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1. CPC meeting discusses draft government work report

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee on Friday Feb. 22 held a meeting to discuss a draft report on the work of the government and deliberate several other documents.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2019/0223/c90000-9549089.html>

Top legislature meets to prepare for annual legislative session

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/26/c_137852642.htm

2. China unveils development plan for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

Chinese authorities on Monday Feb. 18 unveiled the outline development plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, aiming to develop the region into "a role model of high-quality development."

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/19/c_137831910.htm

Highlights of development plan for Bay Area

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2019-02/20/content_74483899.htm

Greater Bay Area becomes domestic talent magnet, report shows

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2019-02/25/content_74500437.htm

'Jing-jin-ji': China's regional city cluster takes shape

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201902/25/WS5c73b633a3106c65c34eb4c8.html>

Beijing, neighbors take advantage of integrated regional development

http://english.scio.gov.cn/videos/2019-02/26/content_74504596.htm

CDB lends trillions of yuan to develop Yangtze River Economic Belt

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/26/c_137852316.htm

3. China vows to step up scientific, technological cooperation with all parties

China said Thursday Feb. 21 it will grasp the development opportunities brought by a new round of scientific and technological advances and strengthen technological exchanges and cooperation with all parties, including in 5G.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2019/0222/c90000-9548631.html>

American, Chinese scientists call for international collaboration in science research

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201902/18/WS5c6a26aea3106c65c34e9dd4.html>

Shenzhen to pilot 5G commercial use in 2019

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/19/c_137834402.htm

China launches 5G network in Shanghai railway station

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d414d7a637a4e32457a6333566d54/index.html>

4. China to further cut red tape to invigorate market

China's central government will eliminate or delegate to lower-level authorities more items that require government approval and implement nationwide the reform of the construction project reviewing system, the State Council's executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang decided on Wednesday Feb. 20.

Further reading on the following website:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-02/21/content_74488481.htm

China's capital market to see record-high foreign investment in 2019: report

http://www.china.org.cn/business/2019-02/18/content_74477138.htm

Investors encouraged to enter scrap vehicle sector

http://english.scio.gov.cn/pressroom/2019-02/25/content_74500753.htm

Searching for new economic engines for China

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/26/c_137851565.htm

5. China braces for 'tough tasks' in rural development

Stronger policy support is in the pipeline to shore up China's rural areas and agriculture as the central authorities aim at tackling the "tough tasks" in their development.

For 16 years in a row, the country's "No. 1 central document," the first policy statement released by the central authorities each year and seen as an indicator of policy priorities, focused on agriculture, rural areas and farmers' issues.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/20/c_137837303.htm

No. 1 central document prioritizes agricultural, rural development

http://english.scio.gov.cn/topnews/2019-02/20/content_74483628.htm

6. Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes Shanxi globally

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Shanxi provincial government held a Shanxi Global Promotion Activity under the theme of "China in the New Era: Shanxi, New Transformation for a Shared New Future" in Beijing on Monday Feb. 25.

Further reading on the following website:

http://shanxi.chinadaily.com.cn/2019-02/26/content_37441325.htm

China-UK Relations

1. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Gunboat diplomacy can only harm Britain's relationship with China

On Feb. 26, the Guardian published a [signed article](#) by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *Gunboat diplomacy can only harm Britain's relationship with China*.

In the article, Ambassador Liu shared his insights on how to resist disruptions and create a beautiful and harmonious symphony of

China-UK golden era. He believed that: China and the UK rely on mutual respect and trust to keep in tune with each other, and keep out the noise of enmity and confrontation; Mutual benefit, not the pursuit of a zero-sum game, creates consonance; The symphony of China-UK relations should also play a rising crescendo of mutual learning and cooperation, and reject the chaotic disruption of rigidity and narrow-mindedness.

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China will bring further opportunities to the world as its economy remains robust

On Feb. 18, the Daily Telegraph published a [signed article](#) by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled *China is pursuing development at home while embracing the world*. The newspaper's website also published the article under the title *China will bring further opportunities to the world as its economy remains robust*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that China's economic growth remains robust and its efficiency has greatly improved; China is a key contributor to the world and will bring more opportunities to the world in the future.

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming on the Chinese Economy: What has changed and what has not?

On Feb. 20, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a [keynote speech](#) at the KPMG Breakfast Meeting on the Chinese economy.

Ambassador Liu shared his views on the Chinese economy as summarized in four features: First, China's external economic environment has changed, but the long-term growth momentum of the Chinese economy has not; Second, market entities and growth engines have changed, but the direction of economic restructuring and upgrading has not; Third, the intensity and measures of reform have changed, but China's determination to stay open has not; Fourth, China's role in the global governance has changed, but its resolve to share benefits with the world has not. He hoped that the business community will leverage its advantages and seize the enormous opportunities of cooperation with China.

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