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Dear Readers

Allan Wong considers himself lucky to have a great team of people that have worked together for many years, and he believes this to be the secret of his successful career in his company, Pan Pacific Tianjin.

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This month, we chatted to Mr Wong to find out more about his experience and aspirations in the hospitality industry, and he told us that "happy staff and happy guests put a smile on his face".

In economic news, China's GDP growth rate remained strong, with a year-on-year growth of 6.5% in the first quarter of the year. This growth was driven by several factors, including a rebound in consumer spending, increased investment in infrastructure, and strong exports.

China's ambitious targets for 2023 reflect the government's commitment to promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth, while also addressing pressing social and environmental challenges. While there are risks and uncertainties associated with achieving these targets, China's strong economic fundamentals and policy measures suggest that the country is well-positioned to continue its impressive economic performance in the years to come.

In April 2023, global carmakers flocked to Auto Shanghai 2023, which was the first brick-and-mortar A-class auto show in the world. This biennial Shanghai auto show attracted 1,000 overseas and Chinese companies. They were there to showcase their wares for the age of smart electrification and, perhaps more importantly, their bosses could finally have a look for themselves at what the Chinese auto market had become.

Oliver Blume, chairman of Volkswagen, headed a delegation of over 100 members to the Shanghai auto show. He was the first global auto executive to visit China this year, and he said his top concern was to motivate employees and listen to customers, and to "get a feeling of how the country had changed and what the expectations of Chinese customers were".

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Best wishes.

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TIANJIN NEWS

TIANJIN SEES CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE IMPORTS, EXPORTS RISE IN Q1



Tianjin reported a total cross-border e-commerce foreign trade volume of over 2.4 billion yuan (about 350 million U.S. dollars) via its comprehensive service platform in the first three months of 2023, up 4% year on year, according to the municipal commission of commerce. During the period, more than 1.5 billion yuan of export sales were declared via the city's official cross-border e-commerce comprehensive service platform, an increase of 9.6% year on year, the commission added.

TIANJIN POSTS 5.5% GDP GROWTH IN Q1



Tianjin saw year-on-year gross domestic product growth of 5.5% during the first quarter of this year, benefiting from the synergic development of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei province and from policies to boost the intelligent manufacturing sector.

TIANJIN ADDS 3 CITIES TO METRO APP NETWORK



Local residents can use the Tianjin Metro app to take subway trains in Nanjing, Nanchang, Changzhou, according to Tianjin Metro officials. Users of Tianjin Metro app can now take Metro trains in 8 Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Hohhot, Nanjing, Nanchang and Changzhou.

TRACK-LAYING OF RAILWAY LINKING TIANJIN, BEIJING'S DAXING AIRPORT COMPLETED



The track-laying work of a new railway linking Tianjin Municipality with Beijing has been completed, and this is expected to boost the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The railway, with a total length of over 100 km, connects the Tianjin west railway station with the Beijing Daxing International Airport, said China Railway Beijing Group Co., Ltd., adding that the railway will be operational this year.

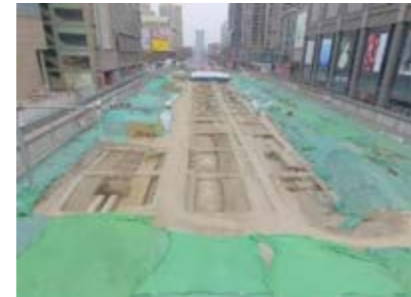
DIRECT HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED BETWEEN TIANJIN, HONG KONG



Hong Kong's high-speed rail link taking passengers over the border to Tianjin resumed services on April 1st. It takes only about 10.5 hours to travel by high-speed train from Tianjin to Hong Kong. At 11:05 on April 1st, train G305 from Tianjin West to Hong Kong West Kowloon departed from Tianjin West Railway Station. This is the first

high-speed train from Tianjin to Hong Kong in 2023. Sources said that starting on April 1st, the rail link will fully resume its services, with an average of 80 pairs of high-speed trains running the long haul trips on a daily basis.

ANCIENT CITY WALL RELICS FOUND IN TIANJIN



Over 2,000 porcelain, pottery, metalware, and other relics dating back to the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368) have been uncovered in an ancient city wall site in Tianjin. Located in today's Nankai District, the ancient east city wall site boasts various ruins, including the city wall foundation, roads, and railway tracks built between the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties and the period between 1911 and 1949.

CHINA'S NEW MULTIROLE HELICOPTER MAKES MAIDEN FLIGHT IN TIANJIN



China's brand-new multirole helicopter, the AC332, successfully completed its first full-state flight in Binhai New Area, North China's Tianjin Municipality, with its developer saying that the aircraft will provide strong support for emergency rescue, transportation and general aviation needs of people in the country's vast plateau areas. The AC332

enjoys noticeable advantages in major performance parameters including plateau performance, maximum take-off weight, maximum cruising speed, and maximum range, making it capable of carrying out multiple tasks in both plain and plateau regions.

FINANCE

SHANGHAI UNVEILS 20 MEASURES TO ATTRACT FOREIGN



China's Shanghai Municipality has released a raft of new measures to attract and facilitate the use of foreign capital, the latest positive signal that the country continues to boost opening-up and stepping up efforts to draw foreign investment. The Shanghai government unveiled 20 measures covering four aspects, including promoting high-level opening-up, enhancing the using of foreign capital attracted, strengthening support for the development of foreign projects and optimizing services for foreign investment, Hua Yuan, deputy mayor of Shanghai, said at a recent press conference.

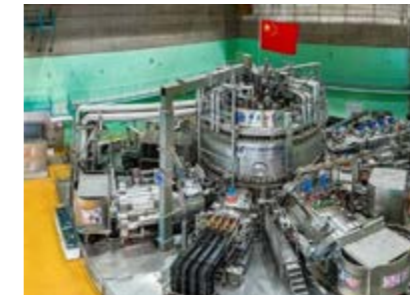
TESLA TO OPEN A NEW MEGAFABRIY IN SHANGHAI



Tesla will open a new megafactory in Shanghai, China, capable of producing

10,000 megapacks a year, the company announced in a tweet. A megapack is a very large battery that stores energy, helps stabilize the power grid and prevents outages. These batteries enable grid operators to move extra capacity between counties or states and ensure that power from intermittent sources can be stored and used when demand is higher, or when there are unplanned outages in a transmission network.

CHINESE 'ARTIFICIAL SUN' SETS NEW WORLD RECORD



China's "artificial sun," the Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST), which is also the world's first fully superconducting tokamak device in operation, recently saw a major breakthrough. EAST achieved a high power, stable, 403-second steady-state long-pulse high confinement mode plasma operation, setting a new world record for steady-state high confinement mode operation of a tokamak device, China Central Television reported.

CHINA'S GDP GROWS 4.5% IN FIRST QUARTER



China's first-quarter gross domestic product rose sharply while global peers face slowing growth as central banks

hike rates to tame inflation. GDP grew by 4.5% in the first quarter, China's National Bureau of Statistics said. That marks the highest growth since the first quarter of last year, when China's economy grew by 4.8%, and better than the 4% forecast in a Reuters poll. Quarter-on-quarter, the economy grew 2.2%.

CHINA TO FURTHER SHORTEN NEGATIVE LIST FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT



China will appropriately shorten the negative list for foreign investment, as part of efforts to promote high-level opening up, an official said. Efforts have been made to evaluate the effect of the list over the past few years and learn about the demands of foreign-invested enterprises, Meng Wei, spokesperson of the National Development and Reform Commission, said at a press conference.

CHINA IN THE WORLD

KAZAKHSTAN AND CHINA TO INTRODUCE MUTUAL VISA-FREE REGIME



Kazakhstan and China will mutually introduce a visa-free policy for their citizens according to a draft resolution by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Alikhan Smailov. In accordance with the agreement, Kazakhstans will be able to stay in the PRC without a visa, and citizens of China will be able to stay in the Republic of

Kazakhstan for no more than 30 days from the moment of crossing the border, and 90 days for a 180-day period.

CHINA UPDATES MASK-WEARING GUIDELINES



Following China's downgrade of COVID-19 management in January, the State Council joint epidemic prevention and control mechanism has rolled out a guideline for wearing masks in public, stipulating that apart from particular scenarios, masks are no longer mandatory in public venues, including schools, large-scale conferences, and public transport, while in outdoor places like open squares, parks, and on campuses, or in indoor workplaces with relatively fixed groups of people or large-scale conferences that require nucleic acid or antigen testing, people are no longer required to wear masks.

CHINA DEPORTS 351,000 FOREIGNERS



Over the past five years, Chinese authorities have dealt with 528,800 foreigners who illegally entered, stayed or worked in the country, deporting 351,000 of them, the National Immigration Administration said in a statement. Since China launched reforms of its immigration administration system in 2018, relevant authorities have apprehended about

287,000 people suspected of violating the country's border management rules, the administration said.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CANCELS MANDATORY MASK RULE



Beijing's buses and subways have stopped mandating passengers to wear masks. "Beijing Metro now suggests passengers to wear masks but does not mandate it," a staff member of subway customer service said to media. Currently, some of the epidemic prevention signs and broadcasts inside and outside some subway stations in Beijing have been removed. However, the vast majority of passengers still choose to wear masks.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TENNIS COMPETITIONS TO RESUME IN CHINA



The world women's tennis governing body, the WTA, announced that it will resume tournaments in China from this September. Women's tennis competitions have been put on hold in China since 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The updated calendar of the 2023 autumn season will be released in the coming weeks, the WTA said in a statement.

CITY TO PAY SALARIES IN DIGITAL YUAN



Changshu city in East China's Jiangsu Province will pay the salaries of civil servants and state-owned units in digital yuan from May this year, Shanghai Securities News reported, citing an announcement released by the local financial supervisory authority and financial department. Sources familiar with the situation confirmed the document. Changshu has previously promoted the digital yuan pilot in the city, and many consumption scenarios can already use digital yuan payments.

BEIJING TO PILOT INSTALLATION OF CHIPS IN DELIVERY VEHICLES



Beijing is set to pilot the installation of chips on take-away and courier electric bicycles, monitoring the trajectory of vehicle actions in real time via new technologies, in a bid to improve the ability to detect illegal behaviours, the Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport said. According to the commission, traffic regulation will remain one of Beijing's traffic management priorities in 2023.

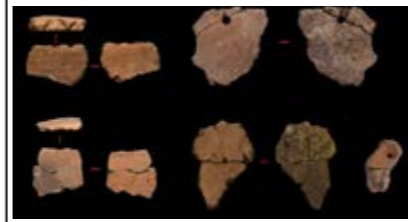
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As China saw the hustle and bustle returning to the consumption market and some leading economic indicators rallied, many multinationals voiced their optimism for China's recovery. Earlier this year, the country set a GDP growth target of around 5% for 2023. IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said at the recently concluded China Development Forum 2023 that analysis shows that a 1-percentage-point increase in China's GDP growth leads to a 0.3-percentage-point increase in growth in other Asian economies.



400

An ancient hominid site discovered in Zhaojiayuyao village, administered by the city of Zibo, in East China's Shandong province, was named on March 28 as one of the country's top 10 new archaeological discoveries made last year. Over 1,000 relic objects, including pottery sculptures dating back some 13,200 years, were unearthed there. Its core area covers about 400 square metres. Most of the unearthed relics were animal bones, pottery shards and ceramic sculptures, while some stoneware and clamshell items were also found at the site.



52.6

China's manufacturing sector expanded for the third straight month in March while non-manufacturing activity grew at the fastest pace in recent years, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed. The official purchasing managers index for China's manufacturing sector stood at 51.9 in March, down from 52.6 in February but still marking the second-highest level in almost two years, the NBS said.



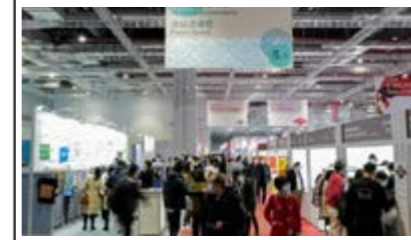
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Exemplifying Chinese TV industry's latest efforts to go abroad, several popular dramas, such as *Like a Flowing River 2*, have been recently released in Russia, garnering popularity on some major broadcasters and streaming sites. All the Chinese programs have been released by an overseas distributing network called Panda Theatre, which has reached more than 130 million viewers in over 20 countries and regions since it launched in 2021, according to China Intercontinental Communication Centre.



3,500

The world's largest textile industry gala consisting of the Spring Editions of Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics, the Yarn Expo Spring, the China International Clothing and Accessories Fair, and the China International Knitting (Spring and Summer) Expo 2023 took place at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai) from March 28 to 30. More than 3,500 exhibitors took part in the event, and had the NECC (Shanghai) running at full capacity.



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Ningbo in East China's Zhejiang province held on to the 17th place among 168 major Chinese cities in the Environmental Quality Index, which provides a snapshot of the overall environmental quality in the nation, in 2022. The city's EQI reached 68, close to the first-class standard (70), with the ratings for its surface water and coastal water quality both hitting record highs, authorities announced at a recent conference themed on ecology and environment. Its notable improvement in environmental quality is primarily attributed to a mix of measures taken by the local government.



20 km

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board took the decision to reallocate the women's 20 km walking race gold medal in London in 2012 to China's Qieyang Shijie. The IOC said in a press release that in the women's 20 km race walk in London 2012, the first-placed athlete was disqualified, and the gold medal has now been reallocated to Qieyang Shijie, with silver and bronze going to China's Liu Hong and Lyu Xiuzhi. The ranking down to eighth place has been adjusted accordingly.



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The Chinese delegation took home six gold, seven silver and seven bronze recently at the 10th International Abilitylympics in Metz, a city in eastern France, China Daily reported. Twenty-nine players from the Chinese delegation participated in 20 events in nine different categories of the Abilitylympics, work skills Olympics for people with disabilities. Even with 15 fewer contestants and nine fewer events compared with the last session, the Chinese delegation still achieved a remarkable result, ranking fourth among all the participating countries and regions, according to the news report.



3,300

The Yinxu Ruins, the 3,300-year-old remains of what was once the capital of the late Shang Dynasty (c.16th century–11th century BC), have been included in China's top 10 list of archaeological finds of 2022. The list, released by the National Cultural Heritage Administration, recognizes the royal mausoleum remains at the site in Anyang city, Henan province, as a new find. The Yinxu Ruins were previously made famous by the discovery of the oracle bone inscriptions, the oldest-known Chinese script.





COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

China's GDP growth in the first quarter of 2023 has exceeded expectations, reaching 4.5% year-on-year, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics. The increase is seen as a sign of steady economic recovery, particularly as it follows the 2.9% growth recorded in Q4 2022. Economists and officials predict that growth will pick up significantly in Q2, with the country on track to achieve its target of approximately 5% GDP growth for the year.

Despite the positive figures, concerns have been raised over the stability of the recovery. The global outlook remains uncertain, and China's economy could be dragged down by slowing

consumption momentum and uncertainties surrounding the property sector and export challenges. Further efforts are needed to stimulate domestic demand and stabilize market expectations.

At a news conference in Beijing, NBS spokesman Fu Linghui said that China's economy is stabilizing and picking up in the first quarter, which will lay a solid foundation for achieving the annual growth target. Fu also stated that growth could slow down in the third and fourth quarters due to a rise in comparison bases from the previous year.

JPMorgan's chief China economist, Zhu Haibin, raised his full-year GDP growth forecast for China from

6% year-on-year to 6.4% year-on-year, following the stronger-than-expected first-quarter GDP report. Lu Ting, chief China economist at Nomura, also stated that China is well on track to achieving its government target of around 5% GDP growth for 2023. He maintained his GDP growth forecasts of 7.6% year-on-year for Q2 and 5.3% for the year.

Despite improvements in Q1, Lu believes that it is more likely that the People's Bank of China, the nation's central bank, will slightly lower the interest rate of the medium-term lending facility operation in the next few months. Iris Pang, chief China economist at Dutch bank ING, believes that there is no immediate need for massive stimulus in the economy but suggested that the government will likely continue its plan for infrastructure investment as a supplementary growth engine.

China's retail sales rose by 5.8% in the first three months, compared to the 2.7% decline in Q4 2022, according to NBS data. The country's value-added industrial output grew by 3% year-on-year in the first quarter, while fixed-asset investment rose by 5.1% year-on-year. The combination of a steady uptick in consumer confidence and the still-incomplete release of pent-up demand suggests that the consumer-led recovery still has room to run, said Louise Loo, China lead economist at British think tank Oxford Economics.

Loo expects China's GDP to accelerate on a year-on-year basis, given the low base effect from the previous year. However, she also cautioned that fading consumption momentum, the winding down of fiscal stimulus, and weaker external demand could put downward pressure on domestic growth in the second half of the year. Ben

Simpfendorfer, a partner at consultancy Oliver Wyman, estimates that China's recovery will strengthen over the coming quarters. He emphasized the need to reform and rebalance the economy by raising the share of consumption versus investment and focusing on upgrading manufacturing and encouraging innovation.

Despite concerns about the stability of the economic recovery, many economists and industry leaders remain confident in China's growth prospects. Erik Berglof, chief economist of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, predicts that China will see reasonable growth of around 5% this year, contributing to approximately one-third of global economic growth.

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A graduate in accounting from the University of Mississippi, Allan Wong began his career in hotel finance and has progressed to a growing number of senior management positions through his experience in China. The Malaysian-born hotelier has been working in China since 1993. He worked for several years for the Tianjin Modern Group, a leading real estate developer in China, where he was involved in hotel investment, asset management, and the

construction and opening of owned hotels.

We chatted to Mr Wong to find out more about his experience and aspirations in the hospitality industry, Mr Wong first came to China in 1993, at which time the country was not as advanced as it is today. Although it was difficult to bring experts into China, he was fortunate that the first city that he worked in was Guangzhou, which at that point was the city most open to the outside world. Mr Wong started there in a finance position, and then slowly advanced in his career, moving to Guilin, Nanjing, and back to Shenzhen, and finally ending up in Tianjin through his promotion to a GM position. After spending 8 years in that position, he had had the full experience of the whole hotel cycle.

As Area Manager of the Pan Pacific Hotels Group in the China region, Mr Wong oversees five properties around the country. He said that the company has operating philosophies that are different from those of some other hotel chains. They would fully involve and be responsible of the financial performance.

Besides Pan Pacific Tianjin, the Group operates four other properties along the east coast, namely Pan Pacific Suzhou,

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Pan Pacific Xiamen, Pan Pacific Beijing and Pan Pacific Ningbo.

Asked what he considered to be the secret of his successful career in this company, Mr Wong said that in his view, it's all about the people that work with him. He considers himself lucky to have a great team of people that have worked together for many years.

Mr Wong also feels that human resources are becoming more and more crucial, and that it is important for his colleagues to understand the company's philosophy and to work together as a team. He shares his expertise with them so that they can see things from different perspectives and are thus able to make better decisions.

Asked what he is particularly proud of, Mr Wong said that the only thing that he is really proud of is his extensive experience in hotels, from land acquisition, to building construction, to interior decorations and pre-opening and then operation of hotels, all of which is a very complete cycle, and he doesn't know of anyone else that has such a breadth of experience.

Discussing how he stays up to date with trends and changes in the hospitality industry, Mr Wong commented that China is transforming very rapidly, not only in terms of the people, but also the technology, and so it's essential to stay ahead of the competition.

He added that in China, some cities are more advanced than others, so it's always possible to pick up ideas from another city, such as Beijing or Shanghai or even Shenzhen. One just needs to be open and willing to learn and change.

Mr Wong described a number of criteria for measuring the success of his teams in the properties under his management, saying that the key indicator is not achievement of budget, but rather how they beat competitors or how well they stay ahead of those competitors. In his view, that is the main consideration.

With regard to maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, Mr Wong believes that the most important factor is trust. He believes that it's important to gain the trust of the company's owners and show them that the company is performing well and taking the stakeholders' interests into consideration in their daily operation. In his view, establishing trust with the operating company and the asset ownership company ensures that they will be successful.

Enlarging on this, Mr Wong said that trust includes a lot of different factors, but the most critical part is to perform well, so he consistently emphasizes to his colleague that they have to deliver more than 100%, and that if they do this, things will become easier; if they deliver only 99%, owners may perceive that this is not a trusted team, and so when it comes to decision-making, the team will face a lot of questions or challenges from the ownership company.

Regarding the question of maintaining consistent standards of service across multiple properties and meeting the business objectives, Mr Wong said that China is a big country, with many cultural differences between east, west, north and south, so although they have a basic standard with which they have to comply, the execution of the standard is directed mainly by the GM of each property. The GM is the one that implements all initiative, and his role is to visit all the hotels in the area every 3 to 4 months.

Asked about challenging situations he has faced while managing multiple properties, Mr Wong said that the

Covid pandemic really impacted everyone, not only financially but also with regard to their way of working and their way of life. As they tried to support the initiative of the local government, the property chairman was requested by the local district government to provide services to the local community, especially during the first two years, and they had three hotels that became medical observation centres.

Since there weren't many clear standards for dealing with Covid, most people were not fully aware of the disease or how serious its impact would be, so convincing staff to work was a challenge, and managers had to lead by example and work together with them.

Describing his strategies for teamwork and collaboration among multicultural teams, Mr Wong said that different people have different strengths, so it's important to recognize their strengths instead of pinpointing their weaknesses, and if they can help each other and help different colleagues to improve on their weakness, that is something that everyone appreciates.



He therefore encourages colleagues try to work on each other's strengths.

In his leadership role, Mr Wong feels that it is important to lead by example, and to set and maintain high standards. At the same time, he continually reminds colleague that what he says today may not be right for tomorrow, or may not meet the standards or fulfil the expectation of guests tomorrow, so nothing is constant and they have to keep on improving. Thus, to beat competitors and stay ahead of the competition, it's essential to keep on setting new requirements or new standards every day.

Regarding balancing the needs of guests with the business objectives of the hotels, Mr Wong explained that he doesn't see it as a balancing strategy. Since happy guests will keep on returning, it's more a matter of always prioritizing guests' needs.

Asked about a lesson he has learned during his time in the hospitality industry, Mr Wong commented that this was a very tricky question. He pointed out that since China is very big and there are many cultural differences between the north and the south, one needs to learn how to work effectively with different expectations from different group of people. There are a lot of things that people try to do in the south that would be perceived as wrong in the north, and vice versa. So the main lesson, he believes, is that it's important to adapt to the local culture of each area.



In terms of advice for someone who's just starting their career in hospitality management, Mr Wong said that since hospitality is a low profit industry, it should be seen in terms of long-term growth. If one looks at the hospitality industry in China today, it may be perceived as very advanced compared to others in the world, but there's still a lot of room for growth. For example, hotel charges in China today are still quite low compared to overseas, and if this is seen as a key measurement for the growth of the industry, it indicates a good opportunity. With the middle income society now growing, people tend to spend much more locally and their expectations may be different from a lot of different groups that they see today.

If they take this as a key measurement for the growth of the industry, there will be a good opportunity. With the growth of the middle income society, people would tend to spend much more locally and the expectations may be different from a lot of different groups like what they see today. Whereas few years ago, Chinese people travelled simply go sightseeing and take photos, Mr Wong thinks that is changing, and that nowadays, they try to experience local culture.

Finally, Mr Wong said that happy staff and happy guests put a smile on his face, and that for those who like to interact with people, hospitality is a good industry to be in, and the future is bright.

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BRIEF ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OF 2023

As of March 2023, the Chinese economy continues to be one of the largest and most rapidly developing economies in the world. Despite facing some challenges in recent years, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese economy has shown remarkable resilience and has maintained strong growth.

One key area of focus for the Chinese government in recent years has been shifting the country's economic model from being export-driven to being more domestically focused. This has led to increased investment in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and other areas that support domestic consumption and growth.

In March 2023, China's GDP growth rate remained strong, with the country's

National Bureau of Statistics reporting a year-on-year growth of 6.5% in the first quarter of the year. This growth was driven by several factors, including a rebound in consumer spending, increased investment in infrastructure, and strong exports.

PROPERTY MARKET CHALLENGES

At the same time, however, China is also facing some challenges. The country's property market has been a major source of concern in recent years, with fears of a housing bubble leading to increased regulation and a slowdown in the sector. In addition, the ongoing trade tensions between China and the United States, as well as other geopolitical issues, continue to create uncertainty and risk for the Chinese economy.

Despite these challenges, however, the overall outlook for the Chinese economy in March 2023 remains positive. The country's strong economic fundamentals, including a large and growing middle class and a highly educated workforce, continue to support long-term growth and development.

Another area of growth in the Chinese economy is the technology sector, which has been a major driver of innovation and development in recent years. China's tech giants, including Alibaba, Tencent, and Baidu, continue to invest heavily in research and development, as well as expanding their global reach.

In March 2023, China also launched its first domestically developed satellite

China's slow recovery

Analysts polled by Reuters expect China's GDP growth to quicken to 4% in the first quarter of 2023 from 2.9% in the previous quarter. Full-year growth is expected to pick up to 5.4%, versus the official target of around 5%.



Note: Pre-COVID average is from Q1 2011 to Q4 2019, COVID-period average is from Q1 2020 to Q4 2022
Source: Refinitiv Datastream, Reuters poll | Reuters, April 14, 2023 | By Kripa Jayaram

for global positioning and navigation, signalling the country's ambition to become a major player in the space industry.

Additionally, China's push for self-sufficiency in key industries, such as semiconductors, has led to concerns about trade tensions with other countries and potential disruptions to global supply chains.

Overall, while the Chinese economy continues to show strong growth and development, it is also facing several challenges and risks. The government's policies and actions will be key in determining the trajectory of the economy in the coming years.

Here are some key economic indicators for China in March 2023:

- GDP growth rate: 6.5% (year-on-year)
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate: 2.3% (year-on-year)
- Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing: 51.9
- Industrial production growth rate: 8.9% (year-on-year)
- Fixed asset investment growth rate: 5.5% (year-on-year)
- Retail sales growth rate: 9.7% (year-on-year)

These indicators show that the Chinese economy is continuing to grow at a steady pace, with strong performance in areas such as manufacturing and retail sales. However, there are also some signs of inflationary pressure and a slowdown in fixed asset investment. The government's policies and actions will be key in managing these challenges and maintaining the country's long-term economic growth.

GROWTH OUTPUT OF CHINA DURING MARCH 2023

Based on the economic indicators available for the first quarter of 2023, it appears that China's economy is continuing to grow at a steady pace. The year-on-year GDP growth rate for Q1 2023 was reported at 6.5%, indicating that the economy is maintaining its strong growth trajectory.

The Chinese government has set many economic targets for the year 2023 as part of its 14th Five-Year Plan, including:

- Doubling GDP and per capita income from 2020 levels
- Achieving an average annual growth rate of at least 5% over the next five years

Increasing the share of research and development (R&D) expenditure in GDP to 3.5%

- Reducing carbon emissions per unit of

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- Building a moderately prosperous society in all respects

While it is difficult to predict how much progress China will make towards these targets, the country's strong economic fundamentals and government policies aimed at supporting long-term growth and development suggest that it is well-positioned to continue its impressive economic performance in the years to come.

POLICY MEASURES TO AUGMENT MARKET GROWTH AND DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

To achieve these ambitious targets, the Chinese government has implemented various policy measures aimed at promoting innovation, investment, and domestic consumption. This includes increasing investment in infrastructure, particularly in the areas of transportation, energy, and telecommunications, as well as supporting the growth of strategic emerging industries such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and new energy vehicles.

In addition, the government has implemented policies aimed at boosting domestic consumption, such as reducing taxes and fees for individuals and businesses, expanding social security coverage, and improving access to credit for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). These measures are aimed at increasing the purchasing power of Chinese consumers and supporting the growth of domestic demand.

At the same time, the Chinese government is also committed to promoting environmental sustainability and reducing carbon emissions. This includes implementing a cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions, promoting the development of clean energy technologies, and increasing investment in green infrastructure such as public transportation and renewable energy.

BRIEF ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

At the start of 2023, China's economic

performance shows a mixed picture. Despite the lifting of zero-COVID policies in December, there has not been a surge in "revenge spending". Consumption has been identified as a key driver of growth for the year, but investment has been the main driver so far. The forecast for China's economy remains unchanged, with a growth rate of 5.4% in 2023 and 4.5% in 2024.

Industrial production saw a slight improvement in January and February, with a year-on-year increase of 2.4% compared to 1.3% in December. However, this growth rate is still weak compared to pre-pandemic trends. Fixed asset investment also rose by 4.4% year-on-year in the first two months of the year, with state-owned enterprises continuing to drive nominal investment.

China's trade surplus decreased to an average of US\$58.4 billion per month in January and February, down from US\$78.0 billion in December. The value of both exports and imports decreased compared to December and the same period last year, reflecting a worsening global trade environment.

Real retail sales rose by 1.8% year-on-year in the first two months of 2023, showing a modest increase since the lifting of zero-COVID restrictions. However, this growth rate is still lower than pre-pandemic levels, indicating a lack of "revenge spending" from households.

New credit issuance increased rapidly in the first two months of the year, with bank lending being the main driver. Mortgage lending was a key contributor to this uptick, but the sustainability of the property sector rebound remains uncertain.

The PBoC has kept the Loan Prime Rate unchanged since August 2022, but has identified the possibility of further cuts to the Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) to boost bank lending. However, it is unclear whether this would have a significant stimulatory effect, as supply has continued to outpace demand since early last year.

Based on the economic indicators



available for the first quarter of 2023, it appears that both the industrial and agricultural sectors of the Chinese economy are continuing to perform well.

The purchasing managers' index (PMI) for manufacturing, which is a widely used indicator of industrial activity, was reported at 51.9 in March 2023, indicating that the manufacturing sector continued to expand during that month. Meanwhile, the industrial production growth rate for the first quarter of 2023 was reported at 8.9% year-on-year, suggesting strong growth in the industrial sector overall.

In the agricultural sector, China's overall agricultural production has been relatively stable in recent years, with the country continuing to be a major producer of grains, fruits, vegetables, and livestock. The government has implemented policies aimed at supporting the growth of the agricultural sector, such as improving

irrigation and water management systems, promoting the use of high-yield and drought-resistant crop varieties, and expanding agricultural insurance coverage for farmers.

China's industrial sector has been a major contributor to the country's economic growth over the past few decades, driven by investment in infrastructure, technology, and human capital. The manufacturing sector in particular has been a key driver of industrial growth, with China becoming the world's largest manufacturer and exporter of goods.

In recent years, China has been transitioning towards a more service-oriented economy, with the services sector accounting for an increasing share of GDP. However, the industrial sector remains an important contributor to the country's overall economic performance, providing employment opportunities for millions of workers and supporting the growth

of related sectors such as transportation, logistics, and energy.

In the agricultural sector, China has made significant strides in improving food security and increasing agricultural productivity in recent years. The country has implemented a number of policies aimed at improving agricultural technology, infrastructure, and supply chain management, while also promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices.

In addition to promoting agricultural productivity, the Chinese government has also implemented policies aimed at supporting rural development and reducing poverty. This includes investing in rural infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and telecommunications networks, as well as expanding access to education and healthcare services for rural residents.

CONCLUSION

Overall, China's ambitious targets for 2023 reflect the government's commitment to promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth, while also addressing pressing social and environmental challenges. While there are risks and uncertainties associated with achieving these targets, China's strong economic fundamentals and policy measures suggest that the country is well-positioned to continue its impressive economic performance in the years to come.

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CAR MANUFACTURERS EAGER TO LEAVE A MARK AT AUTO SHANGHAI

In April 2023, global carmakers, big and small, flocked to Auto Shanghai 2023, which was the first brick-and-mortar A-class auto show in the world.

Running from April 18 to 27, the biennial Shanghai auto show attracted 1,000 overseas and Chinese companies. They were there to showcase their wares for the age of smart electrification and, perhaps more importantly, their bosses could finally have a look for themselves at what the Chinese auto market had become.

For the past three years, since the outbreak of COVID-19, information about the world's largest vehicle market has been gleaned mainly through corporate reports from their employees in China. BMW Group said it showcased its largest-ever line-up of electrified models, bearing marques from the namesake BMW to Rolls-Royce.

The i7 M70 L, BMW's electric flagship model, made its global launch. Rolls-Royce's first electric model, the Spectre, met customers for the first time in Asia.

The car group said its electric vehicle sales in China totalled almost 20,000 units for the first quarter, more than tripling the figure in the same period of 2022.

Mercedes-Benz AG brought its stellar line-up to Shanghai, including the Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV, which is the first electric production model from the marque.

Other highlights included the first electric G-Class concept, the EQG, and the China-made EQE SUV, which is the first locally produced electric SUV based on its dedicated EVA platform.

Ola Kaellenius, chairman of the board of management of Mercedes-Benz Group AG, was one of the first global automotive executives to arrive in China.



Jin Zhuanglong, Minister of Industry And Information Technology, told Kaellenius that China's fast-evolving market was generating unprecedented opportunities for both Chinese and global carmakers.

The country was opening up its sector of high-end manufacturing, and global companies were welcome to increase their investment, said Jin.

This visit to China was the second for Kaellenius in three years since the COVID-19 outbreak but also the second for him in a month. He attended the China Development Forum in late March in Beijing.

Oliver Blume, chairman of the board of management of Volkswagen AG, headed a delegation of over 100 members to the Shanghai auto show, including those from its marques from Porsche to Audi.

A Volkswagen employee told China Daily that it was great that they could come and have a look for themselves. "They just didn't understand why the electric models sold well in Europe but not here in China," said the employee.

Blume was presumably curious as well. He was the first global auto executive to visit China this year, when he arrived in February.

He said his top concern was "the people"; to motivate its employees and listen to its customers; and to "get a feeling of how

the country had changed and what the expectations of Chinese customers were".

Dirk Hilgenberg, CEO of Cariad, which is Volkswagen's software arm, arrived in Beijing recently to ink a joint venture with ThunderSoft, a well-known intelligent operating system products and technologies provider.

The new partnership was designed to accelerate the development of Volkswagen's connectivity and infotainment systems in China.

"A seamless, integrated and personalized user experience was becoming a key differentiator for software-defined vehicles," said Hilgenberg.

"Through the strategic partnership with ThunderSoft, CARIAD was committed to providing scalable, innovative solutions for infotainment and connectivity in China at a faster speed," he said.

Global executives were correct when they decided not to limit their activities to the auto show itself but looked for novelties in the wider market.

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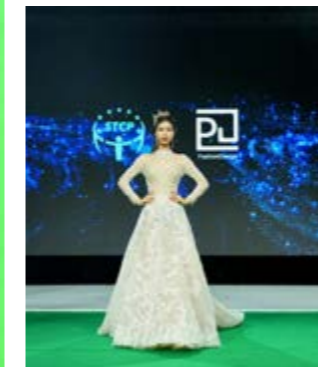
NEW PLATFORM SEEKS TO REVOLUTIONIZE TEXTILE INDUSTRY'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

China has taken a significant step towards the implementation of the "dual carbon" strategy by launching the "Reborn - China Fibre Zero Carbon Action 2023—Sustainable Textiles Credible Platform" at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre in Shanghai. The newly launched platform will be jointly operated by the China Chemical Fibres Association and the National Advanced Functional Fibre Innovation Centre and will be supervised by the Department of Consumer Goods Industry of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and Suzhou Market Supervision Administration.

As the world's largest producer and consumer of chemical fibre, China produced over 64.88 million tons of chemical fibre in 2022, accounting for more than 85% of the country's total fibre processing volume and more than 70% of the world's total fibre output. To promote sustainable development in the industry, the ministry has issued guidance on high-quality development of the chemical fibre industry, published and revised normative conditions for the recycled chemical fibre industry, promoted the high-quality, high-efficiency, and high-value recycling of waste resources, and worked to

establish a recycled fibre standard certification system.

The establishment of the Sustainable Textiles Credible Platform is part of the ministry's effort to establish China's recycled fibre standard certification system. The platform will promote the low-carbon, environmentally friendly and circular development of the industry by providing a certification platform for the traceability of the entire life cycle of green fibre products. It will also strengthen coordination and promotion, organize and support industry associations, high-quality



brand owners and manufacturers to connect with the platform, and jointly improve it to quickly promote its popularity and recognition in the industry.

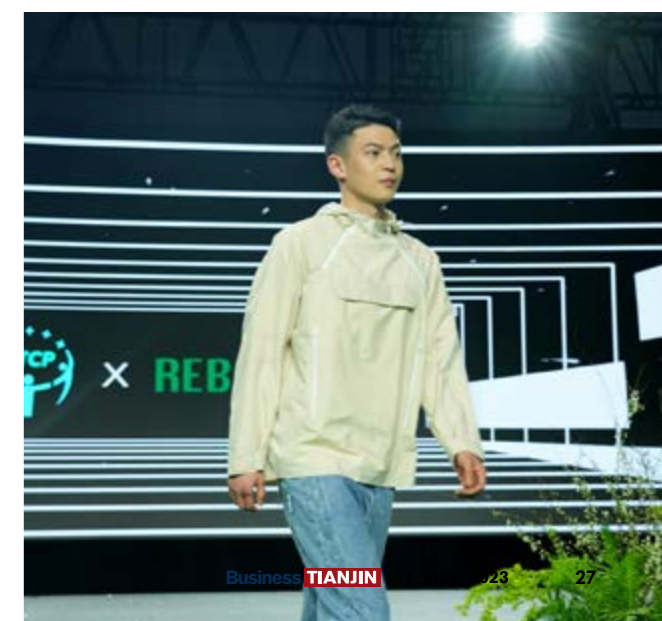
The Vice President of the China National Textile and Apparel Council, Duan Xiaoping, emphasized the importance of the promotion of green fibre products and the need to speed up the construction of the platform to guarantee consumers' confidence in buying green products. To achieve a sustainable future, a complete waste textiles recycling system must be established to tackle waste-related pollution and ensure a steady supply of raw materials for the production of green fibres.

The Chairman of the National Advanced Functional Fibre Innovation Centre, Mei Feng, stated that the platform's responsibility and mission are to solve all aspects of technology and problems associated with the transformation

of key technological achievements in the industry, including the healthy development of the industry chain. Mei expressed confidence that the platform would function well and promote the high-quality development of the industry.

Zhang Yexing, General Manager of Jiangsu Guowang High-Tech Fibre Co. Ltd., pledged the company's support to the country's fibre zero carbon action and contribution to the long-term viability of the chemical fibre industry and enterprises. Hong Boming, CEO and Creative Director of K-BOXING, acknowledged that the complete clothing industry chain in China provides a solid foundation for the "dual carbon" action and sustainable development of the industry. He also emphasized the need for transparency and credibility in green fibre products to encourage their use and consumption.

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CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK PROMISES MORE CREDIT SUPPORT FOR REAL ECONOMY

China Everbright Bank, one of the country's leading lenders, has pledged more credit support for the real economy in 2023.

The bank will this year increase credit support for key areas, including advanced manufacturing, scientific and technological innovation, green finance and inclusive finance, to ensure credit growth in these areas is higher than its overall loan growth, said Wang Zhiheng, president of the bank.

The bank's total loans amounted to 3.57 trillion yuan at the end of last year, an increase of 8% from the

start of 2022.

The lender's outstanding medium- and long-term loans to the manufacturing sector hit 193.6 billion yuan at the end of 2022, up 40.7% from a year ago, while outstanding loans to small and micro enterprises reached 305.3 billion yuan, up 28.8% from the end of 2021.

The bank's net profits totalled 45.04 billion yuan in 2022, up 3.2% year on year.

Its non-performing loan ratio stood at 1.25% at the end of last year, unchanged from the start of 2022.

Source: China Daily



SWISS WATCHMAKERS COUNTING THE CLOCK UNTIL CHINESE TOURISTS RETURN

Switzerland's major luxury watch brands are cautiously optimistic that Chinese tourists will boost sales this year if they return to Europe in large numbers after the easing of restrictions.

Exports to China, a key market for watchmakers, contracted by 13.6% in 2022 due to Beijing's zero-Covid policy and the surge in infections when it was lifted at the end of the year.

However, exports began to rebound in February, up 8.2% year-on-year, according to the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry.

"China will regain a positive dynamic," the federation's president Jean-Daniel Pasche, told AFP at the industry's annual Watches

and Wonders trade fair in Geneva, where 48 brands such as Rolex, Cartier and Patek Philippe were showing off their latest creations.

With China reopening, many financial analysts have sharply raised their growth forecasts for the luxury sector as a whole in 2023.

During Covid lockdowns, Chinese consumers built up significant savings, with HSBC analysts pointing to estimates of 6.6 trillion yuan in excess savings accumulated over the past three years.

Morgan Stanley analysts expect Chinese consumer spending on luxury goods to increase by 20% in 2023.

According to the US investment



bank's estimates, luxury goods lovers in China made up about 60% of the sector's growth between 2000 and 2019.

Nearly three-quarters of their spending was done abroad, representing a windfall for Europe's luxury boutiques.

Source: The Business Times



MAINLAND EV MAKERS LIKE BYD HAVE POTENTIAL TO ESTABLISH FOOTHOLD IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN MARKETS

China's home-grown electric-vehicle (EV) brands have the potential to establish a foothold in Southeast Asia's automobile markets, but these original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) need to establish their brands in the minds of the consumer, a panel at the Post's China Conference: Southeast Asia in Singapore heard.

BYD, the world's largest EV maker, more than tripled its 2022 sales to 1.86 million units, most of them in China. The Hong Kong and Shenzhen-listed carmaker's sales of pure electric and plug-in hybrid cars started to climb in the second quarter of 2022, helping it dethrone Tesla as the world's largest EV firm.

Founded by Chinese billionaire Wang Chuanfu in 1995, BYD has

been making vehicles since 2003. The initials of the brand stand for "Build Your Dream".

BYD mainly sells cars in mainland China, but is looking to become a global player with plans to expand in some overseas markets. It launched an SUV in Thailand last October.

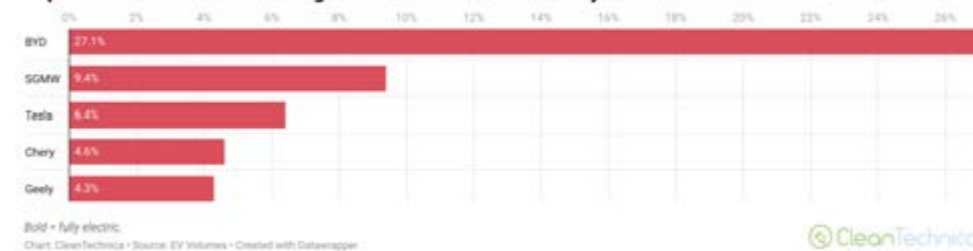
Most of BYD's vehicles are priced below 200,000 yuan, compared with about

300,000 yuan for smart EVs.

BYD was the second most popular EV brand in Singapore last year, just 89 units short of Tesla, according to data on new annual registrations of cars by the city state's Land Transport Authority (LTA).

Source: South China Morning Post

Top Auto Brands In China's Plugin Vehicle Market – February 2022



CHINA'S PROPERTY MARKET EXPECTATIONS IMPROVING

China's property market expectations are improving with first-home interest rates going down and bank lending accelerating.

China's housing market is currently undergoing a series of positive changes as first-home loan interest rates and the down payment ratio have gone down and the market sales decline has narrowed significantly.

Also, the country's financing environment for real estate enterprises has continued to improve, and the investment decline in real estate development has narrowed.

Releasing rigid and improving housing demand are key measures to promoting the healthy and sustainable development of real estate market.

In March this year, the first set of mainstream mortgage interest rates averaged at 4.02%, slightly down 2 basis

points compared to last month, according to data from Beike, an integrated online and offline platform for housing transactions and services.

By the end of December 2022, the average interest rate of new personal housing loans had decreased by about 140 basis points from the end of the previous year, said Pan Gongsheng, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China.

Meanwhile, the lending speed of banks is accelerating with the average lending period at 21 days in March, seven days shorter than the previous month.

In the first two months of this year, the floor space of commercial housing sales fell 3.6% year-on-year, narrowing the decline by 20.7 percentage points, said Fu Linghui, director-general of the Department of Comprehensive Statistics at the National Bureau of Statistics.

The RRR cut recently implemented by the central bank will increase medium and long-term loanable funds, which will help strengthen the enthusiasm of financial institutions to support the financing of real estate enterprises and meet their reasonable financing needs, said Wen Bin, chief economist at China Minsheng Bank.

Source: China Daily



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Galapagos is a group of 19 large islands in Ecuador's province of Santa Cruz, 1,000 kilometres off the coast of the South American continent. The Galapagos Islands are made up of 127 islands, massive rocks, and islets. Out of all these 19 large islands, only four are inhabited. With its rich flora and fauna and the presence of rare species of plants and animals, the site joined the prestigious club of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1976. Because of its incredible plant and animal life, the Galapagos attracts visitors from all over the world.



VISA POLICY

Citizens from all countries on the South American continent except Venezuela, Guyana, Surinam, and French Guiana can enter the Galapagos with their national ID. Similarly, citizens from the North and Central American continents, Europe, China, Japan, Australia, some far eastern countries, and a few African countries can visit Galapagos without a visa, but the visitors must have a passport valid for more than six months. The entrance fee is \$100 USD, and you can stay in the Galapagos for 90 days. Apart from the National Park Entry Fee (an entry fee levied on all visitors), a visitor must also pay US\$20 for an Immigration Control Card.

HOW TO GET THERE

There are no direct flights or passenger ships to the Galapagos Islands. Tourists must first travel to the mainland before taking a flight or cruise to the Galapagos.

By Air

Isla Baltra Airport is one of the airports in the Galapagos, and there are daily flight services from the mainland airports of Guayaquil or Quito to Isla Baltra Airport, located on Baltra Island. From Isla Baltra, tourists can reach Puerto Ayora, the largest tourist infrastructure city, by taxi ferry service. Puerto Ayora is part of Santa Cruz Island. Tourists can also fly to Isla San Cristobal, located on San Cristobal Island.



By Sea

There are no direct passenger ships or cruise services to the Galapagos, but private boats can dock at any of the five ports in transit for 21 days. The boats can dock at only one port; for visiting more than one port, special permission is required.

MOVING AROUND

A cruise ship with a passenger capacity of 8 to 100 is the best means of transport to travel between islands. When making a booking for a Galapagos visit, make sure to book your seats with a Galapagos specialist who has excellent knowledge about various types of ships and their services. Because the national parks have placed restrictions on the number of tourists permitted to visit certain islands, a specialist booking agent can manage your trip to the islands smoothly with the assistance of a naturalist guide. Many islands permit 16–32 tourists per trip; hence, it would be preferable to book on boats with a small passenger capacity.

INTERESTING LOCATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Charles Darwin Station

Since the visit of Charles Darwin, the revolutionary biologist who was the father of the natural evolution theory, the island has become an international tourist destination. The Charles Darwin Station is on Santa Cruz Island, a renowned centre for research and conservation. At the research centre, you can watch giant tortoises from a close angle. These slow-moving giant tortoises are the main attraction for tourists visiting Santa Cruz Island. The research centre also has a library and a tortoise breeding centre. It is 1.5 kilometres from the heart of Puerto Ayora. Entry is free.

Tortuga Bay

Located on Santa Cruz Island, Tortuga Bay offers moderate accommodation

and shopping facilities. It is an isolated beach, ideal for tourists who prefer quiet beach activities. You can watch various marine species, including turtles, roaming free on the beach. Kayaking and snorkelling are the popular marine activities tourists can engage in here.

Punta Cormorant

For hiking enthusiasts, Punta Cormorant is the best location on Floreana Island. The lonely island is home to wild flamingos, and you can find a large group of wild flamingos here. Extensive greenery growing along the volcanic rocks is a soothing experience to see. It is a wonderful location to enjoy the beauty of solitude and detoxify your body and mind.

La Loberia

To see a rare conglomeration of sea lions, visit La Loberia, the secluded beach on San Cristobal Island. The beach is located 30 minutes'

walk from the main city of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. In addition to sea lions, you can watch frigates, wild iguanas, lava lizards, and beautiful yellow warblers. You can also indulge in various aqua sports like snorkelling and swimming.

On the uninhabited Fernandina Island, the main attractions are coves, lava caves, and cliffs. It is a secluded island in the Galapagos archipelago. Tagus Cove is a notorious pirate hideaway located on the western edge of Fernandina Island. You can find rock engravings and texts presumably inscribed by sailors and pirates. The cove offers excellent snorkelling activities. However, be aware that the island has an active volcano.

The Wall of Tears

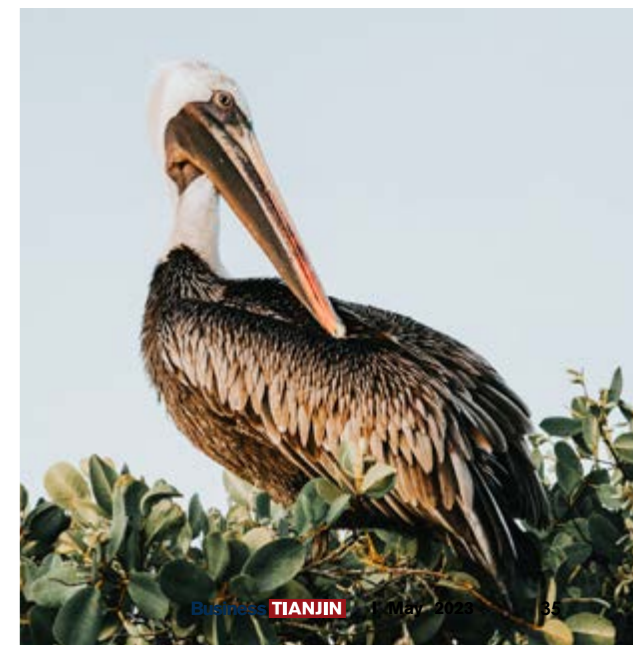
The Wall of Tears was a colonial-era detention centre on Isabela Island near Puerto Villamil from the 1940s to the 1950s. You can reach here on foot within an hour of the main town. The hike will be a fascinating experience, and you can find natural lakes, dense mangroves, iguanas, and flamingos on your way.

Interpretation Centre

If you are a research enthusiast of geology, history, or biology, visit the Interpretation Centre located on San Cristobal Island. You can find many displays and detailed reports on the history and bio-geological evaluation of the island in the four laboratories operating from here. The research papers will give you a clear understanding of human survival and the natural conservation techniques adopted by our ancestors. In addition, you can learn more about the volcanic cycle, ocean currents, and the lives of various species.

CONCLUSION

It would be a dream come true to pay a visit to the Galapagos. The pristine sandy beaches, crystal-clear water, slow-moving giant tortoises, fearless wild animals, and incredible natural beauty attract tourists from all around the world. It is an incomparable cultural retreat for everybody. The rare flora and fauna will amaze you, and it is essentially a wonderful location to visit all year around.



USING DRONES TO DELIVER BLOOD IN RWANDA

We have seen drones used for many purposes, but this is one of the most heart-warming and humane ways to use them. Rwanda, in east Africa, is a small country of around 12 million. Like any other country, they need medical supplies, especially blood, but getting things delivered to far-off places in an emergency, can be difficult.

Unlike in other countries, 83% of the population of Rwanda lives in rural areas, and medical supplies are delivered by road. That makes things difficult for everybody, because the roads are long and rough, and the terrain is mountainous. In emergencies, it is very difficult to deliver supplies on time, and driving through such terrain is not good for the transportation of blood.

Donated blood can be stored for around a month, but the transfused components such as plasma and platelets can be stored for only a few days. Because of this, remote hospitals

order more blood than needed, thus wasting a valuable resource.

This changed in 2016 when the government of Rwanda signed a contract with Zipline. Zipline is a San Francisco-based drone start-up that streamlines blood deliveries through drones. Their service has improved delivery time and reduced wastage.

HOW DOES THIS SYSTEM WORK?

The blood is packed in an IV bag protected by a cardboard box, and delivered from the distribution centre to the hospital via autonomous drones, and is dropped there by parachute for a safe and secure landing. Each drone can carry 1.6 kg of medical supplies on each trip.

The Zipline strategy is developed to ensure speed of delivery. Currently, it takes five minutes from the order placement to the launching of a drone.

The drones are guided by a GPS connection to fly to the designated delivery spot.

To avoid delayed connection with the GPS, Zipline has moved it from the body of the drone to the battery. This ensures that it is always on and connected. The battery with the attached GPS is connected to the drone when getting ready for flight, a strategy that has reduced launch time by around 10 minutes.

It is necessary to assemble four parts for the flight. First, the delivery package is put inside the drop hatch. Next, the drone is set on the launch pad and the wings are attached. Finally, the battery is attached. A benefit of this four-step assembly is that if any part of the drone is faulty, it can easily be replaced. A pre-flight check is done before the flight to check that everything is in order. The pre-flight check is done with a mobile app to make the process even faster. The app uses the QR codes on the plane's components to assess whether they pass for the flight. The launch pad then uses a pulley, a rail, and a motor to launch the drone into the air toward its destination. It is accelerated while launching; to reach its flying speed of 100 km/h in 0.3 sec.

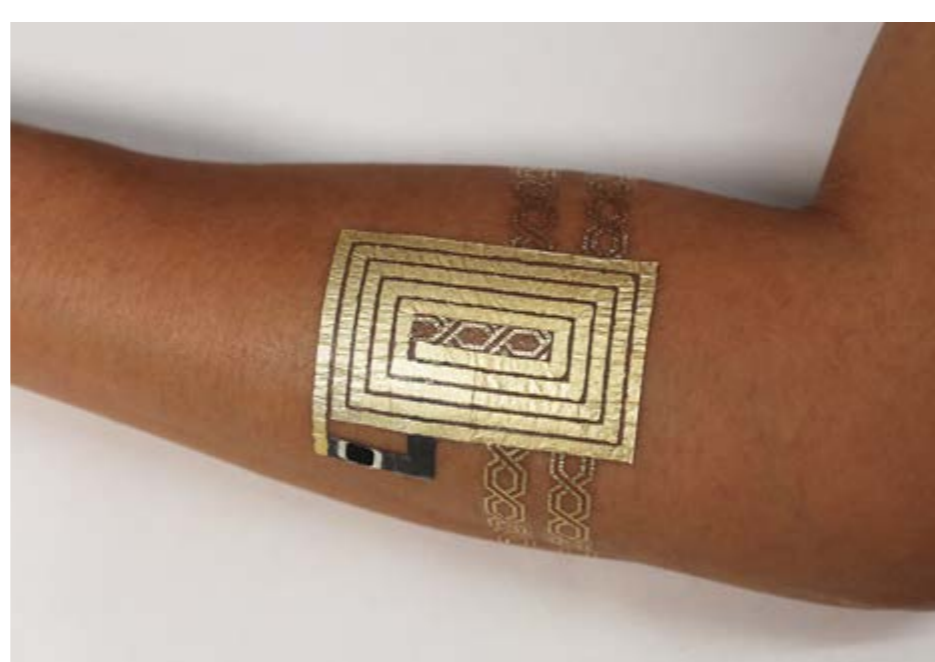
After delivering the blood, the drone zips back to where it started. It has a hook attached to its tail that is caught by a wire during landing.

Zipline has two launch stations in Rwanda, both of which are capable of making 500 deliveries per day. The deliveries made in 2017 and 2019 are proof that drone deliveries reduce delivery time to less than half and blood wastage by 67%.

Generally, one might think that drone deliveries can only be successful in developed countries, but surprisingly, they are more feasible in African countries, and more drone programs are being utilised for medical deliveries in far-off areas on the continent. After the success of this venture in Rwanda, Zipline has already signed a contract with the government of Ghana to deliver blood, medical supplies, and vaccines.

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HI-TECH TATTOOS THAT CAN TURN YOUR BODY INTO A TOUCHPAD

Wearable technology is becoming very popular and scientists are working on new ways to make fascinating gadgets that one can wear and use.

Google has always been inclined towards wearable technology. Now it is partnering with scientists at Saarland University in Germany to go one step beyond the usual approach. They have come up with a project called SkinMarks, a temporary tattoo that turns the body into a touchpad.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This concept and the related technology were initially invented by the company iSkin, which developed a thin, stretchable skin overlay to capture input data for mobile computing through pressure and touch. Google uses the same concept with its SkinMarks.

According to scientists from Saarland university, "Through a vastly reduced tattoo thickness and increased stretchability, a SkinMarks device is sufficiently thin and flexible to conform to irregular geometry, like flexure lines and protruding bones."

To make the tattoos, screen printing technology is used with conductive ink and tattoo paper. It is then treated by heat to prevent deformation. After heat treatment, it can be applied to the skin. These tattoos are packed with sensors and can stick to even the skin of the curved parts of your body. You can apply them on your knuckles and fingers, etc. The conductive inks with which the tattoos are printed are sensor-driven. The sensors respond when you bend your finger or swipe or press the skin where the tattoos are located.

These tattoos can even glow. They are rub-on tattoos similar to any temporary tattoo. You can put them on by rubbing the tattoo paper on your skin. The most

effective way to activate the sensor is to squeeze the area around the tattoo or bend the limb if it is on your fingers or knuckles.

THE FUTURE

Although it has not been used practically, this idea opens a new world of possibilities. The possible usage is creating shortcuts for quickly accessing functions on computers or smartphones. It will also be helpful for people with disabilities in using computers and mobile devices.

Wearable technology is the future. Providing easy access and simplifying things is the reason why technology exists, and these wearables and similar

inventions make that possible. Such projects are good for data collection as well. If SkinMarks is ever made available to the public, Google will be able to collect even more user data than before.

Many other similar projects are under development using the same technology. These include the pencil tattoo where you can draw symbols on your skin to monitor your health, and colour-changing tattoos that reflect a change in pH, glucose, albumin, etc. In fact, this technology can be used in unlimited ways in the future once we start seeing it on the market.

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CHINA'S AI DRIVE PROMPTS INVESTMENT FRENZY AND REFLECTION AMID CHATGPT'S EMERGENCE

Chinese technology firms have been unable to produce a cutting-edge AI chatbot like ChatGPT. Despite strong policy and financial support by the state, China's technological shortcomings may be due to short-term thinking and rushing to develop technologies that can be quickly commercialised, rather than investing in long-term AI research. ChatGPT's arrival in China shattered the illusion that Chinese firms were competing neck-and-neck with the US in AI. Although Chinese companies and entrepreneurs have started their own ventures to explore the business potential of generative AI, analysts have cautioned that this gold rush could be short-lived due to a lack of technical expertise and experience, as well as US export restrictions on AI chips. China's walled internet and censorship could also hinder the development of a local equivalent to ChatGPT, which could take two to three years to develop models that are at least 80% as powerful.

Despite the challenges and limitations, Chinese companies and entrepreneurs are not giving up on their pursuit of developing a ChatGPT-equivalent in the country. The potential market and business opportunities for such a chatbot are too significant to ignore. A powerful AI language model could be

used in a wide range of applications, from customer service and chatbots for e-commerce platforms to virtual assistants for businesses and individuals.

Moreover, Chinese companies are also looking to leverage AI language models in fields such as healthcare, education, and finance. For instance, Ping An Good Doctor, China's leading healthcare platform, has developed an AI medical consultation system that can diagnose and provide treatment recommendations for over 3,000 diseases.

In education, companies like Squirrel AI are using AI language models to create personalized learning paths for students, while in finance, AI-powered chatbots are being used for customer service and fraud detection.

The Chinese government is also continuing its support for the development of AI in the country. In its 14th Five-Year Plan, the government highlighted the need to strengthen research and development in AI and promote its application in various industries. The plan also includes targets for China to achieve major breakthroughs in core AI technologies and to establish itself as a global leader in the field by 2030.

Furthermore, the government has also launched several initiatives to support the development of AI, such as the National Artificial Intelligence Development Plan and the New Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Plan. These plans provide funding and support for AI research and development, talent cultivation, and the establishment of AI innovation centres.

In summary, China is not giving up on its pursuit of developing a powerful chatbot like ChatGPT. Chinese companies and entrepreneurs are exploring various avenues to develop their own language models, from creating their own chips to leveraging existing technologies and data. The potential market and business opportunities for such a chatbot are significant, and the Chinese government is continuing to provide support for the development of AI in the country. With the right investments and resources, China could catch up to the US in AI language models and establish itself as a global leader in the field.

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THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONTINUING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AI IN THE COUNTRY



COOKING AT HOME WITH ON-DEMAND FOOD PREPARATION GAINS POPULARITY



On-demand home-cooking services are revolutionizing the food industry in China, catering to the needs of people with busy schedules and health-conscious lifestyles. The increasing trend forced people to stay indoors and seek convenient alternatives to traditional dining options. This article will delve into the growing popularity of on-demand home-cooking services, how they are being used, and their impact on the food industry in China.

According to iiMedia Research, on-demand home-cooking services in China have reached a billion-dollar market size, reflecting a significant shift in consumer behaviour. People are becoming increasingly health-conscious and time-strapped, leading to a rising demand for healthy and fresh meals without the hassle of cooking and cleaning up.

The trend forced people to stay indoors and avoid crowded places such as restaurants. As a result, more people have been seeking convenient alternatives to traditional dining options, leading to a surge in demand for on-demand home-cooking services.

From September 2022 to February 2023, there were over 37,000 pieces of online information related to

"home-cooking services," representing an increase of 1,043% from the previous cycle, according to People Data.

As of February 12, there were over 220 million views for posts with the hashtag #woman's on-demand home cooking, charging 66 yuan for four dishes and a soup on Weibo. On Xiaohongshu, there were more than 34,000 posts with the hashtag #door-to-door cooking. On Bilibili, the most clicked video related to on-demand home cooking had been played 1.396 million times.

On-demand home-cooking services offer an immersive experience with the aromas, sizzling sounds, and tantalizing flavours of the food being prepared before your eyes. They not only free people from cooking but also offer opportunities to try new dishes without going out.

These services have also created new job opportunities for people who want to capitalize on this growing trend. Zhou Huan, a Beijing-based former financial analyst, started offering personalized home-cooking services in 2021 after realizing that many of her friends were struggling to eat healthy, home-cooked meals while juggling busy work schedules. She posted pictures of the dishes she

cooked on Xiaohongshu and wrote descriptions of different types of services. To her surprise, many people came to her homepage and asked for the service.

Zhou charged 88 yuan for four dishes and did all the work herself. First, she asked the customer's preferences and then customized recipes for the customer to choose from. Customers could either prepare the ingredients themselves or ask her to help with grocery shopping for an extra charge. Zhou later recruited a team of chefs who specialized in different types of cuisine and began offering customized meal plans that cater to each customer's dietary needs and preferences.



UNITED FAMILY HEALTHCARE PROVIDES MEDICAL SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF AT TIANJIN JUILLIARD SCHOOL



Pan Zhongying,
Vice President of United Family Healthcare
和睦家医疗副总裁盘仲莹



He Wei, CEO of Tianjin Juilliard
天津茱莉亚学院首席执行官何伟

The United Family Healthcare team started to provide on-site services for Tianjin Juilliard students, faculty and staff on April 11.

Pan Zhongying, Vice President of United Family Healthcare, Liu Zhizhong, General Manager of Tianjin United Family Hospital, He Wei, CEO of Tianjin Juilliard, Zhu Huixin, Dean of Tianjin Juilliard, and Wang Min, Chief Operating Officer, attended the celebration ceremony.

TJS nurse station provides routine medical assistance, emergency care services, health education, emergency rescue services and training.

In addition, United Family Healthcare will assist Tianjin Juilliard to optimize disease prevention on campus in the future. United Family Healthcare will also help Tianjin Juilliard to prevent infectious disease, improve its ability to handle unexpected illnesses, and provide medical support for large events on campus.

United Family Healthcare will provide high-quality, safe, efficient and convenient medical services on and off campus to all students and staff.

Tianjin Juilliard School is the first overseas cooperative program

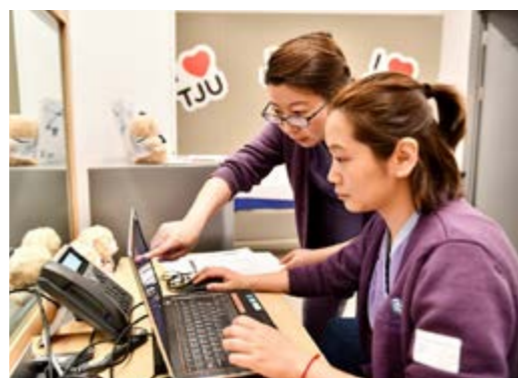
in the past 100 years at Juilliard School in New York, and the first art institution in China to award a U.S.-certified Master of Music degree. United Family Healthcare is a leading medical service brand in China.

The day of the celebration ceremony was World Parkinson's Day. BJU President Pan Zhongying said, "Entering on such a day shows that music and health care have a broader meaning. I look forward to discussing with The Tianjin Juilliard School the application of music therapy in clinical practice, as well as the prevention and treatment of occupational diseases among performers and singers."

Tianjin Juilliard is the first college to be served by United Family Healthcare.

United Family Healthcare will continue to actively provide high-quality, safe on-site medical services to international schools, tourist resorts, major events and forums, and will continue to win wide acclaim from the community for its international team of experts, superb technical skills, and strong emergency capabilities.

和睦家医疗进驻天津茱莉亚学院为师生提供医疗服务
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VIALE HOTEL GRAND OPENING IN TIANJIN

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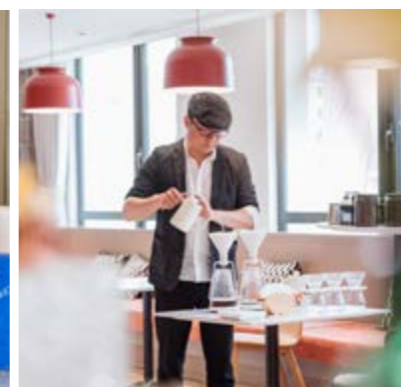
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CHINA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPANDS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT MONTH

China's manufacturing sector expanded for the third straight month in March while non-manufacturing activity grew at the fastest pace in recent years, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed.

The official purchasing managers index for China's manufacturing sector stood at 51.9 in March, down from 52.6 in February but still marking the second-highest level in almost two years, the NBS said.

The PMI reading has stayed above the 50-point mark that separates growth from contraction for the third month in a row.

Despite a slowdown compared with February, production and

market orders of the manufacturing sector continued to expand rapidly this month, said Zhao Qinghe, a senior NBS statistician, adding that the sub-index gauging enterprises' purchasing activity stood at 53.5 in March, the highest reading in more than two years.

China's non-manufacturing PMI came in at 58.2 in March, up from 56.3 a month earlier, marking the highest level in recent years. Also, the country's official composite PMI, which includes both manufacturing and non-manufacturing activities, came in at 57 compared with 56.4 in February, according to the NBS.

Source: China Daily



QIHOO 360 FOUNDER SAYS CALL BY TECH EXPERTS FOR PAUSE IN AI DEVELOPMENT AMID CHATGPT CONCERNS WILL NOT HAMPER CHINA

The recent call by leading tech gurus for a pause in the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies more advanced than Microsoft-backed Open AI's newly released GPT-4 language model, will not have an adverse impact on China's AI progress, said Zhou Hongyi, founder and chairman of cybersecurity firm 360 Security Technology.

"I don't think this [a moratorium on GPT development] will hinder China from developing its own large language models," said serial entrepreneur Zhou, in a post published by his official account on Weibo. "We [in China] are in all honesty two years away from where GPT-4 currently is."

Zhou's reference to the AI tech gap comes after Tesla's Elon Musk, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak and published historian Yuval Noah Harari, added their names to hundreds of signatories of a letter drafted by the Future of Life Institute, an organisation that



researches technological risks to humanity, which called for a suspension in development of AI technologies higher than GPT-4 for at least six months.

Not everyone is in favour of an AI halt though. Andrew Ng, one of the world's most high-profile machine learning and AI experts,

has defended developing more advanced technologies. Ng called the six month moratorium "a terrible idea" because it is unrealistic unless governments step in, according to a Twitter post by the star scientist. He added that "having governments pause emerging technologies they don't understand ... sets a terrible precedent and is an awful policy for innovation."

Source: South China Morning Post

CHINA TO EXAMINE US CHIPMAKER MICRON'S PRODUCTS FOR CYBERSECURITY RISKS

China's cyberspace regulator will conduct a cybersecurity review of products sold in the country by US memory chip manufacturer Micron Technology Inc, the regulator said.

The move, which comes amid a spat over chip technology between Washington and Beijing, is aimed at protecting the security of the supply chain for critical information infrastructure, prevent hidden risks and safeguard national security, the Cyberspace Administration of China said in a brief statement.

It gave no other details, including which Micron products it was reviewing.

The US has imposed a series of export controls on chipmaking technology to China for fear it could be used to produce chips for applications such as artificial intelligence which could be used by China's military, and blacklisted a number of China's largest chip firms, including Micron rival Yangtze Memory



Technologies.

Micron, one of the world's largest memory chip makers, did not respond immediately to a request for comment. The company's shares fell 3% to US\$61.15. "Punitive actions against Micron could

suggest a broader shift in Chinese policy with other US vendors with large Chinese exposure now potentially at risk of similar actions," Wedbush Securities analyst Matthew Bryson said.

Source: Business Times

CHINESE LITHIUM PRODUCERS SET PRICE FLOOR AS DEMAND EVAPORATES

China's top lithium producers agreed this week to set a floor price of 250,000 yuan per tonne of lithium carbonate, six people familiar with the matter said, in an effort to slow a plunge in the price of the battery raw material.

The price was agreed on 28 March by around 10 companies, including Tianqi Lithium and Ganfeng Lithium, that met on the side-lines of a conference in Nanchang in southern China, said one person who attended the meeting and five others briefed on the discussions.

The people declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the topic, which was discussed in a closed-door meeting.

Zhicun Lithium, one of the top lithium carbonate producers in China, was also represented at the meeting, said four of the people, but could not be reached for comment.

The move comes as lithium prices plunge on a significant slowdown in demand for



electric vehicles (EV) in China, the world's largest EV market.

Spot prices have slumped by more than 60% since their peak in late November, with the decline picking up pace in recent weeks on a growing price war in China's auto market.

It is not clear how long the companies, which account for over half China's lithium

carbonate output, will follow the floor price.

Offers as low as 150,000 yuan were also heard in the market this week as traders sought to offload mounting stocks, said a buyer for a battery manufacturer who did not attend the meeting of lithium producers.

Source: Business Times

INDUSTRIAL BANK'S NET PROFITS UP 10.52% IN 2022

The Industrial Bank Co Ltd saw its net profits reach about 91.38 billion yuan last year, up 10.52% year-on-year.

The bank's operating revenue came in at 222.37 billion yuan in 2022, it said in a report filed to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Last year, the bank accelerated its loan issuance for sectors including green development, manufacturing, science and technology, and people's livelihood and consumption.

By the end of 2022, the bank's outstanding green loans hit 637.07 billion yuan, an increase of 40.34% from the end of the previous year.

Outstanding loans for the manufacturing sector surpassed 580 billion yuan by the end of 2022, jumping 33.71% year on year.

Source: China Daily



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH-SPEED RAIL GAINS TRACTION

State contractors have once again showcased their edge in infrastructure construction with the recent completion of a tunnelling project on a major railway under construction.

China Railway 24th Bureau Group Corp Ltd (CR24), which is building the Shanghai-Chongqing-Chengdu High-speed Railway together with other major infrastructure builders, including units from China Communications Construction Co Ltd and China Railway Group Ltd, said its construction teams completed the tunnelling project on the railway.

As the first tunnel over one kilometre long that has been dug on the railway, the maximum burial depth of the two-rail Danyang Tunnel reaches 86 metres, going through many fault areas in the mountainous region of Hubei province.

Construction of the 1.4-kilometre tunnel was a massive undertaking that required the use of some of the most advanced tunnelling technology available, said the project manager with CR24, who declined to be named.

The construction team used a combination of tunnel-boring machines and traditional drilling methods to excavate the tunnel and managed to complete the work 40 days



ahead of schedule, the manager said.

The tunnel is designed to accommodate high-speed trains that will run at speeds of up to 350 kilometres per hour, making the journey much faster and more convenient for passengers in cities between Shanghai and Chengdu, Sichuan province, the China Railway Construction Corp unit said.

The completion of the tunnelling project

is a major milestone for the high-speed railway project, which is expected to bring significant economic benefits to the region, CR24 said.

The project is also expected to create new job opportunities and stimulate domestic demand, a key mission for the country this year, experts said.

Source: China Daily

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2023 China Business Climate Survey Report Launch in Tianjin

On March 30th, AmCham China Tianjin Chapter hosted a special breakfast briefing at the Conrad Hotel Tianjin to share key findings from the newly published **China Business Climate Survey Report** and discuss the implications for foreign businesses' operations in China. The event was moderated by AmCham China, Tianjin Chairman, **Marcus Williams**, and featured briefings from AmCham China President, **Michael Hart**, and **Ricky Xue**, a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultants (Shenzhen) Limited Beijing Branch.

Before introducing the speakers, Marcus Williams specifically expressed appreciation to the distinguished guests in attendance, including executives who contributed their ideas to the survey, guests from the **European, Hong Kong, and Japanese Chambers of Commerce**, as well as officials from the **CCPIT Tianjin, the Tianjin Municipal Bureau of Commerce, the Tianjin Municipal Bureau of Industry and Information Technology, the Tianjin Municipal Bureau of Science and Technology, the Tianjin Airport Economic Area Investment and Promotion Bureau, and the TEDA Administrative Commission.**

During **Michael Hart's** presentation, he provided a thorough overview of the China Business Climate Survey Report, which included detailed explanations of the data and presented objective statements. The 2023 report analyses over 20 sectors, drawing on data from half of our members. It covers investment trends, regulatory developments, intellectual property, and US-China bilateral relations. The report highlights a slightly pessimistic outlook for US companies in China concerning China's openness and business climate.



We were pleased to have **Ricky Xue** present the **Tianjin figures and findings** from the 2023 survey results, bringing us an in-depth examination of the top five business challenges identified by Tianjin-based multinational corporations (MNCs), as well as the opportunities for growth identified by local companies in Tianjin. He emphasized the implications of the survey's findings for the future of business in Tianjin and presented more positive outlooks on the business trend.

During the Q&A session that followed, **Michael Hart and Ricky Xue** answered questions from attendees on a diverse set of issues, including the strengths of China's overall investment market, supply chain, and Jingji-jin-ji Area's development. More than 50 participants were attracted to the briefing, which afforded them a special chance to acquire valuable insights and engage in discussions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tianjin Offline Training (CN) | Cross-departmental Communication Skills Training

Date: May 17

Tianjin (CN) | Basic Knowledge and Skills of First Aid

Date: May 19

Tianjin AmCham China 2023 Tianjin Government Appreciation

Date: May 26



AmCham China, Tianjin hosts V1 Racing Carnival and Family Day on April 1st

AmCham China, Tianjin organized a thrilling and unforgettable event, the V1 Racing Carnival, which took place on April 1st at V1 Auto World in Wuqing, Tianjin. The event created a unique experience for the members and their families, offering them opportunities to engage in exciting and memorable activities.

Not only could members watch thrilling racing games, but they also enjoyed exciting rides on the track and the Hot Wheel Speedway Karting. With delicious American food, fresh beer and interesting games, members had a wonderful day and spent quality time with their families.

AmCham China, Tianjin would like to express gratitude to the Waitex Group for co-hosting this event, to Pizza Bianca and Subway for catering food, and to We Brewery for providing fresh beer, as well as to all the attendees for making this Saturday a memorable occasion.



AmCham China, Tianjin Hosts Its TEDA Executive Breakfast Briefing

On April 14th, AmCham China and Tianjin Economic Development Area (TEDA) co-hosted a breakfast briefing at the Inter-Continental Tianjin Yujiapu Hotel. The briefing was moderated by **Marcus Williams**, AmCham China, Tianjin Chairman, and featured **Dr. Robert Xiao** from the Economist Intelligence Unit and **Mr. Jianning Li**, Deputy Director of the Electronic Information Industry Promotion Bureau of TEDA as the keynote speakers. It aimed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the current economic situation and future development trends in China, with a focus on the challenges and

opportunities facing the country.

Dr Xiao initiated the briefing with a comprehensive analysis of the future of China's global economy. The presentation covered various aspects, including economic nationalism, and escalating geopolitical tensions, as well as concerns about globalization and decoupling. Dr Xiao further elucidated on the potential implications of these factors on China's economic recovery and growth prospects.

In addition to Dr Xiao's insights, **Mr Jianning Li**, Deputy Director of the Electronic Information Industry Promotion

Bureau of TEDA, shared his perspectives on the development strategy of TEDA, a leading national development area. He discussed TEDA's plans and initiatives in attracting investment, promoting industries such as electronic information, and fostering economic growth in the region.

We extend our sincere appreciation to participants who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the briefing, and we look forward to hosting more engaging discussions and providing valuable insights in future briefings.



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Riviera Restaurant
Riviera brings the casually elegant refined dining experience to Tianjin featuring modern Mediterranean -French dishes paired with selections from a superb list of international wines.
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Cielo Italian Restaurant
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中国天津市和平区大沽北路167号天津丽思卡尔顿酒店一楼

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健身中心
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Ai Dong Li Fitness (Meijiang Exhibition Center Store)
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梅江会展中心店 (山姆超市四楼) 9吧
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禧悦时光店
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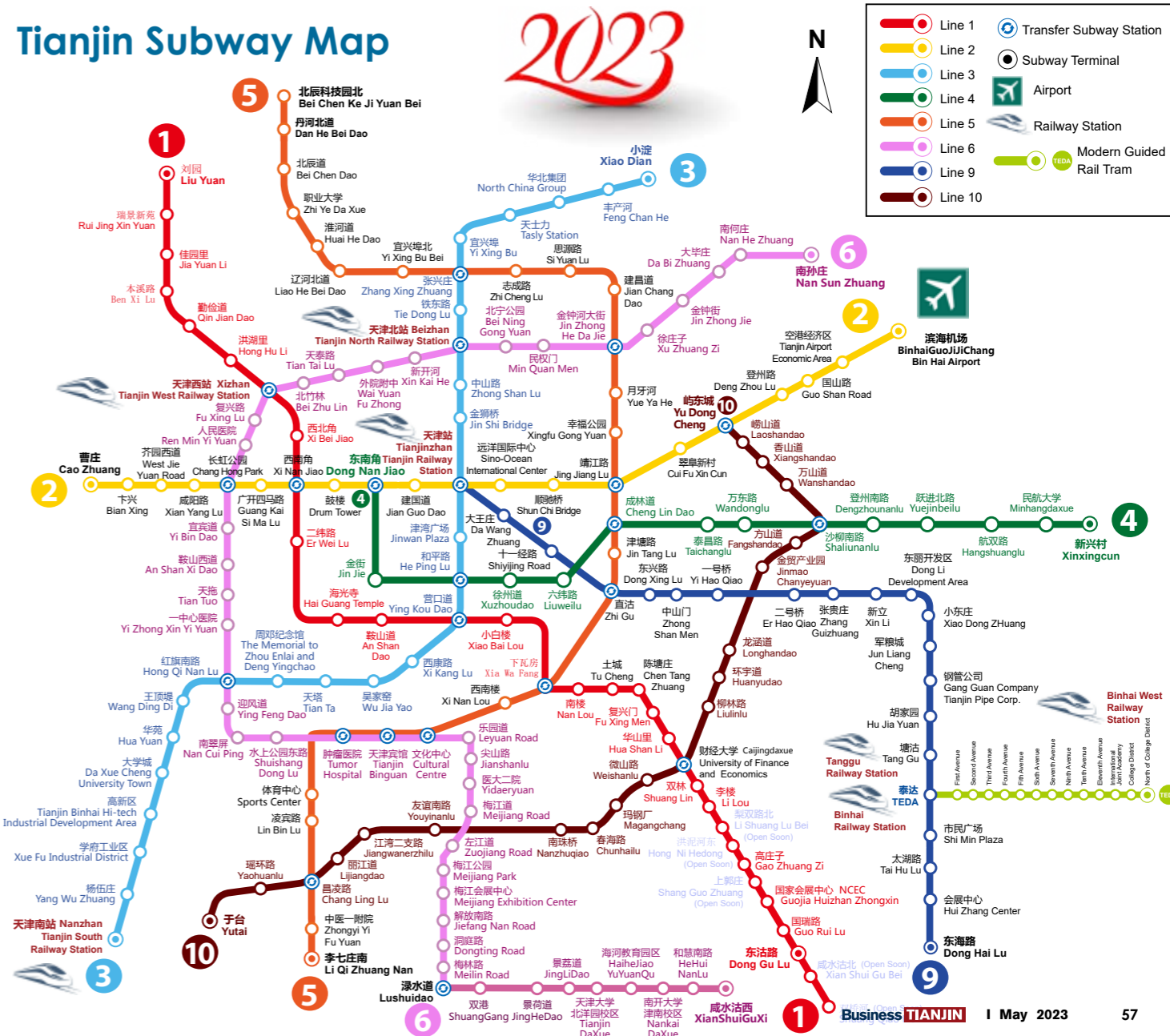
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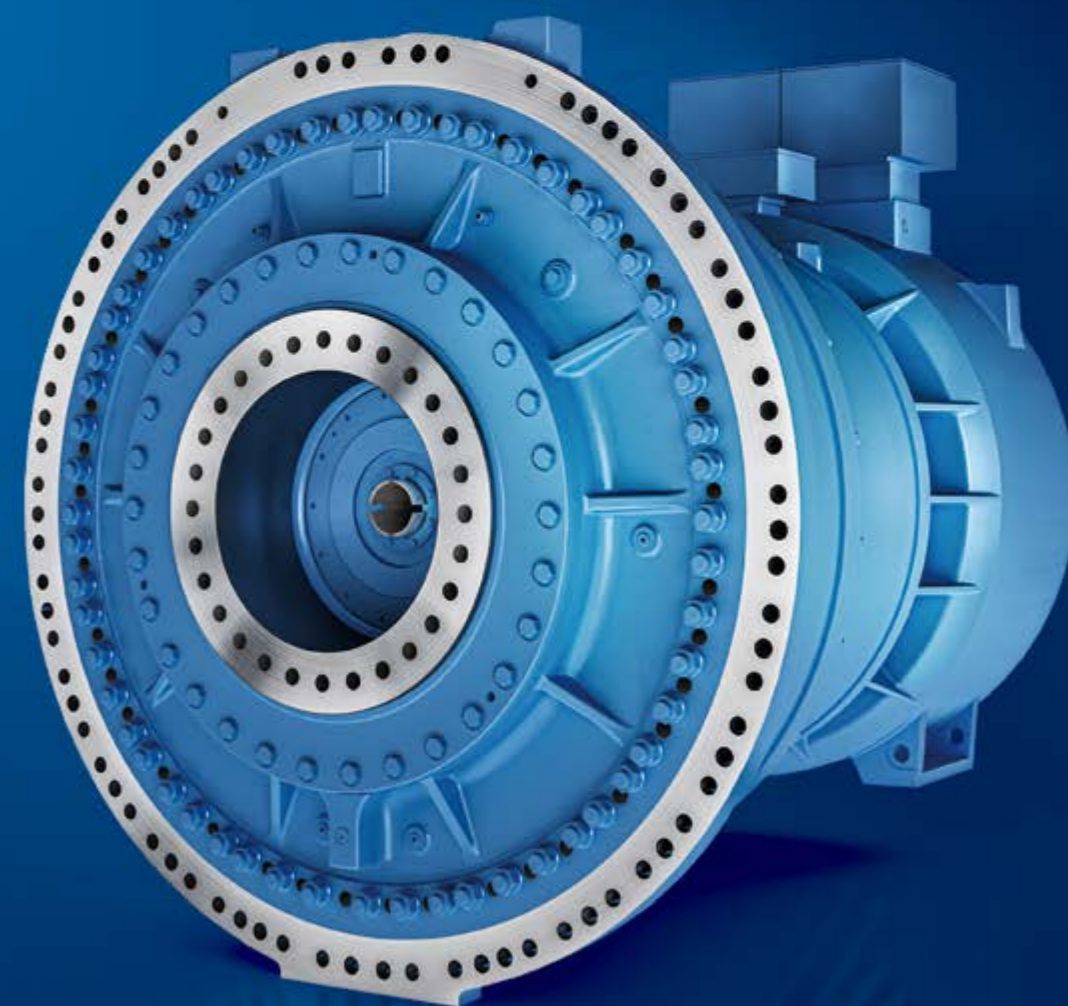
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