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CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- Ministry of Industry and Information technology and 5 more departments plan to digitalize consumer goods industries by 2025: the <u>authorities</u> are planning to digitalize the consumer goods industries for improving the supply of goods, expanding the industrial chain and the R&D department. The primary focus will be textile, food and medicine, home appliances and electronics and developing an internet consumer product for customizing the people's own item through promoting a personalized and flexible production.
- The successful completion of a health project in Kenya based on China and UNICEF: On the framework of South-South cooperation between China and UNICEF more than 3 million people benefited from maternal and newborn health care. The project was funded by the Chinese government with a budget of \$1 million for the procurement of medical equipment and medicines which resulted in the training of 159 health facilities and reduced the fatality rate of pregnant women and children during the pandemic.

II. News in China

- On 2nd July the "Chaba" typhoon hit South China state <u>Guangdong</u> and resulted in severe landfall. More than 24 crew members are missing in the South China Sea because of shipwreck and local authorities have extended the search operation for the missing members, while Hong Kong government flying service is continually taken part in saving the leftover crew members with rescue boats and helicopters in the sea.
- On 3rd July, a US military general put forward an argument about the Chinese political move to catch Taiwan, while China expresses that <u>Taiwan</u> should be reunified, if not politically then by using military forces if necessary. Then again, China has proactively sent warplanes to Taiwan's airspace yet the US is supporting its ally through its maritime boat in Taiwan's water territory and on this issue, US president Joe Biden says that China is "flirting with danger".
- The CAS and Lanzhou University have identified around 1,000 species of <u>bacteria</u> in the glacier of the Tibetan Plateau, these microorganisms are very hazardous to the well-being if the ice liquefies into the water because the bacteria contain more than 2700 molecules which are sufficient to make people as well as plants and animals severely ill. The most impacted countries in the future could be China and India as the glacier is the wellspring of 10 major Asian rivers.
- The Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Bagan, <u>Myanmar</u> to improve the relations between the two states and becomes the highest-ranking official in the course. Also, he appreciates Myanmar's China-friendly policy, where China will help Myanmar for safeguarding its national dignity at international forums and will

speed up the delayed project like China Myanmar economic corridor, cross-border electricity grid and others. It is also expected that the minister will be cheering the Lancang Mekong cooperation.

- On 2nd July, China's Defence Ministry announced the success of the PLA's latest test of <u>anti-ballistic missiles</u> which is based on the US ground midcourse defence system, and the country is now more focused on missile technology rather than increasing its nuclear arsenals. This Chinese move has both political and tactical significance to counter the nations which are a constant threat to China, according to Zhou Chenming. (Image 1)
- On the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the <u>motherland</u> and the sixth term of the government of HKSAR, President Xi Jinping remarked on "one country two systems" and talked about China's support for the development of all sectors and hope for good governance and long-term stability in Hong Kong, he also attended more than 10 events during his stay to connect with Hong Kong compatriots and peoples of the motherland.
- On 3rd July, Chinese ambassador Yang Jiechi met the president of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa and exchanged dialogue over the hand of friendship with China with full support over mutual political trust, social and economic support and an increase in bilateral trade and various other cooperation. With this Yang also mentioned that China will coordinate with Zimbabwe over multilateral affairs and at international forums. Lastly, Emmerson also congratulated President Xi Jinping over the success of CPC and supports the one-China policy and Global initiatives of China.
- Recently, China's biggest coal-based <u>ethanol project</u> has been initiated and marked a success by solving the problem of food security and saving food for people. This project can annually convert 1.5 million tonnes of coal which will save around the same amount of bioethanol raw grain by strategic utilization of coal.

III. India Watch

- Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi may meet at the G20 summit in Bali, Indonesia this week to deliberate on the negotiation to end the stand-off between the Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army in eastern Ladakh.
- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi recently had a meeting with India's new ambassador to China, Pradeep Rawat in Beijing where he stressed the common interest between the two nations and to put the bilateral relationship in the proper position through dialogue and consultation and to bring back the ties on track without waiting for the resolution. This proposal by Wang Yi was rejected by the Ambassador and he emphasized on the criticality of maintenance

of peace and tranquillity in the border areas by making him realize about the full potential of India-China relations and its impact on the world and especially Asia.

Image 1



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