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China News

1. Hong Kong's most urgent task is to stop violence, end chaos, restore order

On August 7, Zhang Xiaoming, director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council said the most pressing and overriding task of Hong Kong is to stop violence, end the chaos and restore order, at a symposium jointly held by the office and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). He said Hong Kong is facing the most severe situation since its return to the motherland. The central authorities will never sit by if the situation in Hong Kong worsens to a turmoil that the SAR government can not control. As many people in Hong Kong have pointed out, the ordinance amendment issues have changed in their essence, and now bear the features of a "color revolution".

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/07/c_138291433.htm

2. Former HKSAR chief prosecutor explains why 'dead' fugitive bill is essential for Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region needs a fugitive bill in terms of criminal justice, as it is obligated to help other jurisdictions to combat serious crimes, said Grenville Cross, a criminal justice analyst and the former director of public prosecutions of the HKSAR, during an interview with CGTN. 55 other places in the world have signed extradition agreements with the Chinese mainland, including European countries like France, Italy and Spain. If the European countries feel it's safe to return people for trial to the Chinese mainland, then it's obviously entirely safe for Hong Kong SAR to be doing exactly the same thing. He said the people who stormed into the Legislative Council building on July

1 were obviously highly organized, highly trained, and highly resourced. He also mentioned that HK police have done an incredibly difficult job while showing more restraint than some Western countries.

Further reading on the following website:

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2019-07-13/Why-dead-fugitive-bill-is-still-essential-for-the-Hong-Kong-SAR--IhJE9XEDjW/index.html>

3. China issues guideline to strengthen care for de facto orphans

On July 10, China issued its first guideline to strengthen the work of protecting and supporting de facto orphans. De facto orphans are children whose parents are under one of the following conditions: severe disabilities or illness, serving sentences in jail or under detention, in compulsory isolation for drug rehabilitation or restriction of personal freedom, or cannot be contacted. The guideline also regulates the specific procedures for identifying de facto orphans.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/10/c_138215453.htm

4. China to continue efforts to tackle climate change

China will continue efforts to tackle climate change and plans to introduce more measures to strengthen energy saving and emissions reduction, according to a meeting presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

China is willing to support United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement with the international community, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, fairness and respective capabilities.

Li urged continuous support for the development of renewable energy such as wind and solar power, low-emission equipment for coal-fired power plants and steel mills as well as infrastructure construction of sewage and garbage treatment. Tax incentives concerning energy saving and emissions reduction should be implemented, and the establishment of carbon emissions trading market should be accelerated.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/11/c_138218664.htm

5. China issues new documents to implement Healthy China initiative

On July 15, The State Council, China's cabinet, has issued a new guideline to implement the country's Healthy China initiative and promote people's health. The guideline proposed 15 special campaigns to "intervene in health influencing factors, protect full-life-cycle health and prevent and control major diseases." An action plan for 2019-2030 devised by a newly-established State Council special committee was also made public. Major health concerns in society, including psychological health, student myopia, child obesity and cancer, will be covered by the campaigns.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/15/c_138229290.htm

6. China sets to further boost consumption

On July 31, the State Council's executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang identified a number of measures in boosting consumption of goods and in culture and tourism to better meet public needs and further unleash potential in final demand.

It was pointed out that in response to the trends in commercial transformation and consumption upgrading, the use of technologies such as big data will be encouraged, and consumption of individualized goods and services, smart consumption and other new models of businesses will be boosted. The reform to streamline administration, enhance compliance oversight and deliver better services will be deepened. Local governments will be supported in carrying out pilot registration featuring one license, multiple venues for brand chain businesses. The list of retail import goods in cross-border e-commerce will be adjusted and expanded.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/01/c_138273411.htm

7. China issues overall plan for new area of Shanghai FTZ

On August 6, China's State Council, or the cabinet, has issued an overall plan for the new Lingang area of the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone. According to the plan, the new section will match the standard of the most competitive free trade zones worldwide and implement opening-up policies and systems with strong global market competitiveness. The new area will facilitate overseas investment and capital flows and realize the free flow of goods. A tax system and policy with international competitiveness will be implemented in the area. The plan says the new area will be granted greater administrative power for self-development, self-reform and self-innovation, and regularly promote its experience to spearhead a new round of reform and opening-up of the Yangtze River Delta.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/06/c_138288424.htm

8. 5G base stations in Beijing to reach 10,000 at year-end

On August 7, the municipal telecom authorities of Beijing said the city will have more than 10,000 5G base stations by the end of the year, .

As of July, the capital city had already constructed over 7,800 5G base stations, mainly located in its urban core zones, venues for the horticultural expo and the 2022 Winter Olympics, as well as its sub-center of Tongzhou District, according to the Beijing Communications Administration. The 5G network in the newly-built Beijing Daxing International Airport will be put into use when the airport starts operation at the end of September. More Chinese cities are adopting the 5G network to meet public demand.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/07/c_138291285.htm

9. China appreciates 37 foreign ambassadors' joint letter supporting Xinjiang policy

On July 15, China voiced appreciation of a letter jointly signed by 37 foreign ambassadors to UN at Geneva supporting China's position on issues related to Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/15/c_138229200.htm

10. China moves up in global innovation ranking

China ranks 14th among more than 100 economies worldwide in a benchmark innovation ranking in 2019, moving up three spots from last year and strengthening its position as a leading innovative nation.

The 2019 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) report, jointly released by the World Intellectual Property Organization, Cornell University and several other organizations on July 24, gave China an overall score of 54.82 out of 100 with top ranks in patents by origin, industrial designs and trademarks by origin, as well as high-tech and creative goods exports. It noted China has remained the only middle-income economy in the top 30 and continues to be top-ranked in quality of innovation among middle-income economies for the seventh consecutive year. Of the top 100 science and technology clusters, China has racked up 18, second only to the United States.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/26/c_138260111.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Li Keqiang Sends a Congratulatory Message to Newly-appointed

Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the UK

On July 24, 2019, Premier Li Keqiang sent a message to Boris Johnson, congratulating him on his assuming office as UK Prime Minister.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1685364.htm>

2. Wang Yi Meets with Secretary of State for Foreign and

Commonwealth Affairs Dominic Raab of the UK

On July 31, 2019 local time, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Dominic Raab of the United Kingdom (UK) in Bangkok, Thailand.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1685689.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China Stays Committed to Openness, Cooperation and Consultation, and Brings Confidence to the World

On July 11, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled China Stays Committed to Openness, Cooperation and Consultation, and Brings Confidence to the World at the Navigate the New Silk Road Forum.

The Ambassador explained what China is doing to boost confidence and promote common progress to tackle the rising risks, instabilities and uncertainties in the world economy

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1680178.htm>

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4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming : Live up to the Mission and Carry on Shoulder to Shoulder

On July 26, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled Live up to the Mission and Carry on Shoulder to Shoulder at the Reception Marking the 92nd Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army.

The Ambassador explained the three goals of PLA and shared his views on how to achieve new progress in the relationship between China and the UK and between the two militaries.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1683521.ht](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1683521.htm)

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5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Sing for Our Times and Our

Patriotism

On August 7, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled Sing for Our Times and Our Patriotism at Concert in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China.

The Ambassador invited all the attendees to join in to play the three movements of the new era.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1686690.ht](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1686690.htm)

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Policy and Position

1. Historical Matters Concerning Xinjiang

On July 21, the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China published a white paper titled "Historical Matters

Concerning Xinjiang" on Sunday.

The full text on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/21/c_138244704.htm

2. China issues white paper on national defense in new era

On July 24, China issued a white paper to expound on its defensive national defense policy in the new era and explain the practice, purposes and significance of China's efforts to build a fortified national defense and a strong military.

The full text on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/24/c_138253180.htm

3. Chinese envoy deeply regrets, firmly opposes U.S. withdrawal from INF Treaty

On August 6, Chinese Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs, Li Song said China deeply regrets and firmly opposes the United States' withdrawal from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty in disregard of international opposition.

The full text on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/06/c_138288644.htm