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Summary

KCNA published a wide variety of stories dealing with China for the week of Dec. 10th-17th. These stories were divided about equally between subjects focusing on domestic and foreign events. Of the 22 China stories featured in KCNA this week, eight focused on China's foreign policy, with a stark difference being presented between the PRC's bristling reaction to the West's accusation of China's "neo-colonialism" in Africa and the warm message of respect for the outcome of the Russian elections. The standard negative issues involving the West, including ongoing focus on events surrounding Iran, was juxtaposed with stories highlighting "bi-lateral cooperation" between Chinese and Russian leaders.

In keeping with the accelerated reports in North Korean media about what China calls its own "peaceful rise," five of the 22 stories dealt with China's increasing cooperation with countries around the globe, including the DPRK.

The past also plays a role. The story of inheriting Sino-DPRK friendship, is particularly interesting in light of Kim Jong Il's death only a few days after publishing and the emphasis placed on China's historical anti-Japanese revolutionaries (rather than the Chinese state) at Kim Jong Il's funeral two weeks later, as seen in the dispatch of how the family of Chai Shiying gave gifts in honor of both Kim Jong Il and his father Kim Il Sung.

If North Korea is interested in using China's experience as a guide to reform, basic information about the PRC is necessary. In the week under review, fully ten of the 22 stories about China focused on domestic issues, including a call to modernize the military. Two stories focused on drinking water issues in different areas of the country. Another domestic story that was of interest to the KCNA were nationwide talks that had occurred in China between the CCP and "non-party personages." Hu Jintao himself spoke at the gathering, discussing economic matters with Chinese entrepreneurs who are not Party members and pointing to the successes of the party's actions.

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December 10th

China Rejects West's Accusation: FM Spokesman

Beijing, December 9 (KCNA) -- Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei at a regular press briefing on Dec. 8 rejected the West's accusation against China.

Some Western media described China's engagement with Africa as "neo-colonialism" which is untruthful, Hong said.

Hong noted that it is the common obligation of the international community to promote the sustainable development of Africa's agricultural sector.

Hong urged those countries that actually possess vast land to listen to the voice of Africa and contribute to addressing the food security of the continent with real actions.

December 11th

CPC Arranges Round-table Talks with Non-Party Personages

Beijing, December 10 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China held round-table talks with non-party personages in Zhongnanhai recently at which it exchanged with them views on the economic situation at present and economic work for next year.

Hu Jintao, general secretary of the C.C., CPC, made an important speech at the round-table talks.

He referred to the achievements made in economic development for this year and matters facing it. It is of weighty significance to do economic work well as the next year is an important one for carrying out the 12th five-year plan, he noted.

He called upon all democratic factions, the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce and non-party personages to advance positive proposals and measures, learn about opinions and reflect them in time and thus contribute to fulfilling the 12th five-year plan.

December 12th

China Respects Russian People's Choice: Spokesman

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Beijing, December 11 (KCNA) -- The Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokesman expressed support for the results of Russia's State Duma election.

Speaking at a news conference on Friday, Hong Lei said some 700 members of international teams observed the election and generally appreciated the election results.

"The results reflect the desire of the Russian people," he said, adding, "China respects the choice of the Russian people and supports Russia's development in conformity with its actual conditions."

China Observes Anniversary of People's Prosecution System

Beijing, December 11 (KCNA) -- China observed the 80th anniversary of the people's prosecution system on Friday.

An art performance themed "For Impartiality and Justice" was given at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

It showed the historical course covered by people's prosecution organs under the leadership of the Communist Party, as well as achievements made by them in the new century.

China Makes Efforts to Solve Drinking Water Problem

Beijing, December 11 (KCNA) -- Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region of China has put successful effort to solving the drinking water problem for the residents.

This year the region made it possible to supply clean water to a total of 340,000 residents.

China Vows to Promote Building of Harmonious Oceans

Pyongyang, December 12 (KCNA) -- China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations said the country would contribute to achieving peace of oceans and ensuring balance between their scientific protection and rational use.

Speaking at a recent UN General Assembly meeting, Wang Min said China would take advantage of the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to make greater efforts together with other countries to build harmonious oceans.

China to Intensify Supervision over Foodstuffs

Beijing, December 11 (KCNA) -- Recently, a national meeting on supervision over foodstuff security was held in Beijing.

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The meeting reviewed what has been gained in ensuring foodstuff security this year and discussed next year's tasks.

It decided to strictly crack down on illegal activities, improve the foodstuff security system and intensify supervision.

Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee Meets

Beijing, December 11 (KCNA) -- A meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) took place in Beijing on Friday.

It was stressed at the meeting that properly carrying on next year's economic activities was of weighty importance in ensuring a stable socio-economic development and creating favorable conditions for the upcoming 18th CPC Congress.

The meeting underscored the need to improve the people's living, keep prices stable and maintain the harmony and stability of society, thereby greeting the congress with signal achievements in the development of the economy and society.

December 13th

Gift to Kim Il Sung from Chinese Family

Pyongyang, December 13 (KCNA) -- The Chinese family of Chai Shiyong who was related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle made a present to President Kim Il Sung to commemorate his birth anniversary, April 15, 2012.

The gift was delivered to DPRK Ambassador to China Ji Jae Ryong by a great-grandson of Chai Shiyong on Dec. 9.

Gift to Kim Jong Il from Chinese Family

Pyongyang, December 13 (KCNA) -- General Secretary Kim Jong Il received a gift from the family of Chai Shiyong, a Chinese related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, on the occasion of his birthday, February 16 in 2012.

A great-grandson of Chai Shiyong handed over the gift to DPRK Ambassador to China Ji Jae Ryong on Dec. 9.

December 14th

DPRK Opera, Very Successful Work: Chinese Papers

Pyongyang, December 14 (KCNA) -- Chinese newspapers reported about the tour performance of the squad of DPRK opera "Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai" in China between Nov. 14 and Dec. 8.

The papers elaborated on the opera, viewing in unison it as a great hit.

People's Daily said that Korean artistes' attitude of creation and skilful methods of creation made the opera display its touching artistic charm.

The opera "Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai", which achieved high artistic success in many aspects, will contribute to cultural exchange between the two countries, as another successful Korean version of Chinese classic in the wake of "A Dream of Red Mansions", it added.

Wuhan Wanbao said:

Music and fascinating dances of Korean characteristics represented on the stage added new light to the legend long conveyed in China.

The audience, fascinated by the world of joyful meeting and painful parting in the opera, expressed admiration at the Korean artistes with warm applauds.

Wuhan Sinbao noted: When telling about the Phibada Opera Troupe, one calls to mind large-scale beautiful dance work. Dances from Korean version of opera "Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai" are based on new creative method unprecedented in operas.

Changjiang Daily said that the opera strictly keeps the creative principles of Korean music, dance, and stereo stage decor in the visual and acoustic aspects while preserving the plot of the original to the maximum.

The skill of performers is high and their acting is also very delicate, it noted.

Chinese Official Calls for Promoting Modernization of Military Equipment

Beijing, December 13 (KCNA) -- Guo Boxiong, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of China, called for opening up a new phase in the modernization of military equipment.

Addressing a recent meeting held in Beijing, he said it is important to accelerate the modernization of the Chinese army's equipment.

The meeting reviewed the production of military equipment in the period of the 11th five-year plan and discussed the tasks to be fulfilled in the next five-year plan period.

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Guo also called on the army to increase the capacity of carrying out various military missions based on IT with emphasis put on enhancing the capacity of winning a local war.

China Adopts Plan for Medicine Security

Beijing, December 13 (KCNA) -- Wen Jiabao, premier of the State Council of China, adopted a 2011-2015 state plan for medicine security at a recently held executive meeting of the State Council.

The meeting discussed fully implementing the responsibility system for medicine security and intensifying information and education activities so that the people can use medicines in a safe way.

China Calls for Increasing Support for Developing Nations

Pyongyang, December 14 (KCNA) -- China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations called on the international community to boost support for developing nations.

Speaking at a recent UN General Assembly session, he said the developed nations should fulfill their promise with sincerity to provide developing nations with enough and sustained aid fund.

He also urged the international community to help developing nations have big say in the world economic management.

Hebei Province Takes Efforts to Address Drinking Water Problem

Beijing, December 14 (KCNA) -- Hebei Province in China has taken positive and successful efforts for solving drinking water problem for people in the countryside.

It has become possible to supply clean water to a total of 3.48 million farm population in the province this year.

December 15th

Electronics Industrial Working Delegation Leaves for China

Pyongyang, December 15 (KCNA) -- A DPRK electronics industrial working delegation led by Han Kwang Bok, vice-premier and concurrently minister of Electronics Industry, left here Thursday to visit China.

On the same day, the delegation of the Russian Aerial Transport Administration led by Director Neradiko Alexandr went back home.

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Chinese, Russian Presidents Optimistic of Bilateral Cooperation

Beijing, December 14 (KCNA) -- Chinese and Russian presidents sent congratulatory messages respectively to the 9th meeting of China-Russia committee for friendship, peace and development held in Beijing on Tuesday.

Hu Jintao appreciated the committee for making important contributions to deepening mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the two countries.

Both China and Russia decided to direct efforts to developing the all-round strategic cooperation partnership in which they trust and support each other on an equal footing and jointly enjoy prosperity, Hu said in the message.

Dmitri Medvedev expressed the belief that the meeting would help further consolidate the social foundations of Russia-China relations, thus ushering in a new prospect in developing bilateral cooperation.

China Rejects U.S. Interference

Beijing, December 14 (KCNA) -- Liu Weimin, spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flatly denied the U.S. interference in the internal affairs of China in an interview on Tuesday.

As regards remarks taking issue with China made by high ranking officials of the U.S. Administration including the State secretary when giving a lecture on the human rights performance and freedom of Internet, the spokesman voiced the stand of China opposed to the interference in its internal affairs under the pretext of human rights.

The U.S. has no right to interfere in China's internal affairs and judicial sovereignty and it had better mind its own human right performance before telling others to do like this or that, Liu urged.

December 16th

Vice-Premier of China on Inheriting Sino-DPRK Friendship

Pyongyang, December 16 (KCNA) -- The Sino-DPRK friendship should be inherited in the future, too, as it is a valuable asset provided and left by leaders of elder generations of the two countries, said Zhang Dejiang, vice-premier of the State Council of China, on Thursday.

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In a talk with Han Kwang Bok, vice-premier and minister of Electronics Industry of the DPRK who is visiting China at the head of a DPRK electronics industrial working delegation, at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, Zhang said that China and the DPRK are friendly neighbors sharing the same mountain and rivers.

He, member of the Political Bureau of the C.C., Communist Party of China, said that several visits to China paid by General Secretary Kim Jong Il and the recent brisk exchange of high-level delegations between the two countries have made great contributions to boosting the bilateral friendly relations.

We are rejoiced over many achievements made by the Korean people in the efforts to build a thriving nation under the correct leadership of Kim Jong Il, he added.

Zhang gave a reception in honor of the DPRK delegation that day.

New Highway Inaugurated in Anhui Province of China

Beijing, December 15 (KCNA) -- A new highway was inaugurated in Anhui Province of China on Monday.

It links Anhui with Jiangsu and Henan provinces and its total length is 204.5 km.

It is reported that it would give beneficial condition to the economic development of the region.

December 17th

All-People Compulsory Tree-Planting in China

Beijing, December 16 (KCNA) -- China is planning sustained brisk activities for all-people compulsory tree-planting.

It plans to plant a total of 26 billion trees through these activities for ten years to come.

Cooperation among Asian Countries

Pyongyang, December 17 (KCNA) -- China and Mongolia on Dec. 13 pledged to enhance cooperation on law enforcement between the two countries.

That day Cambodia and Laos agreed to expand military cooperation.

Chinese Leaders Mentioned:

Hu Jintao 胡锦涛:

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