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*DAILY*  
**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
MEDIA**



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Netizens show eagerness for 2022 Overseas Chinese Spring Festival:** In 2022, the Spring Festival and the Winter Olympics took place at the same time of the year. The Year of the Ox was succeeded by the Year of the Tiger, and the Lantern Festival coincides with the Winter Olympics. The netizens are looking forward to the 2022 Global Overseas Chinese Spring Festival Cloud Gala that is being premiered globally on February 15, according to Beijing time. Many renowned singers and actors will be presenting wonderful programs such as songs, dances, Peking Opera, and instrumental music, and five Chinese youths will “share their wonderful story”.
- **Praise showered on Olympics winners:** On February 14, the Chinese team won bronze in the women's 3000m short track speed skating relay. Fan Kexin kissed the ice after the game. Netizens said, in the Winter Olympics, the hard work of the teenagers is beyond praise and the perseverance and love of the veterans is also admirable.

## II. News in China

- A US based PR company, Vippi Media, faced malicious attacks after being contracted by the Chinese government to “strategize and execute” an influenced campaign to promote the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games. The company had signed a 300,000 dollars contract with the consulate general of China in New York, and has now come under attack from the US media, US lawmakers and the Indian press.
- China developed an advanced portable missile named the “QW-12”. In a live-fire test, the QW-12 missile has shown outstanding performance in attacking jets, helicopter and cruise missiles. Some experts have said that the weapon is “world class”, as it showed an anti-decoy capability which has not been seen till now.
- Earlier this month, the huge energy deal signed between Beijing and Moscow has led to a view that China supports Russia in the Ukrainian crisis. Such type of arguments in China are being seen as regular attacks from the West on China, Russia and their relations.
- A recent report has been released by the U.S. administration to which a Chinese Ministry spokesperson made a firm opposition based on Taiwan related content in the U.S. Indo-pacific Strategy. Ma Xiaoguang said “relevant content has gravely interfered in China's internal affairs, violated the one-China principle and basic norms governing international relations, and undermined peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.” Noting that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, Ma said Taiwan's future can only and must be jointly decided by all Chinese people and that Taiwan's future and interests lie in national reunification.

- After receiving a reply letter from President Xi Jinping, Chairman of the Helen Foster Snow Foundation, Adam Foster said “This is international friendship in action”. He further added “it is wonderful to see that President Xi Jinping acknowledges the special role of people like Helen Foster Snow have played in the relationship of our two countries ”.
- Apart from focus on the excellent performance of the Olympians competing in Beijing, features like greenness, unique Chinese culture and cutting-edge technology have also been highlighted at the Winter Olympics and its media coverage. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation said that a key selling point at the Beijing Winter Olympics is sustainability by looking at the transformation and reuse of some contesting venues.

### **III. India Watch**

- Indian media objected to a U.S. based PR company after the company made a contract of 300,000 dollar with China in order to promote the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics Games. The contract was made with the Chinese consulate general in New York. Vipinder Jaswal, the founder of the company, Vippi Media, said the attacks were misplaced and that the Olympics should not be politicized. Nonetheless, for India, the promotion of such a venture by an Indian origin US citizen is diplomatically tiresome to manage.