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The fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) opens at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, March 5, 2022. Leaders of the Communist Party of China and the state Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan attended the opening meeting. (Photo/Xinhua)

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I. Focus on China

(I) Two Sessions

1. China’s top political advisory body starts annual session



China’s top political advisory body, the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), started its annual session on March 4 in Beijing. Xi Jinping and other Chinese leaders attended the opening meeting of the 5th session of the 13th CPPCC National Committee, held at the Great Hall of the People.

Wang Yang, chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, delivered a work

report of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee to the session.

The CPPCC National Committee and its standing committee have performed their duties with a focus on getting the 14th Five-Year Plan off to a good start, further built the CPPCC as a special consultative body to improve the performance of the CPPCC system, and made new contributions to the cause of the Party and the country, Wang said.

In 2022, the CPPCC committees will see their work revolving around the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), said Wang. He urged contributions to maintaining a stable and sound economic environment, a social climate enabling prosperity for the people and the country, and a healthy political atmosphere of integrity.

Attendees were also briefed on the handling of proposals submitted by political advisors.

A total of 6,117 proposals have been submitted, according to Liu Xincheng, vice chairman of the CPPCC National Committee.

2. China's national legislature opens annual session

China's national legislature, the National People's Congress (NPC), opened its annual session on March 5 in Beijing. Chinese leaders Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan attended the opening meeting of the fifth session of the 13th NPC, held at the Great Hall of the People.

Li Zhanshu, executive chairperson of the presidium for the session, presided over the meeting.

Premier Li Keqiang delivered a government work report on behalf of the State Council to the legislature for deliberation.

In his report, the premier reviewed the government work in 2021, and introduced the overall requirements and policy orientation for economic and social development in 2022.



Hailing the year of 2021 as a milestone, the premier said that the country worked hard as one and once again secured new and major achievements in its development in the past year in the face of complicated and challenging circumstances both in and outside of China, as well as many risks and challenges.

“While recognizing our achievements, we are also very clear about the problems and challenges before us,” he said, stressing the need to face problems and challenges squarely, and do the utmost to live up to people’s expectations.

A raft of targets were set for the country’s development in 2022 in the government work report, including a GDP growth of around 5.5 percent, more than 11 million new urban jobs, and a consumer price index increase of around 3 percent.

The report also listed major tasks for 2022, including achieving stable macroeconomic performance, maintaining job security, deepening reform, and expanding high-level opening up.

NPC deputies reviewed the report on the implementation of the 2021 plan and on the 2022 draft plan for national economic and social development, and the draft plan for national economic and social development in 2022; the report on the

execution of the central and local budgets for 2021 and on the draft central and local budgets for 2022, and the draft central and local budgets for 2022.

Wang Chen, vice chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, expounded a draft amendment to the Organic Law of the Local People's Congresses and Local People's Governments, which has been submitted to national lawmakers for review.

Wang also delivered an explanatory speech on a draft decision on the number of deputies to the 14th NPC and their election.

In accordance with the Constitution and relevant laws, the election of deputies to the 14th NPC shall be completed in January 2023 before the incumbent 13th NPC deputies finish their term of office in March 2023, Wang said.

Wang also explained draft methods for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) and the Macao SAR to elect their deputies to the 14th NPC.

3. Xi stresses ethnic unity, strengthening sense of community for Chinese nation

Chinese President Xi Jinping on March 5 stressed ethnic unity and efforts to forge a strong sense of community for the Chinese nation when he joined a deliberation during the annual session of the National People's Congress, the top legislature.

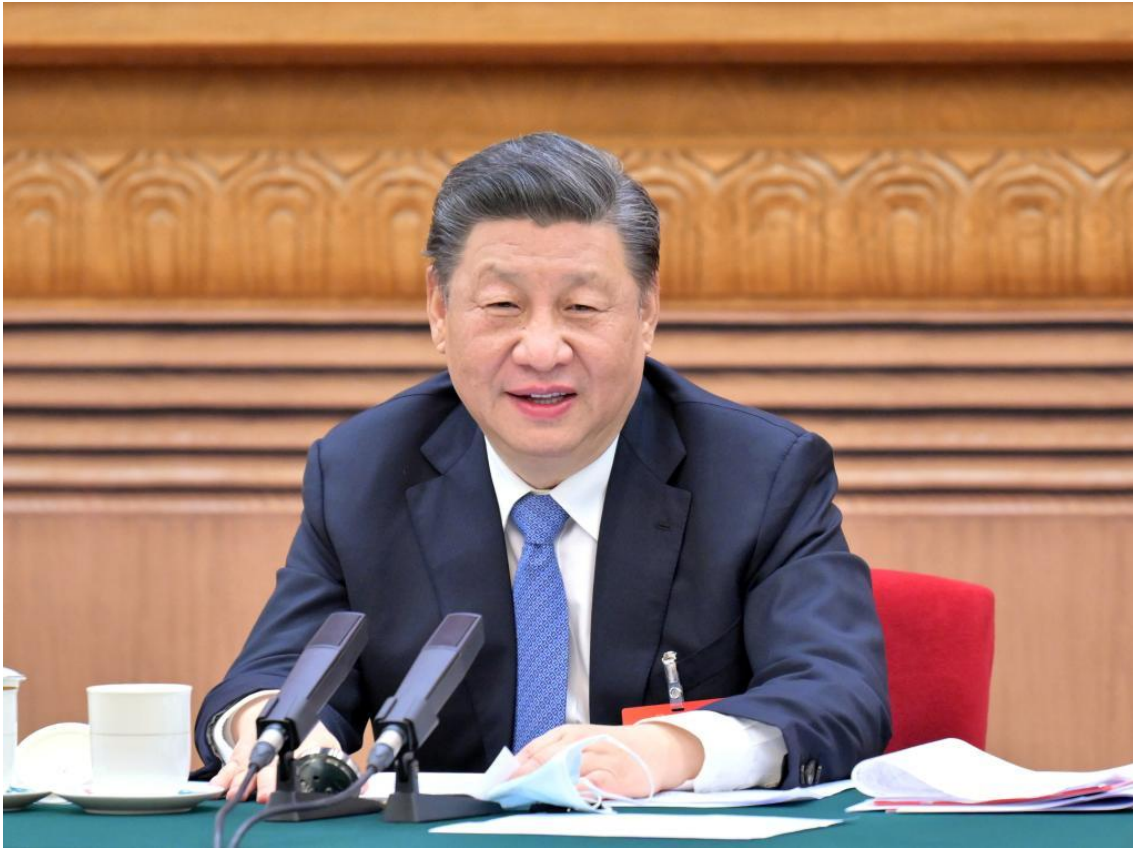
Joining discussions with fellow lawmakers from north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, hailed ethnic unity as the "lifeline" of Chinese people of all ethnic groups.

He called for efforts to help all ethnic groups stay closely united "like the seeds of a pomegranate that stick together" in jointly building the great motherland.

Efforts should be made to maintain a steady and healthy economic environment, a prosperous and secure social environment, and a clean and healthy

political environment, Xi said, calling for concrete actions to pave the way for the 20th CPC National Congress.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/38qVK9N>



4. Xi stresses ensuring key agricultural products supply, building stronger social security network

Chinese President Xi Jinping on March 6 stressed putting the improvement of comprehensive agricultural production capacity at a more prominent position, and continuing efforts on promoting the high-quality development of social security.

Xi made the remarks when visiting national political advisors from the sectors of agriculture and welfare and social security, who are attending the fifth session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Xi participated in their joint group meeting, and listened to their comments and suggestions.



He underlined ensuring the supply of key agricultural products, especially grain, as the top priority in rural revitalization.

On behalf of the CPC Central Committee, Xi extended festive greetings and best wishes to the country's women of all ethnic groups and from all walks of life ahead of the International Women's Day.

Wang Yang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, joined the visit and discussion.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3DAcuqm>

5. China's top political advisory body wraps up annual session

The annual session of China's top political advisory body concluded on March 10, calling on political advisors to contribute more to building China into a modern socialist country in all respects and realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation.

Chinese leaders Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan attended the closing meeting of the fifth session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Beijing.



Wang Yang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, presided over the meeting.

A resolution on a work report of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee, a resolution on a report on how the proposals from political advisors have been handled since the previous annual session, a report on the examination of new proposals, and a political resolution on the fifth session of the 13th CPPCC National Committee were approved at the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Wang Yang called on political advisors to center on the 20th CPC National Congress which will be convened in the second half of 2022, and make contributions to a stable and healthy economic environment, social

stability and political integrity.

Recognizing the performance of the 13th CPPCC National Committee over the past four years, Wang stressed the importance of improving the capacity for political judgment, thinking, and implementation, and maintaining a high degree of unity with the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core in thinking and action.

Wang asked political advisors to adhere to a people-centered approach in their work, and further improve the quality of consultation, improve the system of consultation, and foster a culture of consultation.

6. China's top legislature wraps up annual session

The 13th National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature, concluded its fifth session on March 11.

Chinese leaders Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan attended the closing meeting of the session at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Li Zhanshu, an executive chairperson of the presidium for the session, presided over the meeting attended by 2,758 NPC deputies.

Lawmakers voted to adopt a decision on amending the Organic Law of the Local People's Congresses and Local People's Governments.

President Xi Jinping signed a presidential order to promulgate the decision.

The meeting adopted a decision on the quota and election of deputies to the 14th NPC, the method for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) to elect its deputies to the 14th NPC, as well as the method for the Macao SAR. According to the decision, the election of deputies shall be completed in January 2023.

Lawmakers approved the government work report and the work reports of the NPC Standing Committee, the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate.

They approved a report on the implementation of the 2021 plan for national economic and social development and on the draft plan for 2022, as well as the

2022 plan.

They also approved a report on the execution of the central and local budgets for 2021 and on the draft central and local budgets for 2022, and approved the central budget for 2022.



Addressing the meeting, Li Zhanshu said that the annual session has successfully completed its agenda.

He lauded the achievements made by the 13th NPC and its standing committee, as well as the contributions made by NPC deputies.

Li called for efforts to study and implement Xi's important thoughts on upholding and improving the people's congress system, to uphold the overall leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and to give full play to the role of people's congress system as an important institution for practicing the whole-process people's democracy.

He also called for concrete actions to pave the way for the 20th CPC National Congress.

7. Premier Li Keqiang meets the press



The Fifth Session of the 13th National People’s Congress held a press conference at the Great Hall of the People on March 11, 2022. Premier Li Keqiang met with Chinese and foreign reporters and answered their questions at the invitation of Spokesperson Mr. Zhang Yesui.

When answering a reporter’s question about foreign investors’ concern that China might put more restrictions on corporate behaviors because of the goal of common prosperity, Premier Li Keqiang said that China’s opening-up policy will not change “just as the course of the Yangtze and Yellow rivers will not be reversed”.

No matter how the international environment may change, China will keep the course of wider openness, Premier Li told reporters.

As more than 40 years of opening-up has brought mutual benefits to China and the world, Premier Li described the policy as a “door of opportunity”. China

will not and must not close it, he added.

For the full transcript of the press conference, please click: <https://bit.ly/36SLPcz>

8. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets the press



On March 7, 2022, a press conference was held via video link on the margins of the Fifth Session of the 13th National People’s Congress at the Great Hall of the People, during which State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi answered questions from Chinese and foreign media about China’s foreign policy and external relations.

When answering a reporter’s question about China-Africa relations, Wang Yi said that over the years, China has built over 10,000 kilometers of railways, up to 100,000 kilometers of highways, nearly 100 ports, and innumerable hospitals and schools in Africa, and that these are not “debt traps”, but monuments of cooperation.

He mapped out three priorities for China and Africa to work together in implementation of the deliverables of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the

Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held late last year.

First, China will vigorously advance anti-COVID cooperation with Africa.

Second, China will further upgrade its practical cooperation with Africa by accelerating high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and working for early harvests under the nine programs.

Third, China will act on the Outlook on Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa.

For the full transcript of the press conference, please click: <https://bit.ly/3DACrGo>

(II) Other News

9. Xi declares open Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games



On the evening of March 4, the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games was held solemnly in the National Stadium, with performance paying tribute to the splendor of life and the spirit of perseverance.

President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony and declared the Paralympic Winter Games open.

10. CPC Central Committee, State Council congratulate Chinese delegation on Winter Paralympics achievements



On March 13, the Communist Party of China Central Committee and China’s State Council sent a congratulatory message to the Chinese delegation for its “best in history” performance at the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, which was concluded on the same day.

The delegation won 18 gold medals, 20 silvers and 23 bronzes at the Games and ranked first in both gold count and overall medal count, achieving the best results in the history of China’s participation in Winter Paralympics.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3J6fpZh>

11. Xi orders swift containment of virus, sticking to dynamic zero-COVID

Chinese President Xi Jinping on March 17 chaired a leadership meeting on

fighting COVID-19, in which he stressed science-based and accurate measures and the adherence to the dynamic zero-COVID policy to curb the spread of the epidemic soonest.

Top epidemiologists hailed this meeting as injecting the much-needed “anchoring energy” into China’s COVID-19 prevention work as it currently battles the “worst outbreaks” in two years caused by the highly contagious Omicron variant. They believed that as China adheres to its dynamic zero-COVID strategy, which is still the biggest advantage China currently has in its COVID-19 battle, the country is also stepping into a “more balanced and scientific” stage of fighting the virus, following the plan drawn by the new COVID-19 playbook.

Read more: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202203/1255198.shtml>

12. Xi plants trees for 10th year as top leader



On March 30, President Xi Jinping planted trees in Beijing, marking the 10th year of his participation as the top leader in the annual tree-planting activity in the

Chinese capital.

Xi said he did so to make his contribution to building a beautiful China and to encourage the whole of society, especially the young people, to push for ecological advancement so that China's environment will become even better.

The activity was also attended by other leaders including Li Keqiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/37byE6a>

13. CPC central authorities hear report on handling MU5735 crash and make follow-up arrangements



The Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee convened a meeting on March 31 to hear a report on handling the crash of the China Eastern Airlines flight MU5735 aircraft on March 21 and make arrangements for the follow-up work. Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, presided over the meeting and delivered a speech.

The CPC Central Committee has attached great importance to the crash after it took place, and Xi has delivered important instructions immediately. He stressed

that the emergency response mechanism should be initiated straight away, no effort be spared in search and rescue, and the aftermath be properly handled. He said that the cause must be identified as early as possible, and support and service be provided to families of the victims.

A Boeing 737-800 passenger jetliner with 132 people on board crashed into a mountainous area in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on March 21.

The crashed plane, operated by China Eastern Airlines, was flying from Kunming, the capital city of southwest China's Yunnan Province, to Guangzhou, capital of the southern Guangdong Province. The plane lost contact while flying over the city of Wuzhou, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) confirmed.

All 132 people on board were dead, and the two black boxes have been recovered. The handling of the aftermath and investigations into the accident are in progress.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3LFb7K8>

14. China's economic recovery "better than expected" in the first two months of this year



China's economic recovery was "better than expected" in the January-February period this year, as retail sales, industrial output and investment all unexpectedly picked up pace, official data showed on March 15.

The country's industrial output went up by 7.5 percent in the period as compared with the figure from a year ago, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The figure is also up from a gain of 4.3 percent in December last year, beating Reuters' forecast of a 3.9-percent surge.

China's imports and exports both registered double-digit growth in the first two months. The total value of goods imports and exports hit 6.2 trillion yuan (\$972.8 billion), up by 13.3 percent year on year. The trade surplus stood at 738.8 billion yuan.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/38qG8mE>

II. China's Diplomacy

15. President Xi Jinping holds a virtual summit with leaders of France and Germany



On March 8, President Xi Jinping had a virtual summit with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Beijing, supporting

France and Germany in promoting a balanced, effective and sustainable European security framework for the interests and lasting security of Europe.

Xi emphasized the need to jointly support the peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, while encouraging the two sides to maintain the momentum of negotiations and calling for maximum restraint to prevent a massive humanitarian crisis.

The virtual meeting was held on the heels of the third round of negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, which reportedly ended with no major moves toward ending the 12-day military operation. The latest talks among the leaders of China, France and Germany were about a week after Xi held a crucial phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/35KuEcI>

16. Xi Jinping speaks with South African president Cyril Ramaphosa on the phone



On March 18, President Xi Jinping had a phone conversation with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Xi said China stands ready to work with South Africa to promote the BRICS cooperative mechanism and maintain its momentum of development.

Noting that China is this year's chair of BRICS, Xi called for member countries to build a more comprehensive, close, pragmatic and inclusive partnership of high quality to realize their own development and promote a stronger, greener and healthier global development.

Ramaphosa said South Africa supports China's work as the chair of BRICS and looks forward to a successful BRICS Summit.

On January 1, 2022, China officially took over the chairmanship of BRICS, an emerging-market bloc that groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and will host a series of activities including the 14th BRICS Summit in the course of the year.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3KaUTaZ>

17. Xi has candid, in-depth exchange of views with Biden



On March 18, Chinese President Xi Jinping had a video call with U.S. President Joe Biden at the request of the latter. The two Presidents had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on China-U.S. relations, the situation in Ukraine, and other issues of mutual interest.

President Biden reiterated that the U.S. does not seek a new Cold War with China; it does not aim to change China's system; the revitalization of its alliances

is not targeted at China; the U.S. does not support “Taiwan independence”; and it has no intention to seek a conflict with China.

President Xi stressed that he and President Biden share the view that China and the U.S. need to respect each other, coexist in peace and avoid confrontation, and that the two sides should increase communication and dialogue at all levels and in all fields..

The direct cause for the current situation in the China-U.S. relationship is that some people on the U.S. side have not followed through on the important common understanding reached by the two Presidents and have not acted on President Biden's positive statements. The U.S. has misperceived and miscalculated China's strategic intention, Xi said.

The two Presidents agreed that the video call is constructive, and directed their teams to promptly follow up and take concrete actions to put China-U.S. relations back on the track of steady development.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/37eysTU>

18. Xi talks with British PM over phone

On March 25, Chinese President Xi Jinping held a phone conversation with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Noting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level between China and Britain, Xi said that the bilateral relationship in the past half century has witnessed continuous growth on the whole despite some ups and downs.

Xi said China is willing to conduct dialogue and cooperation with Britain in a frank, open and inclusive manner, and hopes that the British side can view China and China-Britain relations objectively, and work with China in promoting a continuous development of bilateral ties.

For his part, Johnson said that Britain-China relations are of great importance. Britain is willing to have candid dialogues with China, strengthen bilateral exchanges and cooperation, expand bilateral economic and trade cooperation and deepen communication and coordination on such global issues and regional

hotspots as climate change and bio-diversity, said Johnson.

The two leaders also exchanged views on the situation in Ukraine.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3KerLzV>

19. Chinese president stresses neighboring countries' role in supporting Afghanistan



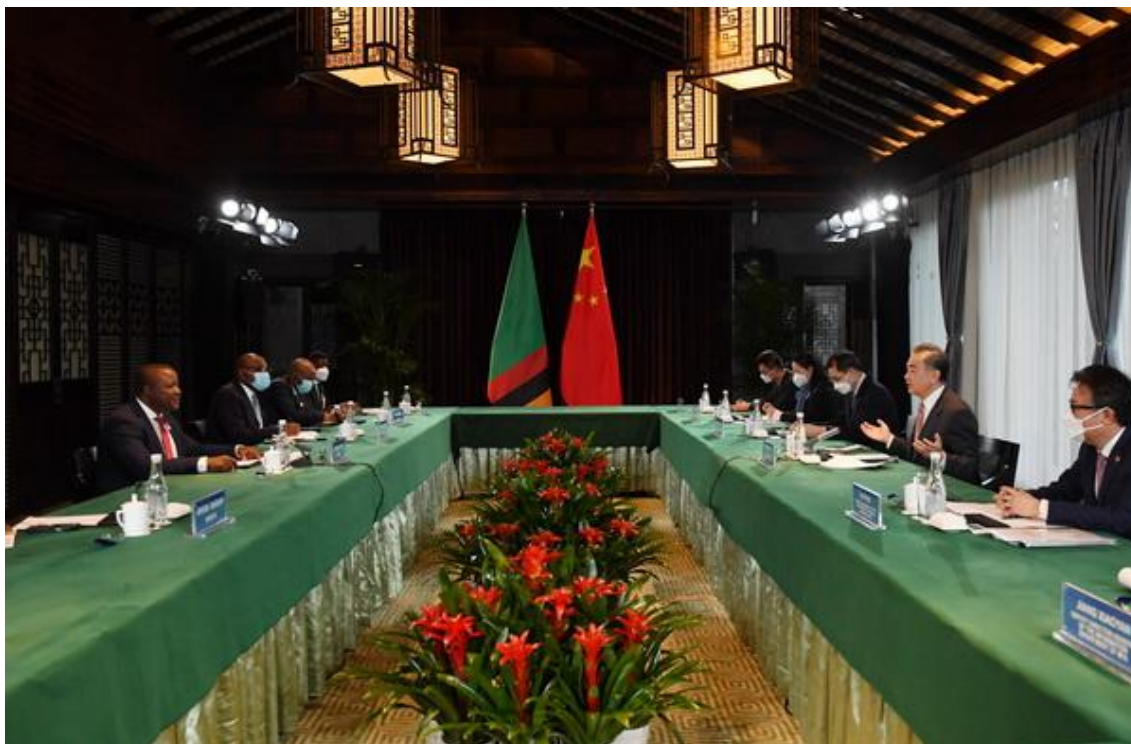
On March 31, Chinese President Xi Jinping called on the neighboring countries of Afghanistan to do their best to support the Afghan people to create a brighter future.

Xi made the remarks in a written message to the third meeting of foreign ministers of the countries neighboring Afghanistan, in Tunxi, east China's Anhui Province.

Xi pointed out that having gone through so much in the past, Afghanistan is in urgent need of development in many areas. The country has come to a critical point of transition from chaos to order.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3NROcx2>

20. Wang Yi holds talks with Zambian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Stanley Kasongo Kakubo



On March 19, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Zambian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Stanley Kasongo Kakubo in Tunxi, Anhui Province.

Wang Yi said that China and Zambia should make persistent efforts to strengthen cooperation in traditional fields such as mineral development, and expand cooperation in emerging fields such as modern agriculture, processing and manufacturing industries, and renewable energy. China hopes that Zambia will create a sound business environment for Chinese enterprises, and will continue to support Zambia's economic and social development to the best of its capability, provide COVID-19 vaccines according to Zambia's needs, and strengthen cooperation in health care, people's wellbeing and other fields.

Kakubo said that Zambia will always remember China's selfless help and the friendship of the Chinese people, and thanks China for its firm support to Zambia in fighting the pandemic. Zambia expects China to expand investment in and trade with Zambia, and will continue to provide a stable business environment and preferential tax policies for Chinese enterprises.

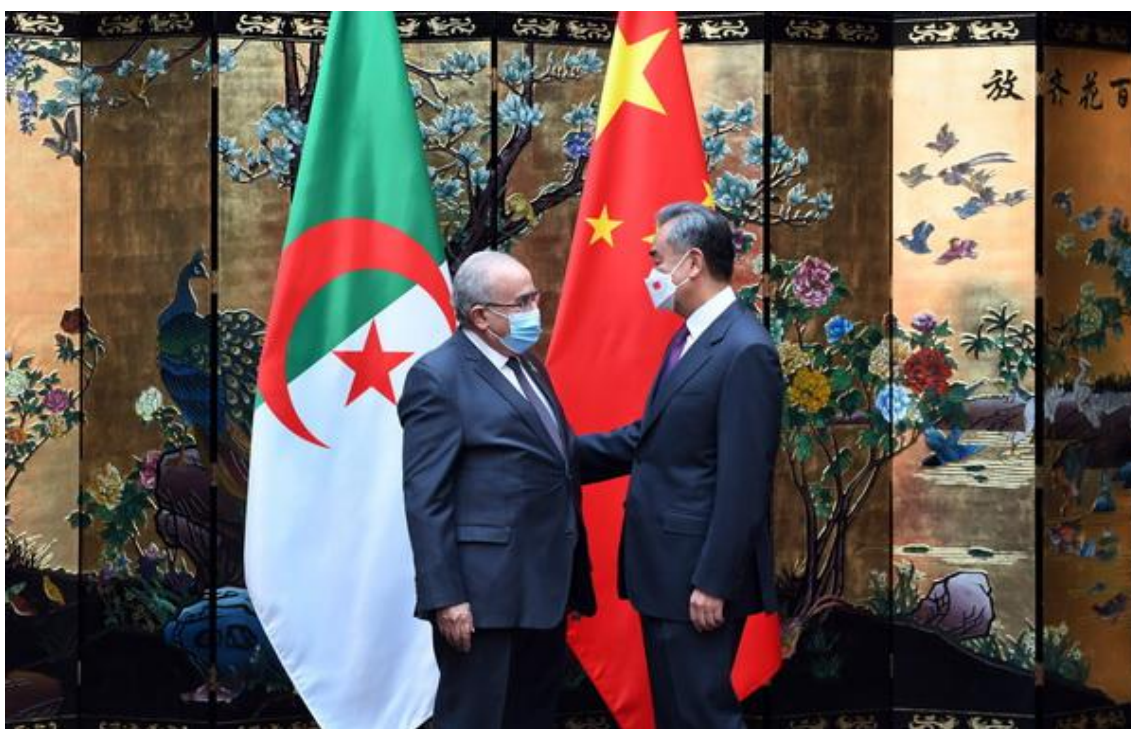
Both sides agreed that the Tanzania-Zambia Railway is a powerful example of China and Africa treating each other as friends with sincerity. Efforts should be

made to ensure the joint management of this railway successfully, which is beneficial to the people, so that more younger people of China and Africa can have an in-depth understanding of the common course of mutual firm support, inherit the spirit of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway and endow it with new connotations of the times, and inject fresh vitality to the Tanzania-Zambia Railway.

The two sides also exchanged views on the Ukraine issue.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3uZyg2Y>

21. Wang Yi holds talks with Algerian Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra



On March 20, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Algerian Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra in Tunxi, Anhui Province.

Wang Yi said, China and Algeria are friends in need, and the friendship between the two countries, forged and cultivated in common struggles, should be cherished and inherited together. We remember and thank Algeria for upholding justice and firmly supporting the restoration of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations more than 50 years ago. China stands

ready to work with Algeria to carry forward the traditional friendship, strengthen strategic communication, firmly support each other in safeguarding core interests, and promote greater development of China-Algeria comprehensive strategic partnership.

Lamamra said, today's world is facing severe challenges, and humanitarian crises are worrying. In particular, the lawful rights and interests of a great number of developing countries have been violated, and they have been forced to take sides or even give up their diplomatic autonomy. This situation should not continue.

The Algerian side agrees with China's views on the current Ukraine crisis. Together with dozens of countries, Algeria and China abstained from voting on the UN General Assembly resolution on Ukraine, sending a clear signal that we hope to maintain independence and are willing to give peace a chance, said Lamamra.

The Algerian side believes that China's proposition, based on international fairness and justice and aimed at promoting peace, stability and security, represents a correct and broad path, Lamamra added.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3xngBFx>

22. Wang Yi attends and addresses the opening ceremony of the 48th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers

On March 22, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) upon invitation.

Wang Yi said, the Chinese foreign minister's first attendance at the session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers fully reflects the sincere desire of China and the Islamic world to strengthen exchanges and cooperation, and will surely push bilateral relations to a new level.

Wang Yi said, both Chinese and Islamic civilizations are ancient civilizations with important influence in the world. The exchanges between the two sides, which have lasted for thousands of years and withstood the test of international changes, have a profound historical heritage and a solid foundation of popular

support.

Wang Yi stressed that China is ready to work with the Islamic world to advocate true multilateralism, uphold the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, safeguard the international system with the UN at its core, and walk hand in hand through thick and thin on the path of pursuing national rejuvenation.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3ucdb6l>



23. Wang Yi holds talks with Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

On March 25, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in New Delhi during his working visit to India.

Wang Yi said, as two neighboring ancient civilizations and the two largest developing countries and representatives of emerging economies with a combined population of 2.8 billion, China and India are two main forces in promoting multi-polarization of the world, economic globalization, diversity of civilizations, and democratization of international relations. As the world is entering a new

phase of turbulence and transformation, the two countries should strengthen communication, coordinate stances, safeguard respective legitimate interests and the common interests of the developing countries, and make respective contributions to peace and stability in the region and beyond.

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said, India attaches great importance to its relations with China, with no changes made in its strategic assessment of the importance of China. India is ready to strengthen communication with China and enhance mutual trust, so as to get the bilateral relations out of the trough as soon as possible, and continuously push for pragmatic cooperation between the two countries.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3ubCUf5>



24. Wang Yi chairs the Third Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Afghan Issue Among the Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan

On March 31, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi chaired the Third Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Afghan Issue Among the Neighboring

Countries of Afghanistan in Tunxi, Anhui Province.

Wang Yi first read out President Xi Jinping's written remarks and spoke on behalf of China. He said that Afghanistan is now at the critical stage of moving from chaos to stability. The Afghan people are presented with a historic opportunity to truly take their future into their own hands. Over the past six months, the Afghan Interim Government has made efforts to stabilize the situation, improve people's livelihood and protect human rights, and achieved certain phased results. However, Afghanistan still faces multiple challenges such as humanitarian, economy and security.

Wang Yi said that we should uphold the concept of a community with a shared future, take our neighbors as friends and partners, give further play to the unique role of the mechanism of coordination and cooperation among Afghanistan's neighboring countries, promote stable development in Afghanistan at an early date, and work together to achieve lasting security, development and prosperity in the region.



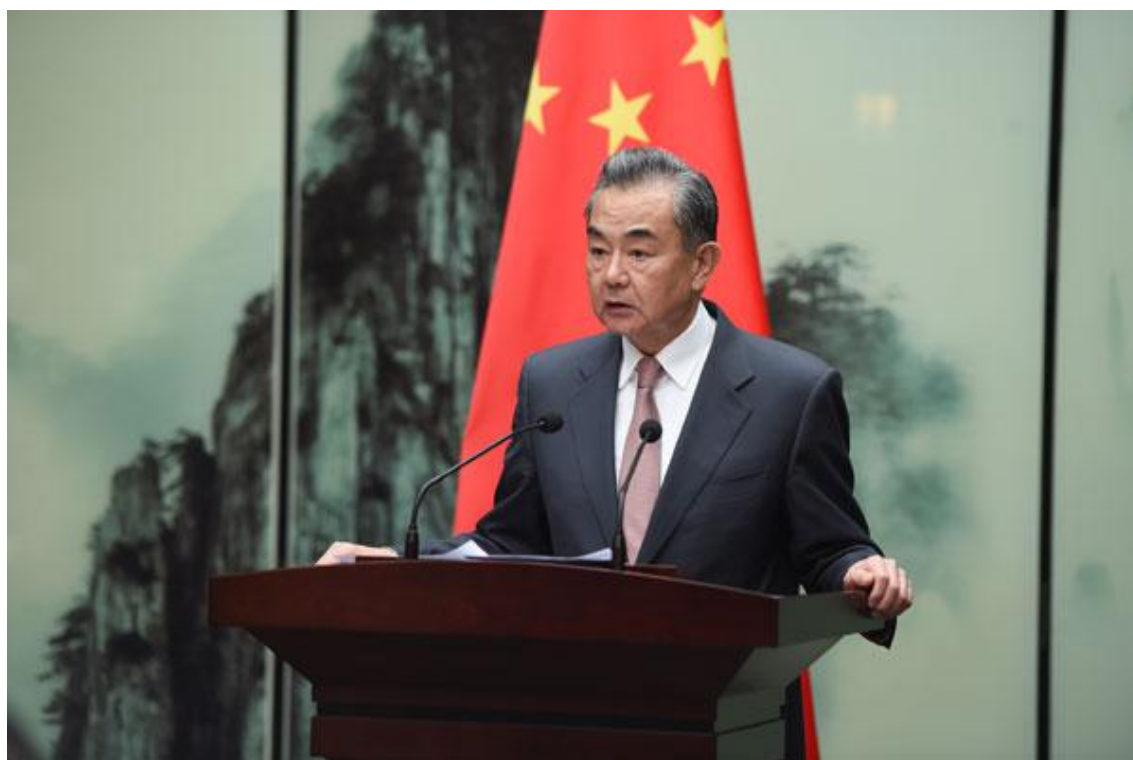
Foreign ministers of neighboring countries attending the meeting thanked

President Xi Jinping for his important remarks injecting strong impetus into the mechanism of coordination and cooperation among Afghanistan's neighboring countries, and appreciated China's important role in gathering the concerted efforts of neighboring countries and supporting Afghanistan's peace and reconstruction.

The Joint Statement of the Third Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Afghan Issue Among the Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan and the Tunxi Initiative of Afghanistan's Neighboring Countries on Supporting Afghanistan's Economic Reconstruction and Practical Cooperation were released at the meeting.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3r4VLXI>

25. Wang Yi talks about China's Five-Pronged Perseverance on Ukraine Issue



On March 31, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi chaired the Third Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Afghan Issue Among the Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan and the First "Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan Plus Afghanistan" Foreign Ministers' Dialogue in Tunxi, Anhui Province. After the meetings, Wang Yi held a press conference to introduce the important consensus

and achievements of the meetings, and answered questions from reporters.

In response to a reporter's question about what role China plays on the Ukraine issue, Wang Yi said that in recent days, I have had intensive and in-depth exchanges with foreign ministers of each country on the Ukraine issue. All parties expressed understanding of China's position and made positive comments on China's role. Our position is consistent. In dealing with all hotspot issues, China stands on the side of peace, dialogue and justice. Our attitude is also clear. China strives to play a responsible and constructive role in addressing all challenges.

Wang Yi said that since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, China has stood on the merits, adhered to independence and abided by objectivity and impartiality. China's role is mainly reflected in five-pronged perseverance.

First, we persevere in promoting peace talks in the right direction.

Second, we persevere in upholding the basic norms governing international relations.

Third, we persevere in preventing the resurgence of the Cold War mentality.

Fourth, we persevere in upholding the legitimate rights and interests of all countries.

Fifth, we persevere in consolidating peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/37ntqEN>

III. China-Tanzania Relations and Embassy Updates

26. Wang Yi holds video talks with Tanzanian Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Liberata Mulamula

On March 20, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held video talks with Tanzanian Minister for Foreign Affairs Liberata Mulamula.

Wang Yi said that China-Tanzania friendship is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people and is unbreakable. We should carry forward the Tazara Spirit and firmly support and help each other no matter what difficulties or disturbances we

encounter, so that the China-Tanzania and China-Africa friendship will always be full of vitality.



Mulamula said that Tanzania-China relations are at their best in history with fruitful results in practical cooperation in various fields. Tanzania is committed to making Tanzania-China relations a benchmark for Africa-China ties. Tanzania will continue to firmly adhere to the one-China principle, firmly support China's legitimate position, support China in safeguarding its core interests, and oppose external interference in China's internal affairs. Tanzania is ready to enhance bilateral friendly cooperation between the two countries and continuously push bilateral relations to new heights.

The two sides agreed to further align the Belt and Road Initiative with Tanzania's Development Vision 2025 and expand bilateral cooperation in agriculture, trade, investment, infrastructure and other fields.

Wang Yi said, as the pandemic is still spreading around the world, China will provide more vaccines and send a new group of medical teams to Zanzibar as soon as possible if Tanzania needs them. The two sides agreed to continue exploring the mobilization of the Tazara railway, so that this landmark project of China-Africa friendship will make new contributions to the economic and social development of

the African continent.

The two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, push for the implementation of the nine programs in Tanzania, and produce more concrete results.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/36ZcDrF>

27. Tanzanian Foreign Minister Liberata Mulamula gives an exclusive interview to CGTN



Tanzanian Foreign Minister Liberata Mulamula gave an exclusive interview to Ms Tian Wei, a leading anchor at China Global Television Network (CGTN), in late March.

In the interview, Mulamula explained the reasons why Tanzania on March 2 abstained in the voting of a resolution demanding that Russia immediately end its military operations in Ukraine at a special emergency session of the UN General Assembly.

Mulamula said that we should seek peaceful resolution of the Russia-Ukraine conflict rather than passing a resolution that is like encouraging war, and that Tanzania's position was based on its principle of giving diplomacy and peaceful settlement a chance.

Developing countries need work together to have their voice of peace heard, and we cannot go back to the Cold War mentality, Mulamula said. She stressed that there is no winner in the Russia-Ukraine war because the consequences are so grave.

Although Tanzania is very far from Ukraine, the Tanzanian citizens have already been affected by the war. “What we are being affected already is the rise of the price of oil. We are also affected because we have a number of students who are studying medicine in Ukraine, about 300 plus. So they have all been evacuated,” said Mulamula.

Watch the interview: <https://bit.ly/3LJ9gDV>

28. Ambassador Chen Mingjian pays an courtesy call on former Tanzanian president Jakaya Kikwete



On March 8, Ambassador Chen Mingjian paid a courtesy call on former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete in Dar es Salaam. The two sides had a cordial

discussion on China-Tanzania relations.

Ambassador Chen appreciated Hon. Jakaya Kikwete for his work over decades in strengthening the partnership and cooperation between China and Tanzania. She said that China is willing to continue deepening cooperation with Tanzania in various fields under the frameworks of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), further strengthen the exchange of experience in state governance, and support Tanzania's efforts in independently exploring a development path that suits its national conditions.

Hon. Jakaya Kikwete spoke highly of the traditional friendship between Tanzania and China, saying that the friendly relationship between the two countries was forged by the older generation leaders of the two countries and it has withstood the test of time and grown even stronger.

Hon. Jakaya Kikwete said that he had visited China many times since the 1980s, and has personally experienced the rapid changes since China adopted the reform and opening-up policy. He stressed that Tanzania is willing to continue to learn from China's development experience and push for greater breakthroughs in bilateral cooperation in infrastructure construction, agriculture, investment and other fields.

29. Ambassador Chen Mingjian visits the newly built BGI Huoyan Laboratory in Dar es Salaam

On March 10, Ambassador Chen Mingjian paid a visit to the newly built BGI Huoyan (piercing eyes) laboratory at Tanzania's National Public Health Laboratory in Dar es Salaam, at the invitation of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, and Air Tanzania.

Ambassador Chen listened to the staff's detailed introduction on laboratory sampling, extraction, amplification, and testing, and inspected various instruments and equipment required for testing. The Tanzanian side said that with the support and help of Chinese friends, the Huoyan Laboratory was quickly established in Tanzania, which has not only greatly improved the virus detection work in Tanzania, but also effectively guaranteed the travel safety of international

passengers departing from Tanzania.



Ambassador Chen said that China cherishes the long-standing and profound friendship with Tanzania and is willing to cooperate with Tanzania in various fields for common progress. The completion of the highly efficient and high-quality Huoyan Laboratory is a specific aspect of the anti-epidemic cooperation between the two sides, and China is ready to continue to strengthen cooperation in this regard to benefit the Tanzanian people and overseas Chinese in Tanzania, Ambassador Chen stressed.

30. Ambassador Chen Mingjian meets with Chairman of Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation Joseph Butiku

On March 11, Ambassador Chen Mingjian met with Mr Joseph Butiku, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation (MNF) at the embassy. The two sides exchanged views on China-Tanzania friendship and cooperation between the embassy and the foundation.

Ambassador Chen said that this year marks the 100th anniversary of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere’s birth, which is an important opportunity for us to review the friendly exchanges between China and Tanzania, and look forward to the future development of our bilateral relations. She stressed that China will work with Tanzania to adhere to the original aspiration of solidarity and friendship, and jointly push China-Tanzania relations towards a brighter future.

Mr Joseph Butiku fondly recalled the experience of accompanying President Julius Nyerere on his visit to China. He praised the Communist Party of China (CPC) for uniting and leading the Chinese people to make great achievements in economic development and poverty alleviation. He said that the MNF will inherit the great legacy of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and continue to contribute to the promotion of Tanzania-China friendship.

Ambassador Chen briefed the guests on the just concluded China’s Two Sessions, the concept of Whole-Process People’s Democracy and China’s experience in poverty reduction, and presented the book “Up and Out of Poverty” authored by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Mr Joseph Butiku.



31. People’s Daily publishes Ambassador Chen Mingjian’s article titled “Strengthen Exchange of Experience and Mutual Learning in State Governance”



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On March 19, Ambassador Chen Mingjian article titled “Strengthening Exchange of Experience and Mutual Learning in State Governance” was published by People’s Daily, the official newspaper of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

The article reviewed the profound friendship between the CPC and the six parties in southern Africa in the process of striving for national liberation and independence, expounded the significance of the completion and inauguration of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School in Kibaha, Tanzania, and looked forward to the bright future of the exchange of experience in state governance between the CPC and the political parties in African countries.

Read the article: <https://bit.ly/3r5975K>

32. Ambassador Chen Mingjian’s article “China’s Diplomacy Is on the Right Track of History” is published by major Tanzanian newspapers

On March 21, Ambassador Chen Mingjian’s article titled “China’s Diplomacy Is on the Right Track of History” was published by three major Tanzanian newspapers, namely Daily News, The Citizen and Nipashe.

The article gave an in-depth analysis of the answers of Chinese State

Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi to the questions raised by reporters at the press conference held on March 7 on the margins of the Fifth Session of the 13th National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Read the article: <https://bit.ly/3pLoWxT>

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development in the Middle East must be returned fully to the people in the region, and urged parties concerned to most earnestly follow a political settlement of the issues on the Korean Peninsula. All these fully prove that China, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a responsible major country, has always upheld a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and played a constructive role in safeguarding world peace and stability.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI) are major cooperation initiatives put forward by President Xi Jinping. They are important public goods contributed by China for international development cooperation. Up to now, the BRI family has got 180 members, and the GDI has been warmly received and supported by the UN and nearly 100 countries.

State Councilor Wang Yi stressed that China will work with the international community to achieve higher-level cooperation, better effectiveness, higher quality supply and stronger development resilience, so as to make the BRI a "belt of development" to the benefit of the world. He said that China will work with all parties in four areas to implement the GDI step by step. First, firmly uphold world peace and development and safeguard international fairness and justice.

The world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to unfold, the Ukraine crisis is emerging. Can China bring more stability and positive energy to this uncertain world in this critical year? State Councilor Wang Yi told the world that China will stay true to its original aspiration, honor its commitments, and continue to build world peace, contribute to global development and safeguard the international order.

On the situation in Ukraine, the focus of international attention, State Councilor Wang Yi expounded China's basic position once again, saying that China will independently assess the situation and make its position on the basis of the merits of the issue. While calling on the international community to intensify efforts to promote peaceful talks, Wang Yi put forward China's "six-point initiative" on the prevention of a massive humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. He announced that the Red Cross Society of China will provide Ukraine with a tranche of emergency humanitarian supplies as soon as possible.

On other hotpot issues, State Councilor Wang Yi called on all relevant parties to follow the principle of "Afghan-led and Afghan-owned" to support the Afghan people in dealing over difficulties, stressed that the power to protect security and

people and the anchor of China's diplomacy. State Councilor Wang Yi said that telling the stories of the CPC well and presenting, defending and promoting the good name of the CPC is an essential task and key responsibility that China's diplomatic service must undertake. As more and more countries hope to learn about the "secrets" of CPC success, we will continue to present the stories of the CPC well so that more international friends may truly understand the CPC and the international community may view the CPC through brighter lens.

In response to some countries' attempt to attack China under the pretext of "promoting democracy", State Councilor Wang Yi stressed that China's whole-process people's democracy is broad-based, genuine and effective democracy, which enjoys the wholehearted endorsement and support of the Chinese people as well as wide recognition of the world. Democracy in different countries should blossom like different flowers, and putting one's own system on a pedestal is not just against the spirit of democracy, but also spells disaster for democracy.

"Serving the people and addressing their concerns is a boundless duty of China's diplomatic service." This is an incisive summary of the purpose and mission of China's diplomacy by State Councilor Wang Yi. In 2021, following the people-oriented principle, China vaccinated millions of Chinese nationals living in 180 countries against Covid-19, handled over 60,000 cases of consular protection and assistance, and successfully rescued dozens of kidnapped Chinese citizens. In 2022, China will focus on developing a platform for smart consular services, building a system for the protection of Chinese nationals and interests overseas, and rolling out a plan to

facilitate safe, unimpeded travel, so as to better protect the lives and legitimate interests of overseas Chinese.

II. China will forever be a member of the developing world, and stand side by side with African friends

China is the largest developing country in the world. To strengthen solidarity and cooperation with the vast number of developing countries is a firm strategic choice that China has made. At the press conference, State Councilor Wang Yi answered questions from the media on China's relations with ASEAN countries, Central Asian countries, Africa, Latin America, and South Pacific island countries. His answers sent a strong message that China will forever be a member of the developing world and a sincere and reliable partner of developing countries. This year, China will take the BRICS chairmanship as an opportunity to further pool the wisdom and strength of emerging markets and developing countries, and help make the international order more just and equitable.

China-Africa relations are always on the agenda of the Chinese Foreign Minister's press conference during the annual "two sessions". This fully demonstrates the importance of China-Africa relations in China's diplomacy. State Councilor Wang Yi pointed out that over the years, China has built more than 10,000 kilometres of railways, nearly 100 ports and innumerable hospitals and schools in Africa, stressing that these are not "bait traps", but monuments of cooperation. Noting that this year China and African countries start implementing the deliverables of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), Wang Yi said that China will honor its commitment to cooperation with Africa, champion the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, and work with African nations to implement the "six programs" for cooperation with Africa announced by President Xi Jinping.

State Councilor Wang Yi put forward three priorities of China's cooperation with Africa this year. First, China will vigorously advance anti-Covid cooperation with Africa, fully deliver on President Xi Jinping's pledge of providing one billion doses of vaccines to the continent, and help Africa enhance capacity for local vaccine production. Second, China will synergize the GDI with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and take concrete actions to support the economic recovery and sustainable development of Africa. Third, China will act on the Outlook on Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa, and play a constructive role for the peace and development of the Horn of Africa and the African continent, as a whole.

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33. Ambassador Chen Mingjian pays a courtesy call on President of Zanzibar Hussein Ali Mwinyi

On March 23, Ambassador Chen Mingjian paid a courtesy call on President of Zanzibar H.E. Hussein Ali Mwinyi at the State House of Zanzibar. The two sides had a friendly exchange of views on China-Tanzania and China-Zanzibar relations. Chief Secretary of Zanzibar Revolutionary Government Eng. Zena Said and Chinese Consul General in Zanzibar Mr Zhang Zhisheng were present at the meeting.

Ambassador Chen conveyed the best wishes of Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan to President Hussein Mwinyi, saying that the profound traditional friendships between China and Tanzania, and China and Zanzibar were forged by the older generation leaders of the two countries, including Chairman Mao Zedong, President Julius Nyerere and President Abeid Karume.

Ambassador Chen said, China-Zanzibar cooperation has a solid foundation and has made great progress in recent years. The Chinese side is willing to take the implementation of the outcomes of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC as an opportunity to continue enhancing the synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the development strategy of Zanzibar, expanding cooperation between the two sides in infrastructure construction, blue economy, agriculture and other fields, and promoting the practical cooperation between China and Zanzibar so as to obtain more fruits.



President Hussein Mwinyi asked Ambassador Chen to convey his cordial greetings to Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan, and thanked the Chinese government for its long-term important support to Zanzibar's economic and social

development, especially the donation of COVID-19 vaccines and medical supplies.

President Hussein Mwinyi stressed that Zanzibar and China have always been good friends and good partners working hand in hand, and that Zanzibar is willing to continue to work with China to vigorously carry forward the traditional friendship between the two sides, push forward the continuous development of Zanzibar-China relations so as to better benefit the people on both sides.

On the same day, Ambassador Chen also met with the First and the Second Vice Presidents of Zanzibar Hon. Othman Masoud Othman and Hon. Hemed Suleiman Abdallah respectively.



34. Chinese Embassy in Tanzania donates a batch of assistive devices for people with disabilities to Zanzibar Revolutionary Government



On March 23, Ambassador Chen Mingjian, on behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, handed over a batch of assistive devices for people with disabilities to the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. First Vice President of Zanzibar Hon. Othman Masoud Othman and Chinese Consul General in Zanzibar Mr Zhang Zhisheng attended the handover ceremony.

In her speech, Ambassador Chen said that the Chinese government adhered to the people-centered philosophy, and that it had not only vigorously promoted the development of the cause of people with disabilities in China, but also actively conducted international cooperation on matters concerning the disabled people.

The Chinese side has always paid attention to the cause of people with disabilities in Tanzania, and has been supporting the Tanzanian government and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar in their efforts to improve the welfare of people with disabilities, Ambassador Chen said.

Ambassador Chen stressed that this donation was a vivid manifestation of the

friendship between China and Tanzania. China is willing to continue to carry out exchanges with Tanzania on the cause of assisting people with disabilities and provide more assistance within its capacity, Ambassador Chen added.

Hon. Othman Masoud Othman congratulated China on the successful hosting of the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympics. He thanked the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania for donating assistive devices for people with disabilities in Zanzibar, saying that China has long supported the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar in its effort to improve people's livelihood.

Zanzibar is ready to continue to cooperate with China in areas relating to people's livelihood, such as healthcare and assistance for people with disabilities, so as to bring more benefits to Zanzibaris, Hon. Othman said.

35. Ambassador Chen Mingjian meets with UNHCR Representative in Tanzania Mahoua Parums



On March 30, Ambassador Chen Mingjian met with Ms. Mahoua Parums, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

in Tanzania, at the Chinese Embassy. Mr. Yang Zhiyu, Political Counsellor at the Embassy, was present.

Ambassador Chen spoke positively of the important role played by the UNHCR in properly resolving issues relating to international refugees, and said that China has always been committed to promoting world peace and development, supporting the UN and the UNHCR in coordinating the international community's assistance efforts, and actively providing aid to the affected people.

Ms. Parums briefed Ambassador Chen on the situation of the refugees in Tanzania and Africa at large, as well as the work of the UNHCR Tanzania Office in providing assistance to refugees and helping them to voluntarily return to their motherlands. She spoke highly of China's strong and long-term support to the work of the UNHCR, and expressed willingness to strengthen communication and collaboration with the Chinese side.

36. China's Juncao technology spells bright future for Tanzania's mushroom growers



Juncao, which in Chinese literally means “mushroom” and “grass”, can be

used to grow edible and medicinal mushrooms, as livestock feed or as a green barrier to control soil erosion and stop desertification.

The Juncao technology has been developed by the National Engineering Research Center for Juncao Technology of the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU) of China. The technology has a multi-faceted approach of cultivating mushrooms for food and medicinal purposes while at the same time addressing soil erosion for maintaining the volume of arable land, and also supporting livestock feed development.

During the workshop on “Applications of Juncao Technology and Its Contribution to the Achievement of Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania” organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, participants visited Uyogaplus, a mushroom farm at Mabwepande in Kinondoni district on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam, on March 10.

Participants of the Uyogaplus project have been producing mushrooms by using sawdust, banana leaves, and other supplements which are very expensive. They are now in the process of adopting Juncao grass as a substitute for sawdust. Juncao grass seedlings were planted in February 2021 after supplied by the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) based in Morogoro.

The Juncao technology is being championed by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Tanzania Mainland and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock in Zanzibar. Farmers and local government authorities have widely accepted the technology. There are 5,000 mushroom growers producing 1,000 tons of mushrooms annually.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3x8VCWx>