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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese Feminine Hygiene Brand Fuyanjie Stirs Controversy with “Dark and Smelly” Ad:** Fuyanjie, a Chinese female hygiene brand, has been chastised on social media for saying that most males prefer not to conduct oral sex on women because the vaginal region is "too black and too stinky." Their new product promised a vaginal region that was "clean, odourless, and pink." This advertisement has been widely described as stinky and dirty marketing on Weibo.

II. News in China

- According to Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the US' so-called "Indo-Pacific Strategy" is doomed to fail. The United States' 'Indo-Pacific Strategy' is raising more and more attention and concern in the world community, especially in the Asia-Pacific area, Wang remarked when questioned about the so-called "Indo-Pacific Strategy" being fiercely pursued by the US to limit China. This is because the strategy has revealed its true intentions, Wang said, by attempting to erase not only the name "Asia-Pacific" and the region's effective regional cooperation architecture, but also the achievements and momentum of peaceful development created by the region's concerted efforts over the past decades.
- According to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China has produced an updated national species database known as the Catalogue of Life China 2022 Annual Checklist. In comparison to the 2021 checklist, this year's checklist adds 10,343 species, increasing the total number of species to 138,293, which includes 68,172 animal species, 46,725 plant species, and 17,173 fungus species, among others. According to an official with the CAS's Biodiversity Committee, the species inventory offers data that is useful for biodiversity study, conservation, and policymaking. China is the only country that publishes the biological species checklist every year.
- Shanghai's cross-district public transportation was largely restored on Sunday, as part of the city's gradual restoration of the public transportation system. The subway lines 3, 6, 10, and 16 all resumed operation on Sunday, with trains operating at 20-minute intervals from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A total of 273 bus lines servicing the city's airports, railway stations, and major hospitals have also resumed operation. Passengers are only permitted to utilise public transportation if they have received negative nucleic acid testing results within 48 hours. They must wear masks for the duration of their journey.
- Officials said at a news conference on Wednesday that China will increase a variety of policy measures, including cost-cutting and increased funding, to help small and medium-sized businesses weather the storm. Vice-Minister of Industry and Information Technology Xu Xiaolan said China's small and medium-sized

businesses grew steadily in the first quarter of 2022, with combined sales and profit of big industrial enterprises up 14.1 percent and 6.5 percent year on year, respectively. To help small businesses with expenses, finance, and logistics, local governments have implemented laws that provide discounts for rent, utilities, loan repayments, and social security fees, according to Xu. In addition, the nation has taken a number of steps to improve inclusive lending and clear arrears for small businesses, as well as promote job resumption at important small businesses along the industrial chain and boost market demand. According to Xu, the ministry will continue to encourage the execution of supportive policies, as well as prevent and clear arrears due to smaller businesses, allow the symbiosis of small, medium, and big enterprises, and develop a system to foster high-quality smaller businesses.

- On Sunday in Guangzhou, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Pakistan's new foreign minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. From May 21 to 22, Bilawal undertook an official visit to China, marking his first bilateral visit since taking office last month. "China respects Pakistan's new government's solid commitment to developing the two countries' all-weather strategic cooperation partnership," Wang added. Wang stated that China will stand behind Pakistan in preserving its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, as well as maintaining unity and stability and pursuing a development path that is appropriate for its circumstances.
- The international community has mostly supported and understood China's decision not to allow the Taiwan area to participate in this year's World Health Assembly (WHA), according to a Chinese Foreign Ministry official. The statements were delivered by spokeswoman Wang Wenbin in response to a question on international support for China's choice. The 75th World Hockey Association will be held from May 22 to 28. Taiwan will not be attending. In the globe, there is only one China. Wang stated that the People's Republic of China government is the only legitimate authority that represents all of China, and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory.
- In a time of upheaval and transition, President Xi Jinping has urged the BRICS countries to bring stability and optimism into international relations. He expects the five main developing countries to stand steadfast in their views, weather storms and waves, and take concrete steps to promote peace and development, uphold fairness and justice, and promote democracy and freedom. Xi delivered the remarks during the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting's opening session on Thursday via video. Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa are the BRICS countries. The annual BRICS Summit will be held in China this year, and senior officials from the five nations have met in recent months to prepare for the

significant event.

III. India Watch

- China will continue to emphasise Pakistan in its dealings with its neighbours and make China-Pakistan relations a role in regional stability. Both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation to implement China's proposed Global Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative, promising to work with other countries to focus on the development agenda, address security challenges, and implement the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. China is not only expanding its influence but also trying to focus on stability and security of the region to get involved in more non-traditional security issues.
- The BRICS countries must improve political mutual trust and security cooperation, maintain close communication and coordination on major international and regional issues, accommodate others' core interests and major concerns, and respect each other's sovereignty, security, and development interests. Given the global economic slowdown and the obstacles provided by the protracted Ukraine issue, China's hosting of the BRICS Summit is expected to show China's stand.