

# CHINA DIGEST

## ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

“ Music originates from the heart. When the inner emotion is stirred and then displayed, a sound is produced. Sounds combine to form melodies and this is what we call ‘music’. During times of peace and prosperity, the music played is serene and joyful because the political situation has been tolerant and harmonious. On the other hand, music played in tumultuous times is filled with anger because the government has violated the law of nature and the common aspiration of the people. When a country perishes, the music played is sorrowful and melancholic because people have been left in desolation.”

Scroll 7: Li Ji

**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.

## Twin satellites boost coverage of Beidou

With the help of a pair of new satellites, China's domestically made satellite navigation system is ready to roll out wider coverage to areas involved in the Belt and Road Initiative, the system's main designer said. In addition, its use nationwide and worldwide also has grown vigorously.

The country launched new twin Beidou-3 satellites at 2:07 am on Nov 19. They were lofted by a Long March-3B carrier rocket at Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwestern China and are the 46th and 47th satellites of the Beidou navigation system.

“The satellites are also the 18th and 19th of the Beidou-3 series, the third generation of Beidou,” said Yang Changfeng, chief designer of the Beidou system.

“The two will work with 17 other Beidou-3 satellites already in orbit, and the basic satellite constellation of Beidou-3 will be completed by year's end,” he said.

## Xi, Macron exchange messages on ecology

President Xi Jinping exchanged congratulatory messages with French President Emmanuel Macron on the opening of the China-France Year of the Environment on Nov 19.

A sound ecological balance can result in a prosperous civilization, while a degraded ecology can also mark a civilization on the wane, Xi said in his message.

The goal of the China-France Year of the Environment is to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on environmental protection, climate change and biodiversity protection and jointly address global environmental challenges, noted Xi.

China would like to continue its concerted efforts with France and others to protect the Earth and



**Miao ethnic people** celebrate their traditional New Year in Leishan county, Qiongdongnan Miao and Dong ethnic prefecture, of Southwest China's Guizhou province, on Nov 18. A range of events, including a 2,000-person grand banquet, bullfighting and song and dance contests, are being held during the celebration, which lasts until Nov 28.

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build a clean and beautiful world, he added.

Macron noted that tackling climate change and protecting the environment and biodiversity are among the major challenges facing mankind, and are key parts of the two parties' comprehensive strategic partnership.

## China, Vietnam boost security across border

The Chinese and Vietnamese militaries will enhance exchanges and cooperation in various fields and jointly safeguard peace and security in the border area, senior officials said on Nov 19.

General Wei Fenghe, state councilor and minister of national defense, met with his Vietnamese counterpart, General Ngo Xuan Lich, in Longzhou county in South China's Guangxi Zhuang autono-

mous region for the fifth China-Vietnam high-level border exchanges between the two militaries. The meeting concluded on Nov 21.

During their meeting, on Nov 19, Wei said the China-Vietnam comprehensive strategic partnership has maintained steady and positive growth thanks to the leadership of President Xi Jinping and Vietnamese President Nguyen Phu Trong.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the strategic partnership.

## Hotels issue apology to whistleblower

Global hospitality giants Hilton and IHG have apologized for the actions of employees who leaked personal information about a blogger who revealed shoddy cleaning practices at 14 luxury hotels across China.

Zhou Zhaocheng, the blogger's

lawyer, told *China Daily* on Nov 19 that he and his client are trying to pinpoint the source of the leak, and they reserve the right to sue the two groups.

Blogger Wu Dong posted information about the leak on his social media account on Nov 16, two days after he exposed the hotels.

In a screenshot from a WeChat group shared by Wu, an alleged employee of Hilton Garden Inn Guiyang sent a picture of Wu's passport information page to the group and warned everyone to alert each other if the passport holder checks in at the property.

## Attacks on bus drivers on the rise

Legal experts have called for tougher penalties for passengers who endanger public safety by

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