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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Big data used by a Chinese institution to suggest housemates to new freshman:** According to China Youth Daily's WeChat account on Wednesday, [Chengdu University](#), located in Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan in southwest China, recently began implementing an interactive web - based system to assist students who will soon enroll in the university in selecting roommates and beds. The system was officially launched on August 23, according to a staff member, who also noted that the algorithm suggests three roommates to each student and that the suggestions are made in the following order of importance: classmates, students in the same field of study, and students in the same faculty.
- **China and ROK:** On the occasion of the anniversary celebration of the start of diplomatic relations between [China](#) and the [ROK](#), Xi Jinping and Yoon Seok-wyeh of the ROK exchange congratulations letters. China and the ROK are perennial neighbors facing one other from across sea, and the two peoples have had cordial relations for a very long time, according to Xi Jinping. With the combined efforts of both parties, China-ROK relations have developed in a comprehensive way over the thirty years since the two nations first established diplomatic ties. This progress has been successful in bringing benefits to the two nations and their respective peoples as well as making significant efforts to regional and even global peace and development.

NEWS IN CHINA

- China launches Beijing-3B remote sensing satellite. Tuesday saw the launch of a Beijing-3B satellite aboard a Long March-2D rocket from Shanxi Province's Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center. Wide bandwidth remote sensing satellite Beijing-3B is a novel type. The satellite will primarily be utilized for services in the areas of managing land resources, surveying agricultural resources, monitoring the environment, and applications for cities. According to the launch center, it was the Long March rocket's 434th flight mission.
 - Greater feeling of responsibility and efforts in the restoration of China's northeast area in the new era have been emphasized by President Xi Jinping. Xi, who is also the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee as well as the head of the Central Military Commission, advocated for new beginnings in the rejuvenation and development of the north-eastern province during his inspection tour there on Tuesday and Wednesday. Xi demanded that the COVID-19 reaction be coordinated with economic and social growth, that security and development needs be balanced, that the new development philosophy be fully and faithfully implemented, and that high-quality development be resolutely promoted. Insisting that the people come before all other political considerations, Xi claimed that the Party can acquire the strength to overcome any challenge as long as it remains connected to the people and continues to share their destiny and breathe in the same air as them. Xi urged for actions to improve crisis response and disaster relief capacities, as well as capabilities for avoiding and reversing floods and geological disasters.
 - PMs of China and the Netherlands discuss bilateral relations. Li pointed out that both China and the Netherlands have open economies and are significant allies in international trade. The two countries' diplomatic relations were established fifty years ago this year. According to Li, China places a high priority on fostering ties with the Netherlands, and their heads of government have already exchanged congratulations. He continued by saying that China is prepared to cooperate with the Netherlands to increase the productivity of their inclusive collaboration and bring greater advantages to the people of the two nations. According to Li, China is ready to cooperate with the Netherlands to boost political mutual trust, take advantage of complementary capabilities, unleash cooperation potential, and increase conversation and communication. China and the Netherlands will collaborate to advance open and practical cooperation in sectors like the economy, commerce, transportation, innovation, and the response to climate change while appropriately managing differences on the basis of respect for one another and equality. Additionally, the two parties discussed regional and global topics of shared interest.
 - China's assistance with Africa's supply chain is deemed essential. By solving connected issues like the COVID-19 epidemic and regional conflicts, China has
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played a crucial part in the growth of Africa's supply chain and improved socio-economic growth on the continent, according to African officials on Tuesday. The comments were delivered during an event to celebrate the publication of a study on Chinese investment in Africa by the China-Africa Business Council. From the standpoint of the supply chain, the report highlighted initiatives taken by Chinese businesses to enhance Africa's supply chain and assist the continent's independent and sustainable development. China has been Africa's top trading partner for the past 13 years and its fourth-largest bilateral investor in 2021, according to the China-Africa Business Council report.

- The Taiwan Strait problem is discussed with the Chinese ambassador by the US deputy secretary of state. At the state department's Harry S. Truman Building on Tuesday, August 23, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman spoke with Chinese Ambassador to the U.S. Qin Gang (). The United States and China foreign office conciliatory processes, COVID-19 limitations, and the recently lifted UN travel restrictions on Taliban officials were also discussed, according to the State Department, but no other specifics about the meeting were provided by the Chinese embassy or the Chinese government, Voice of America reported. Specifically, since U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi's travel to Taiwan this past month, there has been tension between both the U.S. and China. Beijing responded by conducting live military drills surrounding Taiwan, sending ships and missiles into the area. In addition, China has ceased cooperating on

climate change, immigration repatriation, legal aid for criminal cases, fighting transnational crimes, and stopping drug trafficking in addition to cancelling military negotiations.

- Friendship associations between China and Iran promise to boost their mutual Belt and Road cooperation. To promote collaboration between China and Iran, the 13th annual conference of the China Iran Friendship Associations and Discourses between the sister provinces/cities of the two nations was held online on Tuesday. The conference was jointly organized by the China-Iran Friendship Association, Iran-China Friendship Association, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries under the banner of "Future-oriented China-Iran Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Win-win Cooperation for Common Development." At the conference, which was attended by more than 60 officials and academics, speakers praised the centuries-old friendship and exchanges between the two nations and urged strengthening China-Iran collaboration inside the foundation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to support the further advancement of bilateral ties. Iran and China have a long history of friendly interactions as two ancient cultures that were connected by the Silk Road, and the resurgence of the route has increased their mutually advantageous cooperation in a variety of areas, according to Mohammad Keshavarz Zadeh, the Iranian ambassador to China.
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INDIA WATCH

- India and China depend on Iran for their energy needs and connectivity objectives. Iran is essential to opening up access to Afghanistan and avoiding the Strait of Hormuz, which is a landlocked region of Central Asia. These are a few of the main economic and security interests of both China and India. Iran was subjected to punishing sanctions by the United States under the Trump regime, which had a disastrous economic impact and isolated Iran globally. To resist the sanctions, join the Belt and Road Initiative, and combat economic and global isolation, Iran and China struck a 25-year deal. Iran has been drawn toward the Chinese bloc by the 25-year accord and U.S. sanctions. The relationship between India and Iran is under scrutiny due to US-China tensions and India's apparent awareness of the Chinese threat while at the same time India and China have experienced difficulties recently. Despite de-escalation efforts, tensions between the two nations have remained high following the Galwan Valley conflict in 2021 that claimed the lives of 20 Indian soldiers. India has also turned to the West in an effort to garner allies against China. An illustration of this is the creation of the QUAD. From the postponed financing for the Chabahar port to Iran reportedly forcing India to abandon the Zahedan railway project, India and Iran have had to deal with a number of challenges in their relations. Despite these reservations, the 25-year agreement gives India the chance to modify and improve its strategy toward Iran and West Asia. Understanding India's perspective on the Iran-China accord is also crucial.

Additionally, with open commitments to deepen connections among Iran and India, Delhi can take advantage of this chance to bolster its position in the area, broaden its influence, and guarantee the protection of its interests.
