Brand new start

By Yuan Yuan

Two tiny coastal counties on the middle-of-north China's Hebei Province have stood silent for years until Beijing brought them to spotlight.

The three places, Xiongxian, Anxin and Rongcheng, under the jurisdiction of Baoding, Hebei Province, have been selected to be the territory of a new development zone, the Xiongan New Area, to parallel the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone and the Shanghai Pudong New Area. The decision to establish the new area is part of measures to advance the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. (XINHUA)

The Xiongan New Area will form a buffer zone between Beijing and Tianjin, which will be very convenient, with about 100 km, the same as that from Beijing to Tianjin, which will make the interconnected area a cleaner and safer environment.

Xiongan will be an answer to China's growth conundrum: how to break the cycle of urban sprawl by turning the area into a “high ground” for talent and teams to help build innovative industries and the region should attract high-end innovative talent and resources.

Another major task of the Xiongan New Area, as said, is to promote Hebei’s economic development and social development and help develop the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region into a world-class city cluster.

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Leave no one behind
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In the daytime, we do farm work, and when night falls, we put on makeup and costumes, pick up our musical instruments and play,” Li said.

China’s fight against poverty.

According to him, China’s national effort had reduced its impoverished population by over 55.64 million between 2013 and 2016. Each year over 10 million rural residents have been lifted out of poverty. "This practice has proved that a targeted approach to alleviating poverty is key to China’s achieving its targets," Song said. “The CPC would like to have its experience with the international community and help its neighboring countries and developing countries worldwide find their own way to alleviate poverty.”

A UN delegation visits Yunnan

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The Chinese economy grew by 6.9 percent in the first quarter of 2017, a result widely attributed to industrial expansion, booming consumption and soaring exports.

“China’s economy continued to undergo stable growth in the first quarter, and I would say it is better than expected,” said Wan Zhe, chief economist of the International Cooperation Center of the National Development and Reform Commission, in an interview with China News Service.

The growing contribution of consumption in GDP growth is another encouraging sign in the first-quarter figures. Consumption contributed 77.2 percent to economic growth, 2.2 percentage points more than that in the same period last year, according to the NBS. Total retail sales of consumer goods stood at 8.58 trillion yuan ($1.25 trillion) in the first quarter, up 10 percent year on year.

The rate of capacity utilization in China’s major industrial enterprises increased 48.1 percent, 27.4 percent, 24.6 percent and 18.3 percent, respectively, much faster than the total investment growth of 9.2 percent, according to the NBS.

Though goods trade surplus went down 35.5 percent year on year in the first quarter, when taking the service trade into consideration, the net export of goods and services contributed 4.2 percent to economic growth in the first quarter, up 10 percent year on year, according to the NBS. Total retail sales of consumer goods stood at 8.58 trillion yuan ($1.25 trillion) in the first quarter, up 10 percent year on year.

“China’s economic development is on the way toward more stability,” said Mao, noting that stable growth doesn’t necessarily mean no fluctuations or quarter-on-quarter growth, otherwise it’s not in line with economic rules.

“The robust economic growth had something to do with the violent rises of upstream products caused by de-capacity efforts would gradually weaken to some extent,” said Mao, who also predicted that price rises of upstream products caused by the capacity loss would gradually come to a halt.

The prospect of domestic investment growth is uncertain, and private investment is still inactive, said Zhao Xijun, Associate Dean of the School of Finance with Renmin University of China, suggesting that stimulating investment is still a major challenge for the rest of the year. Aside from that, the prospect of global economic growth is still uncertain, especially once U.S. economic policy has an impact on emerging markets like China, Zhao warned.
Since then, Liu has done more than 1,000 such operations with his team. "It might not be always painful but the network of prominent veins on the legs doesn’t look good, especially for women who want to wear skirts in summer." He said.

"Describing the operation’s advantages in a TV interview, he said it alleviates the pain and discomfort suffered by people with varicose veins. "It is very exciting for the doctors but patients do not have to suffer too much operation, which is a big relief for them. Seeing the smile on a patient’s face is my biggest reward," Liu told Beijing Review.

Major events in April

April 4: Xi visits Russia for state visit

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Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived on April 2 at the state visit and attended an advancing bilateral forum, increasing political mutual trust, and building comprehensive partnership in all-round cooperation.

April 6: Xi to visit United States

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Chinese President Xi Jinping is to visit the United States, Trump will hold a banquet on the 7th of April in the White House to work with his Chinese counterpart. Xi Jinping proposed building a new Silk Road Economic Belt by promoting policy coordination, road connectivity, unimpeded trade, currency convenience, and people-to-people ties.

Xi Jinping Visits and Vision

L iu Peng, Director of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery & Electrophysiology at the Beijing-based China-Japan Friendship Hospital since 1984, said his new position is a golden opportunity for him.

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