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# CHINA WATCH

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## **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

1. China, Egypt pledge to conjoin developing strategies

## Cairo, Thursday, 1 December 2016

Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Wang Jiarui said that China was willing to boost cooperation and step up comprehensive strategic partnership with Egypt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/02/c\_135874128.htm

#### **IRAN**

#### 2. Iran, China vow to enhance all-round strategic cooperation

## Beijing, Monday, 5 December 2016

Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli met with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in Beijing and pledged all-round cooperation and strategic partnership, including trade, investment and finance, interconnectivity and capacity.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/05/c\_135882516.htm

#### **TUNISIA**

## 3. Chinese High ranking officials meet Tunisian President

## Tunis, Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Wang Jiarui on his visit to Tunisia met with President Beji Caid Essebsi. Wang was accompanied by a delegation from Communist Party of China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/06/c\_135885413.htm

#### **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### **ISRAEL**

## 4. Israel Chamber of Commerce in China opens new branch in Shanghai

## Beijing, Thursday, 8 December 2016

Israel Chamber of Commerce in China (IsCham) has recently opened a new branch in Shanghai as business and cultural exchanges between the two countries have increased.

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Source: Global Times, Beijing

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1022617.shtml

## **TURKEY**

#### 5. Turkey, China conclude first lira-Yuan swap deal

## Ankara, Friday, 9 December 2016

According to the Anadolu Agency, the Central banks of China and Turkey have concluded the first Turkish Lira-Renminbi swap deal worth 450 million Turkish liras.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2016-12/09/content\_27621638.htm

## 6. China not seeking surplus with Turkey, other trading partners: diplomat

## Istanbul, Friday, 16 December 2016

Turkey's huge imbalance in trade with China has been the biggest problem in the bilateral economic relations and both sides have been taken up to boost trade.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/16/c\_135909111.htm

#### UAE

#### 7. UAE-China trade to reach 60 billion by end of 2016

## Dubai, Thursday, 15 December 2016

Hani Rashid Al-Hamli, Secretary-General of the Dubai Economic Council, said that trade between UAE and China was expected to increase to US\$60 billion by the end of this year up from US\$54.8 billion in 2015.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/15/c\_135908792.htm

## **MULTILATERAL**

## 8. Turkey wants trade with Russia, China in local currencies

## Beijing, Sunday, 4 December 2016

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey was moving towards having trade with China in local currencies and that instructions related to the decision was given to Central Bank after discussions with Beijing on the issue.

Source: Global Times, Beijing

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1021912.shtml

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **ISRAEL**

## 9. China- Israel cooperation on medical robots

## Guangzhou, Tuesday, 13 December 2016

Chinese and Israeli research institutes and companies are keen to cooperate on developing medical robots.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/14/c 135902953.htm

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