

# CHINA DIGEST

## Quotable

**“I would say China, in many things, is at the forefront of that change.”**

**NIKLAS HAGELBERG,**

coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme's climate change subprogram, saying China is playing a major role in cutting global emissions.



## ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

The influence of propriety works very subtly. It prevents immoral conducts from developing and enables people to automatically stay away from malice and move toward virtuousness day by day without being aware of it. Hence, the kings from ancient times venerated the transforming influence that propriety can bring. The book of *Yi Jing* said: 'A superior person always pays attention to the beginning of any development. If there is a slight deviation or error in the beginning, the end result will differ greatly.' Such is the implication of the influence of propriety.

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.

## Yunnan plans to treat foreigners with HIV

Southwest China's Yunnan province is considering providing free treatment to some foreign residents with HIV/AIDS, a top Chinese epidemiologist said.

The province is planning to revise its regulations on HIV control and prevention so that foreigners with HIV/AIDS who have lived in Yunnan for a certain period of time and intend to continue living in China — such as those who have established families with Chinese — will get free treatment, according to Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

“The amendment is still under review by authorities. Once in effect, it will help both foreigners and Chinese against the epidemic,” he said ahead of World AIDS Day on Dec 1.

Most HIV-positive foreigners in China live in areas along the country's borders with Myanmar and Vietnam, including Yunnan.

## National probe after blast kills 23 in Hebei

The Ministry of Emergency Management will launch a thorough examination of all chemical factories to root out safety hazards in the wake of an explosion on Nov 28 in Zhangjiakou, North China's Hebei province, which killed 23 people and injured 22.

The ministry's work safety bureau will set up 10 teams, comprising members of industry associations and experts, to provide safety guidance and conduct in-depth investigations in 50 key counties with plants producing hazardous chemicals, Huang Ming, the ministry's Party secretary, said.

It will also strengthen safety control and management with regard to the planning of plant sites and examine storage facilities for the industrial chemical chloroethylene at 75 enterprises across the country, he said.

## BRI medics taught to treat snakebites

A hospital in southern China has teamed up with healthcare providers in countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative to train doctors how to treat snakebites using tradi-



**Chinese and international students** sing at an annual gala at Harbin Institute of Technology's College of International Education in Harbin, Northeast China's Heilongjiang province, on Dec 2. The college launched the gala in 2010. Faculty from several Russian universities, including Saint Petersburg State University and Ural Federal University, also participated in this year's event. LIU YANG / FOR CHINA DAILY

tional Chinese medicine (TCM).

An estimated 1.2 million people a year are bitten by snakes worldwide, leading to about 100,000 deaths.

“Nearly 10,000 snake strikes are reported on average every year in countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with over 80 percent involving poisonous species,” said Liang Ping, vice-president of the Wuzhou Hospital of TCM.

Early this year, Liang's hospital in Wuzhou, in the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, started offering free training on snakebite and anti-venom treatments to medics based in Belt and Road countries.

The course covers basic knowledge of TCM, distinguishing poisonous snakes, and therapies using traditional remedies.

## Premier urges support for real economy

Premier Li Keqiang has urged support of the real economy, focusing on manufacturing and services sectors, as well as small and private businesses, by further reducing the taxes and fees they face.

Li also said that macroeconomic

policies should be maintained, with timely adjustment to serve market entities and guide stable market expectations.

The premier made the statements when presiding over a meeting on local and national economic developments in Nanjing, capital of East China's Jiangsu province. Top government officials from seven provinces and autonomous regions reported on their local economic situations and proposed suggestions for national policymaking.

The premier said China has taken targeted and timely measures to tackle challenges arising from increasing uncertainties in domestic and international contexts to ensure stable economic development and accomplish targets set for this year.

## Courts vow to fight workplace dishonesty

Beijing courts vowed on Dec 3 to fight dishonest behavior in employment disputes, aiming to uphold justice and help improve the relationship between employers and employees.

“As witnessed by a rise in labor cases in recent years, we've found

more disputes were caused by dishonest conduct in job seeking or employment,” said Shan Guojun, chief judge of the No 1 Civil Division at the Beijing High People's Court.

He added that such irregularities must be prevented by rule of law.

For example, some people were taken to court after they cheated employers by falsifying resumes and educational certificates to obtain jobs or promotions, while some were accused by employers of breaching contracts, such as by leaking employers' business secrets, Shan said.

“On the other hand, employers were also dishonest at times,” he said.

## Red Cross plans to improve public trust

The Red Cross Society of China will intensify efforts to improve public trust in the organization and improve its ability to provide humanitarian services, according to a plan to reform the society.

It will improve its transparency, establish an information disclosure system to aid public supervision,

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