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Li: China-Russia media year enhances ties

The China-Russia Media Exchange Year has helped China and Russia to deeply enhance friendship and offer a window for media from both sides to learn from each other, Premier Li Keqiang said on Nov 1.

Li made the remark when he was addressing the closing ceremony of the China-Russia Media Exchange Year (2016-17) at the Great Hall of the People, together with visiting Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, after the two held their 22nd regular meeting in Beijing.

"I noticed that many of you here are sitting there with a cell phone in your hand taking pictures. And I believe this shows the advanced development of the media of both countries," Li said to the media representatives, as well as university students from China and Russia.

President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin announced 2016-17 as the China-Russia Media Exchange Year on May 8, 2015.

Xi backs building of polar Silk Road

China and Russia should jointly develop and cooperate on the use of the North Polar sea route and build a Silk Road on the ice, President Xi Jinping told visiting Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Nov 1.

Close to 20 bilateral cooperative documents were signed on Nov 1 in fields such as investment, energy, aerospace and finance.

Russia is China's largest neighbor, and China's clear goals and firm determination to develop and deepen China-Russia relations will not change, Xi said.

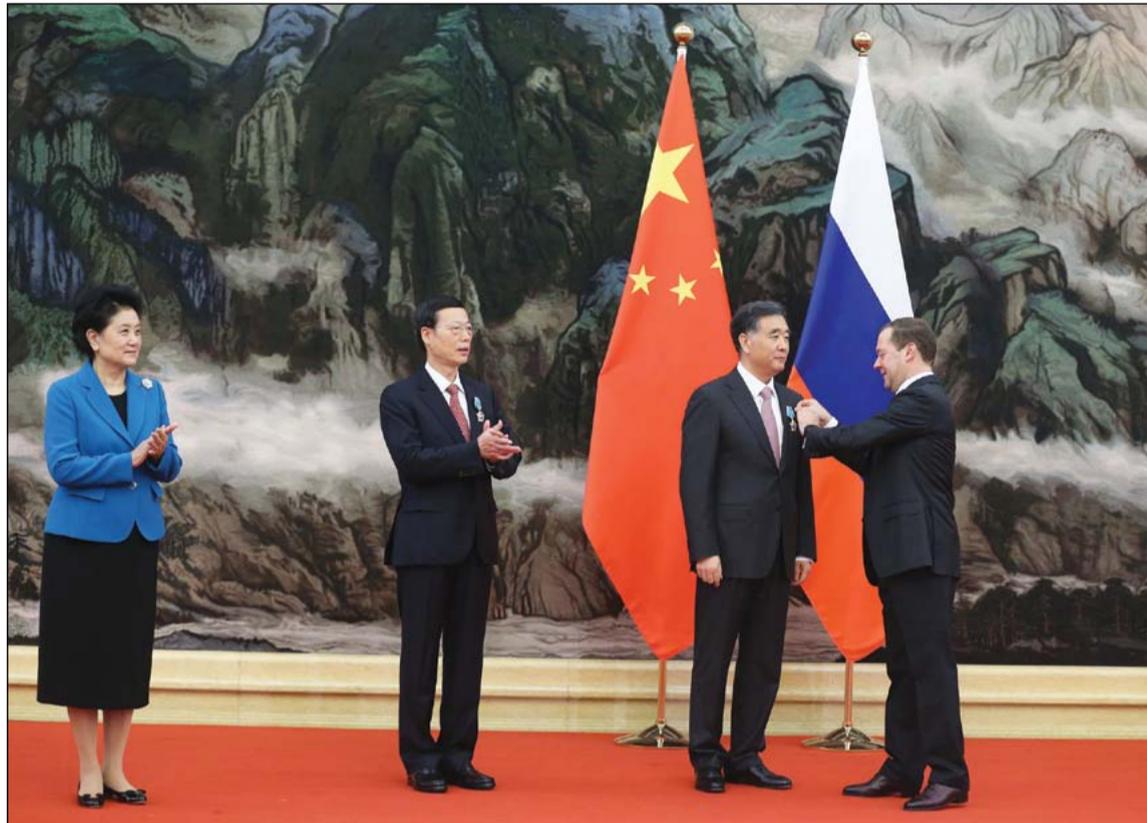
Medvedev was on an official visit to China from Oct 31 to Nov 2.

Russia is satisfied with the bilateral cooperation carried out since Xi's visit to Russia in July and is ready to reinforce the exchange of views and cooperation regarding international and regional affairs, Medvedev said.

Anti-graft pilot program will spread nationwide

The new head of China's top anti-graft body vowed on Oct 29 to seize a sweeping victory in the fight against corruption as China has started to spread the pilot program of the national supervision system nationwide.

The Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) needs to intensify deterrence to ensure that officials do not dare to be corrupt, also strengthen protection of institutions so they are not vulnerable, and strengthen self-awareness to eliminate the desire to commit corruption, Zhao Leji said at a meeting



Vice-Premier Zhang Gaoli (second left), Wang Yang (second right), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice-premier, and Vice-Premier Liu Yandong (left) are awarded the Order of Friendship medal by Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in Beijing on Nov 1. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

of the Standing Committee of the CCDI.

It was Zhao's first public appearance as the new head of the CCDI, China's top anti-graft watchdog. Zhao, 60, was elected as a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on Oct 25.

First Chinese astronaut in space gets award

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization awarded the UNESCO Medal on Space Science to the first Chinese national sent to space, Yang Liwei, along with three other prominent international space pioneers, on Oct 27 at the organization's headquarters in Paris.

The three other laureates of the 2017 edition — who, with Yang, were the first recipients of the award — are Valentina Tereshkova, the Russian cosmonaut and first woman in space; Arnaldo Tamayo Mendez, the first Cuban in space; and Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata, the first Japanese commander of the International Space Station.

"I thank you all for your courage and commitment," said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova.

Profits of industrial enterprises surge

Profits of China's major industrial enterprises rose the most in nearly six years in September, and analysts said the trend of a high growth rate may continue as the country's reduction of excessive production

capacities and pollution control are set to push up prices of industrial products.

Profits of major industrial enterprises in September rose by 27.7 percent year-on-year to reach 662.18 billion yuan (\$100.3 billion), up from 24 percent in August, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Oct 27.

It was the strongest single-month growth since December 2011, when profits surged by 31.5 percent.

In the first nine months combined, profits of those enterprises reached 5.58 trillion yuan, up by 22.8 percent year-on-year.

Ontario makes plans to mark Nanjing Massacre

The Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall in East China's Jiangsu province will coordinate with the Canadian province of Ontario and share historical exhibits in support of Ontario's proposed observation on Dec 13 of its first official commemorative day for the massacre victims.

On Oct 26, Canada's Ontario provincial parliament passed a nonbinding motion to designate Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day to remember the victims of the Nanjing Massacre. A bill to make the designation official awaits a third reading in the legislature.

Around 300,000 Chinese were killed in a six-week rampage that began on Dec 13, 1937, after Japanese troops captured Nanjing, then the capital of China.

Zhang Jianjun, curator of the Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders, said the memorial hall

will provide historical evidence and help organize commemorative activities to mark the day.

NDB plans to expand lending by 60 percent

The New Development Bank (NDB) plans to expand lending by 60 percent in 2018, and aims to grow to about \$4 billion in loans from the \$2.5 billion total anticipated this year, a member of the bank's top management team said.

That growth would come on top of a 60 percent increase in lending this year, if pending projects are approved as expected, according to Zhu Xian, vice-president and chief operations officer of NDB, a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

Four new projects totaling more than \$1 billion are being prepared,

in addition to projects approved prior to the 2017 BRICS Summit in Xiamen, East China's Fujian province, in September. If the four are all approved by December, "the bank's total lending in 2017 will exceed \$2.5 billion", compared with \$1.56 billion last year, Zhu said.

China on fast track for driverless train

China is developing a "driverless" high-speed train that is expected to be put into use during the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, a senior railway official has said.

He Huawu, special technical adviser to the general manager of China Railway Corp, said researchers are carrying out experiments on the new train in a section of railway between Beijing and Zhangjiakou, in North China's Hebei province.

He made the remarks at Modern Railways 2017, an exhibition in Shanghai that opened on Oct 26, according to a report by Shanghai-based news website The Paper.

He was quoted as saying the new train will be running during the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games.

Genes of mice used to make lean pork

Scientists from China and the United Kingdom have successfully used gene editing to make pigs leaner, improving their overall health and making them cheaper to feed.

A team from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing used CRISPR/Cas9 gene-editing technology to introduce genes from mice into pig embryos, resulting in young pigs with 24 percent less body fat.

Pigs carry white fat — or lard — and are not capable of producing brown fat, which is better for insulation. The scientists used special proteins to insert mice genes involved in the production of brown fat into pig embryos.

The Chinese researchers successfully reared 12 piglets that carried the new gene.



Chinese medical team members offer free treatment to new students at the Confucius Institute in Kigali, Rwanda, on Oct 30. This is the 18th medical team that China has sent to Rwanda. WANG JUNBO / XINHUA