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China News

1. President Xi delivers 2021 New Year speech

On Dec. 31. 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a New Year speech in Beijing to ring in 2021.

He said that 2020 was an extraordinary year. We overcame the impact of the pandemic, and made great achievements in coordinating prevention and control and in economic and social development. After a year of hardship, we can understand more than ever the significance of a community with a shared future for mankind. People from all over the world should join hands and support each other to early dispel the gloom of the pandemic and strive for a better “Earth home.”

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/31/c_139633041.htm
<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202012/1211532.shtml>

2. China to offer free COVID-19 vaccination to citizens

On Jan. 9, Li Tao, deputy director of the National Healthcare Security Administration, said at a press conference that after the vaccines are approved and available to the general public, they will be offered free to the Chinese people, who can receive inoculation on a voluntary, informed basis. The cost of COVID-19 vaccination, including both vaccines’ expenses and inoculation fees, will be covered by medical insurance fund and

government fiscal, rather than individuals.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/09/c_139654601.htm

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/31/c_139632627.htm

3. IMF projects China's economy to grow by 7.9 pct in 2021

China's economy is projected to expand by 7.9 percent in 2021 following 1.9 percent growth in 2020, as economic activity continues to normalize and domestic COVID-19 outbreaks remain under control, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Jan. 8. In its latest Global Economic Prospects released Jan. 7, the World Bank also expected China's economy to expand by 7.9 percent in 2021.

The full transcript of the speech is as follows:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/09/c_139652985.htm

4. China, EU complete investment agreement negotiations

On Dec. 30 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping and European leaders announced that the two sides have completed investment agreement negotiations as scheduled. The agreement will provide greater market access, higher level of business environment, stronger institutional guarantees and brighter cooperation prospects for mutual investment. The agreement will enter into force after both parties complete their respective

legal procedures.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/31/c_139630883.htm

5. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Gives Interview to Xinhua News Agency and China Media Group on International Situation and China's Diplomacy in 2020

The full transcript is as follows:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1844079.shtml

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: “Better to be friends than rivals”

On 6 January 2021, China Daily carried an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled Better to be friends than rivals. The Ambassador said that China and the UK can join hands to overcome the pandemic and contribute to a global community of health for all. There have been five highlights in China-UK cooperation. He also expresses his wishes for the China-UK relationship.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1844857.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Shore up Confidence, Seize the Opportunities and Deepen Cooperation

On 20 January 2021, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a speech entitled Shore up Confidence, Seize the Opportunities and Deepen Cooperation at the CBBC Farewell Roundtable. The Ambassador reflected the development of China-UK trade and investment in the past 11 years and said our cooperation will enjoy enormous potential and promising prospects if China and the UK can follow three principle.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1847628.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: "I will never forget my 11 years in the UK"

On 25 January 2021, Daily Telegraph carried an article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled I will never forget my 11 years in the UK. The Ambassador said: "My ambassadorial mission may be drawing to a close, but China-UK friendship is a cause that goes on. I will continue to follow and support the development of China-UK relations, and I believe

that with the care of the people of all walks of life from both countries, this relationship will withstand the test of the cold winter and embrace a warm spring at an early date.”

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1848443.htm>

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Serve with Sincerity All the Way Through

On 26 January 2021, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a speech entitled Serve with Sincerity All the Way Through at the Farewell Reception for him and Madam Hu Pinghua. The Ambassador said that the past eleven years have seen tremendous changes in both China and the world and summarized his work in the UK. He also reflected the development of China-UK relationship in the past 11 years and expressed his gratitude and hope.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1848630.htm>

Policy Position

1. China releases white paper: China ‘s International Development Cooperation in the New Era

The full text of the paper is as follows:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/m/zfbps/32832/Document/1696686/1696686.htm>

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