

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“We will make more efforts to cultivate officials with high quality and professional knowledge. We will adopt more active, open and effective talent policies.”



CHEN XI, head of the Organization Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), saying the department would make more efforts to cultivate high-quality Party officials and effectively implement policies made by the central leadership. Chen is also a new member of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau and a member of the CPC Central Committee Secretariat.

ESTEEMING VIRTUES

“Without taking continuous steps, a journey of a thousand miles cannot be done. Without gathering water from small streams, no rivers or oceans can be formed.”

Scroll 38: Sun Qing 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 Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, leads the other six members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee in reciting the admission oath as they face the Party flag on Oct 31, during their visit to the memorial hall of the first CPC National Congress in Shanghai. LAN HONGGUANG / XINHUA

Xi leads Party oath at historic CPC site

The Communist Party of China's (CPC) newly elected top leadership, headed by General Secretary Xi Jinping, visited two revolutionary historical sites on Oct 31, underscoring the new leadership's firm belief to stay true to the Party's original aspirations and serve the people.

Xi and the other six members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee — Li Keqiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji and Han Zheng — arrived in Shanghai from Beijing by air in the morning. It was the top leaders' first trip outside Beijing since they were elected the week before at the First Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee.

At the memorial hall of the first CPC National Congress in Shanghai, Xi led the other six leaders in reciting the admission oath in front of the Party flag, reminding Party members to remain true to their original aspirations.

“The words of the Party's admission oath are not too many, and it's not difficult to remember, but it is difficult to observe for one's whole life,” Xi said.

In July 1921, 12 delegates attend-

ed the first CPC National Congress, representing more than 50 CPC members nationwide. With more than 89 million members, the CPC has become the world's largest political party.

President: Nation will stick to opening-up

China will firmly stick to the basic national policy of opening-up and pursue win-win cooperation while safeguarding the country's sovereignty, security and development interests, President Xi Jinping said on Oct 30.

Xi made the remark while meeting with members of the Advisory Board of Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The members include foreign and Chinese entrepreneurs, academics and former officials.

It was Xi's first meeting with foreigners after his re-election as general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee at the First Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee.

Xi told the members that the recently concluded 19th National Congress of the CPC had great significance, boosting Chinese people's confidence of continuing with the

path of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Saying that China is deepening overall reform with unprecedented determination and force, Xi vowed to continue to promote reform and opening-up.

Beijing and Seoul to put relations back on track

China and the Republic of Korea (ROK) have agreed to put exchanges and cooperation back on the track of normal development at an early date following their recent diplomatic communications, according to a Foreign Ministry news release on Oct 31.

The two countries agreed that they will communicate on issues regarding the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-missile system through military channels, the release said.

Experts called the fresh progress part of their joint efforts to move closer to each other, repair two-way ties and avoid a nuclear arms race that would further complicate Northeast Asia's security landscape.

Their diplomatic ties, strengthened a quarter-century ago, have undergone a chill in recent years partly because the United States' THAAD system, installed in the

southern ROK, has radar with the capability of covering part of China. China has continuously reiterated that it opposes the deployment.

Academic papers gain global credibility

China's academic science papers have moved into second place for global citations, behind the United States, according to a report released on Oct 31.

The 2017 edition of *Statistical Data of Chinese Science and Technology Papers* shows that the nation's science papers have been cited more than 19.35 million times in the past decade, ahead of the United Kingdom and Germany.

It also shows the number of highly cited Chinese papers rose 18.7 percent compared with last year's report, reaching 20,131 papers and accounting for 14.7 percent of the global total.

The report has been released annually since 1987 by the Ministry of Science and Technology's Institute of Scientific and Technical Information.

“China's science academic literature has been steadily improving both in quantity and quality in recent years,” said Dai Guoqiang, director of the institute.



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