

Senior CPC Official Calls for Contribution to Mutual Learning and Benefit Between China and World

SHANGHAI - Efforts should be made to continuously promote understanding and build consensus to contribute wisdom and strength to the mutual learning and win-win relationship between China and the world, a senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official said Tuesday.

Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, made the remark when delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony at the Eighth World Forum on China Studies.

The forum is themed "China and the World: Progressing Together over 70 Years." (Xinhua)



Cyber Firm NSO Vows to Tackle Human Rights Misuse

JERUSALEM - The Israeli-based NSO Group said on Tuesday it would abide by U.N. guidelines to prevent rights abuses, following accusations by cyber experts that its software was used in a number of government surveillance scandals. Human rights group Amnesty International, which has asked Israel's government to revoke NSO's export license, was sceptical that NSO's new policies would make a difference. NSO is best known as a supplier of surveillance

tools to governments and law enforcers, and says its products tackle and prevent serious crimes and support search and rescue operations after natural disasters. But its cellphone hacking software, Pegasus, has been linked to political surveillance in Mexico, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, according to University of Toronto's Citizen Lab, which researches digital surveillance, security, privacy and accountability. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

EU Wants Trump to Drop 'Reckless' Trade Policies: Incoming Trade Chief

DUBLIN - The European Union will seek to convince U.S. President Donald Trump to see "the error of his ways" and abandon some of his reckless trade policies, the EU executive's incoming trade commissioner said on Tuesday. The new head of the executive, Ursula von der Leyen, named a 27-strong team of commissioners on Tuesday who will take office on Nov. 1, assuming they secure approval from the European Parliament.

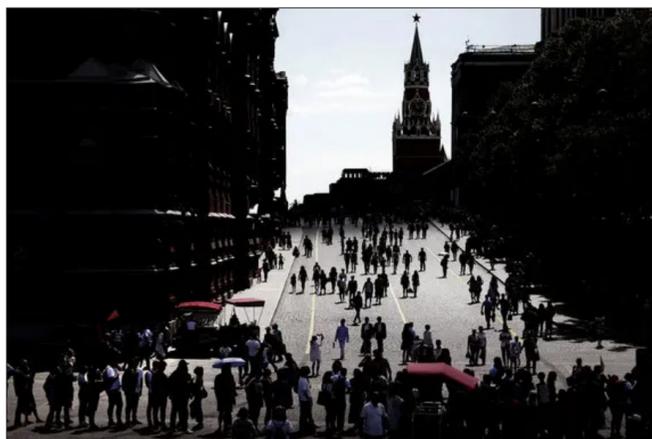
Irishman Phil Hogan, currently in charge of agriculture, will take up the post of trade commissioner, facing a battle to improve trade ties with the United States and establishing economic future relations with Britain after Brexit. "Mr Trump certainly has indicated his clear preference for trade wars rather than trade agreements. If he keeps up this particular dynamic of protectionism, I expect that the European Union will continue to forge deals around



the world," Hogan told Irish national broadcaster RTE. "But obviously we are going to do everything we possibly can to get

Mr Trump to see the error of his ways and hopefully that he will be able to abandon some of the reckless behavior ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Russia's Rosneft Calls U.S. Sanctions Threat Unfair Competition



MOSCOW - Russian oil producer Rosneft said on Tuesday that any attempts to curb its income in Venezuela would be illegal and that the United States was using the threat of sanctions as a form of unfair competition. Rosneft said in a statement that all its oil operations in Venezuela had been agreed before U.S. sanctions were imposed and rhetoric from the U.S. government was aimed at creating tensions on global oil markets. (Reuters)

Kremlin Says Reported U.S. Spy in Russian President's Office Was Fired Years Ago

MOSCOW - The Kremlin on Tuesday played down U.S. media reports of a CIA spy inside Russia's presidential administration, calling them "pulp fiction", but said a low-level official who Russian media suggested was the agent had worked there before being fired. CNN reported on Monday that the United States had successfully extracted one of its highest-level covert sources inside Russia in 2017. The New York Times later said the in-

formant had sent secrets to Washington for decades. A source familiar with U.S. monitoring of Russian activities confirmed to Reuters that such a CIA informant inside the Russian government did exist and that the informant had been extracted and brought to the United States. The source indicated that U.S. officials were seriously concerned that Kremlin officials had made public what ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Mugabe Polarizes Zimbabwe in Death as Well as in Life

HARARE - Zimbabwe's founder Robert Mugabe is proving as polarizing in death as he was in life, with a fight over where he will be buried threatening to embarrass his successor and deepen divisions in the ruling ZANU-PF party. President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government wants Mugabe, who led Zimbabwe from independence in 1980 until the November 2017 coup that ousted him, buried at a national monument to heroes of the liberation war against the white minority Rhodesian regime. But some of Mugabe's relatives have pushed back against that plan. They share Mugabe's bitterness at the way former allies including Mnangagwa conspired to ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Crack Team of Scientists Discovers Secret Weapon to Neutralize HIV... By Accident

MOSCOW - A multinational team of scientists have made a startling, world-first discovery in Russia which could change the lives of tens of millions of people: they accidentally identified a mechanism to neutralize the HIV virus. Originally, the team of Russian, Swiss, British, American and Finnish scientists was developing polysulfur heterocycles to tackle cancer when they suddenly realized the implications of the drug's mechanism were much bigger than anticipated.

"From the very beginning, the most promising direction of the study seemed to us to study the anticancer activity of this class of ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Boris Johnson Tells Parliament: You Can Tie My Hands, But I Will Not Delay Brexit

LONDON - Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Tuesday he would not request an extension to Brexit, hours after a law came into force demanding that he delay Britain's departure from the European Union until 2020 unless he can strike a divorce deal. For the second time in a week, lawmakers then rejected Johnson's request to try to break the deadlock through an early national election. With the future of Brexit mired in uncertainty, parliament was suspended



until Oct. 14, sparking tense scenes in the House of Commons where opposition lawmakers held signs reading "silenced" and yelled "shame on you" at Johnson's ruling Conservatives. Johnson appeared to

have lost control of Britain's withdrawal from the European Union with the approval of the law, which obliges him to seek a delay unless he can strike a new deal at an EU summit next month. (Reuters)

New EU Executive Line-Up to Tackle Climate Change, Digital Challenges

BRUSSELS - The incoming head of the EU executive named her 27-strong team on Tuesday, promising it would focus on addressing changes in climate, technology and demography that are generating anxiety in communities across the 28-member bloc. German Ursula von der Leyen's "college" of commissioners will take office on Nov. 1, assuming they secure approval from the European Parliament - not a given after it only narrowly backed her in July. Announcing the key roles in her line-up, she said Denmark's Margrethe Vestager would remain in charge of

competition policy.

She also put Irishman Phil Hogan in charge of trade, a crucial position that will require him to settle the European Union's trade relations with post-Brexit Britain and with the United States.

Von der Leyen will become the first woman to head the European Commission after promising a platform of a greener, fairer and rule-based Europe.

Her proposed team offers rough gender balance, a plus point for EU lawmakers, with 13 women and 14 men. "This ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

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Imam Hussain's Martyrdom Is a Triumph for Humanity, Islamic Injunctions: Alvi

ISLAMABAD - President Dr Arif Alvi has said that the supreme sacrifices given by Imam Hussain (AS) and his family members and companions were a triumph for humanity and Islamic principles. In a statement, President Alvi said that the day of Ashur holds a great significance in the Islamic history because on this day, Imam Hussain (AS), the grandson of Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him), along with his family members and companions, embraced martyrdom in the battle of Karbala, thus making the tragic event unforgettable till the day of judgment. Every year, these sac-

rifices remind us that Muslims should not hesitate from sacrificing their lives in the face of forces of evil and vice, he added. He stressed that people should seek guidance from the lessons taught by Imam Hussain (AS) about raising one's standards of truthfulness in the face of forces of darkness. The president further emphasised upon the people of Pakistan to emulate these supreme lessons in their lives and work for the progress and prosperity of the country, besides taking all possible steps to curb terrorism, extremism and intolerance. (Agencies)

Iran Doing Right Thing in Reducing JCPOA Commitments: Analyst

TEHRAN - An American political analyst says Iran "is doing the right thing" in suspending parts of its commitments under a 2015 nuclear deal in response to the US's exit from the agreement, adding that the whole procedure is "a win" for the Islamic Republic. Michael Lane, founder of the American Institute for Foreign Policy from Washington, made the remarks on Press TV's The Debate program on Monday.

He described Iran's process of scaling back parts of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on a stage-by-stage basis as "a fairly expected response to the situation that the United States has pressed upon Iran." "I think Iran is being very careful about the way they disentangle from the JCPOA. They're going about it very deliberately... They announce in advance what steps are

going to be taken, and then they provide full access to the IAEA to inspect and verify the steps they have taken indeed," he said, using an acronym for the International Atomic Energy Agency. Through the measures, he added, Iran puts pressure on the European signatories to the JCPOA to fulfill their end of the bargain and, at the same time, advances its nuclear program. "Iran, I think, is strategically playing this very very carefully. They're doing the right thing, of course, they're doing it for two reasons: Number one is to put pressure on the Europeans to come closer to meeting what Iran expects under the European obligations under the JCPOA ..., and the second reason that Iran is doing this is of course because it does advance its nuclear program... so all of this is a win for Iran as I see the way they're looking at it," Lane said. (Press TV)

Uzbekistan to Host International Championship on Robotics

TASHKENT - On October 27-31, International Robotics Championship will be held for the first time in the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Trend reports citing the Ministry of Innovative Development of Uzbekistan.

The event is planned as part of the "Innoweek" Innovation Week. Both children and young people will take part in the championship. Teams are divided into two age categories: "Juniors" are from 9 to 16 years old and "Seniors" - from 17 to 23 years old. The Junior category competition is divided into two stages: Kegelling and Waste sort out. To take part in the first stage, the participants

need to have self-governing robots, and for the second stage they have to be able to control them remotely.

The senior participants will also compete in two categories: "Robo-Sumo" and "Robo-football". The conditions of the competitions are the same as for the other age category. Boys and girls from the countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) can take part in championship. Any person who is eligible for the declared age range can participate in the competition. A team cannot consist of more than three members. Registration for tournaments takes place online. (Trend)

Belarus Values Strategic Partnership with Tajikistan

DUSHANBE - Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko has sent greetings to Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon as the country celebrates National Day, Trend reports with reference to BELTA.

According to the head of state, over the years of sovereignty Tajikistan has made significant progress in the social and economic development, enhancement of accord and stability in the society.

"Belarus values the relations of strategic partnership between our countries. I am convinced that by joint efforts we will preserve and multiply old traditions of Belarus-Tajikistan friendship," the message of greetings reads. Aleksandr Lukashenko wished Emomali Rahmon strong health, happiness and fulfillment of all plans. He also wished people of Tajikistan peace and prosperity. (Trend)