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but in short-term liquidity difficulties, according to a statement released after the meeting.

Meeting participants decided to strengthen financial services for small, micro and private businesses.

## Chinese navy joins ASEAN maritime drill

The navies of China and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries began their first joint maritime exercise in Zhanjiang, South China's Guangdong province, on Oct 22. The exercise included the application of the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea, as well as search and rescue operations and communications exercises.

Eight ships, three helicopters, five observers and more than 1,200 personnel from China and the 10-member ASEAN participated in the exchanges on shore and exercises in waters east of Zhanjiang from Oct 22 to 28.

The ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise-2018 was aimed mainly at advancing defense cooperation and maritime security between China and ASEAN, said Zhu Jianda, Chinese commander of the shore-based joint command for the exercise.

The drill marked the first time ASEAN as a whole has held a military exercise with a single country.

## Draft law facilitates transfer of criminals

A draft law that has clarified conditions and procedures for transferring criminals between China and other countries will facilitate international cooperation in fighting transnational crimes and graft, lawmakers and experts said.

The draft law on international criminal judicial assistance, submitted to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the country's top legislature, for second deliberation on Oct 22, includes a new chapter on the transfer of criminal convicts.

It stipulates that a foreign country can make a request to China on the transfer of its citizens who have been convicted of crimes in China.

The transfer will get a green light if the convict's offense also consti-



**Chinese naval officers** and soldiers visit the Singapore frigate *Stalwart* during an open day at a military port in Zhanjiang, South China's Guangdong province, on Oct 24. The navies of China and Association of Southeast Asian Nations countries participated in a joint maritime exercise from Oct 22 to 28. ZHANG LEI / FOR CHINA DAILY

tutes a crime in the home country, the verdict in China has taken effect and the convict gives written consent for the transfer.

## Answers sought after Taiwan train crash

Transportation authorities were last week investigating the cause of a deadly passenger train derailment on Oct 21 in northeastern Taiwan.

At least 18 people were confirmed dead and 187 were injured. Two female passengers from the Chinese mainland were among the injured.

All eight cars of the express train derailed, and three of them overturned.

The train was bound for Taitung from Shulin Station, with 366 passengers aboard. It came off the tracks at 4:50 pm at Xinma Station in Yilan county.

Of those who died, the youngest was 9. Two students, aged 12 and 13, from a junior high school in Taitung were also killed.

## China, India to boost ties in law enforcement

China and India held their first high-level meeting on law enforcement and security on Oct 22.

State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi said at the meeting that China and

India, as good neighbors and good friends, have great potential and broad prospects for cooperation in those areas.

The establishment of a high-level meeting mechanism on law enforcement and security and the convening of the first meeting will be of great significance in promoting the development of bilateral relations and enhancing cooperation, Zhao said.

He hoped that the two sides will earnestly implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries.

Indian Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh said his country is willing to work with China to implement the consensus, enhance political mutual trust, expand mutually beneficial cooperation and strengthen pragmatic cooperation.

## Largest amphibious plane nears completion

China will have better capability in maritime search, rescue and fire-fighting as it moves closer to putting the world's largest amphibious aircraft into use.

Developed and built by State-owned aircraft giant Aviation Industry Corporation of China, the AG600 carried out its first water-based takeoff and landing

at Jingmen Zhanghe Airport, one of China's leading amphibious airports, in Jingmen, Central China's Hubei province, on Oct 20.

President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to researchers and engineers of the program to express his congratulations, encouraging them to continue to strive to build a strong aviation industry.

The success of the first waterborne flight of the AG600 marked another significant achievement through independent innovation by China's aviation industry, Xi said.

## First private university to be model of reform

The founding of Westlake University, China's first private university aimed at cultivating high-level talent in advanced technology, marks a significant step in efforts to reform the higher-education sector and foster innovation, the Ministry of Education said.

In a congratulatory letter sent for a founding ceremony on Oct 20, the ministry said it hopes the university will focus on basic advanced scientific research and become a top higher-education institution with Chinese characteristics.

The presidents of more than 50 universities attended the ceremony in Hangzhou, East China's Zhejiang province, along with Nobel laure-

ates Yang Zhenning, James Watson, Jean-Marie Lehn, Brian Kobilka and Fraser Stoddart.

Shi Yigong, president of Westlake University, said the university aspires to become a pioneer in China's higher-education reform and a cradle of innovative talent in advanced science and technology.

## Firm fined over ads printed on red scarves

A subsidiary of real estate giant Wanda Group has been fined 344,700 yuan (\$49,700) for printing an advertisement on red scarves — a symbol of the Chinese Young Pioneers — and distributing them to students.

Wanda Plaza Business Administration Corp was told to stop running the promotion, which aimed to drum up interest in a new shopping mall in Heze, East China's Shandong province, news website Dazhong reported.

Netizens criticized the company in September when it emerged that Wanda employees had handed out red scarves emblazoned with ads to students at Danyanglu Primary School during a road safety awareness event.

Red neckerchiefs are traditionally worn by the Young Pioneers, a group founded by the Communist Party of China in 1949 for children aged 6 to 14. The scarves represent the national flag and symbolize China's revolutionary tradition.

## Alliance to share big data on biodiversity

China has become a global center for biological and life sciences studies, and its research data can play a big role in promoting biodiversity and sustainability, as well as tackling global health issues, according to scientists.

On Oct 14, China launched the Global Biodiversity and Health Big Data Alliance, a collaboration between institutes and universities in Pakistan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and Russia that aims to facilitate the sharing and application of big data.

The program operates under the framework of the International Union of Biological Sciences, a non-profit founded in 1919 that covers all disciplines of biological and life sciences. It has more than 110 institutional members worldwide.

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