

CHINA DIGEST

Quotable

“It is the time to take a stand and to iterate that US-China cooperation on economic matters and trade and investment is good for both of our countries.”

CRAIG ALLEN,

president of the Washington-based US-China Business Council, saying United States companies should speak out about the importance of the Chinese market and US-China cooperation as trade tensions hurt almost every large US corporation and could even drive small firms out of business.



ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

“Honoring the virtuous and able as well as giving recognition to moral excellence is something to which a sage-king would attach great importance. Promoting benevolence and transformation through education is what Confucius would speak of more approvingly.”

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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.

Li calls for defending multilateral free trade

During a meeting with major international organizations, Premier Li Keqiang called on Nov 6 for more efforts to safeguard the multilateral trading system and strengthen coordination of macro-economic policies to support the recovery of the global economy and maintain financial stability.

During the “1+6” Roundtable dialogue in Beijing, Li met with World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde, World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Secretary-General Angel Gurría, Financial Stability Board Chairman Mark Carney, and International Labour Organization Deputy Director-General for Policy Deborah Greenfield.

The global economy is recovering from the 2008 financial crisis but faces risks and challenges amid globalization and turbulent financial markets, Li said during the roundtable dialogue.

China is willing to work with other countries to defend free trade, deepen structural reforms and inject vitality into the markets, he said.

Xi vows teamwork to promote aviation

President Xi Jinping said that China remains committed to promoting development in aviation and aerospace technologies with other countries, allowing people around the world to share the benefits of such progress.

Mankind has yearned to explore the vast skies since ancient times, and Chinese have passed on their dreams of flying for generations, Xi said in a congratulatory letter to the opening ceremony of the 12th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, South China's Guangdong province.

The letter was read by Li Xi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, at the opening ceremony on Nov 6.

Xi said that China has always worked with other countries to promote the development of aviation and aerospace technologies.



Premier Li Keqiang (center) and leaders of major international organizations pose for a group photo at the Third “1+6” Roundtable, a dialogue hosted by Li on Nov 6 in Beijing. KUANG LINHUA / CHINA DAILY

Partners drawn to green BRI project

More than 80 institutions from home and abroad have expressed a desire to become partners in a green development coalition in the Belt and Road Initiative, a senior official said.

China sent invitations for coalition partners early this year. With preparations underway, the coalition is expected to be launched in April, said Guo Jing, head of international cooperation for the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

Guo made the remark at the annual general meeting of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development, which concluded on Nov 3 in Beijing.

More than half of the institutions are government bodies, international organizations, NGOs or international companies from countries involved in the BRI, Guo said.

Beijing accepts sincere human rights advice

China will take into consideration sincere and constructive advice on the issue of human rights,

but firmly opposes vicious and groundless criticism from a tiny minority of people with a political bias, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said on Nov 7.

Her remarks came after the United Nations reviewed China's human rights record on Nov 6.

The review followed a visit to Geneva, Switzerland, of a Chinese delegation, led by Vice-Foreign Minister Le Yucheng, with the delegation answering more than 300 questions from 150 countries in an open, candid, inclusive and cooperative way, Hua said.

The review is part of the UN's periodic review process for every member state's record on human rights. This is the third UN review of China's human rights record after earlier reviews in 2009 and 2013.

New carrier rocket under development

Engineers are developing a new carrier rocket to launch China's next-generation manned spacecraft into low-Earth orbits or as far as the moon, said China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp, a major space contractor.

Hu Xiaojun, a rocket researcher at the company's China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, said the new rocket, which has yet to be named, is intended for China's future manned space flights, which will be carried out by a new-generation spacecraft, and manned lunar explorations.

In future, the new rocket will also be used in conjunction with the Long March 9 — a rocket that is under development and that will be China's most powerful carrier rocket — to transport construction materials to the moon for a permanent base there, he said.

Pakistan port plan set to gather speed

The all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between China and Pakistan will be strengthened with a firm commitment to building the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, including the landmark Gwadar Port, according to a joint declaration released on Nov 4.

The countries agreed to accelerate construction of the port and supporting projects, as the facility is key for cross-regional connectivity

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