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Xi: Modernization bodes well for world

China's growth over past 40 years hailed as 'breathtaking success story'

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The Chinese path to modernization "meets the aspiration of 1.4 billion people for a better life and will make new and greater contributions to world peace and development", President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

He made the remark in a congratulatory letter sent to the two-day 2024 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou), which opened on Tuesday in Guangzhou, Guangdong province.

The event, whose theme is "Carry Through the Reform to the End — Chinese Modernization and New Opportunities for World Development", was co-hosted by

the China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy, the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and the Guangdong provincial government.

In his letter, Xi said that to understand China, one needs to understand China's efforts to further deepen reform comprehensively to advance Chinese modernization.

He also said China is gearing up its building of a high-standard socialist market economy and steadily expanding institutional opening-up.

In addition, China is "taking the initiative to align with high-standard international economic and trade rules, and actively fostering a transparent, stable and predictable institutional environment", he said.

Noting that changes unseen in a century are unfolding rapidly in today's world, Xi said countries around the world are faced with both new risks and challenges as well as new development opportunities and prospects.

China looks forward to working with various countries to create an enabling environment and conditions for development, and to actively tackle different difficulties and challenges, he said.

Furthermore, the nation looks to facilitate the modernization of various countries featuring peaceful development, mutually beneficial cooperation and common prosperity, and to write a new chapter in building a community with a shared future for mankind, he added.

At the conference, politicians, business executives, scholars and representatives of international

organizations shared their views on how the Chinese path to modernization is relevant to the rest of the world, particularly the vast number of developing countries.

When reviewing China's growth over the past 40 years, Wolfgang Schussel, former chancellor of Austria, said, "This is a breathtaking success story — the development of a very poor country, big country, now the second-largest economy of the world."

He added that "this is a lesson to be learned for everybody, for us, for the developed world".

According to Schussel, understanding China means "first to listen, not to teach, but to listen" regarding the country's priorities, ideas, interests and concerns, as well as the opportunities and challenges faced by the nation.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, former prime minister of Pakistan, said

China's rapid development has contributed to promoting global economic growth and global inclusive development.

He also noted that China has lifted 800 million people out of poverty in the past decades.

Mulatu Teshome, former president of Ethiopia, cited China's remarkable economic buildup in the previous four decades and said its development and prosperity provide myriad opportunities to developing countries.

The Belt and Road Initiative has not only built roads, ports and other infrastructure facilities in the countries participating in the BRI, but has also established long-term partnerships that benefit the economic development of the countries, he added.

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Political Lens

Study outline on Xi Jinping Thought on Culture unveiled

A study outline on Xi Jinping Thought on Culture has been published and distributed across the country.

The Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee organized the compilation of the outline, which was published jointly by the Xuexi Publishing House and the People's Publishing House.

With 14 chapters and 68,000 Chinese characters in total, the outline systematically explains the essence, connotation and requirements of Xi Jinping Thought on Culture.

The book fully reflects the original contribution of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in the realm of culture. It serves as authoritative reading material for the in-depth study and understanding of Xi Jinping Thought on Culture by Party members, cadres and the public.

Nation ready to strengthen cooperation with Nauru

China's top legislator Zhao Leji and top political adviser Wang Huning held separate meetings in Beijing on Tuesday with Speaker of Nauru's Parliament Marcus Stephen.

Zhao, chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, told Stephen that China welcomes Nauru to join the Belt and Road Initiative, and stands ready to deepen bilateral cooperation and strengthen people-to-people exchanges.

He called on the legislatures of the two countries to enrich communication and cooperation, especially in exchanging experience in legislation and supervision regarding ecological and environmental protection.

Wang, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, said in his meeting with Stephen that China is willing to work with Nauru to implement the important points of consensus reached by the two heads of state and continue to promote the development of bilateral relations.

Sci-tech workers called on to contribute to modernization

Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang emphasized on Tuesday the pivotal role played by scientific and technological workers in building China's sci-tech strength, and encouraged them to contribute their achievements to Chinese modernization.

Ding made the remarks when addressing an award ceremony held in Beijing by the Hong Kong-based Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation.

Noting that the key to Chinese modernization lies in the modernization of science and technology, Ding said that building a great modern socialist country hinged on the independent and self-reliant development of science and technology.

He called on sci-tech workers to actively explore the frontiers of their skill sets, chalk up breakthroughs in basic research, and make leading, original achievements. He also urged them to tackle key core technologies and apply the results of innovation to the great endeavors of Chinese modernization.

The Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation was founded in 1994 by patriotic Hong Kong financiers to honor outstanding Chinese scientists. This year, the awards went to Li Jiayang, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences who researches plant molecular genetics, and another 55 sci-tech workers.

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Commitment to boosting traditional medicine for global benefits reiterated

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Brazilian therapist Reginaldo Filho, who has studied traditional Chinese medicine for more than 25 years, has seen the popularity of TCM therapies skyrocket in Brazil.

Intrigued by a display of Chinese herbs ranging from hawthorn and lotus leaf to ginseng and astragalus root on the sidelines of a conference in Beijing on Tuesday, Filho vowed to make every effort in promoting TCM to people in his country, as President Xi Jinping also reaffirmed China's commitment to enhancing traditional medicine to better benefit people around the world.

In a congratulatory letter sent to the 2024 World Conference on Traditional Medicine, which opened in Beijing on Tuesday, Xi said that efforts are needed from all sides to strengthen medical and health cooperation, jointly address global health challenges and promote the building of a global community of health for all.

Filho was among over 800 attendees from overseas at the conference.

The two-day event, jointly held by the World Health Organization and Chinese sponsors including the National Health Commission, involved 3,500 participants from 85 countries and regions.

"When people study traditional medicinal formulas, they think it is just like a medicine. But when they see the herbs, they see much more than just chemicals, but also the plants themselves and can better understand their effects on the human body," said Filho, who is also president of the Brazilian College of Chinese Medicine in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In Brazil, the popularity of TCM therapies greatly increased since a number of famous athletes showed up with signs of cupping or applauded the effects of moxibustion during the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics, Filho said.

"I still find it a bit difficult to explain Chinese medicine and culture in Portuguese, but someone needs to do it because Chinese medicine must grow and I will make my best effort," he said.

In his letter to the conference, Xi also said that China is willing to work with the international community to foster mutual learning of traditional medicines, integrate them more deeply into the global health system and advance their innovative transformation and development.

Regarding TCM, Xi said that China has always attached equal importance to both modern medicine and TCM, striven to utilize the advantages of both and promote their coordinated development, and blazed a characteristic development path of traditional medicine.

Official data shows that the numbers of TCM facilities and practitioners in China have both more than doubled in the past decade, covering the majority of community and rural clinics. Meanwhile, more than 90 percent of general hospitals nationwide have set up their own TCM departments.

China has also launched cooperation initiatives with over 40 countries or regions and international organizations, and 59 foreign aid medical teams have offered TCM services during missions.

Saia Ma'u Piukala, WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, said that TCM has contributed significantly to global health, with one prominent example being the discovery of the anti-malaria drug artemisinin led by Chinese scientist and Nobel laureate Tu Youyou.

To achieve deeper integration of traditional medicines into healthcare systems and better harness their strengths, he said it is critical to develop evidence-based, clinical pathways as well as develop capacity to support research and innovation.

Amir Hooman Kazemi, a TCM practitioner and professor from Iran's Tehran University of Medical Sciences, said that an increasing number of Iranians now accept treatment plans that combine modern and traditional medicine.

"A lot of my patients told me that the integrated approach makes them feel better, is more effective and has fewer side effects," he said. "I believe more will come onboard in the future."

Xinhua contributed to this story.

Swan lake



Visitors watch wild swans at a lakeside scenic area in Yuncheng, Shanxi province, on Monday. The birds recently migrated to the area for the winter, attracting an increasing number of residents and tourists.

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US urged to take actions to stabilize ties

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Beijing urged Washington on Tuesday to take more actions conducive to stabilizing bilateral ties, and expressed the hope that the new United States government will make a good start in China-US interactions over the next four years.

Inside Foreign Minister Wang Yi made the remarks as he met in Beijing with President and CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy Susan Elliott and her delegation. The NCAFP is a US nonprofit, nonpartisan activist organization.

As the US government is in a transitional period, Wang said the direction of bilateral ties depends on the choice of the US and requires efforts from both sides.

The meeting came after the US announced on Saturday its approval of the latest arms sales worth \$385 million to China's Taiwan region, and two days later introduced fresh curbs on the sale of two-dozen types of semiconductor-making equipment and restrictions on numerous Chinese companies' access to US technology.

During the talks, Wang reiterated resolute opposition to US arms sales to the island and the expansion of illegal unilateral sanctions, calling on the US to have a correct strategic perception toward China.

He emphasized that Beijing has no intention of challenging or

replacing Washington, while the US should not fall into the misconception of outcompeting China.

China's development and revitalization have a clear historical logic and strong endogenous driving force, which constitute an unstoppable and inevitable trend, he said.

On the Taiwan question, Wang said it is China's internal affair and reaffirmed China's determination to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He called on the US to adhere to the commitment to the one-China policy and respect the development path chosen by the Chinese people and their legitimate right to development.

He also underlined the importance of communication and dialogue, saying that dialogue may not solve all problems, but it helps enhance understanding, avoid misjudgments and promote cooperation.

He added that China will continue to facilitate and support the exchange of personnel between the two countries, welcoming more individuals from various sectors in the US to visit the country.

China will remain committed to improving and developing bilateral ties in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, regardless of changes within the US, Wang said.

The three principles align with the practical needs of the two countries' relationship, the trends of the times, and the common

expectations of the international community, he added.

Wang mentioned that during the China-US summit held in Lima, Peru, last month, President Xi Jinping put forward seven experiences and inspirations drawn from the journey of bilateral ties over the past four years.

Xi emphasized that China's goal of stable, healthy and sustainable Sino-US ties remains unchanged; its commitment to mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation as principles for handling bilateral ties remains unchanged; its position of resolutely safeguarding sovereignty, security and development interests remains unchanged; and its desire to carry forward the traditional friendship between the Chinese and American peoples remains unchanged.

Those not only represent an authoritative interpretation of China's policy toward the US, but also reflect expectations for future bilateral relations, Wang said.

A news release quoted the US side as saying that as the US government is in a period of transition, it is hoped that both sides will maintain effective communication, continue strategic dialogues and enhance cultural exchanges, as stabilizing bilateral ties is crucial for both countries and the world.

The committee is willing to play a bridging role as always and make efforts to promote the development of US-China relations in a positive direction, the release said.



A cluster of reishi mushrooms, or lingzhi in Chinese, catches the attention of a visitor on Tuesday at the Beijing International Traditional Medicine Exhibition, which was held simultaneously with the 2024 World Conference on Traditional Medicine.

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List: Washington's moves unlikely to have major impact

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Gong Ting, an associate research fellow on American studies at the Beijing-based China Institute of International Studies, said the US policy measures do not benefit US companies. The measures will only push Chinese companies to become more self-reliant, therefore accelerating the growth of China's technology sector, Gong added.

Chinese semiconductor developers and manufacturers, including Skyverse Technology, Naura Technology Group and Hwatsing Technology, which have been added to the US export control list, responded on Tuesday.

In separate statements, they

emphasized that their key components are now fully self-produced, with sales primarily focused on the domestic market. They added that the latest external restrictions are not expected to have a significant impact on their operations.

Jiangsu Nata Opto-electronic Material, an electronic materials supplier based in Suzhou, Jiangsu province, said the new restrictions won't have a substantial impact on the company. Although there may be some curbs on procuring certain components, the company has already secured adequate stock and plans to adopt domestic alternatives, it said.

The company primarily sources its raw materials domestically, according to Nata's statement.

Anthony Moretti, an associate professor in the Communication and Organizational Leadership Department at Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania, told China Daily that "the news from a few days ago that Huawei's newest smartphone was created with the most sophisticated products was another reminder that China's biggest companies can take any tariff or import-ban punch and remain standing".

This sentiment aligns with the latest trade data. China's foreign trade in chip products totaled \$447.41 billion between January and October, a year-on-year increase of 13.6 percent. In the same period, the nation's exports in this category amounted to \$131.32 billion, a 19.6 percent year-

on-year surge, according to statistics from the General Administration of Customs.

Dutch chip manufacturing equipment provider ASML Holding said in a statement on Monday that the latest export controls by the US government have expanded the scope of restricted technologies to include measurement and software technologies. Additionally, more wafer manufacturers, primarily those located in China, have been added to the US restriction list.

If Dutch authorities conduct a similar security assessment like the US has, exports of deep ultraviolet immersion lithography systems to these specific locations could also be affected, the statement said.