DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- Arrest of members of a Hong Kong student organisation: Hong Kong Police's National Security Department arrested members of the "Xianxue Ideological and Political" Organization for disruption. The convener of the Association Wang Yizhen and Secretary-General Chen Zhensen were <u>arrested</u>.
- **Major information technology meeting held:** Ministry of Industry and Information Technology held the "Administrative Guidance Meeting on <u>Blocking Website Links</u>", requiring that all platforms must be unblocked according to standards within the time limit, otherwise they will take disposal measures in accordance with the law. Companies participating in the meeting on the same day include Alibaba, Tencent, Byte Beat, Baidu, Huawei, Xiaomi, Momo, 360, NetEase, and more.

II. News in China

- During the ongoing investigation in <u>Guangdong</u>, CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council Han emphasized focus on Xi Jinping Thought in order to build a market-oriented, legalized, and international business environment that promotes accelerated development of the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
- As <u>Russian State Duma election</u> begins, China as a "comprehensive strategic cooperative partner" to Moscow has stated it supports the Russian people in choosing the path of development independently, and firmly supports Russia under the leadership of President Putin who has achieved development and revitalization in the region.
- The Tianzhou-3 was successfully launched by China Space Station from the Wenchang launch site in Hainan. The flight of Tianzhou II has given up the backward interface to ensure the smooth docking of Tianzhou III.
- China announced that it had suspended the import of Taiwan's sugar apples and lotus mist for the repeatedly detected poor quality of items. China has also suspended import of Taiwanese pineapples.
- Myanmar military and media said that security forces were bombed by armed men near Yangon, and the subsequent exchange of fire killed several people. The security forces were attacked by a home-made bomb attack when they passed the Kayan district on the outskirts of Yangon.
- Taiwan military says PLA military aircraft entered the "southwest airspace" twice.
- 191 COVID cases confirmed in Putian, Fujian.
- Xi Jinping will attend the 76th UN General Assembly debate.

- <u>Wang met officials from Iran, Russia and Pakistan</u> to discuss Afghanistan and the need to play a coordinated role to positively influence the country and ensuring an inclusive, friendly and terrorist free Afghanistan. A proposal was also made that highlighted the need for the US to take responsibility in reconstructing Afghanistan; establishing a broad, inclusive, stable and moderate political structure; crack down on terrorist forces in the region; and provide humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan.
- Wang Yi met S. Jaishankar, the Minister of External Affairs of India, to <u>discuss</u> <u>disengagement</u> along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh and addressing issues regarding the border.
- Xi sent a <u>letter of congratulations</u> to the first Beidou International Summit Navigation Satellite System Applications.

III. India Watch

 China's ban on Taiwanese fruits marks the resumption of the cross-Strait fruit wars. Japan, which is already the second largest importer of Taiwan's pineapple, has the scope to utilize China's ban on Taiwanese pinaeapples. Some operators who exported pineapples to Japan this year said that the promotion and subsidies of the Taiwan government have pushed up the enthusiasm of expanding the Japanese market; India too could tap into this market, especially in a bid to create a new supply chain for the product.