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- 1. China's Chang'e-5 retrieves 1,731 grams of moon samples

China's Chang'e-5 probe retrieved about 1,731 grams of samples from the moon. The Chang'e-5 probe, comprising an orbiter, a lander, an ascender and a returner, was launched on Nov. 24. The return capsule landed in China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in the early hours of Dec. 17, bringing back the samples collected from the moon.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/19/c_139603293.htm
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/17/c_139595181.htm

2. China holds key economic meeting to plan for 2021

The annual Central Economic Work Conference was held in Beijing from Dec. 16 to Dec. 18, as Chinese leaders charted the course for the economy in 2021. In a speech at the conference, President Xi Jinping reviewed the country's economic work in 2020, analyzed the current situation and arranged the economic work for next year.

Further reading on the following website:

www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202012/18/WS5fdc871ea31024ad0ba9cb9a.html

3. Remarks by Chinese President Xi Jinping at Climate Ambition Summit

On Dec. 12, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a speech via video link at the Climate Ambition Summit. He said China aims to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060. He announced some further commitments for 2030: China will lower its carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP by over 65 percent from the 2005 level, increase the share of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 25 percent, increase the forest stock volume by 6 billion cubic meters from the 2005 level, and bring its total installed capacity of wind and solar power to over 1.2 billion kilowatts.

The full transcript of the speech is as follows:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/12/c_139584803.htm

4. China holds state commemoration for Nanjing Massacre victims

The people of Nanjing observed a minute of silence, and sirens were heard across the city as China held a memorial ceremony on Dec. 13 to mourn the 300,000 victims of the Nanjing Massacre. In 2014, China's top legislature designated December 13 as the national memorial day for the victims of the Nanjing Massacre, which took place when Japanese troops captured the city on Dec. 13, 1937.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c_139586652.htm

5. China releases shortened negative list for market access

On Dec. 16, Chinese government released the 2020 negative list for market access, which cut the number of items on the list to 123 from 131 in the previous year. Altogether 14 regulations were removed from the list. The negative list for market access is revised on an annual basis. The 2020 list is shortened from 131 in 2019 and 151 in 2018.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/16/c_139593784.htm

6. President Xi Jinping congratulates International Forum on Sharing Poverty Reduction

Chinese President Xi Jinping has sent a letter of congratulations to the International Forum on Sharing Poverty Reduction Experience, which opened on Dec. 14 in Beijing. Calling poverty eradication "a common ideal of humanity," Xi said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government had made unremitting and arduous efforts to ensure a better life for the people. China is willing to work with all countries to promote international poverty reduction and build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/15/c_139589342.htm

Policy Position

1.China releases White Paper: Energy in China's New Era

The full text of the paper is as follows:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/node_8021150.html

2.China releases White Paper: Sustainable Development of Transport in China

The full text of the paper is as follows:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/node_8021159.html

3. The 20th Press Conference on Xinjiang-related Issues

The full transcript of the speech is as follows:

<http://english.ts.cn/system/2020/12/09/036533248.shtml>

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