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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Whitewashing East Asia:** Spotify Singapore says that the badly translated Chinese song titles were only a test and restores them. [Mandopop fans on Spotify](#) were recently confronted with a very strange occurrence: song titles were either appearing in Hanyu pinyin or in poor translations into English. Over 230 comments were left on a community post as Spotify users expressed their displeasure at what had happened. A representative from Spotify confirmed that the problem was an exercise incorporating "multilingual language data" obtained from music partners when they were approached about it.
- **Political Dissent:** Following the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Nara two weeks ago, a [Chinese journalist](#) covering the story faced outrage online for grieving during a live broadcast of the news. As the video gained popularity, several users attacked the journalist for being unprofessional, disrespectful, and for failing to take into account how the Chinese population felt about Abe's divisive political legacy. Weibo users made some extremely harsh remarks, asking, "If you mourn his death so badly, why don't you go join him?" Zeng once more became a popular subject on Weibo on July 20 after it was revealed that the journalist had supposedly tried to take her own life.
- **Xi writes the World Youth Development Forum a letter of congratulations:** A message of congratulations was delivered by Chinese President Xi Jinping to the [World Youth Development Forum](#), that got under way on Thursday in Beijing. In the letter, Xi noted that China always views young people as the driving force of social development and encouraged people to unearth their youthful vigor when participating in and promoting the construction of a community with a shared future for humanity. The youth reflect hope and are the architects of the future, he added. Xi expressed his hope that the forum would develop into a significant venue where young people from all around the world could contribute to global development and where efforts from all over the world could be gathered to promote youth development.

II. News in China

- US military thinks Pelosi's trip to Taiwan is "not a good idea," according to Biden. President Joe Biden stated on July 20 that the U.S. military believes that [House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's](#) planned trip to Taiwan in August is "not a good idea." According to media reports, Pelosi will lead a delegation to Taiwan in August. Pelosi allegedly had originally intended to travel to Taiwan in April; however, the trip was abruptly postponed following her COVID diagnosis. Following Newt Gingrich's 1997 encounter with ex - president Lee Teng-hui () in Taipei, Pelosi's trip would be the first time a speaker of the house had visited Taiwan.

- Trade-boosting discussions between China and the EU. Both parties concur on the importance of encouraging real cooperation and overcoming obstacles. In light of a potential global recession, rising financial market volatility, and geopolitical risks, experts and observers said the high-level conversation among China and the European Union showed the two sides' resolve to advance bilateral cooperation and ward off external concerns. The experts' remarks followed Tuesday's 9th High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue between China and the European Union, which covered issues such as the macroeconomy, industrial and supply chains, bilateral trade and investment, and financial cooperation. The conversation took place through video link. Vice-Premier Liu He with Valdis Dombrovskis, the executive vice of the European Commission, shared the chairing duties. According to Xinhua News Agency, the two decided to work together to promote real-world trade and economic cooperation and to address the difficulties facing the world economy. A stable connection between the two will help encourage steady growth for both, affect the stability of the global setting, and give a strong incentive to the world economy, according to the experts. The discourse sent a positive message of collaborative efforts on issues which include advanced manufacturing and supply chain management and financial services.
- Foreign businesses in Shanghai are trying to recover after the lockdown. Foreign companies with offices in Shanghai have had operating difficulties for months during the city's protracted lockdown, but they are now working to increase production in an effort to make up for the losses and hit their goals. Zhang Yejiang, president of Sika China Limited, a Swiss chemical products business, informed Sixth Tone during a press conference on Thursday that their production had reached pre-pandemic levels at the end of May. "The production lines in the Shanghai factories are now in full swing, and we've delivered all the stocked orders amid the lockdown," Zhang added.
- China's Xi and Indonesia's Jokowi will meet next week in Beijing to discuss the G20. Beijing said Thursday that Indonesia's president will travel to China the following week to discuss the G20 meeting that will take place later this year. Jakarta is juggling competing interests between both the West and Russia due to the conflict in the Ukraine. Last month, Joko "Jokowi" Widodo paid a visit to the two antagonistic neighbours in an effort, according to officials, to mediate peace and end the world food crisis. He will begin a trip to China, Japan, and South Korea on July 26 with a meeting in person with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing. Since the coronavirus outbreak broke out, Xi Jinping has rarely visited foreign leaders. Russia has been asked to be excluded from G20 gatherings, including the summit, by Western nations led by the United States, but Indonesia has refused. Instead, Jakarta has invited Ukraine, a non-G20 member, to be a guest at meetings and the summit. The

G20 foreign ministers' meeting attendees, Indonesia's top diplomats, were extremely concerned about the "global impact on food, energy, and finance" of the Ukrainian crisis.

- India and China start out by discussing "forward-looking." The 16th round of commander-level negotiations was held on July 17 between the Indian and Chinese armies. In their joint press statement following the discussions, China and India stated that they had "continued to discuss and push the resolution of crucial matters in the line of actual control in the western sector of the Sino-Indian border in a cooperative and forward-looking way." For the first time, the phrase "forward-looking" was used in the news statement for the sixteenth round of commander-level negotiations. The phrase denotes that at least one delegation has developed a strategy throughout the negotiations, Tan Zhu discovered from the source.

III. India Watch

- In a long-running dispute between the two South East Asian superpowers, a high-level round of negotiations appears to have advanced the LAC's position. China objected to the G20 meeting being held in IIOJK, therefore India stated that an additional event would take place in Ladakh. Given the border tensions and India's decision to pursue an interventionist foreign policy, it may be a scenario where one party has their foot on the other's throat. India needs to wait it out and try to figure out what the dragon has in store for them. Both parties had previously decided to let future generations resolve the border problem as they continue to forge their relationships through economic cooperation and expanded trade alliances. Despite decades of disagreement, the border remains a point of contention between the two. But even after alerting Bhutan to these encroachments in an effort to win Bhutan's support for the cause, India appears to be having trouble finding alternatives as China intensifies its military drills and decided to develop structures along the border of east Ladakh.