

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“Joining hands with the countries and regions to study initiative-related cases is important, while building a quick, transparent and convenient system to solve cross-border disputes is urgent.”

LIU GUIXIANG,

a member of the judicial committee of the Supreme People's Court. He called on countries and regions along the routes of the China-led Belt and Road Initiative to increase judicial cooperation and improve the quality of foreign-related hearings by establishing legal research bases and information centers. President Xi Jinping proposed the initiative in 2013 to promote connectivity across Europe, Africa and Asia.



ESTEEMING VIRTUES

“A superior person will study hard so that he can accumulate knowledge and improve his moral standing. He will ask questions to find out about the truth. He is considerate in his dealings with people, and he uses benevolence and compassion to guide his actions.”

Scroll 1: Zhou Yi

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.



President Xi Jinping delivers the keynote speech at the opening of the 86th Interpol General Assembly in Beijing on Sept 26. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

President vows to help strengthen Interpol

President Xi Jinping on Sept 26 vowed strong support for Interpol with practical measures, including helping 100 developing countries build or upgrade communication systems and crime labs in the next five years, so the law enforcement cooperative can raise its global influence and leadership.

China hopes to work closely with countries and international organizations on global security, and jointly build universal security for humankind, Xi said in his keynote address at the opening of the 86th Interpol General Assembly in Beijing.

The president said that China had made remarkable progress in combating crimes of various kinds and building its crime-prevention system.

“More and more people believe China is one of the most secure countries in the world, which is an important contribution China has made to the world,” he said.

Xi calls on nation to achieve rejuvenation

President Xi Jinping called on the whole country to raise its spirits and make persistent efforts to achieve the rejuvenation of the

Chinese nation as the Communist Party of China (CPC) prepares for its 19th National Congress, scheduled to open on Oct 18.

Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, made the remark on Sept 25 while visiting an exhibition at the Beijing Exhibition Hall. It was held to showcase the country's progress in the past five years under the leadership of the CPC with Xi as the core.

Since the Party's 18th National Congress held in November 2012, the CPC has led the people of the country to achieve long-term development of socialism with Chinese characteristics, improve the people's livelihood, and produce historic reform of the Party and the country, Xi said.

Railway connection to sea speeds up cargoes

A new rail-to-sea logistics link connecting inland China with Southeast Asian countries opened on Sept 25 as a train loaded with auto parts and fiberglass products left the Tuanjiecun Railway Station in Southwest China's Chongqing.

The train was to arrive at Qinzhou Port in the southern Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, where the products will be shuttled on to Singapore and other countries.

Compared with the traditional

route via the Yangtze River and Shanghai, the new one will save about 20 days. The two-way train service runs once a week.

In January last year, China and Singapore launched an effort to link western China and Southeast Asia through Chongqing.

New eyeball in space peers toward Earth

China's most advanced weather satellite officially began operating 36,000 kilometers above the Earth on Sept 25, greatly improving the country's capabilities in weather forecasting, environmental monitoring and disaster prevention and relief. It is also expected to help China's response to climate change.

The 5.4-metric-ton Fengyun 4A, developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology, lifted off on Dec 11 atop a Long March 3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Southwest China's Sichuan province.

During its shakedown period, the satellite performed well and generated good-quality images and data, according to a news release from the State Administration for Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense, which oversees the satellite project.

It said the Fengyun 4A can

be used to detect and monitor typhoons, sandstorms, rainstorms and smog.

The satellite is expected to be in service for more than six years.

National parks to be established by 2020

China released on Sept 26 an overall plan on the development and management of national parks, which calls for the strictest measures to protect the country's natural beauty and pass it on to generations to come.

By 2020, China will formally set up a batch of national parks and establish a new national department to take charge of the comprehensive management of these parks, according to the plan. By 2030, the system will be further improved and the management more efficient, it said.

As one of the most important areas in natural reserves, the national parks will receive the strictest protection, according to the plan jointly released by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council, China's cabinet.

“The national parks are owned by the State, shared by the people and passed on to future generations ... as precious natural legacies,” the plan said.



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