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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. Iranian presidential candidate attaches importance to Iran-China relations

Tehran, Tuesday, 28 May 2013

The Iranian presidential candidate Ali-Akbar Velayati said that he considers relations between Iran and China as highly important and added that China is one of the countries which have priority in Iran's relations with the outside world

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-05/29/c_132415054.htm

ISRAEL

2. Israeli PM's upcoming China visit to further strengthen ties: spokesperson

Jerusalem, Wednesday, 1 May 2013

The Israeli spokesperson Marc Regev said that the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to China is expected to further strengthen relations between the two countries and bring more tangible benefits to both people.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-05/02/c_132352831.htm

3. Israel, China expected to perfect tech, manufacturing cooperation: Netanyahu

Shanghai, Tuesday, 7 May 2013

During a meeting with Yang Xiong, mayor of Shanghai, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel and China can perfect their cooperation in technology and manufacturing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/08/c_124677328.htm

4. Israel PM eyes "perfect partnership" with China

Beijing, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

In an interview with Xinhua News agency, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he looks forward to a "perfect partnership" between Israel and China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/08/c_124683427.htm

5. Israeli-Sino economic, trade cooperation develops: Israeli PM

Beijing, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the trade volume between the two countries has already reached the billion dollar mark and added there is a lot of potential in the bilateral trade and that can be realized only through stronger cooperation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/09/c_132370547.htm

6. Israel can be a perfect partner of China: Israeli PM

Beijing, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

In an interview, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he believed that Israel can be a perfect partner of China as China is a globally economic power and Israel is a global centre of research and development.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/09/c_132370541.htm

7. Chinese premier meets Israel PM, urging cooperation

Beijing, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

The Chinese Premier, Li Keqiang met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an hour-long talk and discussed avenues for stronger cooperation. They also reviewed their commitment to boost the Middle East peace process.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/08/c_124683450.htm

8. Chinese president meets Israeli PM, pledges efforts for peace in Middle East

Beijing, Thursday, 9 May 2013

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and pledged to make more efforts to realize peace in Middle East.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/09/c_132370959.htm

9. Israeli president speaks highly of China's development

Jerusalem, Monday, 27 May 2013

During a meeting with Li Congjun, president of Xinhua News agency, Israeli President Shimon Peres said that China has set a model of reducing poverty and achieving rapid economic progress which influences Israel.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/28/c_132412988.htm

PALESTINE

10. China willing to assist Palestine-Israeli leaders' meeting: FM spokesperson

Beijing, Friday, 3 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China was willing to assist Palestinian and Israeli leaders if they wish to meet while visiting China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/03/c_132357855.htm

11. China supports Palestinian people: President Xi Jinping

Beijing, Monday, 6 May 2013

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and stressed that China firmly supports the just cause of the Palestinian people.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/06/c_132363081.htm

12. Chinese Premier underscores support for Palestinian cause

Beijing, Monday, 6 May 2013

In a meeting with the visiting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang noted his country's support for the cause of the Palestinian people and reviewed the profound friendship between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/06/c_132363313.htm

13. China urges resumed Palestine-Israel talks

Beijing, Tuesday, 7 May 2013

A foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that negotiations should be taken as the only way to peace between Palestine and Israel. She also discussed the four-point proposal given by Chinese President Xi Jinping to resolve the Palestinian question.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/07/c_132366050.htm

14. Palestinian officials praise Abbas' visit to China

Ramallah, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Nemer Hammad, Mahmoud Abbas' political adviser, said that the visit by President Mahmoud Abbas to China was successful and yielded important results in supporting the Palestinian National Authority and the peace process.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/08/c_132368421.htm

15. Abbas, Netanyahu visits reveal China's refocused diplomacy

Beijing, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Hua Liming, former Chinese Ambassador to Iran said that China is following an omni-directional diplomatic concept with a more obvious and active attitude.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/08/c_132368549.htm

16. Abbas, Netanyahu visits highlight China's Middle East efforts: spokesperson

Beijing, Friday, 10 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China's reception of Palestinian and Israeli leaders was part of its efforts to promote peace talks between the two nations as well as to maintain peace and stability in the Middle East.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/10/c_132373820.htm

17. Palestinian official calls for adding China to Mideast Quartet

Ramallah, Tuesday, 14 May 2013

Yasser Abdullah Rabbo, a member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) Executive Committee, called for expanding the Mideast Quartet peacemaking group to include China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/14/c_132382077.htm

SAUDI ARABIA

18. Chinese President meets Saudi Foreign Minister

Beijing, Friday, 17 May 2013

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal in Beijing and said that China has always viewed the Sino-Saudi bilateral relations with a long term perspective.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/17/c_132390182.htm

SYRIA

19. China voices firm opposition to use of force

Beijing, Monday, 6 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China was firmly opposed to the use of force and called for restraint at the reported Israeli airstrikes on Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/06/c_132363323.htm

20. China calls for political dialogue in Syria

Beijing, Tuesday, 7 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China believed that a political solution is the only correct way for solving crisis and calls for all relevant parties in Syria to launch dialogue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/07/c_132365860.htm

21. China hopes parties in Syrian conflict avoid force

Beijing, Thursday, 9 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China hopes all sides would avoid using force and refrain from taking any action that could escalate tensions in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/09/c_132371122.htm

22. China reaffirms political solution only way to address Syria crisis

United Nations, Wednesday, 15 May 2013

China's permanent representative to the United Nations Li Baodong said that China believes that political solution was the only right way out for the Syrian issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/16/c_132384965.htm

23. China willing to join Geneva talks on Syria: spokesperson

Beijing, Monday, 27 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China was willing to actively participate in the Geneva II conference on the Syria issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/27/c_132411924.htm

24. China's envoy slams end of EU arms embargo to Syrian rebels

Amman, Wednesday, 29 May 2013

China's envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike said that China rejects the EU decision to end embargo on providing arms to the Syrian rebels which allows European countries to provide weapons to the Syrian rebels.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-05/30/c_132417734.htm

TURKEY

25. China condemns deadly bombings in Turkey: spokesperson

Beijing, Monday, 13 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China condemned the violent attacks that targeted civilians in Turkey.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/13/c_132379137.htm

26. Chinese VP meets Turkish guests, media delegation

Beijing, Thursday, 23 May 2013

Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao met with a delegation of Turkish young politicians and said that China and Turkey have enjoyed comprehensive development of cooperation in all fields.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/23/c_124755852.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

27. China's Middle East envoy to visit Jordan, Egypt, AL headquarters

Beijing, Monday, 27 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that Chinese special envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike would visit Jordan, Egypt and the Arab League headquarters in Cairo from 28 May to 6 June.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/27/c_132411941.htm

28. Sr. officials' meeting of China-Arab Cooperation Forum concludes

Beijing, Friday, 31 May 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that the meeting reviewed the progress made by the forum since its fifth ministerial meeting May 2012, reached consensus on the action plan and inked a document on the results of the meeting.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/31/c_132422980.htm

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