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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## NEWS IN CHINA

- The National Energy Administration reported that China is set to focus on faster production in sea areas, and would increase exploration efforts. The crude oil output has reached 2.04 billion tons recently and the authorities are expected to promote production of natural gas which reached 220 billion cubic meters while the annual increase exceeded 10 billion cubic meters. It is also estimated that annual investment in important energy projects will reach 2 trillion yuan. In the energy sector, multiple projects are being implemented to reinforce the country's energy security.
- Snowfall-related accidents involving five rear-end collisions happened on February 8 at around 7:00 in the Fujiayao segment of the Shuiqin Expressway, 8 kilometres from Gaolan, as reported by the Public Security Bureau of Gaolan County, Lanzhou City, Gansu Province. These accidents included motor vehicles and occurred across a distance of around two kilometres. More than 20 automobiles were present, which led to some of them catching fire, two people suffering minor injuries, and a disruption in traffic. Following the collision, the traffic police, fire department, emergency department, and other departments rushed to the area to provide immediate rescue and disposal. Work on pertinent projects, like traffic rerouting, resource recovery, and accident investigation, is moving along well.
- In a routine press conference, Mao Ning, spokesperson for the foreign ministry was asked to react on the statement made by Australian Prime Minister Albanese regarding the advantages of the nation's positive economic and trade relations with China. Australia and China, according to Mao Ning, are both

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significant nations in the Asia-Pacific area. The two nations' economies are very complementary to one another. She opined that in addition to serving the core interests of the two nations, a healthy and steady growth of relations between China and Australia will also advance peace, stability, and prosperity throughout the Asia-Pacific and the rest of the globe. Mao Ning emphasised that China is eager to cooperate with Australia in order to fully implement the significant agreement reached by the leaders of the two nations at the Bali Island summit as well as the outcomes of their diplomatic and strategic consultations.

- On February 8, the WeChat public account "China Manned Spaceflight" announced that the Shenzhou 15 astronauts would soon decide on a chance to carry out their first out-of-vehicle activity. As part of the preparation for out-of-cabin operations, medical exams, weightlessness protection drills, and a number of space research experiments have been conducted while the space station and manned spaceship equipment was being patrolled, tested, and locked up. Currently, extravehicular activities can be performed because the Shenzhou 15 astronaut crew is in good health and the space station complex is operating reliably. The "Dream Crew" is preparing to make its maiden spacewalk.
- The development of a ChatGPT-like dialogue robot by the Alibaba DAMO Academy is currently available for testing by the company personnel, according to news from February 8. This information was provided by a top technological specialist at Alibaba. According to the disclosed

screenshots, DingTalk productivity tools and AI large model technology may be deeply integrated by Alibaba. Prior to this, it introduced the "Magic" AI model open source community, the first M6 big model in the world with a size of 10 trillion features, and associated research. The outcomes have placed them in the top spot globally.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Angry parents stage protest outside hotel in Jiangsu:** On Wednesday, a video of a 14-year-old girl's parents burning paper at the entryway of a hotel went viral on Chinese social media. This incident took place in front of a hotel in Jiangsu province. The girl was forced to consume drugs in that hotel by three men whose identities have not been revealed yet. The traumatised parents demanded a thorough policy inquiry. Chinese netizens are outraged by the situation and some have demanded that the offenders be brought before the common mass. The video has garnered over 4.2 million views on Weibo.

## INDIA WATCH

- China is currently Australia's biggest trading partner in terms of imports and exports, despite diplomatic relations straining in 2020. After the G20 summit in Bali, last year, Xi and Albanese pledged to work towards stable growth of Australia-China trade relations. Both the countries have time and again agreed on being economically complementary. The thawing of relations between these two countries

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makes it tough for India to stand out as a significant trading partner of Australia. Nevertheless, the trade between India and Australia has increased dramatically in recent years. Both the Federal and State levels of government in Australia acknowledge India's expanding economic profile and commercial relevance to the Australian economy. The India Economic Strategy to 2035 was commissioned by the Australian government to identify a pathway for Australia to unlock potential the due India's economic growth as part of its efforts to forge strong economic links with the country. Owing to The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Free Trade Agreement, bilateral trade between India and Australia is predicted to double to around A\$60 billion over the following five years. Even though it currently only accounts for a small portion of Australia's A\$280 billion in bilateral trade with China. India is also largely acknowledged as a crucial component of the Australia's diversification strategy.

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