

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“I think this is showing ourselves and showing the world Chinese boys can be good and better — and Chinese men.”



WU YIBING, tennis player. The 17-year-old became China's first boys' Grand Slam singles champion by defeating Argentina's top-seeded Axel Geller 6-4, 6-4 at the US Open on Sept 10.

ESTEEMING VIRTUES

“ If a craftsman wishes to perfect his skills he must first sharpen his tools. If a scholar wishes to promote the teachings of righteous virtues he must first study the classics written by the sages. The book of *Yi Jing* said: ‘A superior person must remember and learn from the many paths taken by the forefathers so that he can enrich his own moral cultivation.’ ”

Scroll 44: *Qian Fu Lun*

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.

Pledge to strengthen relations with Brunei

Infrastructure, health and defense affairs were among highlights of the cooperative documents signed following the meeting in Beijing on Sept 13 between President Xi Jinping and Brunei's visiting Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

During their meeting, Xi said the two countries should reinforce the exchange of governing experience, the synergy of their development strategies as well as pragmatic cooperation in various fields.

Both countries should strengthen cooperation in areas such as infrastructure construction, energy, halal food, agriculture, fisheries and the digital economy.

Hassanal, who is also the prime minister of Brunei, said his country supports the Belt and Road Initiative, which aims to improve connectivity along the ancient Silk Road routes, and it will continue honoring the one-China policy.

Brunei welcomes Chinese enterprises making investments and developing business there, and the country is ready to further maintain high-level contacts with China and expand cultural exchanges.

Hassanal was making his second state visit to China — the first was in 2013.

Top financial leaders express faith in China

The leaders of key international organizations, including the World Bank, expressed their confidence in China's economic restructuring and growth prospects on Sept 12 as the country pursues innovation-driven and sustainable development. They spoke during a roundtable dialogue in Beijing hosted by Premier Li Keqiang.

The dialogue, known as the 1+6 roundtable, is the second such event at which Li has hosted discussions with such financial leaders as World Bank Group president Jim Yong Kim, International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde and World Trade Organization director-general Roberto Azevedo.

The three other heavyweights were International Labour Organization director-general Guy Ryder, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development secretary-general Angel Gurría and G20 Financial Stability Board chairman Mark Carney.



President Xi Jinping holds a welcoming ceremony for Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah in Beijing on Sept 13.

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The leaders focused on topics including the global economy, multilateral trade regimes, sustainable development and China's economic restructuring.

Desertification battle still a priority: Xi

China will stick to its commitment to fight against desertification and further strengthen cooperation with all parties and international communities to make joint efforts for a better world, President Xi Jinping said in a congratulatory letter to a UN environment meeting on Sept 11.

The high-level segment of the 13th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification was held in Ordos, North China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, from Sept 11-13.

“Desertification is a challenge that is faced by all people, which also has a major influence on world development. We need to promote the principle of respecting and protecting nature. The environment should always be our priority,” Xi wrote.

He said it has been 21 years since the UN desertification convention took effect. Major efforts have produced significant changes but many people still suffer from the effects of desertification.

Diplomats vow to ensure 'fruitful' trip for Trump

The top diplomats of Beijing and Washington vowed that the two countries will work together to ensure United States President Donald Trump's first visit to China yields “fruitful results”, according to a statement released by the Foreign Ministry on Sept 13.

In his meeting with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in Washington on Sept 12, China's State Councilor Yang Jiechi said Beijing is ready to work with Washington to make sure Trump's state visit to China, scheduled for this year, attains positive outcomes.

The Foreign Ministry statement quoted Tillerson as saying Trump is very much looking forward to the state visit and to planning with President Xi Jinping the future development of the Sino-US relationship.

Trump is likely to visit in November, when he also is set to attend the US-ASEAN summit and the East Asia summit in the Philippines, Reuters reported on Sept 12.

Beijing will 'never allow' war or chaos

Beijing is calling for full implementation of the latest UN Security Council resolution on Pyongyang and said it will never allow war or chaos on the Korean Peninsula.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang made the remark on Sept 12 after the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2375 the day before to respond to the sixth nuclear test by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), conducted on Sept 3.

The resolution's measures include limiting oil supplies to the DPRK and banning the country's textile exports.

Also in the resolution, the Security Council calls for “a peaceful and diplomatic solution to the situation” and resumption of the Six-Party Talks. It underlines the need to “ensure lasting stability in Northeast Asia at large”.



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