatory process and the holding of the second BRF in Beijing, Xi

Jinping said.

Cooperation agreements worth more than 64 billion U.S. dollars were signed at the CEO conference, Xi Jinping said.

Xi Jinping announced that participants to the second BRF agreed the BRF is an important platform for multilateral cooperation, and should be held on a regular basis.

283 items of outcomes achieved at second Belt and Road forum

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/27/c_138015765.htm

A joint communique of leaders' roundtable of 2nd BRF is released

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/27/c_138016073.htm

3. International Horticultural Exhibition opens in Beijing

On April 28, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the International Horticultural Exhibition 2019 Beijing.

Themed on "Live Green, Live Better," the Beijing expo is participated by 110 countries and international organizations, the largest of its kind in history.

Opening ceremony of International Horticultural Exhibition held in Beijing

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/28/c_138019071.htm

Xi, foreign leaders tour horticultural exhibition

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/28/c_138019465.htm

4. Xi reviews multinational fleet, champions maritime community with shared future

On April 23, Chinese President Xi Jinping reviewed a multinational fleet in the Yellow Sea as part of the activities to mark the 70th founding anniversary of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/23/c_138002396.htm

5. China, EU vow to uphold multilateralism, facilitate bilateral

**trade,
investment**

On April 9, China and the European Union (EU) reached significant consensus on bilateral ties, charted out future cooperation and voiced support for multilateralism as leaders of the two sides held an annual gathering in Brussels.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker co-chaired the 21st China-EU leaders' meeting.

Both sides agreed that they have broad common interests in deepening mutual beneficial and win-win practical cooperation, share common ground on upholding multilateralism and an open world economy as well as opposing protectionism and unilateralism, and have common goals in improving global governance and maintaining world peace and stability.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/10/c_137963777.htm

Full text of China-EU summit joint statement on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/09/c_137963348.htm

6. Chinese premier calls for broader, deeper China-CEEC economic cooperation

On April 12, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang called for broader and deeper economic and trade cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC).

Li made the appeal when attending, together with 16 CEEC leaders, an opening ceremony of the 9th Business Forum of CEEC and China.

Li said China-CEEC cooperation has maintained exuberant vigor and vitality, which is supported by the constant development of economic and trade cooperation.

Amid the backdrop of a slowdown in the world economy last year, trade volume between China and the 16 countries increased 21 percent, hitting a record high in history, and displaying a broad prospect for

cooperation, Li said.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/13/c_137972672.htm

Premier Li proposes multiple measures for future China-CEEC cooperation

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/13/c_137972691.htm

7. China to boost financing for small and micro-sized businesses

On April 17, the State Council, China's cabinet unveiled new measures to enhance financing support for private firms as well as small and micro-sized businesses.

Work should be done to ensure increasing financing at lower costs for small and micro-sized businesses, expand employment and spur new growth momentum, according to a statement released after a State Council executive meeting presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

The meeting called for larger-scale re-loans and re-discounts and speeding up creation of a policy framework for cutting the reserve requirement ratio for medium and small banks.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/17/c_137985346.htm

8. China releases regulation to improve elderly care services

The State Council General Office has released a regulation to improve elderly care services and meet the diverse needs of the aged.

The regulation, with six sections and 28 measures, stressed the need to establish a supervision system for elderly care services, deepen reform of public-funded elderly care organs, and improve precise investment by the government.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/16/c_137982415.htm

9. China aims at greater openness of government affairs

The General Office of the State Council has demanded improved openness of government affairs to stabilize public expectations, improve

services, and facilitate oversight of power and implementation of policies.

In a circular entitled "Key Points of Government Affairs Disclosure in 2019," the office asks government agencies to publicize and precisely interpret policy initiatives designed to improve macro-control, stimulate market vitality and improve the business environment.

It calls for more transparency of macro-policy pre-adjustment and fine-tuning, saying government agencies should step up communication with market entities before the introduction and adjustment of policies to better meet people's needs.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/30/c_138022817.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Premier Li meets special representative of British Prime Minister

On April 26, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met with British prime minister's special representative and Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond, who is attending the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.

Li said China hopes the two countries can respect each other's core interests and major concerns based on mutual respect and equal treatment, and push forward sound and stable development of the relations between the two countries.

Hammond forwarded British Prime Minister Theresa May's signed letter to Li and said Britain highly praises China's further opening-up and its efforts to safeguard multilateralism and free trade.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/27/c_138013648.htm

2. Vice Premier Hu Chunhua meets with special representative of British Prime Minister in Beijing

On April 25, Chinese Vice Premier Hu Chunhua meets with British Prime Minister's special representative and Chancellor of the Exchequer

Philip Hammond, who is here to attend the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.

3. Vice Foreign Minister Wang Chao meets with Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service David Sterling

On April 27, Vice Foreign Minister Wang Chao met at request with Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service David Sterling of the United Kingdom (UK), who was in China for the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. The two sides mainly exchanged views on cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative, China-UK relations, subnational exchanges between China and Northern Ireland and other topics.

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: UK can take giant strides on China's "new silk road"

On 17 April, the Evening Standard and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *UK can take giant strides on China's "new silk road"*.

The full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1655376.htm>

5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Britain can and must work with Huawei on 5G

On 28 April, the Sunday Telegraph and its website published an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *Britain can and must work with Huawei on 5G*.

The full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1659176.htm>

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