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## **China News**

### **1. Xi reiterates China's adherence to multilateralism, opening-up**

President Xi Jinping reiterated on Wednesday Dec. 12 that China will adhere to the path of multilateralism and open its door wider to the world.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with foreign delegates attending the just concluded 2018 Imperial Springs International Forum held in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province.

He briefed the delegates on achievements of China's reform and opening-up during the past 40 years and important measures of a new round of opening-up at a higher level, expounded on China's relations with the world, and listened to the delegates' remarks.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/12/c\\_137669449.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/12/c_137669449.htm)

### **Chinese vice president attends 2018 Imperial Springs International Forum**

[http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-12/11/content\\_74261372.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-12/11/content_74261372.htm)

### **2. Xi's Europe, Latin America trip boosts ties, steers governance on right path**

Chinese President Xi Jinping's latest trip to Europe and Latin America boosted China's ties with cooperation partners and steered global economic governance on the right path, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said.

Wang told reporters that Xi's nine-day trip, which was concluded on Wednesday Dec. 5, also helped guide China's relations with other major countries on a path of long-term stable development.

From Nov. 27 to Dec. 5, Xi paid state visits to Spain, Argentina, Panama and Portugal, and attended the 13th G20 summit in Buenos Aires. Xi also met with leaders of other major economies, including U.S. President Donald Trump, on the sidelines of the summit.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2018/1207/c90000-9526147.html>

### **3. China, Germany pledge to jointly protect free trade, world order**

China and Germany on Monday Dec. 10 agreed to join hands to safeguard free trade and the international order.

The agreement was made between Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who paid a 6-day visit to China starting from Dec. 5.

"China and Germany, as major world economies, are important cooperation partners of each other," Li said.

At present, the results of the fifth round of China-Germany inter-governmental consultations, held in Germany this July, are being implemented step by step.

Further reading on the following website:

<https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/ce/cese/eng/wjdt/t1620694.htm>

### **4. Chinese Vice President stresses reform, opening up**

Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan has urged stronger confidence and more concrete efforts to write a "new chapter" of reform and opening up in the new era.

Wang made the remarks during an inspection tour in south China's Guangdong Province from Dec. 7 to Dec. 12. He visited economic development zones, companies and research institutions, as well as an exhibition to commemorate the 40th anniversary of reform and opening up in the province.

"Reform and opening up are a journey that never ends," he said, noting that the key of reform is institutional innovation.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/12/c\\_137669094.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/12/c_137669094.htm)

**China to extend implementation of reform measures to boost innovation**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-12/06/content\\_74245927.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-12/06/content_74245927.htm)

### **5. Xi stresses human rights development in Chinese context**

President Xi Jinping pledged to uphold the path of human rights development that fits the Chinese context and promotes well-rounded human development.

Xi, also General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the statement in a congratulatory letter to a symposium marking the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Beijing on Monday Dec. 10.

In the letter, Xi called the declaration a significant document in the history of human civilization and recognized its profound impact on the development of the human rights cause around the world.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-12/11/content\\_74261746.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2018-12/11/content_74261746.htm)

**China issues white paper on human rights progress over 40 years of reform, opening up**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2018-12/12/content\\_74267144.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2018-12/12/content_74267144.htm)

**Ban Ki-moon: UN poverty reduction goals achieved thanks to China**

[http://english.scio.gov.cn/internationalexchanges/2018-12/12/content\\_74266323.htm](http://english.scio.gov.cn/internationalexchanges/2018-12/12/content_74266323.htm)

## **6. China's service trade hits record high in Jan.-Oct.**

China's service trade hit a historic high in the first ten months of this year with optimized structure and stable progress, said the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) on Tuesday Dec. 4.

The country's service trade grew 11.1 percent year on year to over 4.3 trillion yuan (nearly 624 billion U.S. dollars) from January to October, MOC data showed.

Service exports increased 14.3 percent to 1.42 trillion yuan, while imports gained 9.6 percent to 2.88 trillion yuan, resulting in a deficit of over 1.4 trillion yuan.

Further reading on the following website:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/04/c\\_137650736.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-12/04/c_137650736.htm)

## **7. China leads EV drive in global efforts against pollution**

China leads the world in electric vehicles and has a remarkable role to play in the ongoing EV revolution, senior environmental experts said.

The Chinese progress in terms of EVs is "absolutely remarkable" and "China is taking a leadership role right now", said Michal Kurtyka, president of the ongoing 24th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Katowice, Poland.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201812/11/WS5c0ef76ca310eff303290306.html>

## **China-UK Relations**

### **1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming on China's Reform and Opening up: Great Cause, Great Achievements and Great Future**

On Dec. 11, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a [keynote speech](#) at the Commemorative Event of the 40th Anniversary of China's Reform and Opening up.

Ambassador Liu shared his observations on the valuable lessons from the 40 years of Reform and Opening up, before going on to stress that China will remain committed to peaceful development, win-win cooperation and world peace, development and prosperity. China has taken concrete actions to live up to these words, including sharing its visions with the world that reflect the trend of our times, building an international platform for open cooperation and connectivity, creating more opportunities for equal-footed and mutually-beneficial cooperation and displaying the courage to shoulder its responsibilities as a big country. He said that in order to seize the opportunities and deepen China-UK cooperation, China and the UK should view each other's development with a rational attitude, promote business cooperation in the spirit of partnership and address global challenges with an open mind.

### **2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming talks about China's reform and opening up and its influence at the Keele World Affairs Meeting**

On Dec. 6, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming gave a [speech](#) at the Keele World Affairs Meeting entitled Reform Advances Development in China and Opening up Promotes Progress in the World.

Ambassador Liu points out that reform and opening-up have brought enormous, profound and historic changes to China, enabling the economy to grow by epoch-making leaps and bounds, changing the life of the Chinese people beyond recognition and also transforming China's relations with the world.

He observes that there are three reasons why China is able to achieve these changes, namely China has been following a path of its own choice; China has embraced the world with open arms and China has engaged in win-win cooperation with other countries.

Elaborating on what the changes in China mean to the world, Ambassador Liu stresses that China will play an important role in the world by being a contributor to world economy, a defender of world peace and an upholder of world order.

### **3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Attends the Launch Dinner of the China-UK Charity Initiative in the City of London**

On Dec. 3, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Madam Hu Pinghua attended the launch dinner of the China-UK Charity Initiative which was co-hosted by the City of London and China Chamber of Commerce in the UK (CCCUK).

In his [speech](#) at the event, Ambassador Liu expressed his warm congratulations on the launch of China-UK Charity Initiative. He hoped that, in the spirit and with concrete actions of building a better city for all, the Initiative will help build three “bridges” between China and the UK. First, it will build a bridge of love to promote charities, so that China-UK cooperation on public welfare and charities will be enhanced and the development of charity work in both countries will be greatly facilitated to better serve the people of the two countries. Second, it will build a bridge of responsibility for upgrading China-UK cooperation, so that Chinese businesses in the UK will fulfill their corporate responsibilities, the ties between Chinese companies and the City of London will be

strengthened, and China-UK trade and economic cooperation will be boosted. Third, it will build a bridge to the bright future of open cooperation by advocating openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation.

#### **4. The City of London Corporation Bestowed upon H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming the Freedom of the City**

On Dec. 3, the City of London Corporation bestowed upon Ambassador Liu Xiaoming the Freedom of the City. Peter Estlin, the Lord Mayor of the City of London, presided over the ceremony, presented the certificate to the Ambassador, and hosted a celebration luncheon.

Ambassador Liu noted in his [speech](#) that being a City Freeman is not only an honour for himself but also a recognition of the work of the Chinese Embassy. This demonstrates the importance that the City of London Corporation attaches to China-UK financial cooperation, and embodies the friendship between the people of the two countries.

The Ambassador pointed out that China's deeper reform and further opening up, China-UK cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the sound China-UK relationship will inject a strong impetus into China-UK cooperation in various fields. He expressed the hope that China and the UK will view their relationship from a global and strategic perspective, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and work together to ensure that the "Golden Era" remains "golden" and to create an even brighter future for China-UK relations.

#### **5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China stands ready to make trade open and inclusive**

On Dec. 12, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled [China stands ready to make trade open and inclusive](#).

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