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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Video of an older brother caring for his younger sibling goes viral on Chinese social media:** A video of an eight-year-old boy in China caring for his younger brother like a nanny has gone viral on [Chinese social media](#). According to Star Video, the unnamed child from Hebei province in northern China was seen impersonating his mother and caring for his younger sibling. The youngster in the viral video is standing next to a window, carrying his sibling in his arms to help him sleep. The teenager changed the toddler's diaper on the couch after he had fallen asleep. The small child also washes his baby brother's face with a handkerchief, reads to him, and even feeds him. Yang, the boy's mother, claimed he had shown love and dedication to his younger brother from birth. She said he learned how to care for him by witnessing her tend to his younger sibling. "He is really sensitive and attentive, and he can recall many things," Yang told Star Video. The video went viral, with mainland users moved by the boy's affection for his younger sibling. "The youngster came to repay a debt of appreciation," one person stated.

NEWS IN CHINA

- On December 28, 2022, the [China Railway Construction Corporation Limited](#) announced the completion of several infrastructure projects such as expressways and a new Metro Line in the country and opened them to traffic. In Hubei Province, the first phase of the Huganshi Modern Tram, the first prefecture-level city tram, was completed and opened to traffic, which will help the city rejuvenate with new vigour and vitality. Another key motorway project was the Puyang-Weihui

expressway, which is approximately 59 kilometres long and will help relieve traffic congestion along the line and assist citizens in traveling. The last project that was completed and opened to the public was the 16th Shenzhen Metro Line, which was constructed by the China Railway Construction Southern Company as a general contract and opened for operation. So far, the new subway line has reached a distance of 128 km, forming a network of 17 lines, and completing a network length of 559 km. It is predicted that with the completion of the line, the long-term daily transportation volume will approach one million passengers, which will greatly facilitate public travel.

- From the 26th to the 27th of December, the Communist Party of China's (CPC) Political Bureau held a democratic life meeting to fully implement Xi Jinping's new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics of "two establishments," "four consciousnesses," "four confidences," and "two maintenances." These new characteristics will help in building the soul, taking the lead in upholding and strengthening the party's overall leadership, and taking the lead in Xi Jinping also made many remarks on the comparison and examined the speeches of comrades in the CPC's Central Committee's Political Bureau, raising all the criteria one by one and making a summary. He said that the Central Committee's Political Bureau's democratic life meeting was extremely nice and effective. Everyone opened their hearts, shared ideas, discussed challenges, and defined the path. Xi Jinping also stressed the CPC 20th National Congress, which drew out a grand

plan for thoroughly establishing a modern socialist nation, and he explained the aims and tasks for the party and the country's growth in a new age and journey.

- The Xicun Station of Guangzhou Metro Line 8 was officially inaugurated for operation on the morning of December 28th, 2022, which has attracted attention. The new metro line is situated on the south side of the junction of the Huanshi West Road and the Xizeng Road in the Liwan District. This line will be very advantageous to residents along the new Guangzhou Metro Line 8, particularly those in the Tongde and Shijing sections of Baiyun District. With the launch of Line 8, access between Line 8 and Line 5 will also be accelerated and considerably improved. Furthermore, since the northern expansion of Line 8 from Cultural Park to Jiaoxin became operational, Guangzhou Metro Line 1 has assumed the majority of passenger traffic. Following the inauguration of Line 8, the transfer flow of passengers will be diverted to Line 5, lessening the stress on Line 1. The new line will also serve to relieve transfer demand at Chenjiaci Station and Tiyu West Road Station. The new Line 8 also includes a nursing home, public restrooms, and updated convenience services. The new Line's mother and baby rooms, which are divided into independent breast-feeding rooms and have back seats, closed curtains, trash cans, and a very user-friendly interior design, and the wide-aisle turnstiles at Xicun station have greatly facilitated passenger entry and exit, allowing passengers with large items like baby carriages and suitcases to pass unimpeded. The station has also been improved with consultation desks at the
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station's check-in and check-out points, medication boxes, and a low platform design for the ease of the differently abled and children. It is also near educational institutions like Hunshi West Road Primary School. In addition to the Guangya Middle School.

- The Guangdong Provincial Manufacturing Development Annual Conference and the Guangdong Provincial Manufacturing Top 500 Enterprise Summit were held in Guangzhou on December 28, 2022. According to a study report that disclosed the top 500 manufacturing firms in Guangdong Province in 2022, the total operating revenue of those top 500 companies has reached 5.53 trillion yuan, a 5.6% increase from 2021, with 12 corporations exceeding 100 billion yuan. Foshan has the most chosen enterprises in the regional distribution, with 90 companies, followed by Zhuhai with 79 companies and Shenzhen with 71 companies. The chosen firms, which account for 77.4% of the total, are concentrated in the Pearl River Delta Cities. According to the survey, the top 500 manufacturing enterprises in Guangdong Province in 2022 will be geographically distributed differently than in 2021. The Fortune Global 500 list, which was released in August 2022, included 145 enterprises, accounting for more than a quarter of the world's population, of which 7 are among the top 500 manufacturing companies in Guangdong Province. As the backbone of Guangdong's manufacturing sector "passes the cycle," the global standing of Guangdong's top manufacturing enterprises is continually increasing. Midea Group surged 43 positions among the

seven manufacturing businesses selected in the world's top 500, while Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Group and Gree Electric Appliances also improved marginally. BYD Co., Ltd. will be on the list for the first time in 2022, compared to 2021.

- On December 28, 2022, the Audit Office website announced the investigation and management of 26 disciplinary and law-breaking cases transferred to relevant departments. Since 2015, 8 projects in Qinghai, Ningxia, Guizhou, and Yunnan—four of which have significant local government debt risks—have suffered illegal construction concerns. In October 2021, the General Office of the State Council issued a public notice requesting that supervision and accountability be strengthened, building and hall construction and management be carefully grasped, and the unhealthy trend of building buildings and halls without regulations be firmly stopped. Four Qingdao Branch offices and the management of their associated firms were also warned and fined 1.23 million yuan in July 2022. Fu Xuebin, the former deputy director of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Qujing City, Yunnan Province, has been accused of abusing his position to enrich enterprises and get commercial properties via his spouse since 2008. Fu Xuebin was dismissed from the party, sacked, and transferred to the judiciary in August 2022.

INDIA WATCH

- Indian Railways has awarded TZ (Taizhong) Hong Kong International a contract to the Chinese company, which will deliver 39,000 train wheels to Indian Railways
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under the contract. The newest contract was handed to the Chinese firm since deliveries from other nations were hampered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This is the second contract in the last two years, as another investment was made by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for the expansion of Phase 2 of the Chennai Metro Rail with a budget of \$356.67 million. India's rail line, which has a combined length of 802,26 kilometres and is the fourth largest operating in the world, however India still has a long way to go when compared to its neighbour, as China's rise in the railway sector cannot be questioned because the country's engineers have become leaders in the field. The country now possesses the world's longest high-speed rail line, which connects Beijing and Guangzhou; the world's fastest high-speed line, which connects Beijing and Shanghai; and the world's first commercial maglev line, which can reach speeds of 267 mph. By 2035, the high-speed network will have expanded to 70,000 kilometres, and the total rail length will exceed 70,000 kilometres. However, awarding these contracts to Chinese firms will put India in a difficult position, as on the one hand, India supports policies such as "Atmanirbhar Bharat," but on the other hand, it is relying on Chinese supply. Although these aids may and will help India rail connectivity to expand, it can make India accustomed to rely on Chinese supply in the future, which will not benefit India in the long run and will only harm India's own stand and policies.
