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and a pillar of the economic corridor, it said.

The declaration focused on eight aspects, including strategic communications, the economic corridor, trade, investment and financial cooperation.

The countries reiterated that the Belt and Road Initiative is a win-win model for international cooperation and will provide new opportunities for economic development and prosperity. The corridor is on a fast track and plays a vital role in Belt and Road cooperation, the declaration said.

## Afghan children receive heart disease treatment

A hundred children from Afghanistan with congenital heart defects have received medical treatment in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region in four batches since September last year as part of the Red Cross Society of China's foreign humanitarian mission.

On Nov 7, 18 young Afghans from the last group who had been hospitalized at the First Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University since late October, were discharged and boarded a plane bound for Kabul, Afghanistan's capital.

"Aid from the Red Cross Society of China has helped a total of 100 Afghan children gradually recover and relieved them of medical burdens. This is the best gift," said Faizekhuda Faizani, director of relationship management at the Afghan Red Crescent Society.

Wang Rupeng, vice-president of the Chinese society, said the mission aims at strengthening people-to-people ties between China and Afghanistan.

## China, Russia vow to strengthen cooperation

Efforts will be made to better align the Belt and Road Initiative with the Eurasian Economic Union based on openness, transparency and concern for each other's interests, according to a statement signed by Premier Li Keqiang and Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

The statement, issued on Nov 7, aims to promote regional integration and reiterates the importance the two countries place on bilateral cooperation as a long-term and strategic choice.



A nurse interacts with a girl from Afghanistan who has congenital heart disease, at The First Affiliated Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University in Urumqi, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, on Nov 6. The Red Cross Society of China has arranged free corrective surgery for 100 Afghan children. LIU XIN / CHINA NEWS SERVICE

China and Russia will offer firm support to each other on major bilateral and international issues to achieve prosperity as well as international peace and development, it said.

Li and Medvedev also witnessed the signing of nine agreements to promote cooperation in areas such as energy, agriculture, customs clearance and aerospace.

## SOE signs agreement to build cruise ship

China started a project on Nov 6 to build its first large, domestically made cruise ship, a major stride in the nation's shipbuilding capabilities.

A cooperation agreement on the design and construction of two 135,500-metric-ton Vista-class cruise ships was signed by China State Shipbuilding Corp (CSSC), Carnival Corp and Fincantieri in Shanghai on Nov 6 during the China International Import Expo, according to a statement by CSSC, a State-owned conglomerate.

Vista-class is a designation made by Fincantieri to describe a ship with certain features — including

most staterooms with ocean views and balconies.

Carnival Corp is a British-American cruise operator and the world's largest travel leisure company; Fincantieri is an Italian shipbuilding company and one of the world's largest makers of cruise ships.

## Rewards for food, drug safety whistleblowers

China will establish a system that rewards whistleblowers who expose food or drug safety problems, as a measure to improve supervision and deter violations of the law, a senior official for market regulation said on Nov 6.

Whistleblowing can play an important supplementary role in monitoring food and drug safety, based on global experience, Zhang Mao, minister of the State Administration for Market Regulation, said at an international forum on food safety cooperation during the China International Import Expo in Shanghai.

"Whistleblowers have played a role in exposing problems in most food and drug safety cases," he said, adding that a recent vaccine scan-

dal that shocked the nation was the result of whistleblowing.

Companies will face much heavier punishments, including huge fines, for offenses involving food and drug safety.

## Climate battle calls for innovative steps

Innovative development and coordinated governance are key to tackling climate change, experts said at the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development on Nov 2.

Achim Steiner, administrator at the United Nations Development Programme, said it is a critical moment for China to think about future development and for the world to interact more with China.

"There is a broader, more systematic approach to addressing climate change, for example, through innovative development pathways," he said.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report recently estimating that the global temperature will increase an

average of 1.5 C above preindustrial levels by 2030. That would mean more extreme weather, rising sea levels and mass extinctions, posing a big threat to the ecosystem.

## Chinese esports team claims world title

Chinese esports club Invictus Gaming defeated European club Fnatic 3-0 to claim the championship at the 2018 *League of Legends* World Championship in Incheon, South Korea, on Nov 3. It was the first time that a club from China's *League of Legends* Pro League won the title in the world championship's eight-year history.

The long-awaited victory led to a flurry of activity on social media with views on related news hitting the billions on Weibo. At least a dozen of the top 50 most popular Weibo topics that night were about China's victory at the world championship.

"Winning the world championship is unreal for me and I never thought it could become a reality," said Yu Wenbo, also known as Jackeylove, an esports player with club IG.

## Media urged to help forge Sino-Russia ties

Chinese and Russian media outlets should focus more on aligning the Belt and Road Initiative and the Eurasian Economic Union to forge even closer connections between the people of the two countries, a senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official said on Nov 4.

In the keynote speech delivered at the Fourth China-Russia Media Forum held in Shanghai, Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, urged the media to further promote cultural exchanges and mutual learning between China and Russia.

Huang, also head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, said media from the two countries should enhance relations and offer comprehensive, objective and truthful coverage of events in both nations.

Huang said that Sino-Russian comprehensive strategic coordination is at a high level, which also sets an example of win-win cooperation for major countries, neighboring states and emerging economies.

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