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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **It is Party time:** To give the public worldwide access to information about the [20th Party Congress](#) press conferences and press interviews, a website and social media accounts in WeChat, Weibo, and Toutiao for the media center opened on Monday. The media center which will handle credentials and interview applications for foreign journalists and journalists from the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions, as well as the island of Taiwan, is scheduled to open on Wednesday. The center will also organize press conferences and arrange coverage of the congress for reporters. The website of the media center will fully display the characteristics of the Omnimedia era, integrating functions such as authoritative publication, interview services, and information inquiry.

NEWS IN CHINA

- The Chinese Semiconductor Industry Association [opposed](#) the US Department's restrictions on the US-based hardware manufacturers selling advanced chips and chip-making equipment to China as they arbitrarily interfere with international trade. These restrictions affect not only US semiconductor companies but also foreign companies that have advanced chip plants in China. To mitigate the impact of the restrictions on their semiconductor supply chains, global chip enterprises are working hard to negotiate with the US Department of Commerce. The chip industry's reactions show that the US government's restrictions on sales to China are, in fact, weighing down on not just Chinese companies but the

global semiconductor industry, which is already suffering from a steep drop in demand for personal computers and smartphones components. The Chinese mainland is the world's largest market for semiconductor manufacturing equipment. Sales of semiconductor equipment in the Chinese mainland reached \$29.62 billion last year, up 58 percent year-on-year, accounting for almost 29 percent of the global semiconductor equipment market, according to data from SEMI, the global industry association that represents the electronics manufacturing and the design supply chain.

- 23 aircraft and five ships from China's military were tracked around Taiwan on Friday, reported the Ministry of National Defense. A fighter jet crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait north of Taiwan, while three other jets entered the southwest sector of the country's air defense identification zone (ADIZ). As a part of the regular response to the incursion, the country's military deployed aircraft in Combat Air Patrols and naval vessels, tasked land-based air defense missile systems to monitor the Chinese activities, and issued radio warnings.
- The Chinese air force has advanced its transformation to adopt a defensive as well as an offensive approach with the mass deployment of the "20 series" warplanes that include the J-20 stealth fighter. The mass production and wide deployment of the J-20 will enable the PLA Air Force to better safeguard China's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and development interests. The People's Liberation Air Force

has introduced new planes whose names bear the number 20, such as the J-20 stealth fighter, and H-20 strategic bomber that is under development. China has a complete system and protocols to counter foreign close-in reconnaissance and provocations including not only fighter jets like the J-20, but also early warning systems like the KJ-500 early warning aircraft. The fighter jets oversee Taiwan and the East China Sea. Earlier this year, there was a close encounter between the J-20 and the USA's most advanced stealth fighter F-25 over the East China Sea.

- Qinghai province in Northwest China approves the country's first local regulation to protect a dark sky reserve in Lenghu, where the world-class Astro-observation site is under development. The regulation will take effect from 1st January 2023. The Astro-observation site is divided into a core dark sky reserve and a buffer area that opens to the dark sky reserve in order to protect the optical observation environment at night in Lenghu. In the buffer area, the irradiation direction of all outdoor fixed night lighting facilities should be kept below the horizontal line. The establishment of the astro-observation site in Lenghu, Qinghai, was announced in August 2021 after three years of monitoring and testing conducted by a Chinese research team led by Deng Licai from the National Astronomical Observatories of China (NAOC) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) The Qinghai government is supporting the team's research in 2018 and offers major development opportunities for the country's optical astronomy.
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- Hong Kong's leader, John Lee Ka-chiu will not be announcing the removal of all the COVID-19 restrictions for arrivals in his coming policy address, but he has decided to pledge in lifting restrictions slowly with more measures to be relaxed when the city welcomed international participants to the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit and Hong Kong Sevens. The same month, the Community Chest will host its Walk for a Million fundraiser, the first in-person one since the pandemic began. Chief Executive John Lee Ka-Chiu had insisted on "a steady and orderly" approach to managing the pandemic, citing a more than twofold increase in imported coronavirus cases since hotel quarantine was axed, as well as the risk of the spread of variants.

observation states that J-20 has a limited combat range, with no combat experience as it has never been involved in a conflict. There is very little information about the stealthy fighter jet available publicly some of which has been overstated by Chinese media.

INDIA WATCH

- China has deployed J-20 stealth fighters, the country's most advanced fifth-generation fighter jet, along with J-11 in the Eastern Ladakh sector at its Hotan air base. The Chinese Air Force initially deployed its J-20 jets close to the Indian Territory at the height of the conflict in 2020, they were positioned in China's Xinjiang province along with strategic bombers and other fighters. A stealth jet, such as the J-20, means that it is capable of evading the watch of Indian radars and missile defense systems. The USA military commander commented about the alarming infrastructure China is developing along the Line of Actual Control. India has increased its preparedness and position with French-origin Rafale fighter jets, and its fleet Sukhoi-20MKIs, MiG-29s, and Mirage-2000s at the forward air bases to deal with any potential escalation. An
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