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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **NPC seeks to limit use of discriminatory language:** Suggestion by representatives of the National People's Congress to refrain from using discriminatory language such as 'migrant workers' in official documents, local and social media has trended on Weibo.

II. News in China

- Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam led a delegation to Chengdu and focused on developmental connect between Sichuan and Hong Kong which has been upgraded from earthquake assistance and non-governmental exchanges to all-round and institutionalized cooperation between local governments. It is reported that during the trip, Sichuan and Hong Kong will sign a series of cooperation agreements to share development opportunities, join hands to integrate into the new development pattern, and jointly promote the prosperity and development of the two places.
- Taiwan's "Central News Agency" just reported that Taiwan's "Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs" Chen Zhengqi claimed that Taipei has formally submitted an application to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP). Concurrently, China's Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao also submitted a written letter to mark China's formal application to join the CPTPP to New Zealand.
- Chinese representative has urged the United States and Australia to effectively supervise private security companies at the UN Human Rights Council. China is concerned about the lack of transparency, supervision and accountability of private military and security services in the United States, Australia and other countries.
- China has stated that the suspension of the import of sugar apples and Lotus from Taiwan is to protect agricultural production and ecological security, and to protect the vital interests of the people.
- Japan has stated that it supports Britain and the United States in helping Australia build nuclear-powered submarines. Japanese government notes that since Australia's technical cooperation with the United States and the United Kingdom will allow the scope of action to be extended to the East China Sea and around Japan.
- In a long-distance diplomatic duel, Xi Jinping and Joe Biden faced each other at the UNGA. US President Biden said at the United Nations on Tuesday that he does not seek a "new cold war" with China. Chinese President Xi Jinping later spoke in video that democracy is not a country's patent.

III. India Watch

- Japan's support for AUKUS --and India's own positive outlook towards the same --has highlighted further scope for Quad cooperation with actors such as the UK. France too is a key potential partner for the Quad, however resolving France's ties with the AUKUS countries post cancellation of the French submarine deal will be a task that third powers like India and Japan could undertake, especially considering their own strong ties with the parties involved. French President Macron has already held a telephone meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi after friction between France and the United States/UK/Australia over dispute over the Australian submarine contract.