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China-UK Relations

1. Xi Jinping meets Theresa May, calling for better Sino-British ties in new era

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with visiting British Prime Minister Theresa May on February 1, calling on both countries to forge an enhanced version of the "Golden Era" bilateral ties.

During their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, Xi said peace, development and win-win cooperation have been the mainstream of the times with the development of a multipolar world, economic globalization, cultural diversity and great IT applications.

The two countries need to conform to the trend of the times, respond to the needs of their respective development stage and bilateral cooperation, and add new meaning into the bilateral ties so as to forge an enhanced version of the "Golden Era", Xi told May.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/01/c_136942785.htm

What Xi and May said at the meeting

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/02/WS5a77b3a7a3106e7dc13ab85.html>

2. Premier Li Keqiang and Prime Minister Theresa May hold Annual China-UK Prime Ministers' Meeting

On the afternoon of January 31, Premier Li Keqiang and Prime Minister Theresa May of the UK, who was paying an official visit to China, held the annual China-UK Prime Ministers' meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zgyw/t1531323.htm>

Theresa May looks to the future on China visit

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/01/WS5a72a5d3a3106e7dc13a31f.html>

3. Li Keqiang and Theresa May hold discussions with representatives of UK-China CEO Council

On the evening of January 31, Premier Li Keqiang and Prime Minister Theresa May held discussions at the Great Hall of the People with representatives of entrepreneurs who attended the Inaugural Meeting and the First Meeting of UK-China CEO Council.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zgyw/t1531789.htm>

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: British PM's China visit "a complete success"

British Prime Minister Theresa May's just-concluded visit to China turned out to be "a complete success", said Chinese ambassador to Britain Liu Xiaoming.

During the visit the Chinese and British leaders reached important consensus on bilateral efforts for an enhanced version of the "Golden Era" of China-UK ties, and the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations enter a new period of accelerated development, Liu said at a reception at the Chinese embassy to welcome the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/07/c_136954319.htm

Chinese Ambassador: China-UK enhanced version of "Golden Era"

https://news.cgtn.com/news/30416a4d32677a6333566d54/share_p.html?from=singlemessage&isappinstalled=0

5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China and the UK should embrace their "converging new eras" to achieve common development in 2018

H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech entitled *Play a Golden Symphony in the New Era* at a Chinese New Year

celebration hosted by The 48 Group Club and the China Chamber of Commerce in the UK.

Ambassador Liu said that China and the UK should embrace their "converging new eras" to achieve common development in 2018, and as China builds a modern and open economy and the UK tries to maintain its global ties, opportunities for the UK to participate in the China-led Belt and Road initiative could crucially link together the two countries' respective goals.

Full text of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/ambassador/dsjhjcf/t1534647.htm>

Business sectors celebrate Chinese New Year in London, discuss "Golden Era" opportunities

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/13/c_136973357.htm

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming urges China, UK to embrace "converging new eras"

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/13/WS5a824ab3a3106e7dc13c761.html>

China News

1. State Councilor Yang Jiechi meets President Donald Trump

On February 9, visiting Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi met U.S. President Donald Trump, urging the two nations to enhance coordination on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.

Yang also said the two sides should manage and control their disputes and sensitive issues properly, and implement the consensus of Trump's meeting with his Chinese counterpart, President Xi Jinping, during the U.S. leader's China visit in November.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/10/c_136963484.htm

President Donald Trump of the US Meets with Yang Jiechi

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zgyw/t1534470.htm>

Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi meets with US President Donald Trump

<https://america.cgtn.com/2018/02/09/chinese-state-councilor-yang-jiechi-meets-with-us-president-donald-trump>

US to foster China ties, Trump says

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2018-02/12/content_35688472.htm

2. Foreign Minister Wang Yi: China is willing to be the most reliable and firm strategic partner of Africa

On February 8, Foreign Minister Wang Yi jointly met the press with visiting Chairman of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat after holding the 7th China-AU Strategic Dialogue.

Wang said that the Dialogue achieved fruitful results and reached broad consensus, and that both sides believe that China-Africa relations have maintained high-level development for a long period of time, which has become a good example for the unity and cooperation between China and other developing countries.

Wang said that China is willing to be the most reliable and firm strategic partner of Africa in the historic process of the latter's standing up and becoming stronger.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/25/c_136924359.htm

AU Commission Chairman in China: Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with Moussa Faki Mahamat

https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d516a4e356b4464776c6d636a4e6e62684a4856/share_p.html

African leader dismisses bugging report

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/09/WS5a7cdc6fa3106e7dcc13baa6.html>

3. China lifted nearly 13 mln people out of poverty in 2017

China lifted 12.89 million rural people out of poverty in 2017 as it progresses towards its target of eradicating poverty, official data showed on January 31.

The poverty rate declined to 3.1 percent at the end of last year from 4.5 percent a year earlier, the NBS said. Per capita disposal income of rural residents in poor areas increased 9.1 percent last year after adjusting for inflation, up from 8.4 percent in 2016, and faster than the average growth rate of all rural areas.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/01/c_136942195.htm

Poverty battle at heart of CPC mission, says Xi

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-02/12/content_50493536.htm

Xi stresses difficulty, urgency of poverty alleviation

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/14/c_136975081.htm

Poverty battle at heart of CPC mission, says Xi

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-02/12/content_50493536.htm

Chinese premier stresses people's well-being in Spring Festival inspection

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-02/14/content_50518789.htm

4. Chinese around world prepare to ring in Lunar New Year

The Chinese Year of Dog begins on February 16. It is not only the most important festival in China, but also celebrated worldwide by people who are interested in Chinese culture.

As one of the most influential festivals in the world, Chinese New Year celebrations will be held in more than 400 cities of more than 130 countries and regions, according to the State Council Information Office.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/13/c_136972044.htm

"My job is to serve the people," Xi says in Lunar New Year inspection

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/13/c_136973607.htm

Chinese Lunar New Year celebrated across world

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c_136969904_2.htm

Indispensable reunion dinner on the Eve of Chinese New Year

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/10/c_136964494_2.htm

Old and new customs for Chinese New Year

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2018/0211/c90000-9426465.html>

Time for celebrating Chinese New Year

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201802/10/WS5a7e5463a3106e7dc13bef3.html>

CCTV Spring Festival Gala provides Ultra HD viewing experience

https://news.cgtn.com/news/304d544f32677a6333566d54/share_p.html

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