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China News

1. Multilingual version of 2nd volume of Xi's book on governance launched in London

The multilingual versions of the second volume of "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China" was launched in London on Wednesday April 11. The book, unveiled during the ongoing London Book Fair, contains a collection of 99 articles, including Xi's speeches, conversations, instructions and congratulatory messages, dated between August 2014 and September 2017.

The new book, published in Traditional Chinese characters, English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Arabic and Portuguese, was launched at a ceremony attended by some 300 political and business leaders, academics, and representatives of publishing agencies from 14 countries and regions.

The Duke of York, Prince Andrew, said at the ceremony that the global launch of the book in London is a "milestone," and it will hopefully "enlighten readers about where China is going and what it is thinking."

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/featured/xigovernance/2018-04/12/content_50866886.htm

Seminar on China in the new era held in London

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/12/c_137106686.htm

2. Xi Jinping attends opening ceremony of Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2018 and delivers keynote speech stressing to conform to the trend of the times and dedicate to openness and win-win outcomes and announcing China's new major measures to pursue further opening

On the morning of April 10, the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2018 was opened in Boao, Hainan Province. President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech themed with "Openness for Greater Prosperity, Innovation for a Better Future", stressing that all countries should conform to the trend of the

times, dedicate to openness and win-win outcomes, brave to change and break new ground and keep striving for a community with a shared future for mankind; China will remain unchanged its adherence to the reform and opening up, continue to launch new major measures to pursue further opening, and work with countries in Asia and the rest of the world to jointly create a better tomorrow for Asia and the world.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1550206.shtml

Key messages from Xi's speech at Boao Forum

http://english.scio.gov.cn/featured/xigovernance/2018-04/11/content_50861277.htm

Boao Forum for Asia in New Era, Building Common Prosperity for All (Video news)

http://english.scio.gov.cn/videos/2018-04/10/content_50856721.htm

BFA annual conference concludes with globalization consensus

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201804/11/WS5ace2425a3105cdf6517ac5.html>

Experts worldwide hail China's commitments to open trade, reject "China threat" rhetoric

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/12/c_137106603.htm

3. China's opening-up measures unrelated to trade friction

China's continued opening-up measures have nothing to do with the ongoing trade friction with the United States.

The measures are major strategic decisions made based on an accurate estimation of China's current development level in order to lead opening-up in the new era to a higher level, said Ministry of Commerce spokesman Gao Feng on Thursday April 12.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/12/c_137106298.htm

China vows to fight U.S. unilateralism "till the very end"

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/12/c_137105894.htm

SCIO briefing on Sino-US trade

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1626899/1626899.htm>

4. Belt and Road Initiative reshaping Asia's international relations: Report

The Belt and Road Initiative has injected fresh vitality to Asia's economic cooperation and helped the continent to reshape its international relations, according to a report released on Sunday April 8 at the Boao Forum for Asia 2018 annual conference.

The Belt and Road Initiative has provided "a new channel" for the world to confront the challenges of anti-globalization, as it can be used to tackle the problems arising from globalization and facilitate the sharing of development experiences, said the The Asian Competitiveness Annual Report 2018.

"The Belt and Road Initiative is closely related to economic globalization and will enhance the competitiveness of Asia. That's why the initiative should be given priority and actively promoted among the Asian economies," said the report.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/08/c_137095799.htm

China-UK Relations

1. The Guardian published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming criticizing the US for provoking trade conflicts with China

On April 11, the Guardian published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *There Would Be No Winner in a Trade War*. The newspaper's website also published the article with the title *China Does Not Want a Trade War with the US, but It Must Defend Itself*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that a trade war would be unpopular, damaging and anachronistic. It should and can be avoided. He stressed that China has taken counter-measures to uphold the rules-based international trade regime as well as to safeguard its own legitimate rights and interests. But China has not closed the door to negotiations and consultations.

The full text is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1550064.htm>

2. The Daily Telegraph publishes a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *Through Open Cooperation, We Can Protect Intellectual Property Rights*

On April 6, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *Through Open Cooperation, We Can Protect Intellectual Property Rights*.

Ambassador Liu stressed that China is pursuing an innovation-driven development strategy, and is becoming a world leader in scientific and technological innovation. China has taken firm actions to improve IP protection.

The full text is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1548607.htm>

Policy and Position

China protects freedom of religious belief: White paper

China issued a white paper on Tuesday April 3 noting that the country adopts policies on freedom of religious belief, and that such freedom is protected under the socialist legal system with Chinese characteristics.

The white paper, titled "China's Policies and Practices on Protecting Freedom of Religious Belief," was issued by the State Council Information Office.

It said that respecting and protecting freedom of religious belief is a basic policy of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201804/03/WS5ac2eb4fa3105cdf6515f44.html>

China pledges to protect freedom of religious belief

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1626521/1626521.htm>

Full text: China's Policies and Practices on Protecting Freedom of Religious Belief

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/zfbps/32832/Document/1626734/1626734.htm>

SCIO briefing on China's protection of the freedom of religious belief

<http://www.scio.gov.cn/32618/Document/1626900/1626900.htm>

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