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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Shanghai, after university students allowed to leave Shanghai after more than two-months locked down on campuses:** On May 27, thousands of students seen waiting at Hongqiao Railway Station in Shanghai, after university students were allowed to leave Shanghai yesterday after more than two-months locked down on campuses. Several universities have issued guiding principle, allowing students to leave the campus as long as their residential buildings have been free of COVID-19 cases for the past 14 days. One screenshot getting circulated on the social media claiming to be an official notice listed 52 major cities as key destinations and railway networks that have increased capacity to ensure the homecoming process and has been widely circulating among university students.

II. News in China

- On May 27, Local Media reported that to prevent domestic violence, the central province of Henan has proposed a plan to recognise and praise those people who prevent domestic violence from occurring in its upcoming provincial anti-domestic violence regulation. It also specifies that official channels that first receive complaints or tip-offs on domestic violence, including calls for help — the “first-responsibility system” — should either jump into action or refer them to concerned departments without shirking responsibilities.
- On May 27, Kiribati and China vowed to enhance cooperation in building the Belt and Road, dealing with climate change and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Kiribati President and Foreign Minister Taneti Maamau said that this visit by the Chinese delegation brings mutual trust, friendship and cooperation, which bears milestone significance in the relations between Kiribati and China. Kiribati’s President said that the country staunchly supports the one-China principle expressed gratitude to China for its help and assistance in dealing with the pandemic, economic development and infrastructure construction.
- At the 9th meeting of BRICS Ministers of Education held via video link on May 27, A declaration has been signed by ministers of education from BRICS countries to prioritise and ensure future cooperation in the education sector. Chinese Minister of Education Huai Jinping called for joint steps to build a BRICS education partnership contributing to global education reform and development.
- On May 27, data released from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange showed China reported a surplus in its international goods trade in April. Goods exports came in at 1.6666 trillion yuan (about 247.3 billion U.S. dollars) last month, and imports at 1.3568 trillion yuan, resulting in a surplus of 309.9 billion yuan. The

total imports and exports of China's international goods and services trade concluded at 3.4427 trillion yuan in April, unaffected from the last year.

- On May 26, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare and visiting Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi expressed inclination to forge "iron-clad" ties and deepen cooperation between the two countries. Sogavare expressed his gratitude by saying that China has become the biggest supportive partner of the Solomon Islands on basic infrastructure and a reliable development partner, and also in providing anti-pandemic supplies, rapid-test equipment and sending medical teams to the country. The Solomon Islands and China have showed cooperation on the basis of equal treatment and mutual respect, and the connection in various fields bringing tangible benefits to the Islands people.
- On May 27, Wang Guangzhi, deputy head of the Wenchang International Aerospace City Administration said in a press conference that South China's Hainan will begin construction of a commercial space launch site by the end of June, rapidly implementing the development of the Wenchang International Aerospace City. The plan is to create infrastructure allowing regular commercial launches by 2024, Wang added. Wenchang also plans to build space tourism theme parks and a China Space Museum.

India Watch

- The increasing cooperation between Beijing and Solomon Island has now confirmed that China will now look forward to similar agreements with other nations in the Pacific region. Kiribati is another example of such bilateral cooperation including rumours about special fishing rights in the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA), which was one of the world's largest marine protected areas, until the Kiribati government announced last year it would open up the PIPA to commercial fishing. Vanuatu has just signed a contract with China for the construction of a new runway extension at Pekoa airport on the island of Santo, to allow access for larger aircraft, making it accessible for the delivery of humanitarian aid. Such small yet calculated cooperation indicates China's ambitious and strategic intent to have a strong foothold in the Pacific region and shape the traditional regional order governed by USA and probably station military at crucial locations.