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REMARKABLE 70 YEARS

China becomes more integrated with the world through opening-up

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past 70 years, China has transferred from a closed and semi-closed economy to all-round opening-up. It has achieved a historic transformation and created a Chinese miracle that has surprised the world.

Opening-up has reshaped China and made it ever more integrated into the world. After 70 years of development, an open China is standing at a new historical starting point and is ready to write a new chapter.



Assembly workshop of CRRC Sifang in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province (Xinhua)



Ships load cargo at Wenfeng Pier in China (Hebei) Pilot Free Trade Zone Photo by Xinhua



Baoshan to Tengchong highway in Yunnan. Photo by Li Wensheng

Opening-up defines height of development

In June 2019, a light-rail train specially designed for Sao Paulo, Brazil rolled off the production line at CRRC Sifang.

This tailor-made train was to operate on the first airport transport line in South America. "The train is equipped with counting sensors to make the dispatching and line operation smarter," said

Miao Xiaosha, director of CRRC Sifang.

Today, the high-speed rail and other innovative high-tech equipment independently developed by China have spread to all over the world.

In the 1960s, however, China could only export primary products such as rice and coal in exchange for rubber and other urgently

needed materials.

China was once a rice seller, now an exporter of high-speed trains. Statistics show that its foreign trade has grown by more than 4,000 times from 1.13 billion US dollars in 1950 to 4.6 trillion US dollars in 2018. It has achieved leap-frog development in terms of both quantity and quality.

The drastic increase in foreign trade is just an epitome of China's open development. Today, China is already a vital link in the global economic chain. "Made in China" could be seen in every country through Chinese products, equipment and technology. The country has developed itself and benefited the world through opening-up.

Opening-up improves people's well-being

In August 2019, the American fast food restaurant chain KFC began to join hands with Kwai, a Chinese picture and video sharing social app. The KFC Qianmen outlet in Beijing, which emerged on November 12th, 1987 when KFC newly came to China, became the first Kwai-themed outlet. Soon about 3,000 KFC outlets across China followed the suit.

Foreign-funded enterprises

including restaurants, retail stores and cosmetics shops have sprung up in China like mushrooms. While expanding their business in China, these foreign companies have also witnessed the great changes in the lives of Chinese people.

Opening-up has brought opportunities for development and improved people's well-being as well.

There was a time when "life-saving" drugs were totally unaffordable for

Chinese patients. Today, China's zero-tariff policy for anti-cancer drugs has facilitated the approval of imported drugs and brought hope for ordinary patients.

Salmons from Norway, ham from Spanish, milk from New Zealand, cherries from Chile... These formerly inaccessible foreign foods have found their ways on the tables of ordinary Chinese people. Today, China ranks first in the world in cross-border e-commerce,

which covers most countries and regions.

Travelling abroad used to be unthinkable for Chinese people but has today become a necessity in their lives. Data show that from 1995 to 2017, the number of Chinese outbound tourists increased from 5 million to 143 million, an average annual growth of 17 percent. China has become the world's largest outbound tourism market.

Opening-up deepens China's interaction with the world

Seven decades on, China has been changing, reforming and opening up. Today, it is already an important participant and contributor in economic globalization, as well as a staunch defender and builder of the multilateral trading system.

136 countries, 30 international organizations, 195 cooperation documents, a trading network covering one-third of the world... In 2013, based on the concept of a community with a shared future for human beings, China proposed the Belt and Road Initiative, which is taking roots all

over the world and bringing a strong sense of gain for people in the involved countries and regions.

China has actively participated in the WTO reform, picked up speed in building a network of high-standard free trade zones, and advanced the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the China-Japan-ROK Free Trade Area and the EU-China investment agreement negotiations, etc. China is deepening interaction with the world.

When Chinese constructors completed the Tesla plant in Lingang,

Shanghai in just eight months, the Tesla co-founder and CEO Elon Musk, a person obsessed with speed, was amazed at Lingang speed.

China has created more miracles through opening-up. On July 30th, 2019, China introduced a shorter negative list of foreign investment admissions, further opening up the service industry, manufacturing, agriculture and other sectors.

On August 16th, the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone began to expand to include Lingang New Area.

On August 26th, six new pilot free trade zones

were officially established in Shandong, Jiangsu, Guangxi, Hebei, Yunnan and Heilongjiang, increasing the number of pilot free trade zones to 18 in China.

In November, Shanghai is going to host the 2nd China International Import Expo, which will attract exhibitors from all over the world to share business opportunities with China.

Leaving 70 glorious years behind, China is embracing the world with open arms and forging ahead with greater confidence towards the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. (Xinhua)

Numbers

over 60 billion yuan

China's economic aggregate in the year of 1949

over 90 trillion yuan

China's economic aggregate in the year of 2018

2nd largest economy

China has become the world's second largest economy since 2010

In the past 70 years, China has grown to become the world's largest industrial country, the largest cargo trading country, the largest foreign exchange reserve country, and the second largest commodity consuming country.

In the past 70 years, China's total import and export volume of goods increased by more than 4,000 times, attracting foreign investment of more than 2.1 trillion US dollars. Its foreign investment achieved a leap from zero to 100 billion US dollars. China has become a major trading partner with more than 130 countries and regions.

Voices

In the 1970s, I visited China with Dr. Kissinger for the first time. Now I have come here again, and China's tremendous changes and great achievements are beyond my imagination!

—Robert Hormats, Vice President of the Kissinger Association and former US Deputy Secretary of State

No country in the world can provide such opportunities for world economic growth like China. China's further opening up has brought opportunities to the world.

—Christine Lagarde, President of the International Monetary Fund

XI'S REMARKS

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China remains firm in pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace. We respect the right of the people of all countries to choose their own development path. We endeavor to uphold international fairness and justice, and oppose acts that impose one's will on others or interfere in the internal affairs of others as well as the practice of the strong bullying the weak.

—Excerpt from report delivered by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 19th National Congress of CPC on October 18, 2017

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VOICE

China-India relations bear global significance: Chinese envoy



Indian students are learning how to play Chinese Zither in Kunming No.1 middle school during a students' exchange project Photo by Huang Zhechun

As the only two developing countries with a population of more than 1 billion, China and India see their relations extend beyond bilateral scope to acquire global significance, Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong said recently.

At a reception marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Sun said that China and India achieved national liberation and independence almost at the same time. "We jointly advocated the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, and have supported each other in pursuing national development and rejuvenation."

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We need to view each other as positive factors in the changing world landscape, and regard each other as partners in realizing our development dreams in a positive, open and inclusive manner.

Sun Weidong, Chinese Ambassador to India

Looking forward, the two emerging countries need to actively explore new ways and manners to better get along.

Sun said both sides should march forward under the guidance of the important consensus reached between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to further unleash the positive effects of their 2018 meeting in China's Wuhan, deepen practical cooperation in all fields, expand cultural exchanges, enhance mutual understanding and trust and properly manage disputes.

"We need to properly address differences through dialogue and consultation and expand consensus," he said, noting that both sides need to focus on actively shaping bilateral relations and jointly make the cake of cooperation even bigger.

Next year will mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and India, Sun said, adding that the two countries should seize the opportunities and take concrete actions, march together on the path of pursuing the Chinese dream and building a "new India," and continue to strengthen their development partnership. (Chinadaily)

YUNNAN TODAY

Yunnan marks 70th anniversary of PRC founding with exhibition



An exhibition marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China opened in Yunnan on Sep.25 and will last till December 5 Photo by Yang Zheng

An exhibition which displays the outstanding achievements Yunnan has made in the past 70 years was opened to public in Kunming, capital of Yunnan province on Sep.25 to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC). It will last to December 5.

With the theme "Outstanding Achievement in 70 Years, Striving for a Better Life in the New Era", the exhibition covers a displaying area of 7,500 square meters and is divided into four parts. In addition, four specialized sub-exhibitions were also open in the same place simultaneously.

The more than 90,000 Chinese characters and 3,600 photos show the great changes Yunnan

has undergone through in the past 70 years, together with 500 items including archives, life utensils of different ethnic groups, medals and honorary certificates. Advanced technologies like holography, VR, AR are applied in the exhibition to improve the experience of visitors. Mini programs are also created to realize online visits for those who can't come to the exhibition in person.

The exhibition highlights that through targeted poverty alleviation, the number of poor people in Yunnan's ethnic minority areas decreased from 4.26 million in 2012 to 865,000 at the end of 2018.

(Yunnan Daily)

FRIENDSHIP

Yunnan and India are getting closer

China and India, the two cradles of oriental civilization has a long history of communication. Yunnan, a border province of China, has played an important role as a cultural interaction hub between the two civilizations due to its geographical location.

In view of the long history of mutual exchanges between Yunnan and India, people-to-people exchanges are frequent and communications are friendly. Trade between Yunnan and India can be traced back to more than 2,000 years ago. Yongchang, today's Baoshan in Yunnan was important international business town that arose because of the trade between Yunnan, Myanmar and India.

Today, the legend of the Ancient Southern Silk Road is still being written. After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the

officially-recorded trade between Yunnan and India began in 1959, when the bilateral trade volume was only 132,000 US dollars. Since the beginning of the 21st century, the economic and trade relations between Yunnan and India have been developing continuously. In 2001, the bilateral trade volume between Yunnan and India was 57 million US dollars and in the first seven months of 2019, it already reached to 2.46 billion US dollars.

In recent years, India has become an important trading partner of Yunnan and the province's largest trading country in South Asia.

India organizes delegations to attend the China-South Asia Expo or the South and Southeast Asian Commodity Exhibition and Investment and Trade Fair every year.

In terms of connectivity, Yunnan and India opened



Chinese students at a yoga session Photo by Chen Fei



Indian exhibitor participated in the 5th China-South Asia expo in Kunming of Yunnan province Photo by Yunnan Daily

Kunming to Delhi, Kunming to Kolkata two passengers air routes and four air cargo routes, namely, Kunming-Bombay, Kunming-Delhi, Kunming-Madras and Kunming-Bangalore, building an air bridge between Yunnan and India.

The cultural exchanges are also going forward. At the end of 2018, for the first time, 480 representatives of the Indian Association of Travel Agents have set their sights on Yunnan during their study tours in Yunnan. Li Bijian, Minister of the Chinese Embassy in India, once said that the Indian tourism community is looking east and toward China.

In 2018, two couples from the family of Sanjay Jain, general manager of Siddha group of India, held their wedding in Kunming by the Dianchi lake. The wedding ceremony, the first of its kind held in China, was

attended by near 1000 people including their families and friends. Kunming was chosen mainly for its unique climate and ethnic culture.

In China and India Yoga college of Yunnan Minzu University, a 36-year-old yoga teacher from India is trying to use his own way to pass this ancient culture to the young Chinese students. The college also set up a Tai Chi class. Young Chinese students practise the out-and-in breath day after day, to understand the dialogue between the two civilizations, grasp the philosophy of finding the direction of the self, and constantly hone their skills to breakthrough their own limits.

Deep communication between Yunnan and India along with the legend of the Ancient Southern Silk Road let both sides getting closer on either side of the Himalayas. (Yunnan Daily)