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## **China News**

### **1. China promises opening up, opportunity, development at Davos**

Opening up. Opportunity. Development. These were the three signals sent out by China's top representative at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos on Wednesday Jan. 24 to the political and business leaders attending the global gathering.

Liu He, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, elaborated the path of China's economic development in the coming years and China's pledge to join hands with the rest of the world to create a brighter future for all.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/25/c\\_136924359.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/25/c_136924359.htm)

### **2. China reveals top-level planning of economic policy at Davos forum**

Liu He, a senior Chinese official, elaborated on Wednesday Jan. 24 on the top-level planning of China's economic policy for the next few years at the World Economic Forum.

"In a nutshell, this policy centers around a key necessity, a main task and three critical battles," said Liu, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and director of the General Office of the Central Leading Group for Financial and Economic Affairs.

Liu also pledged that China will open wider to the world across the board.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/24/c\\_136921882.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/24/c_136921882.htm)

### **China determined to remove institutional barriers through reform**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1617866/1617866.htm>

### **China steps up efforts to rein in central SOE debt**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1617193/1617193.htm>

### **China takes tougher line on financial risks**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/29/c\\_136934165.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/29/c_136934165.htm)

### **3. Davos participants eye Belt and Road in pursuing a shared future**

Participants of the Davos World Economic Forum annual meeting, which closed Friday Jan. 26, have turned to the Belt and Road Initiative for cures for the fractured world and to create a shared future.

They expected the initiative to tie together the destiny of people living in different countries and regions through further specific actions to promote connectivity, improve living standards, boost free trade, among others.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/28/c\\_136930747.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/28/c_136930747.htm)

**Facts & Figures: AIIB's two-year journey**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/31773/35507/35520/Document/1617202/1617202.htm>

### **4. Beijing to spend over 19 bln yuan to tackle air pollution in 2018**

Beijing plans to spend more than 19 billion yuan (about 3 billion U.S. dollars) to fight air pollution this year, local authorities said Friday Jan. 26.

It marks a yearly increase of 590 million yuan, according to statistics released at the ongoing annual session of the 15th Beijing Municipal People's Congress.

The money will be used to control pollution sources such as coal, vehicles and dust, and to support projects to replace coal with clean energy in rural areas, according to a draft of the 2018 Beijing budget report.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-01/27/content\\_50322329.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-01/27/content_50322329.htm)

**Beijing to shut down 1,000 manufacturing companies by 2020**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/27/c\\_136929519.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/27/c_136929519.htm)

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Prime Minister Theresa May to pay an official visit to China**

At the invitation of Premier Li Keqiang, Prime Minister Theresa May will pay an official visit to China from January 31 to February 2 and hold a new round of annual China-UK Prime Ministers' meeting.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1529961.htm>

## **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: British PM's China visit set to push forward "Golden Era" for ties**

British Prime Minister Theresa May's upcoming official visit to China, the first since she took office in 2016, is expected to chart a new course and push forward the "Golden Era" for bilateral ties, said Chinese Ambassador to Britain Liu Xiaoming.

The visit by May, also the first by a British prime minister to China since Chinese President Xi Jinping's tour to Britain in 2015 when the two countries sealed the "Golden Era", will play the role of a "beacon" for the two countries' relations, Liu said in a joint interview with Chinese media.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/25/c\\_136924926.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/25/c_136924926.htm)

### **UK taking on 'natural partner' role in B&R Initiative**

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201801/25/WS5a69c46ca3106e7dc136a5e.html>

### **Belt and Road Cooperation to Highlight Theresa May's China Visit**

<http://chinaplus.cri.cn/news/china/9/20180126/82972.html?from=singlemessage&isappinstalled=0>

## **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: 2018 sees important opportunities for China-UK relations**

On Jan. 18, H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech at the China-UK Economic and Trade Forum entitled *Embrace New Era, Open up New Prospects and Scale New Heights*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that for China, the year 2018 will be the opening year for the implementation of the blueprint of the 19th CPC Party Congress, also marking the 40th anniversary of China's reform and

opening-up policy and the fifth anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative; for China-UK relations, 2018 is also an important year. The two sides need to seize important opportunities to expand, elevate and deepen mutually-beneficial cooperation.

Full text of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1526910.htm>

## **Policy and Position**

### **1. China publishes Arctic policy, eyeing vision of 'Polar Silk Road'**

China published a white paper on its Arctic policy Friday Jan. 26, pledging cooperative governance and elaborating a vision of "Polar Silk Road."

The country would like to "jointly understand, protect, develop and participate in the governance of the Arctic, and advance Arctic-related cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative," according to the white paper.

China vowed to participate in Arctic affairs in accordance with the basic principles of "respect, cooperation, win-win result and sustainability."

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/26/c\\_136926299\\_2.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/26/c_136926299_2.htm)

**Full text: China's Arctic Policy**

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1618217/1618217.htm>

**SCIO briefing on China's policy on the Arctic**

[http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-01/26/content\\_50315428\\_2.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-01/26/content_50315428_2.htm)

### **2. Working Together to Build a Better World: Keynote Address by H.E. Xi Jinping at the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting**

[http://www.idcpc.org.cn/english/events/201801/t20180130\\_95196.html](http://www.idcpc.org.cn/english/events/201801/t20180130_95196.html)

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