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China News

- 1. Speech by President Xi Jinping at opening of 73rd World Health Assembly**

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a speech via video link on May 18 in Beijing at the opening of the 73rd World Health Assembly. The full text on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-05/18/c_139067018.htm

2. China's national legislature and political advisory body start

annual sessions

The third session of the 13th National People's Congress started on May 22 while the third session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) was held on May 21. This year's "two sessions," though later than usual, will be a "gas station" of confidence and a new starting point for the nation.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/special/2020lh/index.htm>

3. China adopts decision to make Hong Kong national security laws

On May 28, deputies to the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) attending the closing meeting of its third annual session voted to approve the NPC Decision on Establishing and Improving the Legal System and Enforcement Mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Safeguard National Security.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-05/28/c_139095012.htm

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-05/22/c_139078396.htm

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2535_665405/t1781815.shtml

4. SCIO briefing on China's regular prevention and control of

COVID-19

The State Council Information Office held a press conference on May 15 to brief the media on China's regular prevention and control of COVID-19.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2020-05/16/content_76052715.htm

5. SCIO briefing on the timely achievement of poverty alleviation

goals

The State Council Information Office held a press conference on May 18 to brief the media on the timely achievement of poverty alleviation goals.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2020-05/21/content_76073011.htm

6. More than 80 percent of the planned exhibition area for 3rd

CIIE has been booked by exhibitors

According to the CIIE Bureau, more than 80 percent of the planned exhibition area has been booked by exhibitors so far. Among the companies that signed up for the expo at the ceremony, 54 percent are Fortune 500 companies that have signed up for some 30,000-sq-m of exhibition space.

British enterprises also showed great enthusiasm for the third CIIE. Many well-known companies, including HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank, Jaguar Land Rover, E&Y, Deloitte, GSK, Astra Zeneca have signed contracts with CIIE Bureau.

Further reading on the following website:

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202005/15/WS5ebea25ba310a8b241156192.html>

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokepersons/t1783737.htm>

Website of the CIIE as follows:

<https://www.ciie.org/zbh/en/>

China-UK Relations

1. Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang Speaks on the Phone with David Quarrey, the UK Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser and Deputy National Security Adviser

On April 29, 2020, Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang spoke on the phone with David Quarrey, the United Kingdom (UK) Prime Minister's

International Affairs Adviser and Deputy National Security Adviser. Both sides exchanged views on issues such as promoting bilateral cooperation in combating the COVID-19 pandemic as well as development of bilateral relations and strengthening cooperation on international affairs.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1775937.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: on the National Security Legislation for Hong Kong

On 24 May 2020, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming joined a CCTV News on-line live discussion and answered the presenter's question on the national security legislation for Hong Kong.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1783038.htm>

3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Join Hands to Turn Crisis into Opportunities for a Brighter Future

On 5 May, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended a webinar hosted by China-Britain Business Council (CBBC) and delivered a keynote speech entitled Join Hands to Turn Crisis into Opportunities for a Brighter Future.

The ambassador explained how China is responding to the spread of COVID-19 and how the Chinese and British business communities could turn the crisis into opportunities and speed up development.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1776277.htm>

4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Join Hands with African Countries to Fight against Covid-19

On 13 May, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming attended a webinar hosted by the Chinese Embassy in the UK and the Legatum Institute and delivered a keynote speech entitled Join Hands with African Countries to Fight against Covid-19.

The ambassador suggested that China, the UK and Africa focus on cooperation in fight against Covid-19.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1778858.htm>

Policy Position

Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on Chris Patten's Statement

[http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso
ns/t1782709.htm](http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/PressandMedia/Spokeperso
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