

# CHINA DIGEST

## Quotable

**“As representatives of entrepreneurs, we feel assured of our important role in the country’s economic growth and will continue to contribute our strength to that.”**

**LI DONGSHENG,**

chairman and CEO of consumer electronics giant TCL, saying that he was reassured by President Xi Jinping’s speech on reform and opening-up on Dec 18.



## ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATION

“Paying respect and making offerings to our ancestors cannot be done too frequently since we will get tired of the rituals and end up becoming disrespectful toward them. However, it should not be performed too infrequently either since this will cause us to become too slack and we may gradually forget our ancestors.”

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.

## Xi commends HK, Macao governments

President Xi Jinping voiced his commendation for the work of the governments of the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions on Dec 17 as he called on the two SARs to foster new strengths and achieve new developments.

Xi made the remark during meetings in Beijing with Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, the Hong Kong SAR chief executive, and Fernando Chui Sai-on, chief executive of the Macao SAR.

Over the past year, the Hong Kong SAR government, led by Lam, stood firm in safeguarding the policy of “one country, two systems” and the Basic Law, and it carefully planned the long-term development of Hong Kong, Xi said.

The regions’ governments have actively taken part in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the joint building of the Belt and Road, he said.

## Bay Area plan to be unveiled early 2019

The much-anticipated development plan of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is likely to be released early next year, providing firm policy support and fresh opportunities for the 11-city cluster, Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor said.

Lam said that with development of the Greater Bay Area entering a new level, the future of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be more closely tied to the country’s overall development, and the region will more proactively seek opportunities in that context.

Lam noted that next year is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. She said more opportunities lie ahead for Hong Kong, and the SAR appreciates the continuous support of the central government. She said Hong Kong will make full use of those opportunities.

## Young Chinese see a better China: Poll

More young Chinese believe their country is changing for the better and identify with its development



Teachers review artwork on Dec 19 from those hoping to gain admission to fine arts colleges in Shandong province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

path, according to a recent survey.

The study by *China Youth Daily* and the Communist Youth League of China Central Committee found that 92.9 percent of young people surveyed think China is heading in the right direction, compared with 89.9 percent in 1998.

The Survey on Young Chinese, conducted in mid-November to mark the 40th anniversary of reform and opening-up, showed that only 0.6 percent think the country is getting worse, down from 1.2 percent 20 years ago.

Some 2.4 percent of respondents chose “neither better nor worse”, and 4.1 percent said “sometimes better and sometimes worse”.

The findings were based on a nine-day online survey of 6,081 people.

## Forum to chart BRI teamwork blueprint

The second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation will represent a strong voice in opposing protectionism and promoting an open world economy, a senior Chinese official said on Dec 16.

The forum, which will be held in Beijing in April, will review progress made over the past five years and draw a blueprint for cooperation in various areas, said Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

Yang made the remarks when addressing the opening ceremony of the first meeting of the advisory council of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing. Yang is also director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee.

Yang said the second forum will send a positive signal to firmly support multilateralism, jointly build an open world economy, promote global connectivity and advance global development.

## China plays key role in global wage rise

China played a significant role in global wage growth from 2008 to 2017, helping the average wage to rise by 22 percent, compared with just 13 percent if the country is

excluded, according to a report by the International Labor Organization.

Experts attributed China’s influence on wages to the country’s steady economic growth and its changing growth drivers.

According to the new report, which was based on data from 136 countries, the annual average global real wage in 2017 grew by 1.8 percent year-on-year, the lowest rate since 2008. The growth rate in 2016 was 2.4 percent.

The report again suggested China was a significant factor. Without China, the average real global wage increased 1.1 percent last year.

## Oilfield closed to protect wildlife

An oil production operation in a nature reserve in Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has been closed despite the loss of annual output worth hundreds of millions of yuan in order to better protect desert wildlife.

Zhundong Oil Production Plant, affiliated to PetroChina’s Xinjiang

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