

# CHINA DIGEST

## Quotable

**“China maintains a very small nuclear arsenal, and China follows the policy of self-defense and minimum deterrence.”**

### FU YING,

chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, speaking at the Munich Security Conference in Germany. She said China is committed to the principle of non-first-use of nuclear weapons, and expressed concern about the danger of nuclear proliferation at present.



## ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

“The standards of benevolence, righteousness and propriety form the roots of the administration. The standards of law and punishment form the offshoots of an administration. Without the roots, a nation cannot be established. Without the offshoots, a nation cannot be developed. To engage propriety and righteous principles to guide a nation, the administration must first implement benevolent rule and lead the people to nurture respect and humility, making them akin to proper conducts without being aware that this is happening.”

Scroll 50: Yuan Zi Zheng Shu

**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.

## Family binds nation, its people, president says

The weeklong Spring Festival holiday ended on Feb 21 after the reunion of numerous Chinese families around the world. And as President Xi Jinping put it, such family reunions are important to fulfill the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation.

“During Spring Festival, when members of a family get together, we feel that reunion is happiness and unity is strength,” Xi said at a gathering on Feb 14, two days ahead of Spring Festival.

Spring Festival, or lunar new year, is regarded as the most important traditional festival for those of Chinese origin.

“We should nurture and practice core socialist values, foster the traditional virtues of the Chinese nation and love both family and the country,” said Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

The president urged the people to integrate their personal and family dreams with the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation.

## Tourism revenue up 12.6% during holiday

China posted double-digit growth in tourism revenue during the weeklong lunar new year holiday which started on Feb 16, official data showed on Feb 21.

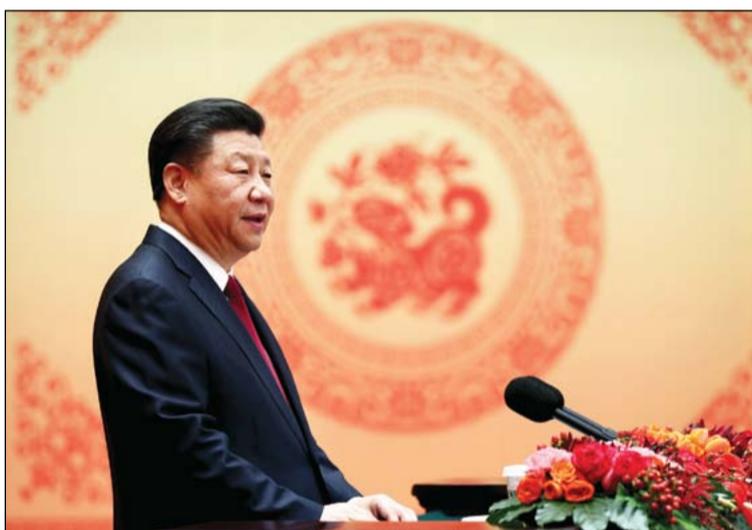
The tourism industry garnered 475 billion yuan (\$74.6 billion) in revenue, up 12.6 percent from last year's holiday, according to the China National Tourism Administration (CNTA).

Some 386 million trips by tourists were made, up 12.1 percent from last year's holiday, the CNTA said in a statement.

Guangdong, Sichuan and Hunan received the most tourists among all provincial regions. Nearly half of travelers drove instead of taking public transportation.

Overseas travel remained popular, with Chinese tourists from nearly 200 cities visiting 68 countries and regions during the holiday.

Southeast Asia was the top destination. Nearly half of overseas travelers were independent tours rather than escorted group tours.



**Top:** President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, and top CPC and State leaders gather with guests at the 2018 Spring Festival reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Feb 14.

**Above:** President Xi giving the speech at the reception. PHOTOS BY XINHUA

## Nation tops world in patent applications

China has been the world leader in patent applications on inventions for seven consecutive years, said Wan Gang, president of the China Association for Science and Technology.

The Chinese mainland issued about 1.36 million patents on inventions by the end of last year, working out to about 9.8 patents per 10,000 people, according to the State Intellectual Property Office.

“China's input on research and development rose to the second-highest in the world in 2017,” said Wan, adding that the number of

full-time R&D personnel in China is the highest in the world.

“For years, China has been investing in major S&T (science and technology) fields, such as infrastructure, high-speed rail, aerospace and biological technology. It is time to reap the fruit,” said Zhang Ping, a Peking University professor who specializes in intellectual property.

## Xi sends Teheran message over crash

President Xi Jinping on Feb 19 sent a condolence message to his Iranian counterpart, Hassan Rouhani, over the crash of an Iranian jetliner a day earlier.

The Iranian passenger plane crashed into Dena mountain on the morning of Feb 18, killing all 65 people on board.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi, in a message to his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, expressed deep condolences over the victims in the air tragedy and extended his sincere sympathy to their families.

The deputy governor of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province in southwestern Iran said that the wreckage of the aircraft was found near the province's city of Dengezlu.

The aircraft disappeared from the radar 50 minutes after taking off from Teheran, with 59 passengers and six crew members on board.

## Chinese cities join world's richest list

China has shone in the latest list of the world's richest cities, due to the rapidly accumulated personal wealth in the country.

According to the World's Wealthiest Cities list released by the South African market consultancy New World Wealth in February, three Chinese cities entered the top 10 — Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The market research firm gauges the total amount of private wealth based on property, cash, equities and business interests. Government funds are excluded from the figures.

Beijing came fifth on the list with a total wealth of \$2.2 trillion, which was the highest ranking among all the nominated Chinese cities.

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