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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **As rivalry for metaverse-related products heats up, NetEase will launch an app for virtual meeting site Yaotai in August:** NetEase's increased focus on the metaverse is reflected in the introduction of its Yaotai virtual meeting app. As competition in metaverse-related products heats up in the world's second-largest economy, NetEase, China's second-largest video gaming company, is stepping up attempts to commercialize Yaotai, its immersive virtual conference platform. NetEase, based in Hangzhou, wants to launch a smartphone app for its virtual meeting platform as soon as August to help grow its user base.
- **Victor Shih--Li Keqiang trying to present a different style of governance:** Apart from the points elucidated in Atlantic Council's webinar titled "How Powerful is Xi", Victor Shih wrote that Li Keqiang is trying to present a different style of governance and that the current situation in China is reminiscent of the situation after the Great Leap Forward, when Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward wasn't challenged by Liu Shaoqi and Deng. Victor Shih believes that Liu Shaoqi's shadow can be seen in Li Keqiang 's actions in recent months, "and the outcome of the infighting depends on Xi Jinping 's views on Li Keqiang".

## II. News in China

- "We must practice the global governance concept of extensive consultation, joint contribution, and shared benefits, carry forward the common values of all mankind, and advocate exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations," President Xi Jinping said at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022. President Xi Jinping has spoken on the connotation and extension of the common values of all mankind on numerous international and domestic occasions since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, continuously injecting impetus into global economic development and constantly boosting confidence in the positive development of the world situation.
- The CCP has set guidelines for the management of top cadres' spouses and children, which state that they are not permitted to own commercial firms or act as executives of foreign or private companies.
- Vice Chairman of the 9th and 10th National Committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and the Supreme People's Political Consultative Conference. An outstanding member of the Communist Party of China, a time-tested and loyal communist fighter, an outstanding leader of our country's political and legal fronts. On the 21st, the former top prosecutor of the procuratorate, Comrade Zhang Sijing, was cremated at Beijing's Babaoshan Revolutionary Cemetery. Vice Chairman of the 9th and 10th National Committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and the Supreme People's Political

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- The Communist Party of China's Central Committee recently released the "[Regulations on the Communist Party of China's Political Consultation Work](#)", as well as a notification instructing all regions and departments to rigorously follow them. According to the notice, the "Regulations" adhere to and strengthen the party's leadership over political consultation work, improve the scientific, institutionalized, and standardized level of political consultation work, and adhere to and strengthen the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.
- China has repeatedly prohibited [Taiwanese agricultural](#) and fishery products from entering the country. A political member of the Taiwan Executive Yuan, Deng Zhenzhong, recommended a countermeasure, claiming that Taiwan's most powerful weapon is to decrease chip exports to China. According to analysts, this action will have an influence on China's smartphones and electric vehicles, but the focus should be on changing Taiwan's agricultural and fishery export structures to fulfill the standards for selling to Europe, America, and Japan.
- The 27th meeting of the [National Tripartite Conference on Coordinating Labor Relations](#) was conducted in Beijing on the afternoon of June 17. The meeting reviewed the main points of work for 2022, as well as the summary report on the implementation of the collective bargaining action plan for "stabilizing employment and promoting harmonious development," as well as the formation of an expert committee of the National Tripartite Conference on Coordinating Labor Relations and other related work plans.
- According to a [Ministry of Commerce](#) official, China has played a helpful role in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations to help ease a crucial decision on the waiver of intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines. According to a decision made at the WTO's Ministerial Conference Twelfth Session (MC12) from June 12 to 17 in Geneva, Switzerland, developing members will be allowed to produce COVID-19 vaccines without the consent of the right holder for five years due to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor](#) was still claiming just a few days ago that she would "not surrender a single inch" to demands from consulates and chambers of commerce to relax travel restrictions. However, the outgoing mayor expressed concern on Sunday, saying she would be concerned if the city continued to adhere to existing border regulations by the end of the year.

### III. India Watch

- The difficulties in restoring the border with the mainland and abroad are highlighted by Lam's words. It all hinges on whether the pandemic can be contained, regardless of how high the demand for additional travel convenience is. While the city prepares for a possible visit by President Xi Jinping during celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China, Lam has ruled out lifting travel restrictions. It remains to be seen if the rules will be relaxed or tightened in the future. However, when considering the viability of reopening the border, it's important to look back at the past circumstances.