

Central authorities congratulate athletes on Olympic achievements

PARIS – China’s central authorities sent a congratulatory message to the country’s Olympic delegation yesterday for their accomplishments and sportsmanship at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

“You have won glory for our country and people, and we extend warm congratulations and heartfelt compliments to you,” read a message jointly sent by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State Council.

China finished second in the overall medal table at Paris 2024, with 40 gold, 27 silver and 24 bronze medals, marking the country’s best performance at an overseas Olympic Games.

“You have vigorously promoted the Chinese sports spirit and the Olympic spirit, striving to win medals not only for your athletic performance but also for your moral integrity, sportsmanship, and clean competition,” read the message.

“You have actively practiced the Olympic motto of ‘Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together,’ engaging in fair competition and friendly exchanges with athletes from around the

world. In doing so, you have enhanced your skills, deepened friendship, and demonstrated China’s strength, spirit, and image to the world, spreading the voice and values of China.

“Your outstanding achievements and performances have further ignited the patriotism of Chinese people both at home and abroad, uplifted the national spirit, and united the people towards progress,” added the message.

The CPC Central Committee and the State Council called on athletes to stay focused on the goal of building China into a strong sports nation, continually strive to reach new heights in competitive sports and contribute to the realization of China’s modernization and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Aside from the national Olympic team from the mainland, the Chinese regions of Hong Kong and Taiwan won four (two gold and two bronze) and seven (two gold, five bronze) medals respectively.

As Macau is not a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), it is unable to compete in the Olympics.

– Xinhua, MPD



Team China’s artistic swimming gold medalists Wang Liuyi (right) and Wang Qianyi gesture during an interview with Xinhua at the main press center of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the French capital yesterday.

– Xinhua



Gold medalist Li Wenwen (right) of China celebrates with her coach at the women’s +81kg weightlifting event during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Paris yesterday. (More on the Olympics on pages 9 & 13-16)

– AFP

Paris 2024 Olympics Medal Table

Order	NOC	G	S	B	Total
1	USA	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	Japan	20	12	13	45
4	Australia	18	19	16	53
5	France	16	26	22	64
6	Netherlands	15	7	12	34
7	Great Britain	14	22	29	65
8	Republic of Korea	13	9	10	32
9	Italy	12	13	15	40
10	Germany	12	13	8	33
35	Chinese Taipei	2	0	5	7
37	Hong Kong, China	2	0	2	4

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China issues guidelines to ramp up green transition of economic, social development

The Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the State Council have unveiled a set of guidelines to ramp up green transition in all areas of economic and social development.

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‘Thousands’ of Ukrainian troops on incursion to ‘destabilise’ Russia: official

“Thousands” of Ukrainian troops are taking part in a major incursion into Russian territory, aiming to destabilise Russia by showing up its weaknesses, a top Ukrainian official has told AFP.

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All 62 bodies recovered from Brazilian plane crash wreckage

Brazilian authorities on Saturday finished recovering the bodies of the 62 people who died when their plane tumbled from the sky, as experts began examining the doomed aircraft’s black boxes to determine the cause of the disaster.

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Voter turnout for CE election committee reaches 88.12 pct

Tony Wong

A total of 5,521 voters representing over 500 associations elected 344 members of the 400-member Chief Executive Election Committee from among the 348 candidates yesterday – just four more than the number of seats up for grabs.

Addressing a press briefing at the Public Administration Building on Rua do Campo last night, Chief Executive Electoral Affairs Commission (CAECE) President Song Man Lei said that the voter turnout of 88.12 percent in yesterday's election was even higher than the 87.20 percent five years ago, despite the fact that the total number of registered voters for yesterday's election was higher than the one in 2019.

A total of 6,265 voters had registered for yesterday's secret ballot, while the election in 2019 had 5,735 registered voters, 5,001 of whom cast their ballots at that time.

Song said that according to the initial results of the election, 96.83 percent of the votes cast (5,346) were valid, with 18 ballot papers left blank (0.33 percent) and 157 deemed invalid (2.84 percent).

Song noted that the percentages of blank votes and invalid votes in relation to the votes cast this time were both lower than the ones in 2019.

According to Song, this time's voter turnout was the highest compared to all the previous Chief Executive Election Committee elections.

The official finally confirmed results and data of yesterday's election will be announced today.

Yesterday's voting took place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at three polling locations, namely the Macao Polytechnic University's (MPU) Multi-Sport Pavilion in Zape, the nearby Macau Forum complex, and the Lusio-Chinese Vocational and



Election staff members count the ballots at the polling station for the Chief Executive Election Committee's labour segment at the Lusio-Chinese Vocational and Technical School in Areia Preta district yesterday evening. – Photos: Maria Cheang Ut Meng

Technical School in Areia Preta district.

The chief executive election is slated to be held in mid-October. Current Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng is widely expected to be the only candidate. Informed sources have told the Post that he will announce his re-election candidacy for his second and constitutionally final five-year consecutive term "quite soon".

The election of the chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) is held every five years. The head of the MSAR is elected by the 400-member Chief Executive Election Committee.

According to the Chief Executive Election Law, a total of 344 out of the Chief Executive Election Committee's 400 members are elected by registered association representatives, i.e., yesterday's election, while the other 56 members are chosen by a raft of other methods.

The 400-member, four-sector Chief Executive Election Committee comprises 120 members representing the first sector (comprising the industrial,

commercial and financial segments), 115 members representing the second sector (comprising the cultural, educational, professional, and sports segments), 115 members representing the third sector (comprising the labour, social services, and religious segments), and 50 members representing the fourth sector, which comprises: 1) 22 representatives chosen from among the city's lawmakers; 2) the 12 local deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC); 3) 14 representatives chosen from among local deputies to the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC); and 4) two representatives chosen from among members of the city's municipal organs (Municipal Affairs Bureau/IAM).

Macau's legislature has 33 members. There are 12 Macau deputies to the NPC, while there are 38 Macau members of the CPPCC National Committee.

The 344 seats up for grabs, i.e., those chosen by yesterday's election, comprise 120 seats from the first sector (comprising the industrial, commercial and financial segments), 26 from the cultural segment, 29 from the educational segment, 43 from the professional segment, 17 from the sports segment, 59 from the labour segment, and 50 from the social services segment.

Concerning the remaining 56 members of the committee – whose seats were not up for grabs



Voters queue to cast their ballots at the polling station for the Chief Executive Election Committee's industrial, commercial and financial segments at the Macao Polytechnic University's (MPU) Multi-Sport Pavilion in Zape yesterday morning.

in yesterday's Chief Executive Election Committee election, the 12 local NPC deputies are ex officio members. The 22 representatives from the city's lawmakers, the 14 representatives from the Macao members of the CPPCC National Committee, and the two representatives of the members of the city's municipal organs, are chosen by their respective peers, according to the Chief Executive Election Law. The six members from the religious segment on the committee are chosen by the city's main religions – Buddhism, Taoism, Catholicism, and Protestantism.

Concerning the 56 members, Song said that all their respective segments had submitted their chosen members to her commission.

348 candidates for 344 seats

There was a total of 348 candidates competing for the 344 seats up for grabs in yesterday's Chief Executive Election Committee election. The educational and labour segments were the only ones where the number of seats available and the number of candidates were not identical, while the number of seats available and the number of candidates were the same in all other segments, namely the first sector (comprising the industrial, commercial and financial segments), the cultural segment, the professional segment, the sports segment, and the social services segment.

For yesterday's election,

the educational segment had 31 candidates, two more candidates than seats at stake, while the labour segment had 61 candidates, also two more candidates than the number of seats available.

A total of 6,265 voters selected by 576 associations from the first sector and six segments were eligible to vote in yesterday's Chief Executive Election Committee election. As 5,521 of them cast their ballots yesterday, the voter turnout was 88.12 percent.

Of the first sector and the six segments whose seats were up for grabs in yesterday's election, according to last night's CAECE announcements, the labour segment recorded the highest turnout, reaching 96.85 percent, while the lowest was the sports segment at 73.44 percent. The turnout was 92.08 percent in the first sector, 91.77 in the educational segment, 91.18 percent in the social services segment, 87.27 percent in the professional segment, and 74.67 percent in the cultural segment.

According to the initial results of yesterday's election released by the Chief Executive Electoral Affairs Commission last night, the two candidates for the educational segment who were not elected – receiving the smallest number of votes – were Chan Chon San (58 votes) and Chio Kuok Keong (52 votes), while the two candidates for the labour segment who were not elected were Ng Iok Lon (257 votes) and Lei Chin Tou (237 votes). ■

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Shanghai 27°C~37°C	Bangkok 24°C~34°C	Frankfurt 20°C~34°C	Dili 21°C~31°C	Vancouver 15°C~21°C	São Tomé 23°C~28°C	Praia 22°C~31°C	Bissau 23°C~29°C
Hong Kong 26°C~30°C	Tokyo 26°C~37°C	Paris 21°C~37°C	Moscow 11°C~18°C	Guangzhou 25°C~36°C	Singapore 25°C~31°C	Las Vegas 27°C~40°C	Monte Carlo 23°C~32°C
Taipei 25°C~36°C	Kuala Lumpur 23°C~32°C	Moscow 11°C~18°C	Las Vegas 27°C~40°C	Nanjing 26°C~38°C	Jakarta 22°C~32°C	Las Vegas 27°C~40°C	Monte Carlo 23°C~32°C
Guilin 23°C~29°C	Seoul 24°C~34°C	Las Vegas 27°C~40°C	Monte Carlo 23°C~32°C	Xi'an 19°C~34°C	Sydney 15°C~19°C	Monte Carlo 23°C~32°C	Bissau 23°C~29°C

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Flanked by her fellow members, Chief Executive Electoral Affairs Commission (CAECE) President Song Man Lei (centre) briefs reporters at the Public Administration Building on Rua do Campo last night. – Photo: Tony Wong

UM, Macau Union Hospital inaugurate research centre

Rui Pastorin

The University of Macau–Macau Union Hospital Joint Research Centre for Clinical Medicine was inaugurated on Friday, when a collaborative framework agreement signing and plaque unveiling ceremony were held.

The agreement was signed by UM Rector Yonghua Song (aka Song Yonghua) and Islands Healthcare Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital (Macao Union Hospital) Director Wu Wenming, in the presence of Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong U and UM

University Council Chair Peter Lam Kam Seng, a joint statement by the UM and the hospital noted.

They then officiated over a plaque-unveiling ceremony with Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Chief Ho Ioc San and Macao Union Hospital Strategic Development Committee Vice President Lei Chin Ion.

“The joint research centre will actively promote innovative research in the fields of biomedicine, clinical medicine, critical diseases, Chinese medicine and ‘big health’, and train professionals in clinical medicine and other fields”, according to the joint statement.

In his speech, Song said that the signing and the centre’s establishment were of great significance and would effectively promote innovation and progress in basic research and clinical technology.

Moreover, Wu said in his speech that with the centre’s establishment and the local government’s support, the two parties would leverage their respective research strengths and resources to jointly improve the quality of medical education in Macau, train more outstanding medical professionals for Macau, facilitate the sustainable development of clinical research and innovative healthcare in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), and improve the city’s healthcare quality.

The statement added that all guests then visited the Macao Centre for Testing of Chinese Medicine (MCTCM) on the UM campus in Hengqin. MCTCM Director Li Shaoping said that both centres would complement each other’s strengths to intensify efforts in medicine testing, ensure



This handout photo taken and provided by the University of Macau (UM) and The Islands Healthcare Complex – Macao Medical Centre of Peking Union Medical College Hospital shows UM Rector Song Yonghua (front, right) and Hospital Director Wu Wenming (front, left) posing before signing the agreement in the presence of Secretary Elsie Ao Ieong U (back, left) and UM Chair Peter Lam Kam Seng.

the quality of clinical medication, and conduct in vivo drug testing, thus providing technical support for precision medicine and personalised

medication in the future.

The ceremony was attended by government officials as well as UM and hospital representatives. ■

CCM to host Wing Chun dance drama

Rui Pastorin

The “Performance to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Day of the People’s Republic of China and the Haojiang Moonlight Night – Dance Drama Wing Chun” is slated to be staged at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) on September 13-14, according to a Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) statement on Friday.

Wing Chun, according to Wikipedia, is “a concept-based martial art, a form of southern Chinese kung fu, and a close-quarters system of self-defence”.

The upcoming dance drama, which the statement said had received high acclaim since its launch, will be held at CCM’s Grand Auditorium. It tells the heroic story of Master Yip and recreates the production process of the film of the same name. It is produced as well as presented by the Shenzhen Opera and Dance Theatre, and features a story that highlights the “perseverance of the Chinese people” and pays tribute to ordinary people.

The show also combines two types of national intangible cultural heritage and folk culture of the Lingnan region, those being Wing Chun and Gambiered Guangdong silk, which is used to create the costumes for the performance.

Xiangyunsha silk (香雲紗) or Gambiered Guangdong silk is a type of silk originating in the 5th century from Guangdong that is created by dyeing silk with gambier juice and covering it in soil from the Pearl River, resulting in a copper colour on one side and a black colour on the other, according to Wikipedia. Gambier is a species of plant in the genus Uncaria.

Mainly from Guangdong, the Gambiered Guangdong silk is nicknamed “soft gold”. The millennia-old technique includes plant-based dyeing, drying and coating the fabric with the uncontaminated and iron-rich river mud in Guangdong, according to CGTN.

Lingnan (嶺南 – ‘South of the [Nanling] Mountains’) is a geographic area referring to the lands in the south of the Nanling Mountains. The region covers the modern Chinese subdivisions of Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Hong Kong and Macau, and even Northern Vietnam, according to Wikipedia.

Tickets, priced between 200 patacas and 800 patacas, are now available, with more ticketing details available on www.macauticket.com or by calling 2855 5555. Show details can also be found on www.icm.gov.mo, or on the bureau’s social media pages. ■



This undated handout photo provided by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) promotes the “Performance to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Day of the People’s Republic of China and the Haojiang Moonlight Night – Dance Drama Wing Chun”, which is slated for next month.

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TOY COLLECTORS EDITION



These photos provided by the Macao Trendy Toy Collectors Association yesterday show some of their recent events.



Local toy association brings together collectors & enthusiasts, promotes toy culture

Interview by Rui Pastorin

Prior to 2020, toy enthusiast and photographer Franky Lei (李寶) found that Macau did not have a community of toy collectors that he could share his hobby and passion for collecting with. That's why he decided to start one, with the aim of bringing collectors together.

Established in 2020, the Macao Trendy Toy Collectors Association (澳門潮流玩具收藏家協會) has been joined by local toy enthusiasts and collectors, all brought together by their love for toys. "We frequently gather to share the joy of toys", Lei, who also owns a business that sells toys called "Toy Hunters", said in an interview via WeChat, adding that the association now has around 20 members and nearly 2,500 followers across its social media platforms.

Gatherings at cafés and restaurants to talk about toys and co-organising an event called "Summer Friends of Anime Second-Hand Flea Market" for second-hand toys are among the events that the association has held. Moreover, during gatherings, Lei told the *Post* during a visit to his shop, members also take items from their personal collections to talk about and showcase them.

"Our goal is to unite the trendy toy collectors in Macau, enhancing friendships and promoting toy culture. We aim to strengthen the connections, interactions, and information sharing among toy collectors worldwide, thus encouraging the development of the local toy creation industry", Lei said.

Being a collector himself, Lei's love for toys began in 2008 when he bought his first Hot Toys* figure, which was modelled on US actor James Dean (1931-1955). "I used toys as subjects for my photography projects, which sparked my passion for collecting them", Lei said.

Lei also uses this passion as he runs a shop in Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, where he sells a variety of toys from Japan, Europe and the US, always being happy to be able to talk to those who share or are interested in the same hobby.

To him, the shop is more than just a place to simply buy a toy from, telling the *Post* that he enjoys conversing with other collectors about the hobby that they greatly enjoy.

Toys are not just for a younger audience

Though some might relate toys to a younger demographic, there are a number of older collectors that make up a great market. Citing data from US-based Circana, a consultancy on consumer behaviour, the *New York Post* said in a recent article that toy demand by enthusiasts in the US aged over 18 has surpassed those by preschoolers for the first time, accounting for US\$1.5 billion in sales from January to April this year.

In Macau, Lei said, there are also many older "profound toy collectors", some of whom even have collections that include antique toys and movie props. "Some toys in their possession are over 30 years old, well-preserved, and just as magnificent as new ones, offering a fascinating insight".

The city's toy lovers prefer to collect Japanese toys due to the immense influence of Japanese animation, TV and movies, according to Lei, but he noted that globally, toy culture is "diverse and ever-changing". Some collect based on their interest in certain source materials, while others might be influenced by their peers. But among the answers that Lei has heard about why people collect toys, the best was related to nostalgia: "The best answer I've heard is, 'What I'm buying isn't just a toy; it's a piece of my childhood memories'", which was, he said, also akin to buying a piece of history for older collectors. ■

*Hot Toys are a Hong Kong-based production house that designs, develops and manufactures highly detailed collectible merchandise to worldwide markets, according to Wikipedia.



Macao Trendy Toy Collectors Association founder Franky Lei (李寶) poses with locally made toys along with toys made by various companies at his shop, Toy Hunters, on Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida. – Photos: Rui Pastorin



This photo shows Lei's shop called Toy Hunters.

Local woman, 85, critical with COVID-19: Health Bureau

Ginnie Liang

The Health Bureau (SSM) has announced that a critical COVID-19 case was recorded in Macau on Friday, an 85-year-old local senior citizen suffering chronic diseases.

According to the SSM statement, the female senior citizen came down with a fever and cough on Thursday, after which she sought treatment at the private Kiang Wu Hospital, where she tested positive for COVID-19 and pneumonia in both lungs.

The statement said that her condition became critical on Friday,

adding that she was transferred to the intensive care unit (ICU) for treatment where she was put on a ventilator. No update on her condition was provided over the weekend.

The statement said that as of Friday the woman had received 3 doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Meanwhile, two of her family members living with her, who had received four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, came down with mild respiratory symptoms and self-tested positive for COVID-19 in a rapid antigen test (RAT). ■



Poster courtesy of CDC

Macau logs record 717,457 arrivals & exits on Saturday

Ginnie Liang

A statement released by the Public Security Police (PSP) yesterday pointed out that Macau logged 717,457 arrivals and exits on Saturday, a single-day record, again setting a new one-day record and representing an increase of 0.04 percent from last Saturday.

Among the 717,000 arrivals and exits on Saturday, 380,798 were made via the Barrier Gate checkpoint, accounting for 53.08 percent of the total, the statement said.

Meanwhile, 105,879 arrivals and departures were made via Qingmao checkpoint in Ilha Verde, accounting

for 14.76 percent, 92,456 were made via the local checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HZMB), accounting for 12.89 percent, and 78,867 were made via the Macau-Hengqin joint checkpoint, accounting for 10.99 percent.

The arrival-cum-departure figures comprise visitors, residents, non-local students studying in Macau and non-resident workers (popularly known as blue-card holders).

The statement said that additional lanes were opened to ease the passenger and vehicular cross-border traffic, and everything ran smoothly at all checkpoints. ■



Body found floating in sea off Macau Tower

Ginnie Liang

The Judiciary Police (PJ) were informed by the Macau Customs Service (SA) at 13:33 p.m. yesterday that a male corpse was found floating in the sea opposite Macau Tower, according to a PJ statement.

The statement said that the deceased is a local resident, aged between 30 and 40.

According to the statement, the Customs Service officers brought the corpse ashore at Macau Outer

Ferry Terminal.

The statement noted that after a preliminary inspection, no suspicious or criminally induced injuries were found on the corpse.

According to the statement, the man was confirmed to be the person who had jumped off the Ponte de Amizade ("Friendship Bridge") on Saturday, adding that frogmen from the Fire Services Bureau (CA) failed to find the man during a search on Saturday.

The statement said that the deceased was naked from the waist up and was wearing only a pair of grey underpants. No identification documents or suicide notes were found on the body.

The cause of death still needs to be confirmed by forensic examination.

The case was listed as a dead body found, and has been transferred to the PJ Investigation Section for follow-up, according to the statement. ■

No power can destroy the Chinese dream

Jasna Plevnik*

Leaders in Europe and the United States, multinational corporations and international institutions are studying the resolution of the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China to get an idea about China's new reform path, because it will influence the global economy.

The third plenary session, which concluded on July 18, ushered in a new period of reform, opening-up and socialist modernization. "It marked the start of a new journey of comprehensively deepening reform in the new era with systematic and holistic plans" to advance Chinese modernization and realize national rejuvenation, as well as achieve high-quality development and improve people's livelihoods.

The effects of this phase of Chinese modernization will also spill over to the Belt and Road Initiative, Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative.

Despite some economists and other experts claiming that China's economic growth has already peaked and may not grow further, the Chinese economy has continued to grow since the third plenary session of the 11th CPC Central Committee in 1978 which signaled the launch of reform and opening-up. China's economic growth would not have continued for so long if its development model was not upgraded to adapt to the changing domestic and global situations.

How does the world react to China's new transformative path toward building an innovative, green and smart society through further advancement of its forces in green technologies, AI, and semiconductors which are crucial for every country's growth and favourable positioning in the global economy?

China's investments in Hungary can be seen as part of China's "shared development" praxis in high-quality manufacturing. At the end of last year, BYD announced it would build an electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing factory in Hungary to consolidate its presence in the European Union

and ensure its EVs conform to the EU's standards. In July, BYD signed an agreement with Türkiye to establish an EV plant there to realize the same goal.

Recently, Italy and China, which already are comprehensive strategic partners, signed a three-year action plan to deepen cooperation in sectors such as technology, infrastructure and green energy, bucking the trends of "de-globalization", "decoupling" and protectionism.

Italy sees China's breakthroughs in high-tech as an opportunity for Italian industries and enterprises to upgrade their technologies and engage in high-quality economic cooperation with their Chinese counterparts. Perhaps the same thinking prompted Stellantis, a multinational automobile manufacturing corporation formed in 2021 through the merger of Italian-American conglomerate Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and the French PSA Group, to enter into a joint venture with Leapmotor, a Hangzhou-based company specializing in developing EVs, three months ago.

By deepening bilateral and multinational cooperation with other economies in green technologies and products, Italy can set an example for other EU member states that plan to accelerate their green transition.

Equally important, according to official data, Germany's investment in China grew by 18.1 percent in the first six months of this year, indicating confidence that the Chinese economy will continue to grow. In fact, more and more foreign direct investment is flowing into China's hi-tech manufacturing sector, which will help China realize reform goals.

European countries' deepening cooperation with China to develop high-quality products and services is in total contrast to some other Western countries resorting to protectionism, imposing sanctions, engaging in geopolitical competition and announcing plans and initiatives similar to those that China has already launched to play zero-sum games.

Strengthening cooperation with China in high-quality products and services requires a new way of

thinking and being open to new forms of cooperation like those that China has already presented, described and implemented "shared development" in its global initiatives.

The EU may face more severe development problems than it has in the past five years if it continues to serve the US' strategic and economic interests, especially by increasing NATO's budget and intensifying its geopolitical activities, because the allocation of more funds to NATO will increase its financial problems. According to NATO data, the defense budgets of NATO members in Europe, and Canada, increased by nearly 18 percent this year alone, the highest in decades.

The US has spent the past seven years spreading falsehoods about China's growth, projecting it as a threat to the West, which unfortunately have influenced the EU's leadership. The whole world will suffer if the US continues to curb China's rise.

However, the Joe Biden administration has made clear its intention of further curbing China's rise and isolating it from the international trade by restricting the export of some high-tech products, especially advanced semiconductors, to China. In fact, the US has taken many more measures, including imposing sanctions on Chinese entities, to suppress China globally.

But Chinese companies are already designing advanced chips to offset the impacts of the Biden administration's decision, while the Chinese government is advancing the country's global initiatives to promote shared development and uphold multipolarism. And countries around the world, whether they be US allies or not, admire China for its resilience and progress.

Moreover, the US tried to persuade and/or coerce many countries to not join the Belt and Road Initiative, but it didn't succeed in its design. This reminds me of what former Croatian president Stjepan Mesić likes to say: no one has the power to destroy the Chinese dream.

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