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1. Xi and Trump have telephone conversation, to meet during G20 summit

Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Donald Trump held telephone talks on Thursday Nov. 1, in which they covered bilateral trade and the Korean Peninsula issue and agreed to hold a bilateral meeting during the upcoming G20 summit in Argentina.

Trump said during the conversation that he looked forward to meeting Xi during the G20 summit so that they could have an in-depth discussion about some major issues.

The U.S. president added that he hoped the two countries would make joint efforts to prepare for the meeting.

The United States attaches importance to economic and trade cooperation with China and would like to continue to expand export to China, he said, adding that the economic teams from the two sides needs to enhance exchanges and consultations.

Trump also voiced his support for the China International Import Expo (CIIE) to be held from Nov. 5-10 in Shanghai, which is the first of its kind in China and in the world.

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Premier Li calls on China, US to manage differences via consultation

http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-11/02/content_69643481.htm

2. US\$57.83 billion intended deals reached at China's first import expo

Deals for intended one-year purchases of goods and services worth a total of US\$57.83 billion were reached at China's first import expo, which concluded Saturday Nov. 10 in Shanghai, official data showed.

A total of 172 countries, regions and international organizations, and more than 3,600 enterprises participated in the six-day event, which

attracted more than 400,000 domestic and overseas purchasers, Sun Chenghai, deputy director of the CIIE Bureau, told a news conference.

Further reading on the following websites:

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American companies 'covet' burgeoning Chinese market at import fair

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-11/07/c_137589148.htm

China's import expo gathers consensus on globalization

http://english.scio.gov.cn/in-depth/2018-11/07/content_70728361.htm

3. Xi calls for confidence, resolve in reform, opening-up

President Xi Jinping, on Tuesday Nov. 13, called for efforts to boost Chinese people's confidence and determination to follow the Party along the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the path of reform and opening-up.

Xi, also General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, visited a major exhibition to commemorate the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up at the National Museum of China.

The exhibition should help build a common understanding, accumulate consensus, raise morale, and foster solidarity and a striving spirit, Xi said.

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Xi presides over 5th meeting of Central Committee for Deepening Overall Reform

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-11/15/content_72602566.htm

Xi stresses furthering reform and opening-up, elevating city core competitiveness during Shanghai inspection

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-11/08/c_137590037.htm

Serial forums held to mark 40th anniversary of reform and opening-up

http://english.scio.gov.cn/scionews/2018-11/14/content_72361888.htm

4. Xi urges HK, Macao to embrace nation's reform, opening-up for greater development

President Xi Jinping voiced the hope on Monday Nov. 12 that Hong Kong and Macao would further develop themselves by embracing the nation's cause of reform and opening-up.

Compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao are expected to continue participating in the country's reform and opening-up with patriotism and pioneering spirit, strive for greater development of the two special administrative regions (SARs) by promoting the development of the country, and jointly work for the national rejuvenation, Xi said when meeting with a delegation from the two SARs.

Hong Kong and Macao still hold unique positions, have unique strength and will play an irreplaceable role in the reform and opening-up in the new era, he stressed.

The delegation is visiting Beijing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of reform and opening-up.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-11/12/c_129992169.htm

5. China will adhere to opening-up, multilateralism: Premier Li

China will firmly adhere to opening-up and the principle of multilateralism to push for the in-depth development of globalization, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said on Tuesday Nov. 6.

Li made the remarks when holding the third "1+6" Roundtable with leaders of major international economic and financial institutions in Beijing.

When talking about the current global economic situation, Premier Li said the world had come to a crossroads and had a historical choice to make.

"We believe multilateralism is the only way to achieve prosperity and inclusive growth, and the trend of globalization should not be reversed," he said.

He also said, China is willing to strengthen communication and consultation with all sides to accommodate the interests of countries of different development stages and groups of different income levels.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2018/1107/c90000-9515707.html>

6. Stronger-than-expected trade growth underlines China's economic resilience

China's exports and imports both recorded unexpectedly strong growth in October -- a sign that the economy remained resilient despite growing external uncertainties.

Yuan-denominated exports rose 20.1 percent year on year in October, sharply up from the 17-percent growth seen in September, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs.

The data showed imports surging 26.3 percent last month, up from the 17.4 percent growth registered in September.

As a result, trade surplus stood at 233.63 billion *yuan* (about 33.76 billion U.S. dollars) last month, up from 213.23 billion *yuan* in September.

For the first 10 months of the year, China's foreign trade totaled 25.05 trillion *yuan*, up 11.3 percent from the same period last year.

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Data shows strength of China's private enterprises

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-11/05/content_70284617.htm

China's industrial output and investment rise, retail sales decline

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2018-11/14/content_72384079.htm

CPC meeting analyzes economic situation

http://www.china.org.cn/business/2018-10/31/content_69325996.htm

7. Xi stresses boosting healthy development of new-generation AI

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, stressed boosting the development of the country's new generation of artificial intelligence (AI).

Presiding over a group study session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on Wednesday Oct. 31, Xi spoke of the need to strengthen leadership, make good plans, define tasks clearly and consolidate the foundation to promote deep integration of AI with economic and social development.

Accelerating the development of new-generation AI is a strategic issue, key for China to seize the opportunities in the new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation, Xi said. It is a key strategic resource for China to boost leapfrogging development in science and technology, industrial upgrading and overall productivity increase, he added.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-10/31/c_137572565.htm

8. China expands supercomputer share in TOP500

China expanded its share on a global list of the world's fastest supercomputers, according to a biannual ranking of the Top500 published Monday Nov. 12.

The number of supercomputers installed in China increased from 206 in June to 227 now, accounting for 45.4 percent of the total, according to the ranking.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinaprojects/2018-11/13/content_72123511.htm

Policy and Position

1. China issues white paper on cultural protection, development in Xinjiang

The State Council Information Office of China on Thursday Nov. 15 issued a white paper on cultural protection and development in Xinjiang.

The white paper said China is a unified multi-ethnic country. In the course of a civilization that dates back more than 5,000 years, the various ethnic groups of China have created a long history and a splendid culture.

Since ancient times many ethnic groups have made their way to Xinjiang and made it their home and a place of cultural integration. Various ethnic cultures of Xinjiang have their roots in the Chinese civilization, advancing their own distinctive culture while enriching the overall culture of China, it said.

Since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949, the Chinese government has attached great importance to documenting and protecting the excellent traditional ethnic cultures in Xinjiang, and ensuring that they are passed on to succeeding generations, the white paper said.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2018-11/15/content_72620109.htm

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