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1. B&R Initiative behind robust trade growth of China's inland provinces

The Belt and Road Initiative has turned China's inland areas into the frontline of the country's opening up, with robust trade between the western, central Chinese regions and countries participating in the initiative.

Among the provincial-level regions that released their trade data for the first half of this year, most saw faster trade growth with B&R countries compared with their overall trade growth.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-08/07/content_58184415.htm

Xinjiang rides high on Belt and Road Initiative

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/08/WS5b6a649ba310add14f384a0c.html>

Xinjiang becomes logistics hub of Belt and Road

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/12/c_137384382.htm

2. Over 160,000 purchasers register for China's first Import Expo

More than 160,000 purchasers from over 80,000 domestic and foreign companies have registered for the first China International Import Expo (CIIE) as of Tuesday August 7, its organizer said.

According to the China International Import Expo Bureau, it had planned to organize a total of 150,000 purchasers, but the registration exceeded expectations.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-08/09/content_58294368.htm

China eyes shared prosperity ahead of first import expo

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/27/c_137352706.htm

3. FOCAC Beijing summit a new starting point for China-Africa partnership: Tunisian ambassador

The upcoming 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will become a new starting point for fully fostering the China-Africa comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership, Dhia Khaled, Tunisian Ambassador to China, said in an interview with Xinhua in Beijing.

Calling the summit a "historic meeting," Khaled said it will create opportunities for China and African countries to deepen cooperation, promote development, and increase mutual understanding.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-08/14/content_58688763.htm

China, Africa will strengthen poverty relief exchanges

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/15/WS5b73649aa310add14f385c3f.html>

4. China's trade growth weathers US tariff headwinds

China's foreign trade maintained steady growth in the first seven months of this year despite escalating trade tensions with the United States, with data pointing to a more balanced trade picture.

China's goods trade went up 8.6 percent year on year to 16.72 trillion yuan (about 2.45 trillion U.S. dollars) in the January-July period of this year, customs data showed Wednesday August 8.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/08/c_137376772.htm

China's service trade hits new high in H1

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-08/08/content_58234427.htm

5. Local governments plan more steps to attract investment

Local government officials are stepping up measures to further improve the business environment and make it easier for the public to

access administrative services as part of the ongoing efforts to attract more domestic and foreign investment.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201807/28/WS5b5bb65fa31031a351e90b29.html>

China's FDI remains stable, quality improves

http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2018/08/13/content_281476259770762.htm

China signals greater focus on economic stability

http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-08/02/content_57967544.htm

Real economy to get stronger government support

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201807/27/WS5b5a6f04a31031a351e9077c.html>

New platform set up for better management of State assets

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-08/02/content_57965306.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Chinese premier meets British foreign secretary

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met with British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt in Beijing on Monday July 30, hailing the positive progress in China-UK ties and substantial cooperation in all areas.

Li said that as permanent members of the UN Security Council and two of the world's major economies, China and Britain have the responsibility to uphold the international order and systems based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/31/c_137359770.htm

2. Wang Yi and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt of the United Kingdom (UK) hold the 9th China-UK Strategic Dialogue

On July 30, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the 9th China-United Kingdom (UK) Strategic Dialogue with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt of the UK in Beijing.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1582065.shtml

Wang Yi: Enable the "Golden Era" of China-United Kingdom (UK) Relations to Become More Mature

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1582070.shtml

Wang Yi Talks About the Joint Building of the Belt and Road Initiative Between China and the United Kingdom (UK): Openness, Inclusiveness and Principle Orientation

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/ceuk/eng/zywl/t1582209.htm>

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