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China News

1. Xi's article on exchanges and mutual learning between civilizations published

On May 1, An article by Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, on exchanges and mutual learning between civilizations was published in the ninth issue of the Qiushi Journal this year.

The article was titled "Exchanges and Mutual Learning Between Civilizations Form an Important Drive for Progress of Human Civilization and World Peace and Development."

The article said different civilizations should be encouraged to respect each other and live in harmony so that exchanges and mutual learning between civilizations will become a bridge promoting friendship between people around the world, an engine driving the progress of human society and a bond cementing world peace.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/01/c_138026991.htm

2. China announces guidelines to promote integrated urban-rural development

On May 5, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State Council, or China's Cabinet announced guidelines on the promotion of integrated urban-rural development.

The guidelines are aimed at promoting rural revitalization and speeding up the modernization of agriculture and rural areas.

China will break barriers that restrict the free flow of resources -- such as capital, talents, information -- between urban and rural areas, and inject new impetus to the countryside.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/05/c_138036142.htm

3. China releases regulation on government investment

On May 5, China's State Council released on Sunday a regulation on government investment to deepen the reform on the country's investment and financing mechanism and enhance law-based administration.

It clearly defines the scope of government investment to ensure the investment focuses on key areas and goes where it is targeted.

The regulation, made public through a State Council decree signed by Premier Li Keqiang, will go into effect on July 1.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/06/c_138036190.htm

4. China to improve online government services

China will speed up building an integrated platform for e-government services to offer easier access to the online services, according to the Ministry of Justice.

The building of the integrated platform aims to standardize government services nationwide, according to an official with the ministry.

The country will facilitate information sharing among regions and departments at various levels, the official said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/08/c_138043493.htm

5. New measures have been identified to boost national development zones for further opening up

China will move faster to boost innovation in its national economic and technological development zones in terms of openness, technology and institution building to raise the quality of economic growth and cultivate new pacesetters in the reform and opening up.

On May 8, the decision was made at a State Council executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang. Several key measures have been identified to boost the development of these national zones.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/09/c_138043866.htm

6. Implementation plan has been unveiled for national ecological civilization pilot zone

On May 12, China has unveiled "the Implementation Plan for the National Ecological Civilization Pilot Zone (Hainan)," foreseeing comprehensive experiments of ecological civilization system reform to be carried out in the southern island province.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/12/c_138052994.htm

7. Xi Focus: China advocates dialogue, rebuts "clash of civilizations" as conference opens

On May 15, the opening ceremony of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations (CDAC) was held in Beijing, capital of China.

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech. He urged various countries to treat each other as equals for the peaceful coexistence of civilizations.

Thousands of people from 47 Asian countries and nearly 50 countries outside the region attended the conference in Beijing.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/15/c_138060817.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Yang Jiechi Meets with Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service and National Security Adviser Mark Sedwill of the United Kingdom (UK)

On May 9, 2019, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee Mr. Yang Jiechi met with Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service and National Security Adviser Sir Mark Sedwill of the United Kingdom

(UK) in Beijing.

Mr. Yang Jiechi noted that the Chinese side is willing to, together with the UK side, well implement the consensus reached by leaders of the two countries, respect each other's core interests, promote cooperation in various fields, and push the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations for steady progress, which is the common aspiration of the two peoples, as well as in line with the fundamental interests of the two countries.

Sir Mark Sedwill expressed that the UK side highly values its relations with China, supports the Belt and Road Initiative, and stands ready to deepen cooperation with the Chinese side, so as to promote UK-China "Golden Era" for constant development.

2. Wang Yi Meets with a Delegation of Permanent Under-Secretaries of the United Kingdom (UK)

On May 8, 2019, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met in Beijing with a delegation of permanent under-secretaries of the United Kingdom (UK) led by Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service and National Security Adviser Sir Mark Sedwill. It is the first visit paid by a joint delegation of permanent under-secretaries from major departments of the UK government.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1662292.shtml

3. Vice Foreign Minister Wang Chao Meets with Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Simon McDonald of the United Kingdom (UK)

On May 9, 2019, Vice Foreign Minister Wang Chao met with Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Simon McDonald of the United Kingdom (UK). Both sides mainly exchanged views on China-UK relations, cooperation between the two foreign ministries and issues of common concern.

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming contributes an article to the Financial Times entitled The US's wrong-headed decision to pull out of the nuclear arms treaty

On May 5, the Financial Times published an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled The US's wrong-headed decision to pull out of the nuclear arms treaty, in which he expounded China's position on the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that the INF treaty is a milestone in international arms control and disarmament. There can be no going back. Russia and the US should strive to address their differences properly through constructive dialogue, observe the treaty and continue to be a positive force in maintaining world peace.

The full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1660956.htm>

Policy and Position

1. CHINA's Proposal on WTO Reform

The full text on the following website:

<http://images.mofcom.gov.cn/sms/201905/20190514094326217.pdf>