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1. President Xi to deliver keynote speech at FOCAC

Chinese President Xi Jinping will deliver a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) 2018 Beijing Summit on September 3, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi announced on Wednesday August 22.

The speech will expound China's new ideas on strengthening relations with Africa, and announce new measures for China's pragmatic cooperation with Africa, Wang said at a press conference.

The summit is scheduled for September 3 to 4 in Beijing. Wang said various African leaders and the chairman of the African Union (AU) will attend the summit, as well as the United Nations Secretary-General as the special guest and 27 international and African groups as observers.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-08/23/content_59844446.htm

Summit to bolster China-Africa ties

<http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/29/WS5b85ef0da310add14f3884db.html>

A quick look at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

http://english.scio.gov.cn/infographics/2018-08/28/content_60665198.htm

2. President Xi pledges to bring benefits to people through Belt and Road Initiative

President Xi Jinping on Monday August 27 underlined thorough and solid cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to benefit people in countries involved and build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Xi addressed a symposium held in Beijing, marking the fifth anniversary of the BRI. He called for efforts to uphold dialogue and consultation, joint contribution, shared benefits, win-win cooperation, exchange and mutual learning and to promote political mutual trust,

economic integration, people-to-people exchanges with the Belt and Road countries in order to advance the initiative step by step, producing achievements.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/28/c_137423397.htm

China sees trade, investment growth with B&R countries

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2018-08/27/content_60513259.htm

Facts & Figures: From blueprint to tangible benefits, 5-year development of B&R

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/22/c_137410422.htm

Belt and Road Initiative: Trade in goods exceeds \$5t in 5 years

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/28/WS5b84fac8a310add14f38835f.html>

A German city revives through Silk Road initiative

http://english.scio.gov.cn/beltandroad/2018-08/20/content_59400058.htm

China's major land port sees more China-Europe freight trains

<http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/15/WS5b73e9a9a310add14f385f35.html>

3. China pledges to deepen cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Tuesday August 28 met with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director-General Francis Gurry, who was in Beijing for the 2018 high-level conference on intellectual property rights (IPR) which brought together countries along the Belt and Road.

Li said that IPR protection is the cornerstone of the market economy while protecting IPR is an inevitable requirement for achieving innovative development.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-08/29/content_60835484.htm

Xi sends congratulatory letter to conference on IP for B&R countries

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/28/c_137424871.htm

4. Goal for GDP growth to be met this year

China will keep its economic growth within a reasonable range in the year's second half, and will ensure that its full-year growth target is achieved despite the ongoing China-US trade disputes and the country's debt-reduction initiatives, according to the nation's top economic regulator.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201808/16/WS5b747e8ca310add14f385f94.html>

China promises new measures to boost private investment for steady growth

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-08/17/content_59007971.htm

5. China begins 3-year action plan to improve environmental monitoring

China's top environmental watchdog will implement a three-year action plan from this year to clamp down on environmental offenses including fabrication and interference of monitoring data.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/16/c_137395643.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: EU and China should join hands on free trade

On August 24, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [*EU and China should join hands on free trade.*](#)

In the article, Ambassador Liu points out that against surging protectionism and unilateralism, continued tension in international trade relations, and rising instability and uncertainty, China and Europe, as two responsible forces for maintaining stability, need to enhance co-ordination and safeguard the rules-based multilateral trade regime.

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Brics countries show the world and the US the benefits of globalisation

On August 20, the beyondbrics forum of the Financial Times published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [*Brics countries show the world and the US the benefits of globalisation*](#).

Ambassador Liu observes that the Brics have been advancing economic globalisation in the past decade in the spirit of openness, co-operation, mutual benefit and win-win results. The achievements demonstrate the efficacy of open, inclusive and mutually beneficial globalisation.

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Harmony in Xinjiang Is Based on Three Principles

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming recently wrote an article to the Financial Times about the latter's misleading reports on Xinjiang. The Financial Times published the article on August 21 under the title of [*Harmony in Xinjiang is based on three principles*](#).

Ambassador Liu stresses in the article that China is able to achieve ethnic harmony, economic growth and social progress in Xinjiang thanks to three basic principles, namely equality of all ethnic groups, freedom of religious belief and taking firm actions against religious extremism and terrorism.

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