DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Paralympic Games retrend:** This year's Paralympic Games have retrended with emotional <u>scenes such as</u> Qian Hongyan, a contestant in the women's 100-meter breaststroke SB5 competition of the Paralympic Games, swimming volley. This could be in anticipation of the upcoming Winter Olympics.
- **Stock trading app collapse trends:** Mobile stock trading app Flush <u>had a</u> <u>downtime, not only failed to log in but also displayed abnormal data.</u> Although the company quickly responded with an apology and said that it "has been restored", netizens did not buy it. The incident was once the number one in the 'hot' search on Weibo.
- Defense of Dongsha Island: Taiwan's "Minister of Defense" encouraged the officers and soldiers stationed on Dongsha Island to "coexist and die with the island." Some Chinese netizens onhave said that "Then they must die!".

II. News in China

- <u>Soldiers training on the Jin Qiuying Plateau</u> had a brigade of the Tibet Military Region set off an upsurge in training troops (see image 1-3_. Adhering to the spirit of "Old Tibet", reports have painted the picture of the troops "facing the autumn breeze, during extensive training sweating in the three training grounds of sports, climbing, and equipment management."
- At the recently held Maritime Silk Road (Quanzhou) Judicial Cooperation International Forum, China has said that <u>Chinese courts abide by the obligations</u> of international treaties and handle cases applying for recognition and <u>enforcement of foreign court judgments in accordance with the law.</u> From 2018 to 2020, a total of 1301 applications for recognition and enforcement of civil and commercial judgments by foreign courts were accepted, and 1,226 were concluded involving more than 30 countries.
- During the press conference of the eighth WTO review of China's trade policy held by the Information Office of the State Council, <u>China has expressed</u> <u>willingness to participate in reform in a positive and constructive way.</u> President Xi Jinping also pointed out that China supports necessary reforms to the WTO.
- Deputy chief and spokesman of the Beijing Cultural Market Comprehensive Law Enforcement Corps said that some travel agencies were paralyzed post recent policies. Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism announced that travel agencies and online travel companies are not allowed to operate inbound and outbound group tours and "air ticket + hotel" business, and suspend group tours in Beijing (including travel to and out of Beijing), Beijing Guest travel agencies and overseas travel agencies have still not terminated the group travel activities in Beijing.

 The <u>United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has revoked</u> <u>China Telecom's operating license</u> in the United States on the grounds of "national security risks". The US Federal Communications Commission claimed that they believe that China Telecom is under the influence and control of the Chinese government and is likely to be forced to comply with the requirements of the Chinese government without going through adequate legal procedures of independent judicial supervision.

III. India Watch

• China is working on training its troops in Tibet; this comes along with new border laws and tensions along the LAC, India's defense development of Agni 5 and recently innovated nonlethal weapons in India.

Images 1-3: Soldiers training on the Jin Qiuying Plateau





