

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“I believe China significantly improved its capacity to control the diseases in animals.”

MONIQUE ELOIT,

director-general of the World Organization for Animal Health, on how China has worked hard to prevent and control the spread of the H7N9 influenza virus.



“We cannot wait to act, even though it's difficult. Otherwise we put the students' health at risk.”

SHEN JIE,

deputy director of the Chinese Association of STD and AIDS Prevention and Control, which is leading an initiative to install vending machines with HIV self-testing kits on university campuses to help raise awareness and fight the disease.

ESTEEMING VIRTUES

“If you were not conceited, no one in the world would strive to surpass your position. If you were not boastful, no one in the world would strive to surpass your contributions.”

Scroll 2: Shang Shu

Editor's note: This is an extract from *The Governing Principles of Ancient China*, based on 360 passages excerpted from the original compilation of *Qunshu Zhiyao*. *Qunshu Zhiyao* or *The Compilation of Books and Writings on the Important Governing Principles*, commissioned by Emperor Tang Taizong of the Tang Dynasty in the seventh century, contains advice, methods and historical notes on the successes and failures of the imperial governments of China. Today it continues to be relevant as a source of inspiration for self-improvement, family management and interpersonal relations.

Hungarian version of Xi's book praised

The Hungarian version of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* made its debut in Budapest on April 24, with leading officials there saying President Xi's thoughts, proposals and visions in the book are useful to better govern their country.

“I do believe the leaders of many countries worldwide are reading this book to know more about the secrets of success of this fast-growing country,” Marta Matrai, first officer of the Hungarian National Assembly, said at the launch ceremony in the main building of the National Bank of Hungary.

Liu Qibao, head of the publicity department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, who also is traveling to launch the book in Morocco and Greece, unveiled the Hungarian version with Matrai.

The Hungarian version is the 19th foreign language edition since *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* was first published in 2014. More than 6.2 million copies have been printed worldwide.

It includes 79 speeches, articles and instructions by Xi from when he became general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in 2012 to June 2014.

US invited to be part of Belt and Road

China encouraged the United States to participate in the Belt and Road Initiative, which it said has “opened the gate of opportunities” for US enterprises, China's ambassador to the US said on April 24.

Cui Tiankai said at the International Finance and Infrastructure Cooperation Forum in New York that China hoped the US takes a proactive role and attends the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, which is scheduled for May 14 and 15 in Beijing.

The Belt and Road is an open and inclusive platform for development and cooperation, not an arena for geographic strategy, he said in the keynote speech in New York, at the forum hosted by Bloomberg and the China General Chamber of Commerce.

The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the two components of the Belt and Road Initiative put



LIU QIBAO, head of the publicity department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, and Marta Matrai, first officer of the Hungarian National Assembly, unveil the Hungarian edition of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* in Budapest on April 24. YE PINGFAN / XINHUA

forward by President Xi Jinping in 2013, aim to revive the ancient land and sea trade routes and boost interconnectivity between Asia and the rest of the world.

WeChat firmly rooted in daily life: Survey

WeChat, the ubiquitous messaging app, is being used for an ever longer period of time and is growing into a lifestyle choice embedded into daily activities and interactions, a new survey has found.

In 2016, one-third of WeChat's 889 million monthly active users spent a solid four hours or more per day on the app, twice that of a year ago, according to Penguin Intelligence, a research arm of WeChat's developer Tencent Holdings.

The average daily time spent is also up slightly, now at 66 minutes, surpassing that of Facebook's average 50 minutes recorded last year.

And it is becoming more pervasive than ever, creeping into new aspects of life from offline payments to receiving newsfeeds.

A striking 92 percent of respondents to the survey said they prefer

mobile payment over cash and credit cards when shopping in stores.

Education for women a 'noble pursuit': Peng

Peng Liyuan, the wife of President Xi Jinping, said the education of girls and women is a “noble and significant” pursuit.

Providing women and men with the same opportunities to reach their full potential is a key to promoting social development, gender equality and sustainable development of society, to which education plays a crucial role, Peng said.

Peng made the remarks during an exclusive interview with the *UNESCO Courier* magazine.

She was invited in 2014 to become the UNESCO special envoy for the advancement of girls' and women's education by Irina Bokova, the organization's director-general.

“Education equality includes equality for opportunity, process and results. What we fight for is to make sure that women have the same opportunities to go to school as their male counterparts, that they are treated equally in educa-

tion and that they have the same access to higher education, employment and social recognition as men do,” Peng said.

Xi, Trump discuss Korean situation

President Xi Jinping urged all parties involved to exercise “restraint” over the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula in a phone call with US President Donald Trump on April 24, their second such conversation for the month.

Xi said China firmly opposes actions that violate UN Security Council resolutions and added China expects all relevant parties to remain restrained and avoid taking moves that aggravate tension on the peninsula.

Only when all parties involved shoulder their duties and meet each other halfway can the peninsula's nuclear issue be resolved swiftly and denuclearization be achieved, Xi said.

“We are willing to work with all parties involved, including the US, to jointly work for the peace of the Korean Peninsula, Northeast Asia and the world,” Xi said.



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