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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **WeChat to allow opening external links:** Since the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology officially launched a six-month special rectification action for the Internet industry in July, discussions on the interconnection between Internet companies have been endless. Among them, the most important thing is whether WeChat can unblock external links. Now WeChat officially supports external link access in the one-to-one chat scene; for now, links between Taobao and Douyin can be opened.

## II. News in China

- Xi Jinping visited a military base in Shaanxi where he emphasized the need to develop space technology to better monitor and control it. Shaanxi base played a central role in China's aerospace development, and has emphasized the need to develop and implement strong military, technology, tactics and combat readiness to fulfil tasks assigned to the PLA.
- Xi sent another letter to China Quality Conference in Hangzhou, promising China's commitment to improving quality, quality standards, quality management and promoting high quality development.
- Xi wrote to the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez, on Mexico's 200th anniversary victory in the Mexican War of Independence and expressed wishes to deepen trust and cooperation between the two countries.
- Han Zheng attended World New Energy Vehicle Congress, calling for energy vehicles makers to innovate and advance technology such as "dual batteries, auto chips and operational software systems."
- Ministry of Commerce released data on foreign direct investment in China between the months January and August. FDI increased by 22.3%, at the figure stands at 758.05 billion yuan (USD 113.78 billion), with the service sector accounting for 599.39 billion yuan of that amount.
- Wang Yi met the President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, to discuss regional peace, security, cooperation, coordination and also spoke about Afghanistan. Rahmon thanked China's assistance during the COVID-19 outbreak, especially to its economy and security, while Wang pledged more pandemic related support for the country.
- Wang also met his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, to thank Russia's support against political investigation of COVID-19 origins. Additionally, the two discussed on how the two countries can work together on Afghanistan. Wang expressed support for Iran's sovereignty and legitimate rights and interests, and said that China will ensure that the JCPOA moves in the right direction.

- Wang met officials from Iran, Russia and Pakistan to discuss Afghanistan and the need to play a coordinated role to positively influence the country and ensuring an inclusive, friendly and terrorist free Afghanistan. A proposal was also made that highlighted the need for the US to take responsibility in reconstructing Afghanistan; establishing a broad, inclusive, stable and moderate political structure; crack down on terrorist forces in the region; and provide humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan.
- Wang Yi met S. Jaishankar, the Minister of External Affairs of India, to discuss disengagement along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh and addressing issues regarding the border.
- Xi sent a letter of congratulations to the first Beidou International Summit Navigation Satellite System Applications.

### **III. India Watch**

- India-China disengagement process has seen China retract its initial promise to upholding the 5-point agreement; Beijing's delay in moving away from strategic locations like Hot Springs has highlighted that the border issue remains a political settlement conflict that is set to stay for long. Despite talks being held by Wang Yi and S. Jaishankar to descalate tensions at the border between the two countries, normalcy between the two countries is not likely to return.