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Indian educationist wants to tap Chinese campuses

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Technology, developer of the space station, has set up a committee involving 14 top Chinese space scientists to solicit, review and select experiments submitted by researchers from around the world who wish to take advantage of the Chinese spacecraft to boost their research.

Preferred fields include physics, material synthesis and in-space manufacturing as well as astrochemistry and bioengineering, according to a release from the academy on Aug 6.

The academy said it hopes the move will help strengthen international cooperation in space exploration, noting the review and selection process will be made in accordance with international norms and universal practices.

Superfast computer starts up in Shandong

China put a prototype “exascale” computing machine — the next-generation supercomputer — into operation on Aug 5, developers said.

The exascale computer is able to perform 1 quintillion — or a billion billion — calculations per second.

The Sunway exascale computer prototype was developed by the National Research Center of Parallel Computer Engineering and Technology (NRCPC), the National Supercomputing Center in Jinan, East China’s Shandong province, and the Pilot National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology (Qingdao).

The NRCPC led the team that developed Sunway TaihuLight, crowned as the world’s fastest computer two years in a row at the 2016 and 2017 International Supercomputing Conferences in Frankfurt, Germany.

“We expect to build the exascale computer in the second half of 2020 or the first half of 2021,” said Yang Meihong, director of the National Supercomputing Center in Jinan.

Coast Guard targets refined oil smugglers

China Coast Guard officers have detained 3,587 people on suspicion of smuggling refined oil and solved more than 800 such cases since last year, according to the Coast Guard on Aug 7.



A pianist performs on a cliff beside Tianzi Mountain in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in Central China’s Hunan province on Aug 5. A music festival was held in the scenic area with artists performing in the mountains, forests and rice paddies, providing tourists a soundtrack to accompany the natural beauty. WU YONGBING / XINHUA

Meanwhile, they have broken up 18 major smuggling operations involving oil and confiscated 700,000 metric tons of refined petroleum products. The amount of money involved was put at 3.3 billion yuan (\$484 million).

According to the China Coast Guard, it has carried out several campaigns since 2017 to target the smuggling of refined oil, during which it sent out more than 15,000 naval patrols and uncovered 856 cases.

“Trafficking oil products seriously violates the normal market order and has a serious impact on the fair trade of oil products, so we will seriously fight such crimes and punish the traffickers,” according to the China Coast Guard said in a statement.

Students from abroad given work options

China will allow international students at Chinese universities nationwide to take part-time jobs during their studies to make the country’s higher educational system more attractive, the Ministry of Education said in a statement provided to *China Daily*.

The government has been introducing a number of exploratory changes allowing international

students in Beijing and Shanghai to take part-time jobs or internships off campus as long as they obtain approval from their academic institutions and the entry and exit administrative authorities.

In 2015, Shanghai implemented a pilot policy that enables international students who have graduated from a Chinese university to accept internships or to start their own business in the Zhangjiang National Innovation Demonstration Zone for up to two years after graduation.

One year later, the city further eased the restriction and allowed international students to start a business at the zone during their studies.

Toilets in Beijing to receive new scrutiny

Beijing has issued the first guideline in the nation requiring that toilets in the restaurant industry receive daily inspections.

Restaurants should disinfect their toilets at least once a day, and check the restrooms every 15 minutes during peak hours, according to a guideline released by the Beijing Food and Drug Administration on Aug 2.

It is an important move for the capital to improve the quality of restrooms in restaurants, said Jiang

Junxian, director of the China Cuisine Association, adding that it is important for the upcoming Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, which will see many foreign and domestic visitors.

The association has been designated to implement the guidelines, Jiang said, and it aims to supervise 5,000 restaurants in the capital by the end of the year.

Pregnant antelopes to get security convoy

An escort convoy will begin a one-month journey in the next few days to protect pregnant Tibetan antelopes that will travel hundreds of kilometers from Northwest China’s Qinghai province to the Tibet autonomous region in the southwest, to give birth.

The team, organized by the Qumalai management office at Three-River-Source National Park in Qinghai province, consists of 40 experienced workers who have been involved in Tibetan antelope protection work for years.

Every summer, 5,000 to 6,000 pregnant Tibetan antelopes travel along fixed routes from the Lechi grassland in Qinghai to Hoh Xil in Tibet to give birth.

The rich variety of food and a relatively safe environment are

favorable for breeding and raising baby antelopes. Soon afterward, the females make the return journey with their calves.

A single trip on the mass migration is typically about 260 km.

Work permit waiver for Taiwan residents

Taiwan residents no longer need a permit to work on the Chinese mainland, the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council confirmed on Aug 8.

The decision was made based on a study by the office and the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, drawing on suggestions and advice from Taiwan compatriots.

The policy aims to provide Taiwan people with treatment equal to that of their mainland compatriots in employment, studying and starting businesses, he said.

The decision is part of a State Council decision made public on Aug 3, which also eliminated the requirement for Hong Kong and Macao citizens to acquire a permit to work on the mainland.

Business licenses, contracts, payroll and social insurance payment records can all serve as work permits for Taiwan compatriots working on the mainland.

Shanghai luring top Beijing graduates

Graduates from two top universities in Beijing will be granted fast-track Shanghai household registration authorization if they choose to work in the financial hub, according to a new policy issued by the city’s education commission.

Under a pilot program, those with bachelor’s degrees from Peking University or Tsinghua University who have been offered jobs in Shanghai will be granted preferential treatment in their applications for Shanghai household registration permits, or *hukou*, which afford holders a full range of benefits including pensions, healthcare and child education stipends as well as auto and apartment purchasing quotas.

The policy comes at a time when a long list of Chinese cities — including Beijing, Tianjin and Shenzhen — have offered to provide various incentives to attract talent, including *hukou* privileges.

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