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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **The Shanghai Disneyland Hotel places guests in mandatory quarantine during the happiest lockdown in China:** While millions of people are confined to their homes and many [Chinese cities](#) are undergoing fresh (partial) lockdowns, there was a particular set of people who had to go through a forced quarantine at the Shanghai Disneyland Hotel. Disney established a "closed loop system" by enclosing all hotel guests and staff members and doing daily Covid testing to the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control. The hotel was temporarily turned into an isolation site where people's health would be watched for the following few days while also being screened, even though the Disneyland theme park was still open as usual.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- [Premier Li Keqiang](#) has emphasized the need to guarantee that policies to stabilize economic development, employment, and pricing be put into action. After hearing updates from two working groups on efforts to stabilize the economy, Li—who is also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee—made the statements during a special meeting.
- Chinese public opinion has questioned Xi Jinping for his "[large money-spending](#)" approach and his bid to be re-elected as general secretary of the Communist Party of China at the 20th National Congress of the CPC. Recent media reports claim that China has given secret emergency loans to nations in financial distress totalling up to 32.8 billion US dollars, a relatively modest portion of the "Belt and Road" initiative.
- According to The Straits Times, [Phoon Chiu Yoke](#), better

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known as the "MBS Badge Lady," had requested the court's approval to go to China via Hong Kong on September 7. The prosecution objected to her motion on September 12 and labelled Phoon a flight risk because she might miss her next court appearance. According to CNA, the prosecution observed that Phoon does not have a job in Singapore and does not own any real estate.

- President Xi Jinping will meet with Presidents Tokayev of Kazakhstan and Mir of Uzbekistan during the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which will take place in Samarkand from September 14 to 16. Invited to make state visits to the two nations is Ziyoyev.
- According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, during the three days of the Mid-Autumn Festival holiday, which ended on Monday, China recorded 73.41 million domestic tourist visits. According to data from the ministry, domestic tourist earnings earned during the period were 28.68 billion yuan or around 4.14 billion USD. According to the ministry, nighttime sightseeing is a highlight of the Mid-Autumn Festival, with lakes and rivers in cities like Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and Nanjing ranking among the most popular locations.
- On September 12, Education Minister Chan Chun Sing gave a speech in Parliament outlining the Ministry of Education's (MOE) initiatives to recruit and keep competent teachers. Chan emphasized MOE's efforts to reduce teacher workloads and assist ensure the resilience of current and future generations of students in response to inquiries from PAP MPs Seah Kim Peng and Hany Soh as well as Dennis Tan of the Workers' Party.

## INDIA WATCH

- Premier Li has emphasized the need to guarantee that policies to stabilize economic development, employment, and pricing be put into action. Many bureaucrats who listened to Li's address claim in private that the premier's assessment of the state of affairs was more dire than what the official media had stated. If the current economic position is worse than it was during the first days of the viral spread, the economy is unquestionably in negative territory. In real terms, the Chinese economy shrank 6.8% in the quarter of January to March 2020. In such a situation, Xi is forced to call on Premier Li to stop the economic haemorrhage. Throughout their decade in government, Xi has mainly ignored Li, but perhaps the two have now achieved some type of compromise. Additionally, the economy is being affected by the downturn in the real estate industry. It is challenging to present a positive picture of China's economy at this time. This opportunity might just be good for India as it tries to recover and boost its economy. As China provides a confusing message to businesses, India could present itself as a cheap alternative. For businesses, the US is an important hub and due to the unsteady relations between US-China, and the dangers of another wave of sanctions, relocating to India will allow businesses to operate without any interruptions.
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