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POLITICAL ISSUES

SYRIA

1) China appoints special envoy for Syria

Beijing, Tuesday, 29 March 2016

China has appointed Xie Xiaoyan as a special envoy for the Syrian issue. Xie is a former Ambassador to Iran and Ethiopia. He has also served as representative to the African Union.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/29/c_135233949.htm

UAE

2) Senior Chinese Legislator meets Dubai Ruler

Dubai, Tuesday, 29 March 2016

Arken Imirbaki, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing committee of China's National People's Congress paid visit to UAE. He, along with the President of China-Arab Friendship Association held talks with Amal Al-Qubaisi, Speaker of the UAE Federal Council and also with Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid al Maktoum.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2016-03/29/c_135233501_2.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

PALESTINE

3) Chinese goods in high demand in Gaza

Gaza, Monday, 28 March 2016

Nabil Abu Hashem, a 63 year old man, together with his two sons, founded Wastco which is a customs clearance and support company in Guangzhou city of China. It has helped Abu Hashem to build a solid base in facilitating the importation of goods from China to Gaza.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/28/c_135230927.htm

UAE

4) Bank of China joins Dubai derivatives exchange

Dubai, Thursday, 10 March 2016

Bank of China has been appointed as a settlement bank for Dubai commodities Clearing Corporation (DCCC). It is the first Chinese bank to be appointed as a settlement Bank and it would be operating through its Abu Dhabi branch.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/10/c_135176322.htm

5) UAE's Ras al-Khaimah to attract Chinese travellers

Dubai, Thursday, 10 March 2016

Haitham Mattar, CEO of Ras al-Khaimah tourism development, recently promoted the Emirate in Beijing, Shanghai Shenzhen and Guangzhou.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/10/c_135176365.htm

6) China leading among Dubai's trade partners in 2015

Dubai, Tuesday, 29 March 2016

The crown prince of Dubai announced that China secured its place as Dubai's leading trade partner in 2015 with US\$47.95 billion in commerce.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/30/c_135234430.htm

MULTILATERAL ISSUES

ARAB LEAGUE

7) China, Arab League agreement on co-operation

Cairo, Sunday, 27 March 2016

Chinese Vice-Premier Liu Yandong and Arab League Secretary General Nabil al Araby held a meeting in Cairo and both agreed to step up efforts to improve bilateral co-operation in the fields of technology and culture.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/28/c_135229631.htm

8) Liu Yandong to pay an official visit to Egypt, Israel, Palestine

Beijing, Friday, 25 March 2016

Chinese Vice-Premier Liu Yandong would pay an official visit to Egypt, Israel and Palestine from 25-31 March. He would also chair the second meeting of China-Israel joint Committee on Innovation Cooperation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/25/c_135223827.htm

MIDDLE EAST

9) China's Policy on Middle East

Beijing, Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China's policy on Middle East is to facilitate peace talks with an objective and impartial attitude. China has no intention to seek any sphere of influence.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/08/c_135167023.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

EGYPT

10) China-Egypt cultural year celebrated in Cairo

Cairo, Sunday, 27 March 2016

China-Egypt Cultural year was celebrated in Cairo on 26 March 2016 and had several performances including dance, acrobats and representation of Chinese silk dresses.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2016-03/27/c_135227301.htm

11) QATAR

China beat Qatar to retain hope for the 2018 World Cup

Xi'an, Tuesday, 29 March 2016

China's soccer team had a comfortable 2-0 win over Qatar in Asian Zone Group C qualifier and this victory would help China to make it to the final round of Asia's 2018 World Cup qualifiers.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/29/c_135234352.htm

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