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**China News**

**1. President Xi Jinping Speaks with Russian President Vladimir**

**Putin on the Phone**

On the afternoon of 25 February 2022, President Xi Jinping spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the phone. The two presidents exchanged views with a focus on the current situation in Ukraine.

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202202/t20220225\\_10645701.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202202/t20220225_10645701.html)

**2. President Xi Jinping Holds a Virtual Summit with Leaders of**

**France and Germany**

On the afternoon of 8 March 2022, President Xi Jinping had a virtual summit with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Beijing.

President Xi pointed out that China and the EU share much common understanding on promoting peace, seeking development and advancing cooperation. We need to shoulder our responsibility to bring more stability and certainty to a turbulent and fluid world.

The leaders exchanged views on the key issue of the current situation in Ukraine.

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202203/t20220308\\_10649839.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202203/t20220308_10649839.html)

### **3. President Xi Jinping Has a Video Call with US President Joe**

#### **Biden**

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

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202203/t20220319\\_10653207.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202203/t20220319_10653207.html)

### **4. President Xi Jinping Meets with European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission President Ursula von**

#### **der Leyen**

President Xi Jinping met via video link with President Charles Michel of the European Council and President Ursula von der Leyen of the European Commission in Beijing on the evening of 1 April.

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/web/zyxw/202204/t20220401\\_10663314.shtml](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/web/zyxw/202204/t20220401_10663314.shtml)

### **5. President Xi Jinping Delivers Written Remarks at the Third Foreign Ministers' Meeting Among the Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan**

On March 31, President Xi Jinping delivered written remarks at the third Foreign Ministers' Meeting among the Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan.

President Xi underscored that amity and good neighborliness are invaluable to a country. China always respects Afghanistan ' s sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and has committed to supporting its pursuit of peace, stability and development. The coordination and cooperation mechanism among neighbors of Afghanistan, since its launch last September, has endeavored to bring into play the strengths of neighboring countries, thus playing a constructive role in promoting the steady transition in Afghanistan.

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202203/t2022031\\_10657978.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202203/t2022031_10657978.html)

## **6. Hong Kong's epidemic fight**

New mainland medical team arrives in Hong Kong to boost epidemic fight

<https://english.news.cn/20220314/30b2c107111b4010988d4d7b08ea987a/c.html>

Heart to heart, hand in hand -- mainland medical staff help COVID test sampling in Hong Kong

<https://english.news.cn/20220318/3ebe077b9e1b4a5d9768402faab99ad1/c.html>

1st phase of mainland-aided COVID-19 medical facilities completed in Hong Kong

<https://english.news.cn/20220324/d3964a0c70244113b4d5c6478f80607b/c.html>

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. President Xi Jinping Speaks with UK Prime Minister Boris**

#### **Johnson on the Phone**

On the afternoon of 25 March, President Xi Jinping spoke with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on the phone.

Recognizing the different national conditions of China and the

UK and hence different development paths, President Xi pointed out the need for the two sides to take a strategic and long-term perspective, uphold mutual respect, keep an open and inclusive mindset, increase dialogue and exchange, and expand mutually beneficial cooperation. He affirmed China's candid, open and inclusive attitude toward dialogue and cooperation with the UK. He called on the UK to view China and China-UK relations in an objective and impartial light and work with China to keep moving the bilateral ties forward.

Prime Minister Johnson noted the high importance of UK-China relations. The UK is proud of the fact that trade between the two countries has grown rapidly and that there are more Chinese students in the UK than any other European country. As both countries are permanent members of the UN Security Council, there are many issues on which the UK and China have shared interest and can work together. He expressed the UK's readiness to engage in candid dialogue with China, increase exchanges and cooperation, broaden cooperation on trade and economy, and deepen communication and coordination on climate change, biodiversity and other global and regional issues.

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

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202203/t20220325\\_10655812.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202203/t20220325_10655812.html)

## **2. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Speaks with British Foreign Secretary Elizabeth Truss on the Phone at Request**

On February 25, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi had a phone conversation with British Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs Elizabeth Truss at the latter's request.

Wang Yi said that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of ambassadorial diplomatic relations between China and the UK. It is an important year of building on past achievements

and scoring for new progress in the development history of China-UK relations.

Truss said, it is important for the UK and China, as permanent members of the UN Security Council, to maintain regular communication. The UK is ready to further strengthen high-level exchanges and strategic communication with China and jointly push forward bilateral relations.

The two sides mainly exchanged views on the Ukraine situation.

Further reading on the following website:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202202/t20220226\\_10645863.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202202/t20220226_10645863.html)

### **3. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Delivers a Speech at “Future Leaders Programme” at Great Britain China Centre**

On 24 February, Ambassador Zheng Zeguang attended a seminar at Great Britain China Centre and delivered a speech on how to understand correctly China and the China-UK relationship.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220323\\_10654369.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220323_10654369.htm)

### **4. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang wrote an article for CGTN in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the China-UK**

#### **Ambassadorial diplomatic relations**

On March 13th, 2022, CGTN carried an article by H.E. Zheng Zeguang, Chinese Ambassador to the UK in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the China-UK ambassadorial diplomatic relations. The article is entitled Advancing Sino-British relations amid major changes unseen in a century.

He wrote that the relations between China and the UK should be developing in a way that meets the fundamental interests of the Chinese and British people, and people in the rest of the world; the two countries should steadfastly uphold the principles of win-win cooperation, mutual learning and tolerance to nourish bilateral relations; the two countries

should respect each other's core interests and major concerns to consolidate the foundation of bilateral relations.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220314\\_10651408.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220314_10651408.htm)

## **5. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang wrote an article for People's Daily in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the China-UK Ambassadorial diplomatic relations**

On March 13th, 2022, the People's Daily carried an opinion piece by H.E. Zheng Zeguang, Chinese Ambassador to the UK in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the China-UK ambassadorial diplomatic relations. The article is entitled Promote the Steady and Sustained Development of the China-UK Relationship on the Right Track. He wrote that Cooperation serves the interests of China and the UK as well as the world. It is the best choice for both sides. Given the different national conditions, China and the UK should seek to develop together on the basis of mutual respect, and work for win-win results by seeking common ground. Looking to the future, the two countries should proceed from the fundamental interests of the peoples of both countries and the people of the world, resist disruptions, overcome obstacles, and continue to move the bilateral relations forward.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220313\\_10651312.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220313_10651312.htm)

## **6. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang Delivered Remarks at the Seminar on the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of China-UK Ambassadorial Diplomatic Relations**

On 22 March 2022, the Chinese Embassy in the UK held a seminar marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-UK ambassadorial diplomatic relations. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang delivered remarks entitled Working Together for a Better

Future. He gave his suggestions on how to promote the steady and sustained development of the China-UK relationship on the right track of dialogue and cooperation.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220323\\_10654366.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220323_10654366.htm)

## **Policy and Facts**

### **1. On Ukraine**

Senior Chinese official elaborates on China's position on Ukraine situation

<http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/europe/20220315/53c105994ede4f8b8f7fd812b61446d8/c.html>

Wang Yi Talks about China's Five-Pronged Perseverance on Ukraine Issue

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx\\_662805/202204/t20220401\\_10663132.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202204/t20220401_10663132.html)

Ambassador Zheng Zeguang on Ukraine Crisis

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220321\\_10653885.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/202203/t20220321_10653885.htm)

Embassy Spokesperson's comment on the UK Side's remarks about China in relation to Ukraine

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/202203/t20220321\\_10653647.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/202203/t20220321_10653647.htm)

### **2. On China's Covid Policy**

Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on Some Media's Wrong Comment about China's Covid Policy

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/202203/t20220328\\_10656665.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/202203/t20220328_10656665.htm)

### **3. On Hong Kong**

Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on the UK Government's Announcement in Support of the Withdrawal of Serving UK Judges



from the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/202203/t20220331\\_10658171.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/202203/t20220331_10658171.htm)

Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on UK Official's Wrong Comment on Hong Kong

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/202203/t20220315\\_10651718.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso ns/202203/t20220315_10651718.htm)

## **China in my eyes**

### **1. The West And China**

Graham Perry, international arbitrator  
March 18, 2022

The West is wrong about China today.

It always predicts gloom + doom. It is wishful thinking. It hopes the big China experiment will fail. That is the reason why West's reporting on China is uniformly negative. The reporting is also unhelpful because it fails to inform its readers of the true situation.

The Communist Party was in power and in control of a devastated country. It set about the task of rebuilding the nation.

China's undoubted successes were overlooked just as their failures were magnified. China, in the view of the West, cannot succeed because it rejects the West's basic notions of freedom, democracy and the rule of law. There is only one way, says the West, and that is "Our Way".

The West's vision of China is very blurred.

<https://grahamperryonchina.com/the-west-and-china-378/>

### **2. Deeper dialogue and understanding between China and all**

## **nations of paramount importance**

Alistair Michie, secretary general of British East Asia Council

For over three decades I have studied communication both ways between China and the world. My motivation was the observation, as a non-Chinese person, that as China rises in the world, then it becomes of paramount importance that there is deeper dialogue and understanding between China and all nations of the world. That is why this initiative to support Chinese cities communicate more effectively with the world is so valuable.

<https://www.euronews.com/next/2021/12/23/xinhuanet-and-the-ccg-release-report-looking-at-how-chinese-cities-can-improve-global-co-mm>

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