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CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

• **Singapore brand lists Taiwan as country:** A promotional video broadcast by the Singapore brand Yakun Restaurant in a store in Nanjing listed <u>Taiwan as a country</u>, arousing strong reactions from the majority of netizens. The promotional video said that they have received a warm welcome in more than 40 retail stores in 10 countries overseas, including Taiwan, China, South Korea, and Japan as countries.

II. News in China

- Seven provincial party committee secretaries have been adjusted on the same day; more than half of the top party committee leaders in 31 provinces were aged over 60. Changes were as follows:
- 1.Xu Qin, governor of Hebei Province replaced Zhang Qingwei as secretary of the Heilongjiang Provincial Party Committee.
- 2. Zhang Qingweinan replaced Xu Dazhe of the Hunan Provincial Party Committee. Wu Zhenglong,
- 3. Governor of Jiangsu Province succeeded Lou Qinjian as Secretary of the Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee,
- 4. Yi Lianhong, governor of Jiangxi Province, succeeded Liu Qi as Secretary of the Jiangxi Provincial Party Committee;
- 5. Wang Junzheng, deputy secretary of the Party Committee of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, and political commissar of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps succeeded Wu Yingjie as the secretary of the Tibet Autonomous Region Party Committee;
- 6. Governor of Liaoning Province Ning succeeds Lu Xinshe as Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party Committee, Standing Committee, secretary, Fujian Governor Wang Ning, take over any issue Ruan Yunnan Provincial Committee, secretary. 12 provinces' "top leaders" have adjusted since the beginning of this year.
- A ship capsized off the coast of Dokdo, South Korea, and 9 people are missing. Four of them were Chinese, three Koreans, and two Indonesians. The accident occurred in the "middle waters" between South Korea and Japan; the Japanese Coast Guard is conducting search and rescue operations. The Chinese Embassy in South Korea has asked to immediately activate the emergency response mechanism.
- Indian Defence forces are looking to tackle Chinese troops with Non-lethal weapons which include Vajra, Trishul, Sapper Punch, Dand, and Bhadra. These are developed by an Uttar Pradesh-based company, Apasteron.

- Central Bank Governor Yi Gang said in reference to 'Evergrande' a major real estate company unable to repay its debts -that it is a case risk. In terms of response measures, Yi Gang said that one is to avoid Evergrande's risk from infecting other real estate companies. The second is to avoid risk transmission to the financial sector. At present, some Evergrande construction sites are suspended, and there is uncertainty about the delivery of pre-sold properties on time.
- In repose to the <u>surge in thermal coal price</u>, the regulatory authorities have raised the fee standard, tightened the trading limit and have decided to study and implement a number of measures such as expanding the scope of delivery products, resolutely curbing excessive speculation, and putting an end to malicious speculation of capital.
- <u>Cuba formally joined the "Belt and Road" energy partnership</u> initiated by China on the 18th. The partnership seeks to create a super-platform for international cooperation and exchanges under the principle of benefit sharing.

III. India Watch

 As border agreement of1996 between India and China restricts the use of guns during routine activity and follows the clashes in Galwan and tensions in Tawang across borders, ORCA has been covering the recent upgrade of skills in hand-to-hand combat of PLA soldiers along the LAC by practicing nunchaku skills and spear handling. India's own development of combat skills will equip India with the necessary equipment required at the time of such clashes.