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## **China News**

### **1. President Xi expects SCO Qingdao summit to be a success**

China regards boosting the development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as one of its diplomatic priorities, President Xi Jinping said Monday April 23, adding that he believes the upcoming SCO summit in the coastal city of Qingdao, Shandong Province, in June will be a success.

Xi made the remarks at a group meeting with foreign ministers from Russia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as with SCO secretary-general, and the director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure Executive Committee.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c\\_137131704.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c_137131704.htm)

**China willing to deepen pragmatic cooperation with SCO member states in defense, security: Xi**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-04/24/content\\_50957183.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-04/24/content_50957183.htm)

### **2. President Xi meets Schwab, vows greater opening up**

Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Monday April 16 that China would cooperate with the international community in opening up and seek win-win results through cooperation.

Xi made the remarks while meeting with Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/16/c\\_137115449.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/16/c_137115449.htm)

### **3. Survey shows economic potentials for countries joining Belt and Road Initiative**

Countries joining the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) are likely to see their growth lifted over the next five years, according to a survey released here on Wednesday April 18.

About 92 percent of the respondents expected the BRI to bolster domestic growth in the next five years.

The survey of 26 central banks of countries participating in the BRI, over half of them in Europe, was conducted by the International Finance Forum, a think tank, and Central Banking Publications.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-04/19/content\\_50913517.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-04/19/content_50913517.htm)

**Trade fair facilitates cooperation among Belt and Road countries**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-04/16/content\\_50890033.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-04/16/content_50890033.htm)

#### **4. China's Q1 GDP grows 6.8 pct. year on year**

The Chinese economy saw a solid start to the year with a 6.8-percent growth in the first quarter, official data showed Tuesday April 17.

GDP reached 19.88 trillion yuan (about 3.2 trillion U.S. dollars) in the first three months of 2018, up 6.8 percent year on year at comparable prices, unchanged from the growth rate in the previous quarter, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/17/c\\_137117225.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/17/c_137117225.htm)

**China's economy displays resilience amid trade tensions**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/18/content\\_50905018.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/18/content_50905018.htm)

**Chinese central SOEs profit up 19.4 percent in Q1**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/16/content\\_50891713.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/16/content_50891713.htm)

**China records sound Q1 trade, surplus narrows**

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201804/13/WS5ad0b8e7a3105cdcf651836a.html>

**SCIO briefing on China's economy in Q1**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/18/content\\_50905670.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-04/18/content_50905670.htm)

## **5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs holds event presenting Henan province**

On April 13, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the 12th provincial promotion event under the theme of “China in the New Era: Global Partnership, Wonderful Henan” at the Blue Hall of the Ministry. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the event and delivered a speech.

More than 500 people including Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng, diplomatic envoys in China from over 150 countries, representatives from international organizations in China, delegates from industrial and commercial sectors, Chinese and foreign experts, scholars as well as journalists attended the event.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1551698.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1551698.shtml)

**Video:**

<https://www.facebook.com/1462000824110441/videos/1944138579229994/>

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. President Xi and Prime Minister May agree to further promote golden era of bilateral ties in telephone conversation**

Chinese President Xi Jinping and British Prime Minister Theresa May agreed to further promote the "Golden Era" of bilateral ties between the two sides.

In a telephone conversation on Thursday April 19, Xi pointed out that during May's visit to China earlier this year, a significant consensus was reached to further boost the "Golden Era" for China-Britain ties.

The two sides agreed on pushing the bilateral relations to a more strategic, practical, globalized and inclusive level, and making joint efforts to constantly lead the relationship between the two countries to move forward.

Further reading on the following websites:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/19/c\\_137123335.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/19/c_137123335.htm)

## **Xi Jinping Holds Telephone Talks at Request with Prime Minister Theresa May of the UK**

[http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/t1553355.shtml](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1553355.shtml)

## **2. The Daily Telegraph publishes a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *A More Open China Helps the Whole World***

On April 23, the Daily Telegraph published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *A More Open China Helps the Whole World*. The newspaper's website also published the article with the title *China rejects egoism and protectionism. We choose instead to embrace the world*. In the article, Ambassador Liu elaborated on President Xi's speech at the Boao Forum for Asia, interpreting its message, and its implications for China and the world.

The full text is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1553599.htm>

## **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming speaks at the City Week 2018: *Harvest More "Golden Fruits" for China and the UK through Open and Inclusive Cooperation on Belt and Road Initiative***

On April 23, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming delivered a keynote speech at the City Week 2018 entitled *Harvest More "Golden Fruits" for China and the UK through Open and Inclusive Cooperation on Belt and Road Initiative*.

In his speech, Ambassador Liu observed that the Belt and Road Initiative, which was proposed by President Xi Jinping in 2013, has delivered fruitful results. He shared the main reasons behind the Initiative's popularity, namely it's a road to peace and development, a road to greater openness in China, a road to win-win cooperation, and a road to closer exchanges between civilizations. He further pointed out that there is a promising prospect for China-UK cooperation on the Initiative and both sides should seize the opportunities and take relevant cooperation to a new stage.

The full text is on the following website:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1553972.htm>

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