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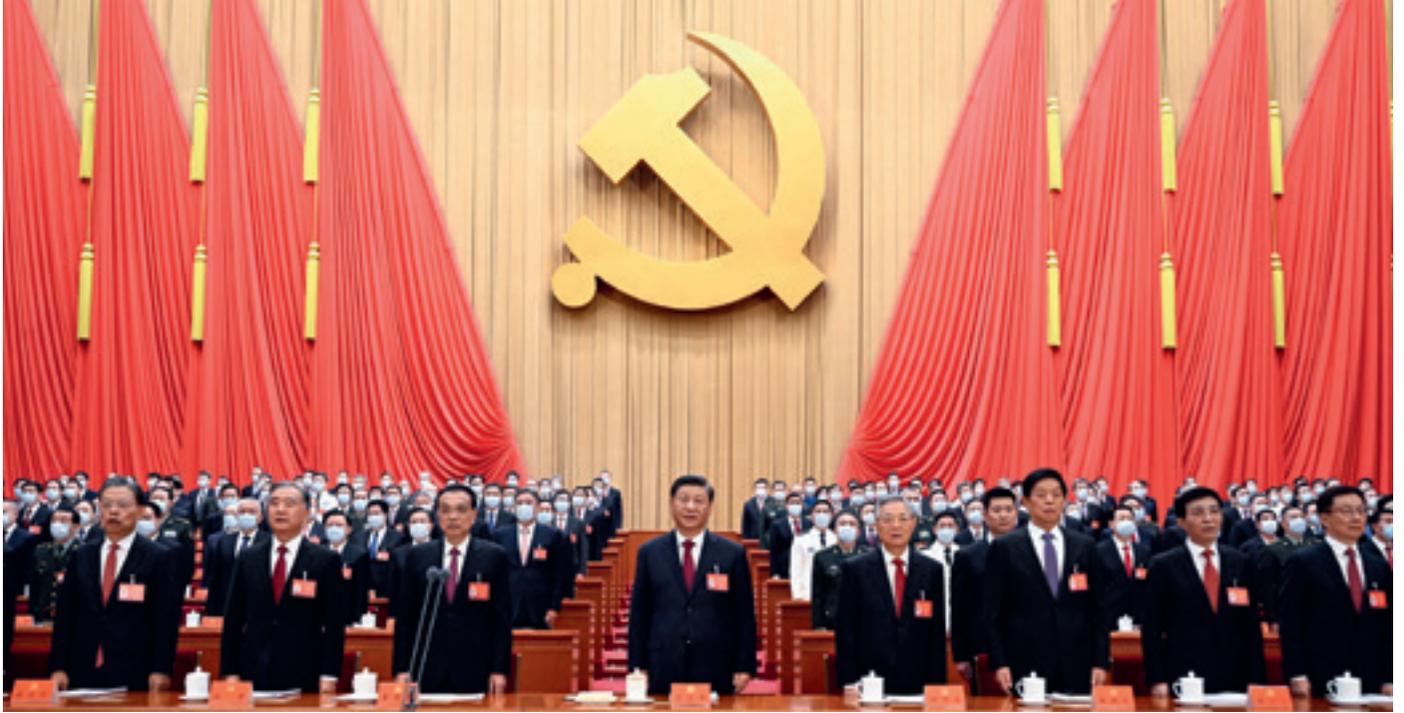
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New Opportunities for the World

In his report delivered to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), which opened on October 16, Xi Jinping reviewed the progress of the past, and laid out the missions and tasks of the Party as it continues into the new era.

The report says that from this day forward, the central task of the CPC will be to lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in a concerted effort to realize the goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects and to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization.

The Party has adopted a two-step strategic plan: realizing socialist modernization to a large extent by 2035; building China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful from 2035 to the middle of this century.

The next five years will be crucial for getting China's efforts off to a good start. For instance, China must apply the new development philosophy that calls for innovative, coordinated, green, open and

inclusive development, continue reforms to develop the socialist market economy, promote high-standard opening up, and accelerate efforts to foster a new pattern of development that is focused on the domestic economy and features positive interplay between domestic and international economic flows. The country must build a high-standard socialist market economy, modernize the industrial system and advance rural revitalization.

Due to reasons such as inflation, the pandemic and geopolitical conflicts, the world economy suffers a mounting risk of a downturn. New development opportunities are more precious than ever.

China is committed to its fundamental national policy of opening up to the outside world and pursuing a mutually beneficial strategy. It strives to contribute its share to building an open global economy that delivers greater benefits to all peoples.

The 20th CPC National Congress once again sends the world a strong signal of China's opening up and its determination and actions to create new opportunities for the world with its own development. **BR**



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PANDA ARRIVAL

Giant panda Jing Jing arrives at the Panda House at Al Khor Park in Doha, capital of Qatar, on October 19, ahead of next month's World Cup.

Qatar celebrated the arrival of two giant pandas, 3-year-old female Si Hai and 4-year-old male Jing Jing, with a welcoming ceremony that day. The panda pair will remain in the country for 15 years under the first giant panda cooperation program between China and the Middle East.



Bird Haven

Migratory birds at Qilhai National Wetland Park in Tianjin Municipality on October 18. Recently, a large number of migratory birds have gathered at the nature reserve on their way south for the winter. Through protection efforts, the number of bird species there has increased from 182 a decade ago to 258 at present.

Skills Contest

Chinese competitors had won eight gold medals at the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition as of October 17.

On October 15, Li Dexin won the nation's first gold medal in the cabinetmaking event, which was held in Switzerland, one of 15 countries and regions hosting the competitions.

It's the first time that a Chinese competitor has won first prize in this event since the nation started taking part in it in 2017.

According to a release by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China has sent 36 representatives to compete in 34 events.

Shanghai should have hosted the 46th WorldSkills Competition this year, which was canceled in the wake of COVID-19 resurgences in the city.

As a replacement, WorldSkills decided in June that a special edition of 62 competitive events would be held in 15 countries and regions in Asia, Europe and Africa from the middle of September to late November.

Combined Planting

Farmers across Shandong Province have begun harvesting corn and soybeans that were planted using a combined planting method designed to increase the efficiency and yields of the local farmland, *China Daily* reported on October 18.

The method involves planting two rows of corn for every four rows of soybeans. Because of the height difference between the crops, the amount of sunlight and airflow is maximized.

"The corn yield is no less

than when we plant corn alone, and what's more, we also have a harvest of soybeans," said Zhang Deping, who is in charge of a cooperative in the village of Qianjiangjunmiao in Yucheng, a county-level city in Shandong Province.

This is the first year that combined soybean and corn planting has been promoted across the country, especially in the areas along the Yellow River and the Huaihe River, and in southwest and northwest China, in a bid to increase soybean production.

Statistics show the total area of combined soybean and corn planting this year reached 1 million hectares.

Higher and Stronger

Rural students in China have grown taller and stronger on average over the past decade

thanks to a nutrition improvement plan providing daily lunches to rural primary and middle school students, according to the Ministry of Education (MOE), *China Daily* reported on October 18.

Surveys of students in some 700 counties during the past 10 years revealed that 13-year-old males have seen the most growth in height and weight over the decade, who were on average 7.5 cm taller and 6.6 kg heavier in 2021 than those in 2012.

Twelve-year-old female students were on average 6.3 cm taller and 5.8 kg heavier in 2021 compared with the average levels of those in 2012.

The surveys found the growth retardation rate of students aged 6 to 15 dropped to 2.3 percent in 2021, down by 5.7 percentage points from 2012, while the obesity rate of rural students reached 18.7 percent last year, 7.8 percentage points lower than the national average.

The anemia rate also dropped from 16.7 percent in 2012 to 12 percent in 2021, with an even bigger reduction seen in students in western regions.

The surveys also found that rural students have more access to meat, vegetables and dairy products, and more schools had built their own canteens.

Food Bank

Shenzhen's Futian District has launched the Futian Food Bank, a public welfare program that encourages food-related enterprises to donate produce that is surplus or about to expire, *China Daily* reported on October 18. The aim is to reduce food waste and help people in need.

People can choose the donated items via the iShenzhen app and collect them from six machines around the district.

The service is currently open to low-income people. A total of 4,220 people have benefited from the service since it was launched at the end of May. About eight tons of food have been saved, equivalent to cutting 16 tons of carbon emissions.

Futian District plans to increase the number of dispensing machines and expand the number of qualified recipients to the general public.

Through the program, the district aims to save 70 tons of food, reduce 140 tons of carbon dioxide emissions and benefit 140,000 residents each year.

Electric Riverboat

A cold-region electric riverboat has been launched on a tributary of the Songhua River in Heilongjiang Province, according to the *China Science Daily* on October 18.

The intelligent river cruise boat, about 27 meters long and six meters wide, is equipped with four groups of lithium batteries with a total capacity of 600 kWh. It has a designed total tonnage of 138 and can seat 53 people.

The trial speed of this riverboat on water that is both deep and still is at least 18 km per hour, with a battery life of about eight hours.

Green intelligent boats and ships offer advantages of high efficiency, fast response and convenient maintenance. They have gradually become the main inland waterway transport choice in southern provinces, said the newspaper.

However, high latitude cold regions with temperatures of minus 30 degrees Celsius or lower in winter, such as in northeast China, tend to impact negatively on the performance of the battery and charging equipment of such boats and ships.

Researchers from the Harbin Engineering University, the Harbin Electric Corp. and the Heilongjiang Shipping Group responded to this challenge by applying appropriate energy management technology to enhance the efficiency of the riverboat's power generator in the cold conditions.

Flowers Bearing Seeds

Two corpse flowers have produced seeds at the China National Botanical Garden in Beijing, the first of their kind to do so in the country, Xinhua News Agency reported on October 19.

The endangered flowers bloomed in July, the first group



In Orbit

A Long March rocket carrying the *S-SAR01*, a new satellite for disaster reduction, emergency management and environmental monitoring, blasts off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province on October 13. The satellite's primary users will be the Ministry of Emergency Management and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

flowering of the species under artificial cultivation globally.

The species, officially known as *Amorphophallus titanum*, is native to Indonesia. It is known as a corpse flower because of the rotting smell that helps it attract pollinators when the plant is in bloom.

Staff at the garden dissected the fruits and found apparent embryos in August. The fruits

have grown rapidly since then.

The staff recently dissected the fruits again and found that the seeds had taken shape, separated from the pulp and developed seed coats.

The fruit-bearing activity reflects the high level of cultivation and conservation at the China National Botanical Garden and is of great significance to conserving the species.



Rural Relaxation

Visitors enjoy a break at a café in Longchi Village in Wuxi County, Chongqing Municipality, on October 13. In recent years, the county has developed its tourism industry, which has now become a pillar of the local economy.

Commitment to Opening Up

China will unswervingly expand all-around opening up and push economic globalization toward being more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all, Zhao Chenxin, Vice Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission, said on October 17.

There has been misunderstanding about the new pattern of development that is focused on the domestic economy and features positive interplay between domestic and international economic flows, he told a press conference on the sidelines of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

It is wrong to think that by focusing on the domestic economy China will scale back its opening-up efforts or even turn into a “self-sufficient economy,” according to Zhao.

Economic globalization has become an irreversible trend, he

said, adding that China is already deeply integrated into the global economy and the international system, and the industries of China and many other countries are highly interconnected and interdependent.

He stressed fostering a new pattern of development is important for China to achieve development that is of higher quality and is more efficient, fair, sustainable and secure.

Battery Output

Nationwide installed capacity of power batteries for new-energy vehicle (NEVs) rose 101.6 percent year on year to 31.6 GWh in September, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said.

Specifically, about 20.4 GWh of lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO4) batteries were installed in NEVs, up 113.8 percent from a year earlier, accounting for 64.5 percent of the monthly total.

China's NEV sales soared 93.9 percent from a year earlier

to 708,000 units in the month, data from the automobile association showed.

Canton Fair

The 132nd Session of the China Import and Export Fair, also known as the Canton Fair, opened online on October 15 with a record number of products on display and offering a longer service time.

More than 35,000 domestic and overseas companies are participating in the event, which is approximately 10,000 more than in the previous session, and they have submitted over 3.06 million exhibits, Xu Bing, a spokesperson for the fair, said.

Of those on display, more than 130,000 feature smart capabilities and over 500,000 are green, low-carbon products.

Organizers plan to hold more than 70 global trade promotion activities, and 200 activities for new product releases.

Starting from this session, the Canton Fair will extend the service time of its online platform,

with the availability of most functions, from the previous 10 days to five months.

Power Consumption

Nationwide power use increased 4 percent year on year to hit 6.49 trillion kWh in the January-September period, according to the National Energy Administration.

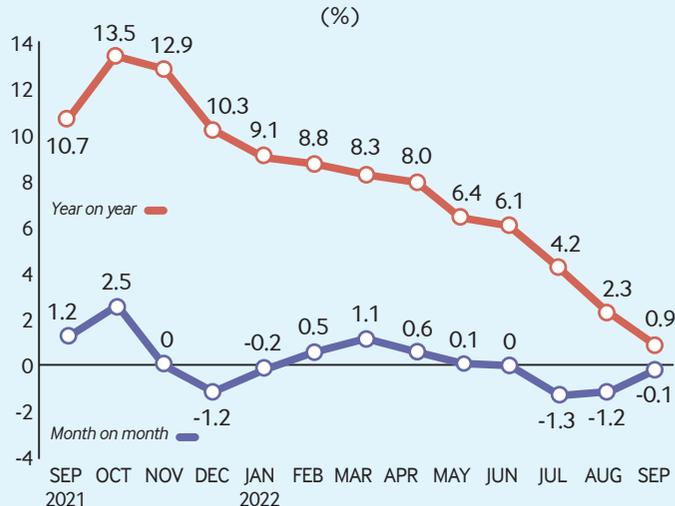
Power consumption by the primary industry grew 8.4 percent year on year in the first nine months. Electricity consumed by the secondary and tertiary industries increased 1.6 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively. Residents' power consumption registered a year-on-year increase of 13.5 percent.

In September alone, China's power consumption reached 709.2 billion kWh, up 0.9 percent year on year. Power use in the primary and secondary industries rose 4.1 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, and dropped 4.6 percent in the tertiary sector.

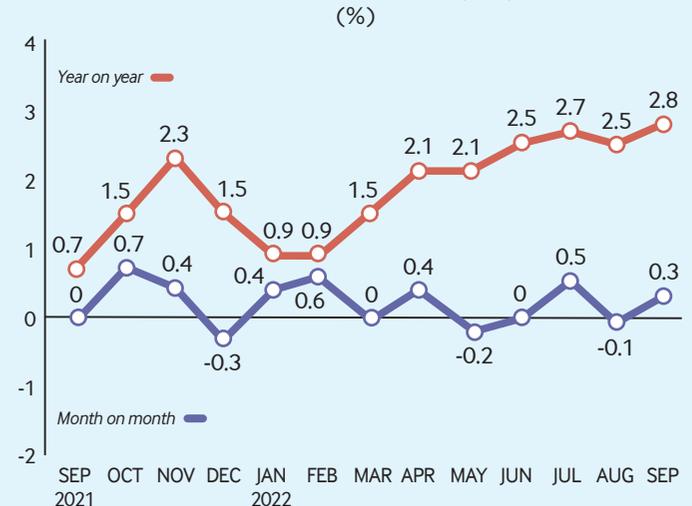
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China's Producer Price Index Growth



China's Consumer Price Index (CPI) Growth



Treasury Bond Sales

Some 110.36 billion yuan (\$15.52 billion) of treasury bonds were issued on the Beijing Stock Exchange in September, according to data from the bourse.

The Beijing bourse, which began trading last November, started treasury bond sales on September 2.

The launch of treasury bonds is a key move to improve the bourse's market functions and promote its high-quality development, which is also conducive to giving the capital market an improved role in serving the real economy, the bourse said.

Meanwhile, 19.55 billion yuan (\$2.71 billion) of local government bonds were issued on the bourse in the month, bringing the total issuance to 57.42 billion yuan (\$7.97 billion) this year, data showed.

Trade in Services

Value of China's trade in services grew 20.4 percent year on year

to 3.94 trillion yuan (\$554.13 billion) in the first eight months of the year, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed.

Exports expanded 23.1 percent year on year to 1.91 trillion yuan (\$268.62 billion), and imports totaled 2.03 trillion yuan (\$285.51 billion), up 17.9 percent from a year ago.

The growth of exports outpaced that of imports by 5.2 percentage points, resulting in a 29.5-percent drop in the deficit to 121.08 billion yuan (\$17.02 billion) from the same period last year.

Trade in knowledge-intensive services raked in 1.64 trillion yuan (\$230.66 billion), up 11.4 percent year on year. Its exports gained 15.7 percent to 929.79 billion yuan (\$130.77 billion), led by categories such as intellectual property royalties and computing and information services.

Travel services recovered during the January-August period, as trade in the sector advanced 7.1 percent from last year

to 542.66 billion yuan (\$76.32 billion).

Huawei Investment

Huawei will invest 150 million euros (\$148 million) in building a cloud services hub in Dublin, Ireland, the first of its kind to be established by the Chinese tech and telecom giant in Europe, the company announced on October 18.

The hub will create 200 new local jobs over the next five years, the company said in a statement, noting that the facility will serve customers across Europe and help Irish enterprises expand into new global markets.

The statement quoted Irish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar as saying that the investment demonstrates Huawei's ongoing commitment to the country.

"Huawei is expanding its portfolio of services in Ireland with this investment, which will substantially enhance our thriving

technology ecosystem," he said.

Huawei has had a presence in Ireland since 2004, with its business now serving more than 3 million people and supporting over 900 direct and indirect jobs in the country, according to Huawei Ireland.

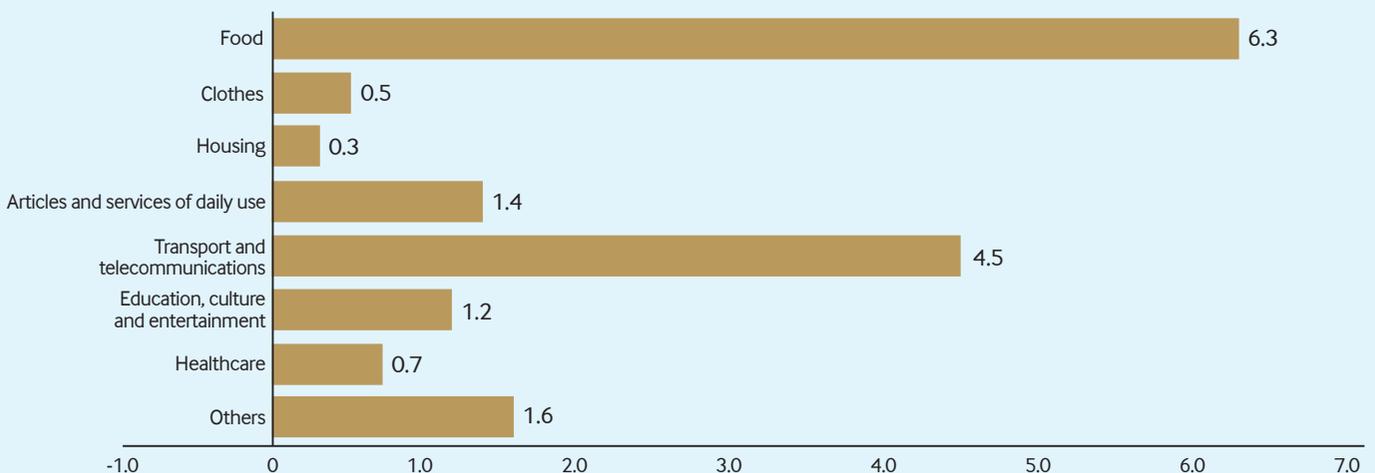
High Rice Yield

A rice yield of about 1,136 kg per *mu* (17,040 kg per hectare) was recorded on demonstration farmland in Anhui Province, a major rice-producing region of the country, according to researchers from Anhui Agricultural University.

The demonstration farmland saw an improvement in both the quantity and quality of rice as a result of the green, efficient and cost-saving cultivation methods during this year's extreme high-temperature climate conditions, Zhang Xiufu, a researcher with the China National Rice Research Institute, said.

The farmland also achieved a 10-percent reduction in nitrogen.

China's CPI Growth by Type
September (% y.o.y.)



(Source: National Bureau of Statistics)

THIS WEEK WORLD



KENYA

Chinese and Kenyan officials launch the first China-Africa Agricultural Development and Poverty Reduction Demonstration Village in Nakuru County on October 18



TÜRKIYE

Rescue workers at the site of a coal mine explosion in Bartın Province on October 15. The blast killed 41 people and injured 11



BELGIUM

The European Commission building in Brussels on October 18. The European Commission has proposed a new package of measures aimed at stabilizing European gas markets, including joint gas purchase, the creation of a liquefied natural gas pricing benchmark, and default energy solidarity between EU member states





ITALY

A meeting to mark World Food Day takes place at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarters in Rome on October 14, where FAO Director General Qu Dongyu called for a united approach to confront "a looming global food crisis"



UNITED KINGDOM

Liz Truss announced on October 20 she would resign as prime minister and head of the ruling Conservative Party. Her 44 days in office saw Truss preside over an economic meltdown and catastrophic damage to the party. This photo was taken in London on September 6



JAPAN

Technicians participate in the optoelectronic technology contest during the WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition in Kyoto on October 18



THIS WEEK PEOPLE & POINTS

↓ HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT SHOOTS FOR VICTORY

Pang Yuqian, an 18-year-old high school student from Sichuan Province, had won four gold medals at the ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt, as of the fifth day of the event on October 17. Her victory included one gold in the women's 50-meter rifle three positions and three in team competitions.

Pang started shooting at the age of 12 and was selected to the national team last year. "She has great concentration, which is a very important advantage in shooting sports," Hu Shiyu, coach of the shooting team at Pang's high school, commented, adding how impressed she was by Pang's hard work and talent.

As the competition continued, Team China had remained far ahead on the medal tally with 43 medals, 18 more than the Indian team in second place, as of October 20.

The championship concludes on October 28.



In Tandem *People's Daily* October 17

Cycling has become the hot recreational thing to do in recent years. For those wanting to catch up with the trend, one important issue to tackle is where to cycle. From 2021 to 2025, Beijing plans to create 40 cycling routes and cover every urban road wider than 12 meters with cycle tracks.

Similar projects include bike lanes along the Fenhe River in Shanxi Province and a bike path running across the water at Xinglin Bay in Fujian Province. Clearing new space for cycling, these projects are all attempts

in urban planning to overcome the relative shortage of cyclable roads.

Newly released guidelines encourage the fusion of fitness facilities with urban green spaces as well as people's production and living areas. Under these guidelines, Beijing's Changping District introduced 12 cycling routes, each boasting special themed art or historical sites, while Chengdu in Sichuan Province incorporated bike lanes into its various parks.

These policies working in tandem not only make full use of existing roads, but also connect isolated cityscapes so that they become cohesive cultural narratives with continuous scenic views.



A Higher Plane *China Newsweek* September 26

First developed in the 90s by Professor John Kasarda at the University of North Carolina, the U.S., the aerotropolis concept, fusing the terms "aero" and "metropolis," denotes a metropolitan sub-region whose infrastructure, land use and economy are centered on an airport.

"We are providing a platform for global youth to have a say and propose innovative ideas for the agrifood system's transformation we need."

Qu Dongyu, Director General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, at the 2022 World Food Forum as it kicked off on October 17

"Let us consign poverty to the pages of history."

António Guterres, UN Secretary General, in a video message played at an event marking the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17

This particular urban model connects time-sensitive suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors to distant clients and marketplaces. Conscious of the strategic importance of airport economics, many countries have constructed their own aerotropolises.

China has established various airport economic zones across the nation. As the first state-level aerotropolis, the Zhengzhou Airport Economy Zone in Henan Province has stimulated economic growth throughout central China.

So which of these regions will rise to compete in the global air traffic race? The two most likely candidates are Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Beijing Daxing International Airport. With the opening of its free trade zone, a Disneyland and a manufacturing center for commercial aircraft, Shanghai aims to become one of the world's largest transportation hubs.

In operation since 2019, Beijing Daxing International Airport is expected to become a key motor for Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei's coordinated development. The future transformation of these zones into world-class airport cities will not only drive an economic upswing, but also lift China's international standing to a higher plane.

Fountain of Youth

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October 13

Netizens, shopaholics, travel enthusiasts, sports aficionados—words pertaining to youth are now used to describe China's post-60s, a generation which today sees a record high of 20 million people retiring per year.

These new retirees are highly educated, affluent, fashionable and sociable. Their increasingly diversified and individualized demands have stimulated new modes of lifestyles.

The concept of lifelong learning summarizes the spiritual aspect of active aging for many new retirees. The rising popularity of senior academies nowadays reflects a widespread thirst for knowledge among the nation's older generations.

This new generation of retirees also devotes itself to social work. No longer satisfied with being surrounded by loved ones and having access to medical care, the new retirees actively pursue fun, knowledge and a sense of fulfillment. A precise focus on their needs will result in better senior care and a thriving silver economy.



CELEBRATED PHYSICIST RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

Nobel laureate and world-renowned theoretical physicist **Chen Ning Yang** received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Hong Kong.

Born in Hefei, Anhui Province, Yang holds a master's degree in science from Tsinghua University and a Ph.D from the University of Chicago. He is currently Professor Emeritus at Stony Brook University, Distinguished Professor-at-large at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Professor at Tsinghua University. He is also a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

In 1957, Yang shared the Nobel Prize in Physics with Tsung-Dao Lee for their investigation of the so-called parity laws, which led to important discoveries regarding elementary particles. Furthermore, the Yang-Mills theory is one of the 20th century's most important achievements in mathematical physics.

Yang recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

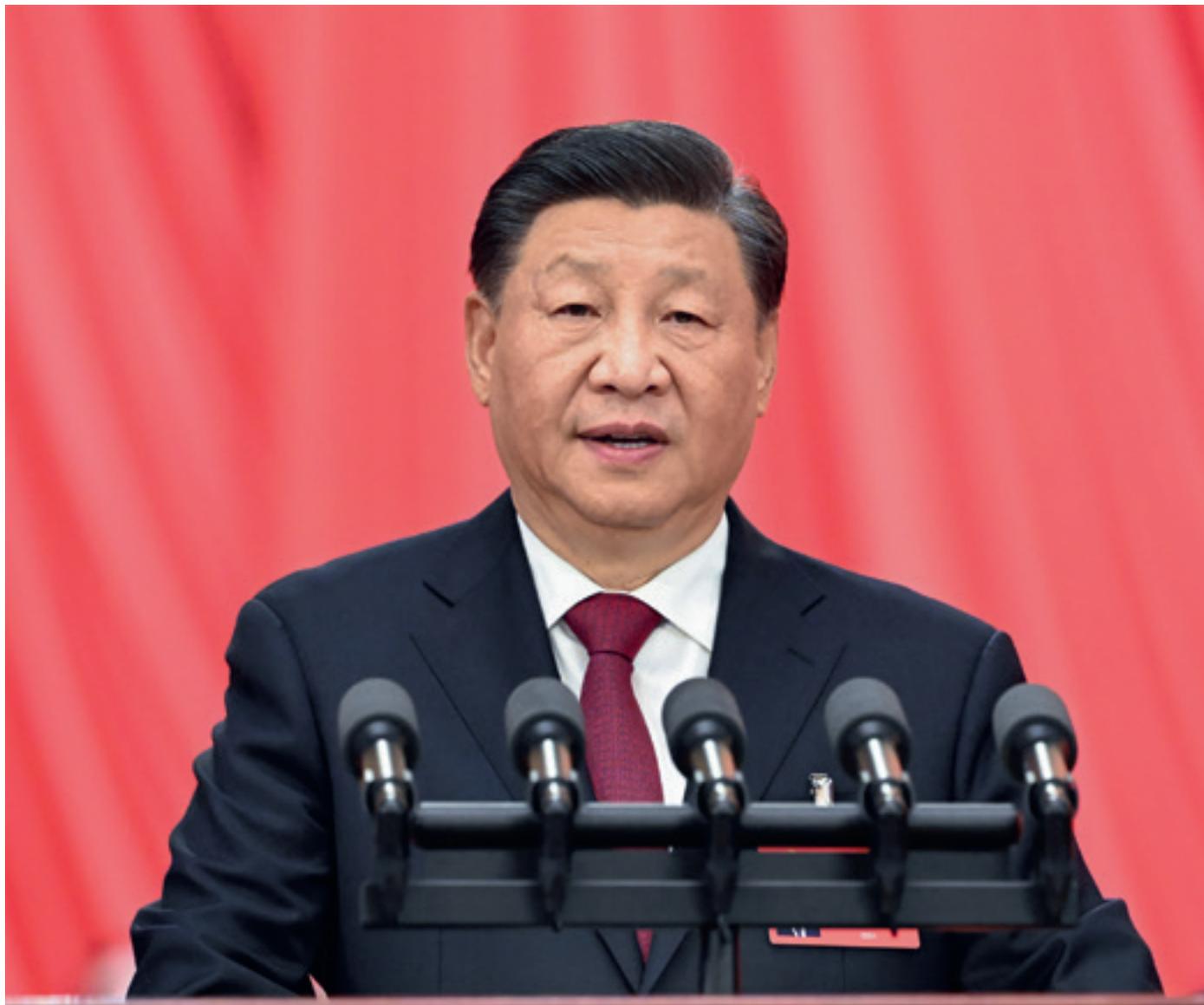


“Every time I returned to China, I could clearly see the rapid economic and social progress in the country.”

Rafael Hernández, director of Cuban political magazine *Temas*, in a recent interview with Xinhua News Agency

“China's nuclear strategy, policy and related practices are open and transparent, serious and responsible.”

Li Song, China's ambassador for disarmament affairs, at the First Committee of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly on October 17



Xi Jinping delivers a report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on behalf of the 19th CPC Central Committee at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on October 16

MODERNIZATION— CHINESE STYLE

The transformation of a country along a path that suits its own conditions

By Lu Yan