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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## NEWS IN CHINA

- [NBA China and Ant Group](#) jointly announced on February 21 that they will begin a comprehensive strategic cooperation. NBA video content will be made available on the Alipay platform for the first time, and Alipay will join the NBA China as a strategic partner in the country's digital life. This collaboration involves joint membership, small programme operation, digital collection, and other elements in addition to NBA video material and programme transmission. The entry of NBA's top-notch content and content creators into Alipay, according to Ni Xingjun, chief technical officer of Ant Group and chairman of Alipay (China) Network Technology Co., Ltd., is a crucial milestone for Alipay in adopting the content ecology as an open Internet platform.
- According to news on February 21st, [Meituan Food Delivery](#) has just started hiring couriers in Hong Kong. According to the recruitment materials posted by Meituan on the Telegram channel, couriers are split into two groups: those who walk, or the infantry based in the metro, and those who ride motorcycles as their primary mode of transportation. Riders must be at least 18 years old, possess motorcycles, safety gear, a driver's licence or permit, and third-party automotive liability insurance. For employment in Hong Kong, infantrymen must be over the age of 16 and meet the necessary requirements. Meituan offers couriers two alternatives for delivery modes: the quick online mode and the planned time slot mode. Meituan has also introduced a significant welcome award based on the number of delivered orders for new couriers in Hong Kong.

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- The "Inaugural Conference of the Information and Communication User Consultation Working Committee and the Outstanding Papers of the 19th Annual Academic Conference, and the 2022 Youth Talent Awards Conference" was conducted by the Shanghai Communication Society on Tuesday afternoon. According to sources, the Information and Communication User Consultation Working Committee complies with the standards of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and the Shanghai Municipal Communications Administration by becoming a member of the Shanghai Communication Society.
  - The 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China will convene its second plenary meeting in Beijing from February 26 to 28 of this year, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee agreed during a meeting on February 21. The meeting was presided over by CPC Central Committee general secretary Xi Jinping. The work report submitted to the CPC Central Committee by the Political Bureau was discussed at the meeting. The meeting decided to send the draft "Party and State Institutional Reform Plan" to the 20th Central Committee's Second Plenary Session for evaluation after amendments based on the viewpoints voiced during the meeting. The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China's spirit is being completely implemented for the first time this year, it was highlighted during the meeting. The State Council aims to provide the draught "Government Work Report" to the 14th National People's Congress for consideration at its opening session, which was the topic of discussion at the meeting.
  - The spokesperson for the foreign ministry, Wang Wenbin, presided over a routine press conference on February 21 and noted that the United States is the main source of weaponry for the conflict in Ukraine. The United States revealed yesterday that it would provide Ukraine another 500 million dollars in military assistance which Wenbin questioned if it was right for the US to profit from the fighting in Ukraine. Wang Wenbin made clear that the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination is based on non-alignment, non-confrontation, and non-targeting of third parties and is within the purview of the sovereignty of two independent nations.
  - The Taiwan Meteorological Service reports that a 4.8-magnitude earthquake struck Hualien County, Taiwan, at 19:01 on February 21. The Hualien County Government was positioned 53.6 kilometres south of the epicentre.
  - The "Global Security Initiative Concept Paper" was published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today. The Global Security Initiative supports the principles of openness and inclusivity and encourages the participation of all parties to actively explore new forms of collaboration in new domains while also enhancing the initiative's substance. To address different traditional and non-traditional security concerns, preserve the peace and tranquillity of the earth's motherland, cooperatively build a better future for humanity, and pass the peace torch, It is eager to collaborate with all nations that value peace and seek happiness. The bell of peace has been handed down from one generation to the next.
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- Police authorities in China have begun cracking down heavily on crimes committed in the cyberspace domain. The Ministry of Public Security noted that authorities across the country need to comprehensively understand the danger of cyberspace and focus on combatting organized crimes in the same domain. Crimes committed through online loan frauds and debt collection through soft-violence tactics are also under special investigation. Authorities have also called for strengthening the infrastructure that can facilitate tighter control as well as prevent such crimes from taking place such as criminal research and legal policies. As per the ministry, a comprehensive framework that stresses the importance of measures and early warning mechanisms is required to be initiated in order to reduce the scope of organized crimes in the evolving domain. The police until now have unraveled more than 400 organized gangs as well as registered more than 8,800 cases as part of their special effort in the domain of cyberspace.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- Young boy paying debt trends on Weibo: In November 2020, the father of the young boy Wang Ji died away in Suqian, Jiangsu, from a sudden myocardial infarction. Wang Ji discovered the 7.39 million debt from his father's relics and made the decision to pay it. He looked at the transfer data and went through his father's WeChat's 300+ contacts one by one, examining his father's bank card usage. Wang Ji has paid back a total of 7.39 million yuan and settled all of his father's debts by the Spring Festival of

2023. On February 21, Wang Ji's video on Weibo received more than 11 million views.

## INDIA WATCH

- The advent of the digital age has brought some great technological advancements especially in the developing world. However, the growing concern of organized crimes and online gangs utilizing the digital space for committing fraud is a concern all countries face together. With a renewed focus on containing crimes in the cyberspace domain, China has oriented its policies in cracking down heavily on crimes committed through such means. According to observers, in 2021, China's cyber security industry expanded to about 200 billion yuan. India on the other hand, too had prioritized preventing crimes committed in cyberspace with a specific focus through its national Cyber Security Policy 2013. Yet, the advancement of technological means in the digital world also calls for more comprehensive measures that can safeguard its population. The number of cases in 2021 reported in cyberspace saw an increase to 52,974 cases in the year alone. The government's announcement that a renewed national Cyber Security Policy would be implemented in order to expand its capacities in tackling the emerging challenges in the domain is however still in its initial stages. Given India's push for digital transformation especially during its G20 presidency, it would be prudent that the policy is worked upon and implemented soon in order to advance the objectives of preventing crimes through avenues that are ever-evolving.
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