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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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NEWS IN CHINA

- An assessment of the complaints that the [National Consumers Association](#) accepted in 2022 was published by the China Consumers Association on February 15. It stated four primary issues with online membership services. First, customers are unhappy with the "matryoshka-style" fees on the smart TV platform. Even when consumers regularly recharge their smart TVs, they are unable to watch all available video material since the resources of each module in the system are independent of one another. Second, the video platform's member service experience is subpar. The video platform limits the ability of original member users to project their mobile phone screens. The third is that the dating platform's membership service is in disarray. Finally, the online membership service defaults to automatic renewal. Some online membership service platforms initially persuade users to sign up for free use before renewing themselves automatically without fully informing or effectively alerting them when their membership is about to expire.
- The Chinese embassy in Seoul announced on Wednesday morning that [short-term visas](#) for South Korean citizens will begin to be issued by China. A few days after South Korea decided to start issuing visas for Chinese travelers once more, the embassy announced that business, transit, and general visas for personal trips will be reintroduced. The removal of visa requirements, according to Wang Yong, a professor at Peking University's school of international studies, showed that Beijing and Seoul were eager to change and advance their bilateral relations. Chinese tourists, whose demand for international travel was curbed for three years by stringent zero-Covid rules that were fully relaxed on January 8, are

eagerly anticipating the easing of visa prohibitions.

- According to information from the Disciplinary Inspection and Supervision Team of the Provincial Department of Education and the Kunming Municipal Supervisory Committee, Luo Chongmin, a retired cadre at the deputy division level, was under investigation for serious violations, according to a report published on the Yunnan Provincial Commission for Discipline Inspection's website on February 15, 2023. He displayed no remorse after being expelled from the party and continued to publicly make statements that had serious political ramifications. He also engaged in illegal profit-making activities in the name of investment. The investigation claims that Luo Chongmin disregarded the moral, ethical, and political standards expected of public servants and was accused of taking bribes. The retirement benefits for Luo Chongmin were deemed to be cancelled.
- The Chinese Football Association's website stated that the Party Committee of the Chinese Football Association convened a meeting. The meeting informed Chen Xuyuan, the chairman and deputy secretary of the Party Committee of the Chinese Football Association, that he was under review and investigation by the discipline inspection and supervision authorities on suspicion of major disciplinary and legal offences. The meeting was presided over by Du Zhaocai, vice chairman of the Chinese Football Association, secretary of the party committee, and deputy director of the General Administration of Sports. The

meeting made the point that the choice to evaluate and investigate Chen Xuyuan perfectly symbolises the strong resolve and steadfast commitment to further the anti-corruption campaign.

- A well-established third-party data company, Sensor Tower, published a report on February 15 detailing the revenue rankings of Chinese mobile game items in international marketplaces in January 2023. Yuan Shen, Puzzles & Survival, and PUBG MOBILE are the top three grossing mobile games in January. "Yuan Shen" and "PUBG MOBILE" are particularly consistent in the most recent revenue list. The top three mobile games in China in terms of growth in January were Tomorrow's Ark, Mosaic Heroes, and Three Kingdoms: Strategy Edition. The traditional version of "Tomb Raiders Notes," an MMORPG mobile game created by Youzu and distributed by Gamamobi, debuted in China's Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau regions in early January. This period had a roughly three-fold increase in overseas revenue month over month, placing it 12th overall in terms of growth.
 - On February 15, the D956 train of China Railway Shanghai Bureau Group Co., Ltd. was converted into a travelling "expert clinic." There is a never-ending line of visitors who come to see the doctor at the dining table, which had been transformed into a consultation table. The professionals made regular physical examinations important for everyone and offered a variety of free medical checkup services to travelers.
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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Ailing single mother struggles to support her family:** A video of a sick single mother and her 7-year-old son calling his uncle for a loan of 1,396 yuan for living expenses before the start of school caught the attention of Chinese social media. The child's mother, Ms. Sun, revealed that she had kidney trouble for a long time and that her daughter had scoliosis surgery last year, costing 200,000 yuan. The three shared a monthly subsistence grant from the government. The principal of his son's school visited him at home after the video was put online, and after learning about the circumstances, he decided to lower his son's living expenses.

INDIA WATCH

- South Korea has kept its diplomacy primarily focused on major powers in the region, particularly China, throughout the majority of its history. This is mostly due to China's proximity to South Korea, its impact on global economic and strategic affairs, and its crucial role in some of South Korea's most important security and foreign policy issues, such as inter-Korean peace. However, as tensions between the US and China increase, South Korea is now caught up in a global geopolitical struggle. South Korea is broadening its economic and strategic connections with India and the ASEAN nations as part of its New Southern Policy (NSP) in an effort to decrease these vulnerabilities. India has the potential to draw South Korean businesses in addition to being one of the

country's biggest export destinations. This is due to a common worry over Chinese influence in the region as well as a desire to reduce the risks and uncertainties brought on by great power competition. By creating more welcoming foreign investment policies to draw manufacturing companies, India should leverage its geographic proximity to South Korea and profit from its NSP.

