



Xi, Trump discuss trade, peninsula

Leaders' phone talk urges efforts to improve China-US ties, further ease DPRK tensions

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Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump on Nov 1 held a telephone conversation, speaking of bilateral trade and the Korean Peninsula issue while agreeing to meet bilaterally during the upcoming G20 summit in Argentina.

Trump said during the conversation that he looks forward to meeting Xi during the G20 summit so that they can have an in-depth discussion about some major issues.

The president of the United States added that he hopes their two countries will make joint efforts to prepare for the meeting.

The US attaches importance to US-China economic and trade cooperation and would like to continue to expand exports to China, he said, adding that the economic teams from the two sides need to enhance exchanges and consultations.

Trump also voiced his support for the China International Import Expo

(CIIE) taking place from Nov 5-10 in Shanghai, which is the first of its kind in China.

It is very important for the heads of state of the US and China to keep frequent, direct communication, Trump said, and he and Xi should keep in touch with each other. Trump also said he attaches importance to a good relationship with Xi and is willing to extend, through Xi, his good wishes to the Chinese people.

In the telephone conversation held at the invitation of Trump, Xi said he is glad to talk with Trump. And he also attaches importance to a good relationship with the US president.

Xi said he is willing to meet Trump during the G20 summit in Argentina and further exchange views on bilateral ties and other major issues.

The G20 leaders meeting is scheduled to take place at the end of November in Buenos Aires. The Xi-Trump meeting in Argentina would be their first encounter in a year following a historic summit in Beijing last November.

Xi said both he and Trump have good visions for a healthy, stable development of China-US relations as well as expanding economic and trade cooperation, and they should make efforts to realize the wishes.

Xi noted in the conversation that China has repeatedly made clear its stance on bilateral ties, and hopes both countries will promote a healthy, stable development of bilateral ties in accordance with the important consensus reached between him and Trump.

The essence of China-US cooperation on economy and trade, said the Chinese president, is mutual benefits and win-win results.

The two sides have disagreed on trade issues for some time, Xi noted, saying that it has caused a negative impact on the relevant industries in both countries as well as on global trade. This is not what China wants to see, said Xi.

The CIIE shows China's willingness to increase imports and further expand its opening-up, Xi said, add-

ing that he is glad to see many US companies enthusiastically participating in the event.

There have been successful examples in the past of China and the US solving trade differences through coordinated cooperation, Xi said. He urged the two countries' economic teams to increase their contacts and to conduct consultations over issues of mutual concern so as to reach an agreement which is acceptable for both sides.

The two sides also exchanged views on the Korean Peninsula situation. Xi emphasized that since the beginning of this year, it has undergone positive changes.

China appreciates the historic meeting between Trump and Kim Jong-un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which promotes the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the political settlement of the peninsula issue, said Xi.

China hopes the US and the DPRK take care of each other's concerns

and further advance the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in parallel with the building of a peace mechanism on the peninsula, Xi said, adding that China will continue to play a constructive role.

Trump said that since the beginning of this year, talks between the US and the DPRK have made positive progress.

The US side attaches great importance to China's important role in the Korean Peninsula issue and is willing to continue to strengthen communication and coordination with China, he added.

News of their talks shored up equity markets in the US, China and other parts of Asia Pacific. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 each gained 1.06 percent while the Nasdaq Composite rallied 1.75 percent. Australian and early Asian trade also found an improved mood.

The official yuan midpoint was also lifted to 6.9371 per dollar, the strongest since Oct 24, compared to an earlier fix of 6.9670.

Resolve differences through dialogue: Li

Premier tells US delegation 'relations have moved forward' over past 40 years

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China and the United States should respect and accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, and properly handle and resolve differences through dialogue and consultation on an equal basis, Premier Li Keqiang said on Nov 1.

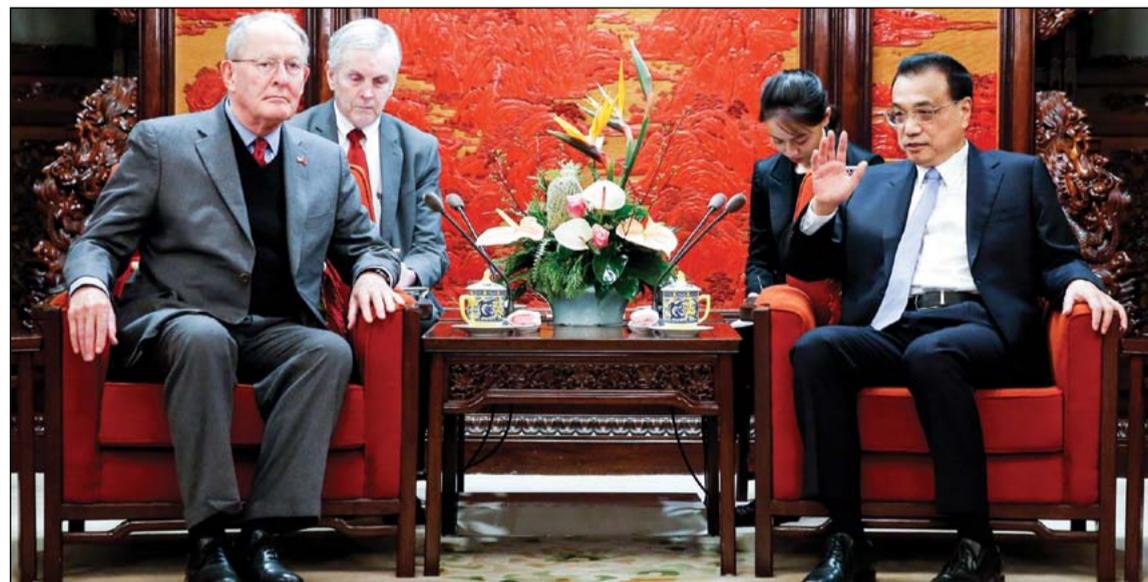
Li's comments came as he met a delegation of US senators and House members, led by Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, at the Zhongnanhai leadership compound in Beijing.

China, the world's largest developing country, and the US, the largest developed country, are highly complementary economically, he said.

Li added that the two peoples have benefited from bilateral pragmatic cooperation.

It has been close to 40 years since the two countries established diplomatic relations, and the relations have moved forward despite all the hardships, he noted.

The healthy and stable development of Sino-US relations fits into the fundamental interests of both



Premier Li Keqiang meets with Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander, who led a group of US Republican senators and House members to visit China, at the Zhongnanhai leadership compound in Beijing on Nov 1. KUANG LINHUA / CHINA DAILY

peoples, he said.

The two sides should work together to push forward the development of Sino-US ties based on the consensus reached by the two countries' leaders, the premier said.

China will firmly deepen reforms and further expand its opening-up, and China's development will provide other countries with more opportunities and a broader market, he said.

Alexander said the US senators

and congressmen were in China to show respect to a great country and a great people.

"Your country and our country are competitors, but not adversaries. We believe that with mutual respect, we

can continue to prosper together," he told the premier.

According to a statement released after the meeting, the US delegation voiced a consensus that the two countries should resolve trade differences through consultation in an equal and fair manner, and imposing tariffs is not a solution to the problems.

The US senators and House members also expressed a willingness to play constructive roles in promoting bilateral relations and enabling better understanding and cooperation between the two nations.

Li also met with the Achim Steiner, administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, on Nov 1.

Li said China looks forward to seeking synergies between its own development plan and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the UN.

Together with UN development agencies, China also looks forward to safeguarding multilateralism and the international order with the purpose and principles of the UN Charter at its core, he said.