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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **An elderly father in China threatens to "die" if his daughter's child doesn't take his last name because he supports the entire family:** As a condition for his financial support, a man who lives with his daughter's family has ordered that his granddaughter take his surname. The man's daughter from Shanghai in eastern China called a local program for resolving family disputes to voice her displeasure with her father's demands.
- **Yuzuru Hanyu announced his retirement and received nothing but compliments from his colleagues :** Following his announcement on Tuesday that he was quitting competitive skating, Yuzuru Hanyu, a 27-year-old Japanese figure skating legend, received nothing but love and thanks from his former teammates, mentors, and other close friends. Hanyu "raised the level of Japanese figure skating and set a great example for children," according to Shoichiro Tsuzuki, 84, the two-time Olympic and two-time world champion's elementary school coach. Tsuzuki said he had "never met such a great athlete" and that Hanyu "raised the level of Japanese figure skating."

II. News in China

- A civic organization in Nepal has sent a memorandum to Shashi Shrestha, the minister of land management, cooperatives, and poverty alleviation, requesting that he recognize the territory that China currently occupies in Nepal. Tuesday in Kathmandu, a delegation from Rastriya Ekata Abhiyan, led by its president Binay Yadav, gave the memorandum to the Minister. The civic group also called the Minister's attention to China's most recent intrusion, in which Beijing unilaterally built a fence at the Ruila border of Chumanubri Rural Municipality-1 in Gorkha.
- Inter President Steven Zhang has been ordered by a Hong Kong court to pay \$255 million USD (equivalent to \$2 billion HK or €250 million) to creditors for his involvement in a commercial business venture. The Nerazzurri President argued that he is not accountable for the bond bearing his name, but the Hong Kong High Court rejected his claims, according to the Chinese news agency source South China Morning Post. Additionally, the creditors represented by China Construction Bank filed a civil complaint in Milan asking a local court to nullify a salary waiver for Zhang in his capacity as Inter President in order to potentially retrieve some of the assets owed to them.
- After cancelling a trip to Asia in April that might have included a stop on China's island due to a COVID-19 positive test, the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is reportedly planning to travel to Taiwan in August. Six persons with knowledge of the situation, according to the Financial Times on Tuesday, "indicated Pelosi will take a delegation to Taiwan in August." Pelosi, much like in April, did not officially respond

to the media report as of the time of publication, and on Tuesday, Taiwan's external affairs administration stated that they had not yet received pertinent information about it. However, the Chinese Foreign Ministry issued a grave warning to the US in retaliation. The spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Zhao Lijian, stated at a routine press briefing on Tuesday that China vehemently opposes any type of official contact between the US and Taiwanese officials.

- According to media sources, China is getting ready to punish ride-hailing giant Didi more than \$1 billion to end a protracted investigation, giving investors hope that the nation's digital crackdown is coming to an end. One of the most high-profile targets of the extensive crackdown on the industry, which had years of unchecked expansion and massive monopolies before authorities intervened, has been Didi, previously seen as China's equivalent to Uber.
- As the economy begins to recover from the Covid outbreaks, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang expressed flexibility on the growth objective and underlined caution against excessive intervention. According to sources in official media, Li said on Tuesday that maintaining employment and price stability was of utmost importance. Slightly higher or lower growth rates were acceptable as long as employment was comparatively ample, family income increased, and prices remained steady.

III. India Watch

- In a meeting with Taiwan's president Tsai Ing-wen on Wednesday, vice president of the European Parliament Nicola Beer urged China to engage in a "mutual and respectful dialogue" with the island democracy it claims as its own. Beer stressed the significance of Taiwan "on a global scale" and demanded that the island be permitted to attend the World Health Assembly and that the European Union's delegation in Taipei be upgraded. In response to Chinese threats to seize Taiwan by force, she reiterated support for that right, saying Beijing should "refrain from its menacing gestures" and not undermine the island's development.