

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“The risk level of the Chinese government’s debt is not expected to change significantly in the coming years compared with that in 2017.”

XIAO JIE, finance minister, saying the risk level of China’s debt is far below the global warning line and lower than that of other major economies and some emerging-market countries.



ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

Zilu asked Confucius: ‘If the ruler of Wei is anticipating your assistance in the administration of his state, what will be your top priority?’ Confucius said: ‘What is necessary is to define terms more precisely. If terms are not precise, then what is commanded cannot be accurately obeyed. If what is commanded cannot be accurately obeyed, work cannot be accomplished. If work cannot be accomplished, propriety and music will not flourish. If propriety and music do not flourish, punishments will not be properly applied. If punishments are not properly applied, then people will have no standard to judge their actions.’

Scroll 9: Lun Yu

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.

Audio book seeks to raise AIDS awareness

The UNAIDS China office on March 6 released *The Bravest Boy I Know*, a free Chinese-language audio book, to raise awareness and fight AIDS-related discrimination, particularly against children.

Actor Huang Xiaoming, a UNAIDS national goodwill ambassador, provides the voice for central character Xiaoming, an 8-year-old HIV sufferer.

The book tells the story of the friendship between Xiaoming and Xiaoli, who is HIV free, and sends the message that with treatment and support from families, friends and school, children with HIV/AIDS can have a normal and happy childhood.

It was released to mark Zero Discrimination Day, on March 1, and can be downloaded for free from the UNAIDS China website.

“These are children who were born with HIV. They are young people yearning for a better future. The more I listen to their stories, the more I’m eager to do something to help them,” Huang said at the book launch in Beijing.

China plans potent new solid-fuel rockets

China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp (CASIC), the nation’s largest missile maker, is striving to build solid-propellant, heavy-lift carrier rockets as powerful as existing liquid-fuel types, according to a senior researcher.

Hu Shengyun, a senior rocket designer, said CASIC intends to offer solid-propellant rockets as alternate launch vehicles for heavy-weight spacecraft.

All of China’s heavyweight spacecraft use liquid-fuel rockets as launch vehicles because their lift capacity is greater than existing solid-fuel models.

But solid-propellant engines are less complicated, need less time for prelaunch preparations, place fewer demands on launch facilities and are more mobile.

The engine will have a diameter of more than 4 meters and a liftoff thrust of more than 1,000 metric tons, making it the largest solid-propellant rocket engine in the world, surpassing the record held by the United States, said Hu.



Actor Huang Xiaoming plays with children at the launch of an audio book, *The Bravest Boy I Know*, in Beijing on March 6. The book, released by the UNAIDS China office, combats AIDS-related discrimination, especially against children.

PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Shanghai aims to ban smoking in parks

Authorities in Shanghai have launched a pilot project to extend the city’s smoking ban to its parks under a new code released on Feb 28.

According to the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Landscaping and City Appearance, the city is still deciding on a park in which to test the policy, which would include the construction of smoking areas, but the ban is expected to be gradually implemented in all Shanghai parks.

The city followed Beijing and Shenzhen in March last year with a total ban on smoking in public places and workspaces.

Figures from the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Health and Family Planning show a sharp decline of smoking in indoor public spaces. Smoking has been banned in more than 88 percent of indoor public places.

Jiuzhaigou scenic area sees partial reopening

Jiuzhaigou, a scenic area on the UNESCO World Natural Heritage list in Southwest China’s Sichuan

province, partially reopened on March 8 after a devastating earthquake in August 2017.

Admission fees will be reduced in March to 40 yuan (\$6.30) each. After March, admission will rise to 110 yuan, per person.

Before the earthquake, the entry fee at Jiuzhaigou was 220 yuan during the peak season (April 1 to Nov 15), and 80 yuan during the off-season (Nov 16 to March 31).

In 2018, only 2,000 visitors will be admitted to Jiuzhaigou daily, as it is being rebuilt.

Located in the Aba Tibetan and Qiang autonomous prefecture in Sichuan, Jiuzhaigou means “nine-settlement valley”. It is named after the nine Tibetan settlements on the eastern edge of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

Sichuan secures 10b yuan for panda park

Construction of the planned Giant Panda National Park took a step forward as the government of Southwest China’s Sichuan province has secured funding of at least 10 billion yuan (\$1.58 billion) over the next five years.

According to an agreement

signed on March 6 by multiple parties, including the Sichuan provincial branch of the Bank of China and the Sichuan provincial Department of Forestry, the bank is in charge of securing the financing by 2023 for the park’s construction.

Planning for the park began on Jan 31, 2017, when the general offices of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and State Council issued a circular on the project.

It will cover 27,134 square kilometers — three times the size of Yellowstone National Park in the United States — and is expected to help wild pandas isolated on six mountains across Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces to breed, strengthening their gene pool.

Research begins on advanced icebreaker

Chinese scientists have begun preliminary research on a next-generation icebreaker capable of lengthy research missions in the Arctic and Antarctica, according to the program’s chief designer.

“The new type will be much stronger when it comes to capability

>> PAGE 3



China Daily Asia Weekly’s circulation is audited by BPA Worldwide



A member of the Asia News Network

© 2018 China Daily
All Rights Reserved
VOL 9 • NO 9

CONTACT US

Published by China Daily Asia Pacific Limited,
Unit 814-815, Hing Wai Centre,
7 Tin Wan Praya Road, Aberdeen,
Hong Kong.

Tel: 852-2518 5111

Fax: 852-3543 0702

Feedback:
editor@chinadailyapac.com

Subscriptions:
852-3465 5430
subscription@chinadailyapac.com

Advertising:
852-2518 5128

SUBSCRIPTION

Australia: 1800-843 933
Brunei: 673-2336492
Cambodia: 855-12 977 536
Dubai, UAE: 971-4-5519685
Hong Kong: 852-3465 5430
India: 022-42202101
Indonesia: 62-21-5367 7736
Japan: 81-3-3820 1227

Malaysia: 603-7980 3002
Myanmar: 959-876 2909
Nepal: 977-1-5005601
Pakistan: 92-300-2774651
Philippines: 63-2-2266999
Republic of Korea: 02-1688 2952
Singapore: 65-6388 3838
Thailand: 66-(0)2-3901678