



# China Newsletter

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# **China News**

## **1. CPC to amend party constitution**

The Communist Party of China (CPC) will amend its constitution at the upcoming national congress.

On September 18, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee deliberated a draft amendment to the constitution at a meeting presided over by Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

Amending the constitution at the 19th CPC National Congress on the basis of the new situation and tasks would promote the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics and Party building, said a statement issued after the meeting.

It said the amendment must include the key theories and strategic thought presented by a report to be delivered at the 19th CPC National Congress.

It also noted that the amendment should make the CPC more vigorous, stronger and enable it to keep a close connection with the people.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/18/c\\_136618945.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/18/c_136618945.htm)

### **Politicians await Party Congress**

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2017-09/18/content\\_32137128.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2017-09/18/content_32137128.htm)

## **2. Xi and Trump talk about upcoming China visit and Korean Peninsula over phone**

On 18 September 2017, President Xi Jinping held telephone talks with President Donald Trump of the US.

President Trump said the close contacts and sound working relationships between the heads of state of China and the US is satisfactory. Both China and the US have important domestic agendas this year. It is hoped that these agendas will run smoothly. The President

was very much looking forward to his upcoming state visit to China, and believed that this visit would give a strong boost to US-China relations.

Xi Jinping expressed his pleasure in keeping regular communication on issues of common concern with the US President. China and the US have broad common interests. At present, exchanges and cooperation in various fields are enjoying a sound momentum. Both sides should strengthen exchanges at the highest level and all the other levels, and should ensure the success of the first round of China-US social and people-to-people cultural dialogue as well as the law enforcement and cyber security dialogue, so as to expand the cooperation between the two countries in various fields. The Chinese side attaches importance to the state visit of President Trump this year. Both sides should work closely with each other to ensure that this visit will yield fruitful results and inject new vitality into the development of China-US relations.

Xi Jinping expressed condolences to President Trump and the people of the US over the recent hurricane disaster, to which President Trump expressed his appreciation.

The two heads of state exchanged views on the current situation on the Korean Peninsula.

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1494851.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1494851.shtml)

### **3. China launches campaign to protect IPRs of foreign companies**

The Chinese government has begun a campaign to protect the intellectual property rights (IPR) of foreign companies.

The campaign will focus on malicious trademark registration and imitation of foreign brands, the Ministry of Commerce said Monday 18 September, citing a joint action plan by 12 government departments.

From September to December, the campaign will also target infringement of online IPRs, patent rights and plant variety rights, as well as industrial espionage, according to the plan.

China has promised to improve IPR protection for foreign companies with campaigns against violations and stepping up judicial and administrative protection, according to a guideline on ensuring foreign investment growth released last month by the State Council.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1564025/1564025.htm>

**Nationwide negative list to spur foreign investment**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1564468/1564468.htm>

**China to further cross-border e-commerce to boost foreign trade**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1564227/1564227.htm>

#### **4. China-Europe high-tech cooperation benefits both sides**

After taking over German robotics firm Kuka, Chinese home appliance giant Midea Group is turning the European company into a global service provider for smart manufacturing.

At the 2017 China (Guangdong)--Europe Investment and Innovation Cooperation Conference held in Foshan City this week, Gu Yanmin, vice president of Midea, said more advanced mobile robots were being developed so Kuka's industrial robots could be applied in more complicated production scenarios.

"More Chinese technologies have been introduced to the European market. The two-way technology exchange is replacing the previous one-way technology imports from Europe to China," Gu said.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/17/c\\_136616584.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/17/c_136616584.htm)

#### **5. China's C919 jumbo jet receives new orders**

The orders for China's large passenger jet, the C919, reached 730 on 19 September after four customers signed purchase plans with the maker.

Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), the Shanghai-based manufacturer of the C919, signed the contracts with four domestic leasing companies at the Beijing Aviation Expo.

It was the largest number of orders since the first C919 plane made its maiden flight in May.

COMAC is advancing test flights, according to Wu Guanghui, vice president of COMAC.

The company plans to produce six planes for test flights. The second is expected to make its maiden flight at the end of this year.

With a standard range of 4,075 kilometers, the C919 jet is comparable to the updated Airbus 320 and Boeing's new generation 737 planes.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/19/c\\_136621761.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/19/c_136621761.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. President Xi Jinping holds telephone talks with Prime Minister Theresa May**

On 25 September 2017, President Xi Jinping held telephone talks with Prime Minister Theresa May.

The two leaders reaffirmed the commitment to deepening China-UK global comprehensive strategic partnership for the 21st century and building the "Golden Era" of bilateral relations. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the establishment of ambassadorial diplomatic relations between China and the UK. The two sides should maintain high-level exchanges, advance institutional dialogue in various fields, keep the strong momentum of cooperation between China and the UK in economy, trade and people-to-people and cultural exchanges, deepen the alignment of development strategies of the two countries within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative and strengthen coordination in safeguarding world peace and development. It is in the interests of all parties for the UK and the EU to remain prosperous, stable and open. China stands ready to push for continued progress of both China-UK relations and China-EU relations.

Theresa May said that the UK highly values its relations with China and stays committed to the building the "Golden Era" of bilateral relations. The UK will work with China to continue the close high-level exchange between the two sides, engage in strategic dialogue, deepen the cooperation in economy, trade and security and strengthen people-to-people and cultural exchanges so as to push forward the development of UK-China relations.

The two leaders exchanged views on the situation on the Korean Peninsula. Xi Jinping said that China remains committed to the goal of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, firmly safeguards the international non-proliferation regime and firmly upholds the peace and stability in Northeast Asia. The Korean Peninsula issue should be resolved peacefully through dialogue and consultation, which requires the concerted efforts of the international community. As permanent member states of the United Nations Security Council, China and the UK shoulder the responsibility and the obligation to solve relevant issues in a way that upholds regional and global peace. It is hoped that the UK works actively for peace talks and plays a constructive role in easing the situation and resuming the dialogue.

Theresa May reaffirmed the UK's commitment to safeguarding international and regional peace and stability, and solving the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue through peaceful means. The UK attaches importance to the significant influence of China on resolving the Korean Peninsula issue, appreciates the efforts China has made and is willing to enhance communication and coordination with China.

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1497333.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1497333.shtml)

## **2. Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson**

On 19 September 2017 local time, Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

Wang Yi noted that this year marks the 45th anniversary of the establishment of ambassadorial diplomatic relations between China and the UK. Both countries should continue to work hand in hand, maintain high-level exchanges, deepen practical cooperation, and promote the "Golden Era" of bilateral relations for in-depth development. China appreciates that the UK supports the Belt and Road Initiative. China and the UK should jointly uphold the multilateral trading system with WTO as the core, and send out a positive message of committing to building an open global economy and opposing protectionism. It is hoped the UK

could create a sound environment for Chinese enterprises to invest in the UK.

Boris Johnson said that China is a major country with extensive international influence and the UK shares similar or same opinions with China on a series of important international issues, especially on promoting free trade and maintaining an open market. The UK attaches great importance to developing its relations with China and stands ready to enhance bilateral high-level exchanges and consolidate cooperation in various fields, so as to advance UK-China relations in the “Golden Era”.

The two sides also exchanged views on the situation of the Korean Peninsula, the Afghan issue and other topics.

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1495909.htm>

### **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming urges China, Britain to grasp “five opportunities” to turn cooperation potential into success**

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming hosted a reception on 25 September 2017 at the Langham Hotel London to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

In his remarks at the event, Ambassador Liu said that he is fully confident about the future of China-Britain relations, urging the two countries to turn confidence into actions and turn potential into success. He shared his observations of “five opportunities” to advance the bilateral relations, namely opportunities from China-UK “Golden Era”, China's development, coordination of respective development strategies, cultural and people-to-people exchanges and collaboration on international issues.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1496594.htm>

### **4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Tap the potential for a brighter future of China-Scotland cooperation**

On 19 September 2017, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended a dinner hosted by the Scottish Chamber of Commerce and delivered a speech entitled *Tap the Potential for a Brighter Future of China-Scotland Cooperation*.

Ambassador Liu spoke highly of Scotland for maintaining strong and close ties with China, featuring numerous official visits, numerous outcomes in business cooperation and numerous cultural and people-to-people exchanges. He believed that China and Scotland enjoy favourable winds in the sail in advancing cooperation, namely the opportunities arising from China-UK "Golden Era", the Belt and Road Initiative and China's steady economic growth.

Responding to the claim by some British media that Chinese investment poses threat to Britain's national security, Ambassador Liu shared his thoughts in three "W's": Win-win, Welcome and Wisdom.

Full text of the speech is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1495121.htm>

## **5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Confucius Institutes contributing to closer cultural and people-to-people exchanges between China and Britain**

On September 19 and September 27 respectively, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended anniversary celebration of the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and the Sheffield Confucius Institute.

In his remarks at the celebration events, Ambassador Liu spoke highly of the development achievements of Confucius Institutes in the UK and their important role in promoting mutual understanding and mutual learning as well as strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two countries. He encouraged Confucius Institutes in the UK to keep up their good work and continue to contribute to an enduring China-UK "Golden Era".

Full text of the speeches on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1495121.htm>

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