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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1) Cultural Year boosts China, Egypt relations

Guangzhou, Thursday, 19 January 2017

President of China, Xi Jinping said that the 2016 Chinese-Egyptian cultural year has helped to boost bilateral relations and expressed China's willingness to strengthen bilateral cultural ties for better strategic partnership.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/19/c_135997825.htm

SYRIA

2) China's special envoy on the Syrian issue attempts to bring political solution

Beijing, Wednesday, 4 January 2017

A special Chinese envoy on the Syrian issue would travel to Geneva, the European Union, Turkey and Russia and make effort to reach a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/04/c_135955032.htm

3) China urges Damascus and opposition forces to resume peace talks

Beijing, Thursday, 5 January 2017

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang urged Damascus and oppositional forces to follow UNSC Resolution 2336 and said that both sides should stop accusing each other and work together, for the implementation of the ceasefire and try to bring stability in Syria.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2017-01/05/content_27874102.htm

4) China expects Astana talks on Syria to progress

Beijing, Friday, 20 January 2017

China has expressed its hope for some positive outcomes, from the upcoming dialogue on the Syrian issue, which would be taking place in Astana, Kazakhstan. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, "China is positive about all proposals and plans that will be conducive to the political solution to the Syria issues" and added that China would continue to support peace and stability in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/20/c_136000473.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

ISRAEL

5) Amir Halevi, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Tourism visits Shanghai

Beijing, Thursday, 19 January 2017

Amir Halevi on his visit to Shanghai stated China is the most important target customers for Israel Tourism and that 2017, which would mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, would see more steps by the Ministry of tourism to attract Chinese tourists.

Source: Global Times, Beijing

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1029691.shtml>

TURKEY

6) China and Turkey signs agreement on heavy machineries

Beijing, Wednesday, 4 January 2017

The Northern Heavy Industries (Group) Co (NHI), one of China's top-three heavy machinery producers has signed a cooperation agreement with company in Turkey on six shield machine exports. This would help NHI to expand its market in Turkey and would boost the bilateral relations.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/liaoning/investinshenyang/2017-01/04/content_27858001.htm

7) Bank of China approved to open deposit bank in Turkey

Ankara, Friday, 13 January 2017

Banking regulation and Supervision Agency stated that Bank of China has received permission to open a deposit bank in Turkey and this would boost economic relations between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/14/c_135981021.htm

UAE

8) Chinese firms expands in Dubai commodities free zone

Dubai, Sunday, 15 January 2017

Several agreements between Dubai's Multi Commodities Center (DMCC) and Chinese entities have boosted the economic relation between the two. Both UAE and China are looking forward to expanding trade and cooperation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/16/c_135984423.htm

MISCELLANEOUS

IRAQ

9) Chinese premier announces humanitarian aid to Iraq

Beijing, Wednesday, 11 January 2017

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has sent a letter to Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, offering 70 million Yuan as humanitarian aid and expressed that China hopes to see stability in Iraq.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/11/c_135974400.htm

TUNISIA

10) Northeast China's Tonghua eager to promote its unique tourism

Beijing, Sunday, 22 January 2017

Chinese Journalist along with other foreigners made a short trip to Tonghua city in Northeast Jilin province. The group of foreigners includes large number of people from Tunisia and they interacted with the people and took part in the local cultural activities.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/2016jilin/2017-01/22/content_28025909.htm

TURKEY

11) China and Turkey cooperates to fight terrorism

Beijing, Tuesday, 3 January 2017

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang expressed China's willingness to work with Turkey and the international community to fight against terrorism. The statement came when asked about an attack in a nightclub in Istanbul that injured many people.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-01/03/c_135952431.htm

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