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### Chinese angel investor seeks disruptive change

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attacking bus drivers and suggested that bus companies further improve their security arrangements.

China has seen a rise in such crimes in recent years. A report issued by the Justice Big Data Institute on Nov 19 said that Chinese courts adjudicated 223 criminal cases of arguments or attacks involving passengers and bus drivers from Jan 1, 2016 to Oct 31 this year. The number last year was about 5 percent over that of 2016.

Nearly 70 percent of defendants were passengers, and they argued or attacked the drivers mainly over "trivial things", such as fares or missing stops, it said.

About 30 percent of passengers interfered with drivers by pulling on the steering wheel while the bus was moving, bringing deaths or injuries in about 40 percent of the cases, it added.

#### Survey finds smoking damages male fertility

Male smokers are at higher risk of reproductive problems, including difficulty conceiving, abnormal sperm and partners who have miscarriages or deformed fetuses, according to a survey based on

more than 4,000 male patients across China.

For example, 16.6 percent of those surveyed — both smokers and nonsmokers — had abnormal semen, including a lower concentration of sperm. But abnormalities were found in 32 percent of those who smoked.

The chances of having a deformed fetus for nonsmoking males was 1.1 percent, but was 2.5 percent for smokers, the survey found.

The survey covered male patients seeking fertility treatment at 25 hospitals and clinics in 16 provinces. It was launched by the China Sexology Association and conducted by Peking University Third Hospital from August to October.

#### WTO reforms must not discriminate

Necessary reform to the World Trade Organization (WTO) must be based on the principle of non-discrimination and oppose protectionism and unilateralism, said a Chinese senior trade official.

Zhang Xiangchen, China's ambassador to the WTO, said on Nov 20 in Geneva that WTO reform should be practical in order to facilitate global trade and investment.

He also added that the WTO should restore its capacity to settle trade disputes as soon as possible.

"Reforms need to be firmly set in the course of fighting against unilateralism and protectionism. It has to push for worldwide trade liberalization and investment facilitation. It has to stick to the principle of nondiscrimination and adopt a democratic approach," he told Xinhua News Agency.

According to the ambassador, it is a priority to return the trade body to its role as a dispute settler.

#### Foreign adoptions fall as living standards rise

A senior researcher has said the reason fewer overseas families are adopting Chinese orphans is because of the nation's improved living conditions, which mean fewer parents are abandoning their children.

Some 19,000 children were adopted in China last year, including 2,228 — just under 12 percent — who went to families living in other countries, according to an annual report from the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

It showed that the number of intercountry adoptions had fallen by 42 percent since 2011.

The ministry, in a regulation released on Nov 21, also forbids local authorities from demanding unreasonable charges or compulsory services or requesting donations during visits to China by overseas families with adopted Chinese children.

The new rules will take effect on Jan 1.

#### Exchange boosts PLA, US troops dialogue

The US-China Disaster Management Exchange, which concluded on Nov 17, boosted military-to-military dialogue between the two countries and will continue to help improve disaster response and rescue capabilities, military officials from both countries said.

The annual exchange is a risk-reduction exercise between the United States Army Pacific and People's Liberation Army that was first held in 2005.

It focuses on international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. This year's event kicked off on Nov 12 in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu province.

"The exchange is foundational to US and China military relations," said General Robert Brown, commander of US Army Pacific.

Lieutenant General Qin Weijiang, deputy commander of the PLA's Eastern Theatre Command, said he was glad to see significant improvement in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities and coordination mechanisms.

#### Shenzhen plans to regulate drones

Shenzhen has moved a step forward in regulating the booming industry for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or drones, as the southern city in Guangdong province launched a trial traffic management program on Nov 19.

The trial program aims to regulate flight activities of civilian UAVs, guide users in flying drones legally and ensure public safety.

As part of the program, the city introduced provisional flight management measures for UAVs. The document provides a guideline under which UAV enterprises and users may operate drones.

The government has simplified its approval process for operations involving combat readiness, anti-terrorism, rescue and relief.

For example, advance notice for emergency flights has been lowered to 30 minutes from the previous one hour.





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