

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“AI is an international trend. We need to strengthen international cooperation and support China’s AI companies and institutes to work globally with others and play roles in their key fields.”



WAN GANG, minister of science and technology, saying China will strengthen the use of artificial intelligence to solve security, health, environment and other key public issues.

ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

Learn how to be a good son and one will know how to be a good father. Learn how to be a good subordinate and one will know how to be a good leader. Learn how to serve people properly and one will know how to appoint people to the appropriate tasks.

Scroll 10: Kong Zi Jia 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.

President hopes talks on peninsula succeed

China looks forward to the success of the top leaders’ meeting and bilateral dialogue between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the United States, President Xi Jinping said.

Beijing hopes substantial progress will be made toward denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and normalizing their relations, Xi said when meeting on March 12 with Chung Eui-yong, special envoy and top national security adviser for Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in.

Chung visited Pyongyang and Washington and announced in the US capital on March 8 that US President Donald Trump would meet DPRK top leader Kim Jong-un by May to achieve permanent denuclearization.

China appreciates Moon’s dispatching Chung to China to provide a briefing on Chung’s visits to the DPRK and the US and his effort to promote DPRK-US dialogue, Xi said.

Chung, who leads the National Security Office of the Blue House, said positive changes have taken place in the peninsula’s situation and China has played an important, navigating role.

Xi hails re-election of German chancellor

President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message on March 14 to Angela Merkel on her re-election as German chancellor, vowing joint efforts toward greater progress in bilateral ties.

Merkel was re-elected chancellor by parliament on March 14 for her fourth term of leading Europe’s largest economy.

The two nations achieved lasting development in relations through joint efforts since the China-Germany All-round Strategic Partnership was established in 2014, Xi said.

Common interests and mutually beneficial cooperation have deepened, and the two have had close cooperation such as on global governance, economic globalization and multilateralism, Xi said.

Xi said he attaches great importance to development of China-Germany ties and is willing to work with Merkel to cement and improve



President Xi Jinping meets Chung Eui-yong, the top national security adviser to Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in, in Beijing on March 12. Chung briefed Xi on his denuclearization talks in Pyongyang and Washington. PANG XINGLEI / XINHUA

China-Germany strategic mutual trust, and take the bilateral ties to a higher ground.

Netizens mourn death of Stephen Hawking

Millions of Chinese mourned the death on March 14 of globally admired British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, 76, for his indomitable spirit and insightful probing of cosmic mysteries.

Netizens flooded Hawking’s official Weibo account to bid farewell after the news broke in China around noon. They left more than 50,000 new comments in five hours under his last update, when he lauded young pop star Wang Junkai in November for caring about life beyond Earth.

“Cherish the memory of Mr Hawking. You forever belong to the stars and universe, and your teachings will forever be in my heart,” Wang wrote, ending his sentence with a candle emoji.

News of Hawking’s death quickly became the top-trending topic on Weibo and search engine Baidu. More than 380 million reads and 236,000 comments were generated on Weibo in the first five hours after the announcement.

Trafficking of organs condemned at Vatican

For the second year, a Chinese delegate took part in a two-day conference in Vatican City aimed at preventing organ trafficking. The conference ended on March 13.

Participants at the yearly Summit on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism, which was held at the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy of Sciences, included officials, experts and advocates from around the world.

Summit speakers included Wang Haibo, a Chinese medical expert representing Huang Jiefu, a former vice-minister of health and current head of the National Human Organ Donation and Transplant Committee. Wang reiterated China’s stance on strict measures against organ trafficking.

The World Health Organization, the United Nations and other organizations condemn organ trafficking, as well as human trafficking for the purpose of organ removal.

Beijing to work with new US chief diplomat

Beijing said on March 14 it hopes the reshuffling of chief US diplo-

mat will not affect the development of relations and important areas of cooperation.

United States President Donald Trump fired Rex Tillerson on March 13, saying his replacement would be CIA Director Mike Pompeo. The nominee is awaiting confirmation by the Senate.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said in a daily news conference that Tillerson remained in close contact with China as secretary of state, and China appreciates his efforts to promote the development of Sino-US ties.

He said China also hopes to work with the new US secretary of state to continue the healthy and stable development of bilateral ties, adding that China hopes to continue cooperating with the US on important international and regional issues.

Jan-Feb growth beats market expectations

China’s economic growth beat market expectations in the first two months, an indication that the world’s second largest economy is expanding steadily and can achieve its preset growth target of about 6.5

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