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Quotable

“Accusations in the report are unfounded and a double standard.”

CARRIE LAM CHENG YUET-NGOR,

chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, refuting a report released by the United States Congress questioning the city's autonomy.



ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

During tumultuous times, music played on wooden and leather instruments produces sounds that are like roaring thunder; music played on copper and stone instruments produces sounds that are furious and shocking; light dance music played on bamboo or silk instruments produces sounds that are like cawing outcries. These types of loud music can trouble people's mind, deafen ears and sway people to become licentious but they cannot bring happiness to people. Therefore, as music becomes more and more insolent, it will precipitate a greater incidence of depression, more chaos, and more disrespect for the ruler. Subsequently, music loses its original meaning and purpose.

Scroll 39: Lu Shi Chun Qiu

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.

Xi calls for greater confidence, resolve

President Xi Jinping called on people of all ethnicities to have strong confidence and resolve to deepen reform and opening-up under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remark on Nov 13 while attending a major exhibition to mark the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up at the National Museum of China in Beijing.

The Chinese people, led by the CPC, have made great achievements through hard work in the past four decades since reform and opening-up began, Xi said.

The Party's 19th National Congress, held in October last year, drew up the blueprint for the country's future development, Xi said, adding that socialism with Chinese characteristics will definitely have a better future as long as China continues to deepen reform and opening-up.

President emphasizes role of HK, Macao

President Xi Jinping underlined on Nov 12 the unique and irreplaceable role of the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions (SARs) for China's reform and opening-up in the new era. He also called on the two regions to better integrate themselves with the nation's overall development.

Xi's remarks came as he met with a delegation of about 210 representatives from the two SARs who were in Beijing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of reform and opening-up.

The position and role of Hong Kong and Macao will only be strengthened rather than weakened, Xi said. The two regions should continue to play a leading role and enable more capital, technology and talent to take part in the country's high-quality development and in the new round of high-level opening-up, he said.

Unmanned missile boat ready for sale

Chinese weapon researchers have designed an unmanned missile boat and are ready to sell it.



Wang Yi, state councilor and foreign minister, attends a promotional event for Northeast China's Heilongjiang province at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing on Nov 12. Staff members wearing the traditional clothes of the Heze ethnic group, a people native to the province, draped red scarves on participants at the event. The province's ecological advantages, cultural heritage and economic development potential were promoted at the event. Around 100 Chinese and foreign journalists covered the gathering. WANG ZHUANGFEI / CHINA DAILY

The robotic missile-carrying boat, *Liaowangzhe 2*, or *Watcher 2*, was jointly developed by Ocean-alpha, a private company that makes unmanned surface vessels in Zhuhai, South China's Guangdong province, the Xi'an Institute of Modern Control Technology in the northwestern Shaanxi province and Huazhong Institute of Electro-Optics in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei province.

The vessel is the first of its kind in China and also only the second in the world to have successfully fired a missile, according to a statement from China Shipbuilding Industry Corp, parent of the Huazhong institute. It did not elaborate on details of the firing test, saying only that it was conducted off the coast in October.

Economic indicators show mixed results

China's major economic indicators put up a mixed performance in October, with industrial output and investment growth picking up while retail sales growth slowed, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Analysts said authorities may continue to take proactive measures to shore up the economy.

Industrial output in October grew 5.9 percent year-on-year, 0.1 percentage point higher than in September.

Fixed-asset investment growth was 5.7 percent in the first 10 months, up 0.3 percentage points compared with the first nine months. Private investment growth was 8.8 percent, 0.1 percentage point higher than the January-September period.

Retail sales growth weakened to 8.6 percent year-on-year in October, down from 9.2 percent in September.

Some indicators have pointed to a stabilization of economic growth amid economic restructuring as China strives to be more fueled by high-tech industries, services and domestic consumption.

Shanghai tops cities in managing risks

Shanghai ranks first among Chinese cities in preparedness to manage financial uncertainty, according to a survey of 17 major business

centers in the Asia-Pacific region.

According to the Prepped Cities Index in a report by real estate consultancy Cushman & Wakefield, Singapore; Melbourne, Australia; and Shanghai are the three best-prepared cities among the 17 Asia-Pacific cities it reviewed. The survey assessed macroeconomic, structural and defensive factors, as well as social indicators in built-up environments.

“Chinese cities performed very well ... with great potential to improve further in years to come, given their relentless drive to modernize,” said James Shepherd, managing director of Greater China research at Cushman & Wakefield.

All five Chinese cities reviewed — Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Hong Kong — ranked among the top 10.

Nation hits carbon emissions goal early

China has met its goal of reducing its carbon intensity — emissions per unit of GDP — three years before schedule. But more global effort is required to reduce the

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