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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1) Iran sees China as a major partner in post nuclear deal era: Rouhani

Tehran, Saturday, 29 August 2015

At a press conference in the presidential palace in Tehran, the Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said that China is a major partner in Iran's development in the aftermath of the nuclear deal.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/29/c_134568727.htm

2) China, Iran pledge closer cooperation.

Beijing, Thursday, 27 August 2015

The Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the Iranian vice president Ali Akbar Saheli and pledged better co-operation between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/28/c_134562795.htm

IRAQ

3) China condemns truck bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq

Beijing, Friday, 14 August 2015

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China condemned a bomb attack that killed more than 70 people in Baghdad and expressed its condolences to the victims.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/14/c_134518573.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

EGYPT

4) Firm behind three gorges dam reports surging overseas deal

Wuhan, Monday, 31 August 2015

The Chinese construction giant Gezhouba Group Ltd., which built the Three Gorges Dam announced that this year's new contracts include a US\$ 1 billion sewage plant project in Egypt .

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/31/c_134572681.htm

UAE

5) RAK banks on “One Belt, One Road” for more Chinese farms

Dubai, Friday, 28 August 2015

Ras Al Khaima, one of the sheikhdoms of UAE hoped that China’s “One Belt, One Road” initiative would boost Chinese investment in the northern emirate.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/28/c_134565745.htm

6) Chinese government capable of keeping economy afloat: UAE business leader

Dubai, Thursday, 27 August 2015

Chairperson of Dubai Ports World Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, in a news conference for the release of his company’s half-year result showed sign of appreciation for its trade with China and confirmed that currency devaluation in China would have minimal impact.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/27/c_134561732.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

EGYPT

7) Nations welcome assistance in schooling.

Beijing, Friday, 7 August 2015

During the eighth China-ASEAN Education Co-operation Week, Yan Bingchen from the International Co-operation and Exchange department commented that the countries involved in the “Belt and Road” initiative including Egypt and Jordan have invited Chinese schools that specialize in vocational training to open branches and programs.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/China/2015-08/07/c_134491134.htm

IRAN

8) China, Iran musical engagement.

Tehran, Thursday, 13 August 2015

As a part of the six-country Silk Road Tour, Chinese philharmonic orchestra visited Iran and would jointly perform with Tehran symphony orchestra.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2015-08/13/c_134511037.htm

9) China beats Asian champion Iran again in basketball friendly

Suzhou, Saturday, 1 August 2015

The Chinese Olympic team of men’s basketball won against the Asian champion Iran in the 2015 International Basketball Challenge.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/01/c_134471023.htm

10) Iran wins China at 18th Asian men’s volleyball championship

Tehran, Saturday 8 August 2015

In the 18th Asian Games Championship, Iran won against China in men’s volleyball match held at Azadi stadium in Tehran. Iran won 3-2 and advanced to the final.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2015-08/08/c_134494413.htm

UAE

11) Chinese tourist arrivals in Dubai

Dubai, Wednesday, 19 August 2015.

A senior UAE tourism official confirmed that there has been an increase in the number of Chinese tourist to Dubai. Total 241,000 Chinese tourists have visited Dubai in the first half of 2015. Issam Kazim, CEO of Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DCTCM) said that this would boost the growing partnership between China and Dubai.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-08/19/c_134535211.htm

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