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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Xbox Apparel capitalises on the expanding Gorpcore fashion craze in China:** Xbox, manufacturer of gaming consoles, and Gamecores, Chinese gaming platform, collaborated to create merchandise for Gorpcore fans. The term "Gorpcore" refers to a look that is reminiscent of hikers and is named after the slang phrase for trail mix, "Good ol' Raisins and Peanuts." The collection, which has appealing outerwear including anorak jackets, windbreakers, and accessories, has emerged as one of China's most popular fashion trends. Each outfit is adorned with Xbox's trademark emblem and symbols featured on its game consoles, as an ode to the gaming brand. Radian China reports that on Xiaohongshu, a Chinese social media platform, hashtags like "outdoor outfit" and "camping outfit" have received millions of views.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- On October 31, Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Vietnam's Communist Party Chief, Nguyen Phu Trong, at Beijing's Great Hall of the People. The two sides agreed to uphold the "16-character" policy and the spirit of the Four Goods: strengthening friendship and strategic communication, enhancing political mutual trust, and managing differences to elevate the China-Vietnam cooperative partnership to a new level in the new era. Following the talks, Xi Jinping and Nguyen Phu Trong jointly observed the signing of cooperation agreements between the two parties in the areas of local governments, political parties, economy, trade, environmental protection, culture, and



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tourism.

- When the young woman refused to return the dowry after the engagement broke off, Xiao Zhan, a soldier of the Xinjiang Kashgar Military Division studied the Marriage and Family Section of the Civil Code and legally acquired the dowry. The Xinjiang Kashgar Military Division encourages Rule of Law education for officers and soldiers. The Party Committee of the Military Division conducted thorough investigation and concluded that in recent years officers and soldiers' poor awareness of the rule of law, which frequently results in legal issues and losses to their families, is caused by a lack of legal literacy and thinking. "Daily study of the law" activities were carried out to educate officers and soldiers on the rule of law by studying the laws already relevant to their daily lives, situations in political discipline, marriage, love and family, network security, etc., through interpretation of regulations, and case analysis, to clarify every law-related issue.
- On October 31, the Science and Technology Innovation Board formally opened the stock market-making trading firm, and further funds are anticipated to keep entering the market. The A-share market has seen a considerable amount of fluctuation recently. Interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England are anticipated, which has exacerbated the pessimism of international investors and affected investor sentiment for A-shares. The A-share market is experiencing a global valuation depression as the market's total valuation has fallen into an undervalued level. However, when the market goes

through an over adjustment in the future, it will open up more investment opportunities with a higher degree of certainty.

- At the Third Committee of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, Dai Bing, charge d'Affaires par intérim of the Permanent Mission of China to the UN, countered the allegations made against China by the US, Canada, and other nations. According to Dai Bing, nations like the U.S or Canada cannot reverse the advancement of the human rights cause in China's Xinjiang region. He also stated that the US and certain other Western nations have raised the bar for hypocrisy by employing double standards when it comes to human rights. On the other hand, countries like Cuba and Saudi Arabia spoke in support of China.
  - In a routine press conference held on November 1, Zhao Lijian, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson stated that for the first time in history, all UN member states are welcome to participate in the Chinese space station project. Currently, 17 countries, including Switzerland, Poland, Germany, and Italy have announced that their scientific experimental projects have been chosen for the Chinese space station. The successful launch of the Mengtian experimental module represents a significant defining moment in the growth of China's spaceflight industry.
  - On Tuesday, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang hosted the 21st Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) via video link. SCO member states, observer states,
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the SCO secretary general and the executive director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) and other international institutions attended the meeting. The meeting's main goal was to discuss how to execute the outcomes of the Samarkand Summit and develop new ideas to improve cultural, security, and economic cooperation. All nations were listed in a joint statement that was released after the meeting, apart from India, and they "reaffirmed their support for the 'Belt and Road' initiative."

Prime Minister of Pakistan, would emphasise the revitalization of CPEC during his visit to Beijing on Tuesday.

## INDIA WATCH

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said during the virtual meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation that connectivity initiatives must respect issues of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and international law with regard to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which crosses parts of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), claimed by India. India has rejected the BRI and has instead put greater effort into establishing the Shahid Beheshti terminal in Chabahar and the connection through International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) as a substitute. This project, which aims to enhance the trade routes between China and other nations has come under fire for piling other countries in debt. It may also give China an unwarranted leverage over other nations, and could ultimately lead to expansion of its military presence that India fears. The proposed China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which runs through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), is yet another issue for India. India's worries have resurfaced as Shehbaz Sharif, the
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