

CHINA DIGEST

“Quotable

“Driving up the service outsourcing industry is a national strategy. It is also part of China’s efforts to attract more foreign direct investment.”



WANG SHOUWEN, vice-minister of commerce, saying China’s service outsourcing sector will see its golden season in the coming decade with more policy support and further upgrades to the nation’s industrial portfolio.

ESTEEMING VIRTUES

“Never tire of learning for it will subdue our bad habits; never tire of teaching for it will educate and transform people.”

Scroll 36: Shi Zi

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.

Xi sends message of condolence to Trump

President Xi Jinping sent a condolence message to his United States counterpart Donald Trump on Oct 2 over heavy casualties caused by the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A gunman opened fire on a country music concert there on the night of Oct 1, killing at least 59 people and injuring more than 500 others in the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history.

In his message, Xi extended deep sympathy to the US government and people, profound condolences to the victims and sincere solicitude to those wounded, and said he wished for a quick recovery for the injured.

No casualties were reported among Chinese citizens visiting Las Vegas at the time of the shooting, according to a news release by the Chinese consulate general in San Francisco. The consulate general sent a team to Las Vegas on Oct 2 to check on possible casualties among Chinese.

World Bank increases forecast for growth

The World Bank on Oct 4 raised China’s growth forecast for 2017 and 2018, citing an improved external environment and strong domestic demand.

The bank now expects China’s economy to expand by 6.7 percent in 2017, up from an April projection of 6.5 percent and, for 2018, 6.4 percent instead of 6.3 percent.

“(China’s) GDP growth is revised upward in 2017 in light of better-than-expected performance in the first half of the year,” the World Bank said in its latest *East Asia and Pacific Economic Update*.

China’s economy grew at 6.9 percent in the first half.

The updated projection is part of a broader forecast for the region to grow 6.4 percent in 2017 and 6.2 percent in 2018, compared with the previously forecast 6.2 percent in 2017 and 6.1 percent in 2018.

PLA Navy ships make history with UK visit

After visiting the Belgian port of Antwerp and making a stop in Denmark, two naval frigates and a supply ship from the 26th Escort Task Group of the People’s Liberation Army Navy berthed at London’s



A young, enthusiastic visitor joins the crowd on National Day in Tian’anmen Square in Beijing on Oct 1.

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Canary Wharf on Oct 2 at the start of a five-day goodwill visit to the United Kingdom.

The visit, which Liu Xiaoming, China’s ambassador to the UK, described as history-making in the realm of China-Britain military relations, offered the British public and its military the chance to see first hand China’s growing military strength and its unremitting contribution to world peace.

Senior Captain Wang Zhongcai, who is also the fleet commander, said the ships will be open to the British public so people can get a better understanding of China and its Navy.

Newest submersible is a ‘deep-sea warrior’

China’s new manned submersible returned to port in Sanya, South China’s Hainan province, on Oct 3 after completing its first deep-sea testing in the South China Sea.

The new submersible is called *Shenhai Yongshi*, meaning deep-sea warrior. It reached a depth of 4,500 meters during tests while on a 50-day expedition trip on board the science exploration ship *Tansuo-1*.

“It is another great achievement for China in developing deep-sea manned submersibles,” said Bai

Chunli, president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, in a congratulatory letter.

“The submersible can be classified as one of the most advanced in the world,” he said in the letter. “This means China has become a nation capable of producing and testing its own massive deep-sea submersibles.”

Other countries that have developed deep-water technology include the United States, France, Russia and Japan.

Xiongan to focus on protecting environment

More than 70 percent of Xiongan New Area in North China’s Hebei province will be covered by water and trees, according to a leading official.

“We will not construct high-rise buildings, concrete jungles or glass walls in the new area,” said Chen Gang, director of the Xiongan New Area administrative committee.

He added that protection of the ecological environment will be regarded as a top priority during the construction process.

According to the development plan, announced in April, the area will cover about 100 square kilometers initially, but will be expanded

to 200 sq km in the middle term, and rise to about 2,000 sq km in the long term.

Infrastructure, businesses and residential buildings will cover less than 30 percent of the total area, while the remainder will be home to forests and bodies of water.

Railways set record as millions take holiday

Chinese railways set a record in daily passenger traffic as more than 15 million trips were made on National Day on Oct 1, the first day of an eight-day holiday, and more than 113 million visitors flooded domestic resorts, the rail and tourist authorities said.

It is the year’s longest public holiday period as the Mid-Autumn Festival happens to coincide with the National Day holiday this year.

The estimate of 15 million trips was up 4.2 percent from the 14.4 million trips made on National Day last year, according to rail system administrator China Railway Corp.

On Oct 1, cars were stuck in kilometers-long traffic jams on expressways, and passengers waited in long lines at stations and airports. Large groups of tourists crowded into resorts.



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