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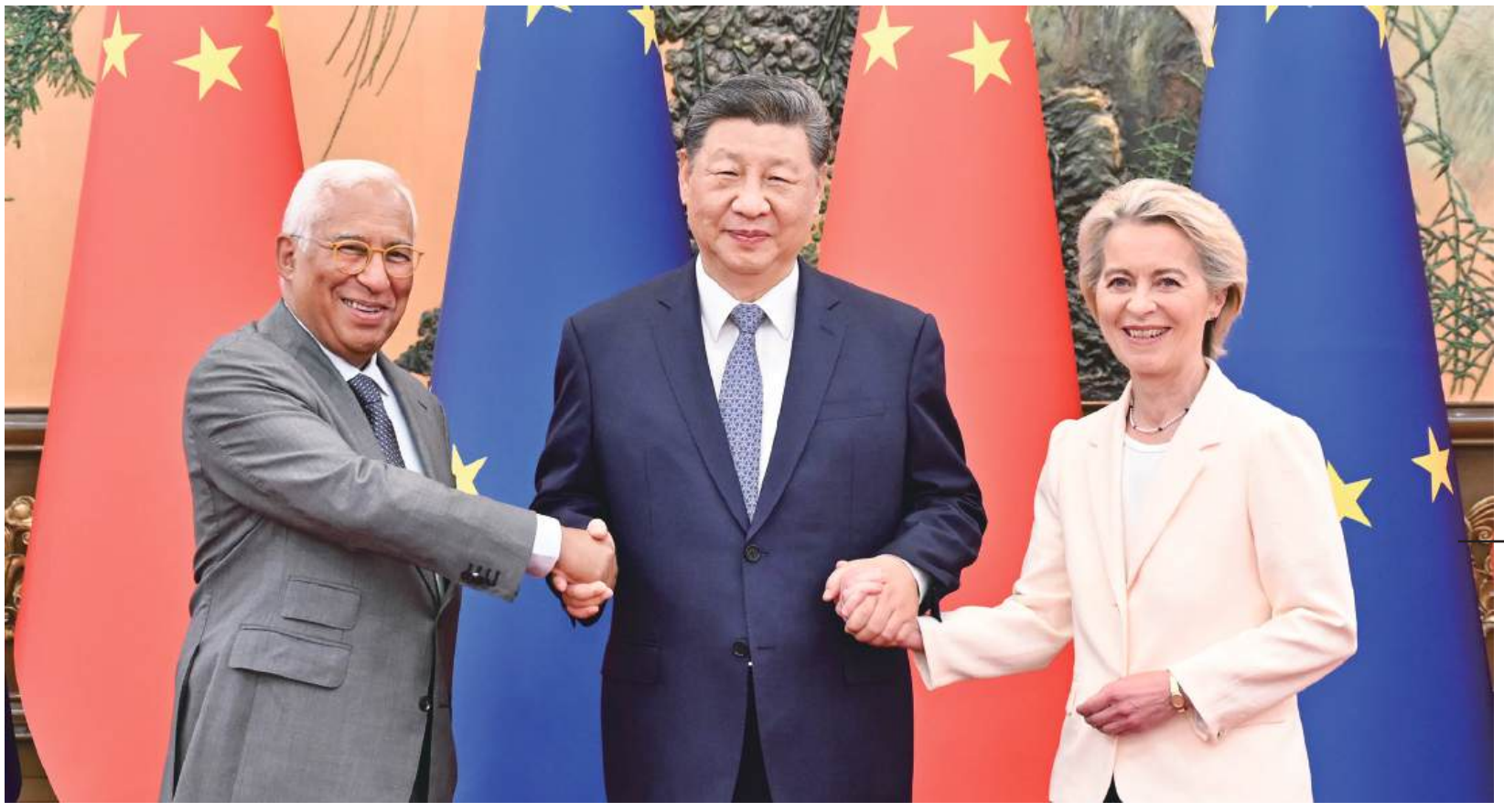
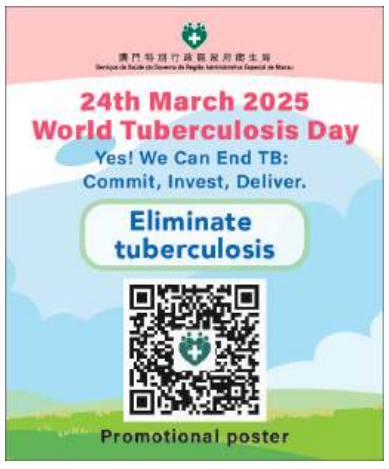
Xi calls on China, EU to provide more stability, certainty for world through steady, sound bilateral relations





President Xi Jinping (center) holds hands with President of the European Council António Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen (right), on the sidelines of the 25th China-EU Summit, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.
– Xinhua

BEIJING – President Xi Jinping yesterday called on China and the European Union (EU) to provide more stability and certainty for the world through steady and sound China-EU relations.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with President of the European Council António Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, who took place in the 25th China-EU Summit in Beijing.

Noting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of China-EU diplomatic ties, and the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, Xi said China-EU relations have come to another critical juncture in history.

He said over the past 50 years, China and the EU have achieved fruitful outcomes in exchanges and cooperation, delivering mutual success and worldwide benefits. An important understanding and insight is that the two sides should respect each other, seek commonality while reserving differences, uphold openness and cooperation, and pursue mutual benefit.

These are also important principles and the right direction for China-EU relations in the future, Xi said. Faced with accelerating global transformation not seen in a century and a changing and turbulent world, Chinese and EU leaders should once again demonstrate vision and leadership, and make the right strategic choices that will meet people's expectations and stand the scrutiny of history, he added.

Xi underscored the importance for China and the EU, both constructive forces for multilateralism and openness and cooperation, to strengthen communication, enhance trust and deepen cooperation in a more challenging and complex international situation, in order to provide more stability and certainty for the world through steady and sound China-EU relations.

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Macau logs 19.2 million visitors in H1

Staff Reporter

Macau recorded 19.2 million visitor arrivals in the first half of the year, up by 14.9 percent year-on-year, the Statistics and Census Bureau (DSEC) said yesterday.

Same-day visitors (11.1 million) and overnight visitors (8.0 million) rose by 25.8 percent and 2.6 percent respectively.

Visitors' cumulative average length of stay dropped by 0.1 day year-on-year to 1.1 days, due to the growth in the proportion of same-day visitors in the total number of visitors, the bureau underlined.

The average duration of stay for same-day visitors (0.2 day) and overnight visitors (2.3 days) both remained unchanged year-on-year.

Visitors from the Chinese mainland rose by 19.3 percent year-on-year to 13.7 million in the first six months, accounting for 71.6 percent of all visitor arrivals.

Visitors from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region grew by 1.1 percent to 3.6 million, while those from China's Taiwan region increased by 14.0 percent year-on-year to 461,735.

Foreign visitors totalled 1.3 million in the first half of the year, up by 14.8 percent year-on-year, accounting for nearly 7.0 percent of the total number of visitor arrivals.

South Koreans (282,151) and Filipinos (273,715) made up the two major foreign visitor segments in the first six months.

In June, the number of visitor arrivals rose by 13.3 percent year-on-year to 2.89 million.

Macau's annual visitor arrival record stands at 39.4 million, which was achieved in pre-pandemic 2019. ■

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Health Bureau vows to step up chikungunya & dengue prevention

The Health Bureau (SSM) yesterday pledged to strengthen its prevention of chikungunya fever and dengue fever, urging the city's healthcare sector to fully support and comply with its ongoing prevention efforts, according to an SSM statement last night. *– Story on p. 6*

Israel recalls Gaza negotiators after Hamas responds to ceasefire plan

Israel said yesterday it had recalled its negotiators from Gaza ceasefire talks with Hamas, as international pressure mounted for a breakthrough to end nearly two years of devastating war. *– Story on p. 10*

Pro wrestling legend Hulk Hogan dead at 71

Hulk Hogan, the iconic face of professional wrestling in the 1980s who parlayed his prowess in the ring into an acting career, has died at the age of 71, US media reported yesterday. *– Story on p. 11*

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Police bust mahjong gambling den in mall

Armindo Neves

Two local women were arrested on Wednesday for running an illegal mahjong gambling venue along with 16 others allegedly involved in the case, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong said at a regular press conference yesterday

Yesterday's press conference was held at the Public Security Police's (PSP) headquarters in Zape.

According to Macau's gaming law, only its six gaming concessionaires are permitted to run games of chance for commercial purposes, including mahjong (also known in Cantonese as mahjeuk).

The 40-year-old female operator surnamed Chong told the police that she is jobless. Chong had hired a 39-year-old female surnamed Leong who was paid 10,000 patacas for cleaning and running the den.

According to Cheong, the Judiciary Police received reports on May 29 and July 4, respectively, about illegal mahjong gambling activities in a shopping mall in the Iao Hon district. They raided a shop on the second floor in the mall where they found 16 individuals suspected of participating in mahjong gambling, apart from Chong and Leong. All four mahjong tables in the shop were occupied by gamblers when the police started the raid. The shop's door was electronically locked when the police arrived.

Under questioning, Chong told the police that she had rented the shop for gambling activities since May 2025 for a monthly sum of HK$8,500. The opening hours were from 10 a.m. to 4 a.m., charging customers 60 patacas per hour as "table rent" and "water money" (水錢).* The 16 gamblers, who turned witnesses, told the police that they had learnt of the place through friends.

Since she launched the mahjong den, Chong had made a profit of about 180,000 patacas.

Leong and Chong have been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) and each is facing a charge of running an illegal mahjong gambling operation.

** In some contexts, particularly in informal or underground settings, "water money" ("soi chin" in Cantonese) refers to the interest or fees charged on loans, especially in gambling. It can also refer to the commission or cut taken by a middleman or organiser in such activities. For instance, in a gambling context, the "house" (operator) might take a certain percentage of the winnings as "water money". – DeepSeek*

Young local woman loses almost HK$1 million in 'fake police' scam

Meanwhile, a young local woman has fallen victim to a "fake police" scam, losing HK$ 951,250, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Cheong said the victim received a call from an unknown number, where a Putonghua-speaking caller

Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Cheong Kim Fong looks on during yesterday's regular press conference. – Photo: Armindo Neves

claimed to be an "officer from the Pac On Immigration Office", alleging that the victim's phone number was sending numerous scam messages and demanding cooperation in an ongoing investigation. The call was then transferred to a purported "mainland police officer," who alleged the victim's involvement in a transnational money laundering case.

According to Cheong, the scammer instructed the victim to sign a confidentiality agreement and proceed with the investigation via video call. Seeing the scammer dressed in a blue police uniform, the victim believed the claims and complied by enabling the screen-sharing functionality on their phone, paying a "security deposit," and staying mum on the investigation.

Cheong said that the victim transferred HK$951,250 to a designated account in a neighbouring region as instructed by the scammers at noon on Wednesday, but only realised the potential fraud after seeing online anti-scam information later that day, subsequently reporting the case to police around 5 p.m.

The Judiciary Police (PJ) confirmed that the funds could not be frozen through emergency measures and are currently investigating the money trail and suspects' whereabouts, with no arrests made so far. ■

PJ warn of new scam offering 'fake compensation'

Ida Cheong

The Judiciary Police (PJ) received a notice from the National Anti-Fraud Centre yesterday about a new scam tactic targeting online shoppers, urging members of the public in a statement to be vigilant against online shopping scams.

The statement noted that the scammers first set up shops on reputable official e-commerce platforms and then intentionally deliver wrong or substandard goods during transactions, prompting customers to contact customer service for after-sales support.

Under the guise of offering "fake compensation", the fraudsters lure victims into communicating through third-party messaging apps to avoid platform supervision, with the criminal intent of carrying out various forms of telecom and online scams.

The statement pointed out that while no such cases have been reported in Macau yet, the PJ Information Technology Crimes Division Anti-Fraud Coordination Centre urges residents to never deviate from official platforms for communication purposes during online transactions.

This poster provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) on Saturday warns members of the public of the new "fake compensation" online shopping scam.

Moreover, the Judiciary Police urged netizens to refrain from downloading or installing unverified mobile applications, in order to prevent exposure of sensitive information, such as bank account or credit card details, and to use the PJ's Anti-Fraud Programme to check the risk index, or report information when in doubt, the statement said.

One can also call the anti-fraud enquiry hotline on 8800 7777 or the crime report hotline on 993 for assistance. ■

Customs busts shop selling fake brand clothes worth 2.39 million patacas

Armindo Neves

Macau Customs Service officers on Wednesday busted a shop suspected of selling fake products infringing on various international brands' intellectual property rights (IP), involving 155 bogus items worth 2,390,000 patacas in total, according to the prices set by the retailers, a customs spokesperson said during a press conference yesterday.

According to the spokesperson, local customs officers carried out spot checks on local shops on Wednesday and discovered that a fashion outlet in the Horta e Costa district was selling copyright infringement products.

The spokesperson said that the officers nabbed a 47-year-old non-resident-worker (NRW) employed as a saleswoman, adding that at the time of the press conference held at noon yesterday, the Customs Service was still looking for the shop owner and tracing the sourcing of the bogus products.

According to the spokesperson, a preliminary appraisal by brand authentication experts confirmed that all suspected counterfeit clothing seized from the shop, priced between 500 and 2,300 patacas, were indeed fake replicas of major international brands. Customs investigators believe that the shop began operating around 2022, marking over two years of illicit activity, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson also said that the saleswoman has been transferred to the Public Prosecution Office (MP). According to the Industrial Property Code Decree-Law No 97/99/M, the suspect faces a hefty fine and up to six months behind bars.

The Macau Customs Service emphasised that selling products

A total of 155 counterfeit international brand clothing items seized from a local shop on Wednesday are displayed at the Macau Customs Service's headquarters in Taipa's Pac On district yesterday. – Photo courtesy of TDM

This undated handout photo provided by the Macau Customs Service on Wednesday shows the 585 used laptops and 3,320 other used electronic devices seized from a parallel trading den in the northern district earlier that day.

infringing copyright constitutes a criminal act, with convicted offenders facing prison time.

Customs seizes 585 used laptops, 3,320 used electronic devices at parallel-trading den

Meanwhile, the Macau Customs Service announced in a statement on Wednesday that its officers raided a parallel trading den in the peninsula's northern district on Wednesday where they seized 585 used laptops and 3,320 used electronic devices worth around 900,000 patacas in total.

According to a Macau Customs Service statement on Wednesday, that afternoon officers caught a 42-year-old local man in charge of the den who had hired parallel traders to smuggle electronic products from Macau to the mainland.

The suspect will be fined in compliance with the relevant provisions listed in the External Trade Law, the statement said. ■

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Officiating guests and representatives pose for a group photo at yesterday evening's opening ceremony for "The Haas Brothers: Clair de Lune" art installation at City of Dreams (COD) in Cotai, including Chairman and CEO of Melco Resorts Lawrence Ho Yau Lung (second from left), Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) President Delind Leong Wai Man (third from left) and Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes (second from right). – Photo: Khalel Vallo

COD unveils Haas brothers' special exhibition for Art Macao 2025

Khalel Vallo

As part of Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2025 (commonly known as Art Macao 2025), City of Dreams Macau (COD) in Cotai launched "The Haas Brothers: Claire de Lune" yesterday, an immersive art exhibition that transforms moonlight into metaphor, according to a Melco Resorts & Entertainment statement.

Created by acclaimed Los Angeles-based artists Simon and Nikolai Haas, the exhibition blends light, memory, and imagination to offer visitors an emotionally charged journey of artistic exploration, according to the statement.

The twin brothers, born in 1984, are noted for their sculptural works that blur the line between art and design, according to Wikipedia.

The statement said that their art and design are known for their playful anthropomorphism and cross-disciplinary cultural engagement. Drawing from elements of fashion, film, music, and design, their artistic practice challenges conventional boundaries and redefines how audiences interact with contemporary art, according to the statement.

The main theme of this exhibition is "Hey! What are you here for?", according to a guide. It is one of the Special Exhibitions organised by the six integrated resort operators for Art Macao. The exhibits comprise six structures, among which are five lamp sculptures inspired by the legendary Moonlight Towers in Austin, where they grew up, namely "A Street Light Named Desire", "Let There be Street Light", "A Light in the Streets and Freak in the Sheets", "Lamp of Approval" and "Light to Remain Silent".

The statement said that the works "prompt reflection on themes such as desire, recognition, and silence".

The final piece is entitled "Reach-able Moment", which shows a small monkey-like creature that symbolises love, patience, devotion and deeper meaning. The statement added that the piece "evokes a quiet, philosophical reflection on the meaning of existence".

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Lawrence Ho Yau Lung, chairman and CEO of Melco Resorts, emphasised Melco's dedication to fostering creativity and cultural dialogue in Macau, and highlighting its role in enriching the local art ecosystem: "We are honoured to continue supporting and participating in the government-hosted Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2025 by presenting the special exhibition, The Haas Brothers: Clair de Lune at City of Dreams, an immersive exhibition that melds emotional resonance with artistic imagination", according to the statement.

The statement noted that the title Clair de Lune (French for "moonlight") symbolises a nostalgic reference to the Moonlight Towers of the artists' childhood. The towering structures, once used for night-time illumination in Austin, Texas, evoke a dreamlike atmosphere that blurs the line between memory and myth.

The free-admission exhibition runs through September 12 outside the entrance of COD.

These undated handout photos provided by Melco Resorts & Entertainment yesterday show the art installations displayed outside of the City of Dreams (COD) integrated resort in Cotai for "The Haas Brothers: Clair de Lune" Art Macao 2025 exhibition.

Guangdong-Macau fair inks 23 cooperation deals on 1st day

Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) President Che Weng Keong (second row, centre), Deputy Director-General of the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province Sun Bin (second row, fourth from right) and representatives from enterprises (first and second row) pose during yesterday's protocol signing ceremony on the first day of the "2025 Guangdong & Macao Branded Products Fair" (GMBPF) at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo Hall D. – Photos: Ida Cheong

Foshan Haokang Biotechnology General Manger Wu Sinhug demonstrates her company's 'Intelligent Assisted Walking Robot" during yesterday's "2025 Guangdong & Macao Branded Products Fair" (GMBPF) at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo Hall D.

Ida Cheong

A total of 23 cooperation agreements were signed on the first day of the "2025 Guangdong & Macao Branded Products Fair" (GMBPF) yesterday, including research and development (R&D), economic collaboration, innovation in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and the big health industry, aiming to facilitate multi-sector business cooperation, according to a statement released by the organisers during yesterday morning's opening ceremony.

The four-day fair comprising 480 enterprises takes place through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo Hall D, focuses on two major themes: the silver economy* and "China chic"**.

The first day of the fair was designated "Trade Buyer Day". Free public admission runs from today to Sunday. The co-organisers are providing more than 100,000 gifts for fairgoers, who also can join lucky draws offering major prizes including smartphones and motorcycles.

Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) President Che Weng Keong said in a speech during the opening ceremony that the fair does not only provide a convenient and practical channel for GBA enterprises to "go global" and "attract investment," but also for products from Portuguese-speaking countries to enter the GBA. Che stressed that the fair also serves as an effective platform for Guangdong and Macau to expand economic and trade exchanges with countries and regions that have joined the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Che added that in addition to having, once again, invited Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand to showcase their specialty products, the organisers have also leveraged the opportunity of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Singapore to invite enterprises from the Lion City (the Malay meaning of Singapore) to participate in the fair for the first time.

Deputy Director-General of the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province, Sun Bin, noted that in the first half of this year, Guangdong's external merchandise trade (imports and exports) with Macau reached 9.01 billion yuan (10.2 billion patacas), accounting for over 60 percent of the total value of exports and imports between the Chinese mainland and Macau. Sun also said that the annual fair serves as a bridge for enterprises from both sides to share market opportunities and expand industrial collaboration.

The fair is co-organised by IPIM and the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province.

For more information about the fair, please visit the official fair website www.guangdongmacaofair.com, or call + 853 8798 9636. ■

**The "silver economy" refers to the economic activities and markets that arise from the needs and preferences of the ageing population, typically individuals aged 50 and older. – Poe*

*** "China chic" refers to a trend in fashion and design that embraces and celebrates Chinese culture, aesthetics, and craftsmanship. It combines traditional elements with modern sensibilities, often highlighting local materials, techniques, and cultural motifs. The industry seeks to create a contemporary identity for Chinese fashion and design, appealing both domestically and internationally. – Poe*

Tickets to be refunded for kids' arts-fest axed due to 'Wipha'

Khalel Vallo

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced yesterday ticket refund arrangements for several cancelled programmes of the "2nd Macao International Children's Art Festival" originally scheduled for July 19 and 20.

According to an IC statement yesterday, adverse weather caused by Typhoon "Wipha" led to the cancellation of performances including "Bebeethoven", "Disney The Magic Box", and film screenings such as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Into the Wonderwoods", with refunds to be processed according to original ticket purchase methods.

The statement added that tickets for Bebeethoven purchased via the Enjoy Macao Ticketing online platform will be automatically refunded to original payment accounts. Those who purchased tickets at physical outlets can request refunds at the same outlets until August 31. The performance of the programme on 18 July at 2:30 p.m. was held as scheduled, but ticket refunds will still be provided for those who were unable to attend the show due to the adverse weather conditions that day.

For "Disney The Magic Box", online purchases via Cotai Ticketing or Enjoy Macao Ticketing will be automatically refunded, the statement said. In-person buyers must return to the original point of sale. Refunds for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Into the Wonderwoods" follow a similar procedure via Cinematheque•Passion, the statement added.

Refund or rescheduling options are also available for participants in the "Family Art Camp" and workshops that should have been held last weekend.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Enjoy Macao Ticketing/ 2840 0555, Cotai Ticketing on enquiries@cotaiticketing.com, Cinematheque•Passion on 2852 2585 and the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) on micaf@icm.gov.mo or call 2836 6866 accordingly. ■

Reception marks 75th Anniversary of China, Indonesia diplomatic ties

Rui Pastorin

A reception was held yesterday to commemorate "the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relationship between the Republic of Indonesia and the People's Republic of China" at The Venetian Macao in Cotai, with the event gathering a number of guests and attendees.

Delivering his opening remarks, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the People's Republic of China Djauhari Oratmangun said that the anniversary of their diplomatic ties was a historical milestone. He also went on to highlight Macau's important role in fostering people-to-people ties.

Oratmangun noted that Macau is home to Indonesians "who have contributed actively to the city's service sector and cultural life. We look forward to strengthening Macau's role as a bridge for cultural diplomacy and as a gateway for cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries".

"In addition to strong people-to-people ties, our economic engagement with Macau is also steadily growing", Oratmangun added.

Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the People's Republic of China Djauhari Oratmangun delivers a speech yesterday at The Venetian Macao in Cotai for the reception "Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relationship between the Republic of Indonesia and the People's Republic of China". – Photo: Rui Pastorin

Meanwhile, Secretary for Administration and Justice André Cheong Weng Chon noted in his speech that "the relationship between Macau and Indonesia has also become closer and stronger since Macau returned to the motherland, especially in the area of economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges. Over the past 25 years, Macau has transformed into a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure, thanks to the contributions of people from around the world, including our Indonesian friends".

Cheong also highlighted the role of Macau's non-resident workforce from Indonesia, noting that "their work and contributions are much appreciated". Moreover, to enhance cooperation, Cheong said that the local government suggests the consulate hold more events and activities here, adding: "The Macau government will do its best to facilitate the consulate in conducting its duties".

Both Cheong and Oratmangun also highlighted the number of visitors to Macau from Indonesia in 2024, which stood at over 180,000.

Following the speeches, cultural performances were held along with a networking event.

At the end of May, according to the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL), 7,858 non-resident workers (NRW) from Indonesia were employed in Macau. ■

Health Bureau vows to step up chikungunya & dengue prevention

Tony Wong

The Health Bureau (SSM) yesterday convened a meeting with representatives from private medical institutions and those from major health and medical associations in the city, pledging to strengthen its prevention of chikungunya fever and dengue fever and urging the city's healthcare sector to fully support and comply with the bureau's ongoing prevention efforts, according to an SSM statement last night.

Both chikungunya fever and dengue fever are mosquito-borne diseases.

The statement pointed out that as of yesterday, Macau had so far recorded two imported cases of chikungunya fever and one locally transmitted dengue fever, all of which were detected earlier this month, while neighbouring regions are being affected by chikungunya fever outbreaks because of which Macau is now facing a higher level of threat of the disease.

Consequently, the statement said, the bureau convened the meeting yesterday with the aim of enabling those working in the city's healthcare sector to gain a better understanding of the bureau's ongoing measures to prevent the two diseases, including its mosquito control measures implemented in collaboration with other public entities.

Chairing yesterday's meeting, according to the statement, SSM Director Alvis Lo Iek Long underlined that his bureau has drawn up its contingency plan for preparing for the possible occurrence of local transmissions of the two diseases, adding that his bureau will roll out more prevention and control measures.

Health Bureau (SSM) Director Alvis Lo Iek Long speaks during yesterday's meeting briefing representatives from the city's healthcare sector about the prevention of chikungunya fever and dengue fever. – Photos: SSM

Dr Lo noted that controlling sources of infection, cutting transmission channels, and strengthening the protection of those susceptible to infection are three key approaches in the effective prevention of communicable diseases, urging the city's frontline healthcare workers to enhance their ability to identify suspected cases of chikungunya fever and dengue fever so that they can detect and control infection sources as early as possible.

The health chief pledged that his bureau will continue to strengthen the testing capacity of its laboratories, adding that his bureau will also, in collaboration with other public entities, expand the areas covered by chemical mosquito control operations and increase their frequency while continuing to strengthen their joint public awareness campaigns with the aim of cutting transmission channels as much as possible.

The Health Bureau has pointed out that Macau recorded two and three imported cases of chikungunya fever in 2013 and 2019 respectively, all of them from Southeast Asian countries, while none of the five cases were serious or fatal.

Foshan records over 3,600 chikungunya fever cases as of Wednesday

Foshan City in neighbouring Guangdong Province has been hit by an outbreak of chikungunya fever since earlier this month. According to the latest data from Foshan's health authorities released yesterday, the prefecture-level city had recorded 3,642 confirmed cases of chikungunya fever as of Wednesday, comprising 3,317 in Shunde District, 178 in Chancheng District, 141 in Nanhai District, and six in Sanshui District.

Foshan's health authorities also said yesterday that all of the chikungunya fever patients in the city as of Wednesday merely had mild symptoms. ■

Representatives from private medical institutions and those from health and medical associations attend yesterday's meeting held on the Health Bureau's premises adjacent to the public Conde de São Januário Hospital Centre.

Sands Shopping Carnival draws close to 110,000 visits

This undated handout photo provided by Sands China earlier this week shows crowds of fairgoers attending the 2025 Sands Shopping Carnival held at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo.

Rui Pastorin

The 2025 Sands Shopping Carnival was held from July 17 to 19, concluding with nearly 110,000 visits throughout its three-day run at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo.

Held for the sixth consecutive year, this edition of the carnival ended one day early from its usual four-day run due to Typhoon "Wipha", though the number of visits was close to last year's four-day event, receiving an "overwhelming response" from the public, according to a Tuesday statement by Sands China.

This brings the total visitation to over 640,000 since its debut in 2020.

Macau's largest sales fair this year continued to provide a free business platform for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Sands retailers, with over 580 booths across eight exhibition zones, which included the new addition of a coffee zone.

In addition to various products, including over 5,000 items for one pataca each day and deals reaching up to 90 percent off for selected products from international brands, the event also featured an international-cuisine food court area, an open-mic busking space outside the coffee zone, along with various games and activities.

Moreover, one of the event's highlights, the "ICBC ePay Presents: Greater Bay Area Karaoke King Singing Competition", drew over 100 contestants from the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the statement said.

The integrated resort operator also invited several local community organisations to join the event. The statement added that the number of participating community organisations has grown from three to 19 in six years.

The statement quoted Sands China Executive Vice Chairman Wilfred Wong Ying-wai as saying that the integrated resort operator was grateful for all the support they had received for the carnival.

"We are encouraged to see that the carnival was well received by local residents and tourists, reaching nearly 110,000 visits during the three-day run. This remarkable result demonstrates the effectiveness of the unique model of housing local SMEs and Sands retailers under one roof", according to Wong.

Wong added: "Looking ahead, in line with the cross-sector integration of 'tourism +,' we will continue infusing new elements into the carnival, injecting robust momentum to the sustainable and high-quality development of Macau tourism industry." ■

Severed human limb found floating off Taipa Ferry Terminal

Tony Wong

The Judiciary Police (PJ) said in a statement that a severed human limb was found floating in the sea near the Taipa Ferry Terminal yesterday morning and they have preliminarily concluded that the case was not criminally induced.

The statement said that after Macau Customs Service officers moved the severed limb to the shore, they notified the Judiciary Police at 10:55 a.m. of the case, requesting PJ officers to go to the scene to investigate.

The statement did not elaborate on the severed human limb.

The statement said that after an initial examination of the severed limb, PJ officers preliminarily concluded that it had earlier been part of a dead body found floating off the Zone A land reclamation area, which lies off the peninsula's north-eastern coast, on Saturday last week.

The statement underlined that neither the severed limb found yesterday nor the body found last week showed any injuries that could have been caused by foul play.

The Judiciary Police are conducting DNA tests to determine "the origin" of the severed limb, the statement said.

According to a PJ statement on Saturday last week, a male body was found floating off the Zone A coast, near the ongoing flyover project connecting Zone A and the peninsula near the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal in Zape, that morning. The flyover is officially known as A3.

Last week's statement, which identified the deceased as a middle-aged non-local man, said that the body had no injuries that could have been caused by foul play.

Male body found floating off Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal

Meanwhile, a separate PJ statement yesterday said that a male body was found floating in the sea near the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal in Zape yesterday morning.

The statement said that after Macau Customs Service officers transported the body to the waterfront next to the ferry terminal, they notified the Judiciary Police at 8:50 a.m. of the case, requesting PJ officers to go to the scene to investigate.

The statement said that a preliminary examination of the body showed that the deceased had no injuries that could have been caused by foul play.

The statement said that the identity of the deceased has yet to be confirmed, but described the deceased as a middle-aged man.

A post-mortem examination will be performed to determine the exact cause of death, the statement said, adding that the case has been classified as dead-body found. ■

Xi calls on China, EU to provide more stability, certainty for world through steady, sound bilateral relations

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Xi puts forward 3 propositions

Xi put forward three propositions for the future development of China-EU relations.

Firstly, both sides should uphold mutual respect and consolidate the positioning of China-EU relations as partnership.

China is a peace-loving country committed to harmony, inclusiveness, cooperation and win-win results, Xi said. While China and the EU differ in history and culture, development paths and systems, and stages of development, such differences have never impeded the establishment of diplomatic relations or the growth of bilateral ties in the past, nor should they obstruct the development of bilateral relations in the future.

The current challenges facing the EU do not come from China, and there are no fundamental conflicts of interest or geopolitical contradictions between China and the EU, Xi said. The fundamentals and prevailing trend of China-EU relations featuring cooperation over competition and consensus over differences have remained constant.

China has always viewed and developed China-EU relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, regarded the EU as an important pole in a multipolar world, and consistently supported European integration and the strategic autonomy of the EU, he said.

Xi voiced hope that the EU will respect the path and system chosen by the Chinese people, respect China's core interests and major concerns, and support its development and prosperity.

China-EU relations are not targeted at, subjugated to, or controlled by any third party, Xi said. He called on both sides to deepen strategic communication, enhance understanding and mutual trust, and foster a correct perception of each other.

Secondly, the two sides should uphold openness and cooperation, and properly manage differences and frictions, Xi said.

History and reality show that interdependency is not a risk, and convergent interests are not a threat, Xi noted, pointing out that boosting competitiveness should not rely on building walls or barriers, as decoupling and severing supply chains will only result in self-isolation.

Xi said that "reducing dependency" should not lead to reducing China-EU cooperation. The bilateral economic and trade relationship, which is by nature complementary and mutually beneficial, can indeed achieve dynamic equilibrium through development, he said.

China's high-quality development and opening-up will provide new opportunities and potentials for China-EU cooperation, Xi noted, calling on both sides to strengthen the green and digital partnership, and boost mutual investment and cooperation.

It is hoped that the EU can remain open in the trade and investment market, refrain from using restrictive economic and trade tools, and foster a sound business environment for Chinese enterprises investing and operating in the EU, Xi stressed.

Thirdly, Xi called on the two sides to practice multilateralism and uphold the international rules and order.

Confronted with the critical choice between war and peace, competition and cooperation, or seclusion and openness, multilateralism and solidarity-based cooperation remain the only viable approach, he said.

Xi said China and the EU should jointly uphold the international rules and order established after World War II, advance a more just and equitable global governance system in keeping with the times, and work together to address global challenges such as climate change.

Xi said China stands ready to strengthen coordination with the EU to ensure the success of this year's UN Climate Change Conference in Belem (COP30), and contribute more to global climate response and green transition. China is also willing to have policy exchanges and practical cooperation with the EU in artificial intelligence, and jointly advance an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization.

The EU side said that Xi's three propositions on EU-China relations are of vital importance. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations 50 years ago, the EU and China have carried out cooperation in a wide range of fields, becoming each other's major cooperative and trading partners. This has contributed to the economic prosperity of both parties and the well-being of their peoples.

The EU leaders noted that China has emerged as a major manufacturing and technological country, lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty. China's development has offered profound inspirations to the world, and the EU believes that China will achieve greater development and supports such efforts.

The EU and China are major forces in the world, and EU-China relations are of vital importance for both sides and the world, they said. The EU is committed to deepening EU-China relations, managing differences in a constructive manner, and achieving more positive outcomes in bilateral cooperation that is balanced, reciprocal and mutually beneficial.

EU does not seek 'decoupling, severing supply chains'

The EU does not seek "decoupling and severing supply chains" from China and welcomes Chinese enterprises to invest and operate in Europe, they said.

They called on the two sides, faced with a turbulent and uncertain world, to uphold multilateralism, safeguard the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, address global challenges such as climate change, facilitate resolutions to regional hotspot issues, and safeguard world peace and stability.

The EU side looks forward to working with China to write an even more splendid chapter in the next 50 years of EU-China relations, they said.

– Xinhua

Cooperation should be keynote of China-EU relations: Premier Li

BEIJING – No matter how the international landscape evolves, cooperation should be the keynote and partnership the correct definition of China-EU relations, Premier Li Qiang said yesterday.

Li made the remarks when co-chairing the 25th China-EU Summit with President of the European Council António Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

He noted that, over the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China-EU relations have shown steady overall development and yielded fruitful outcomes.

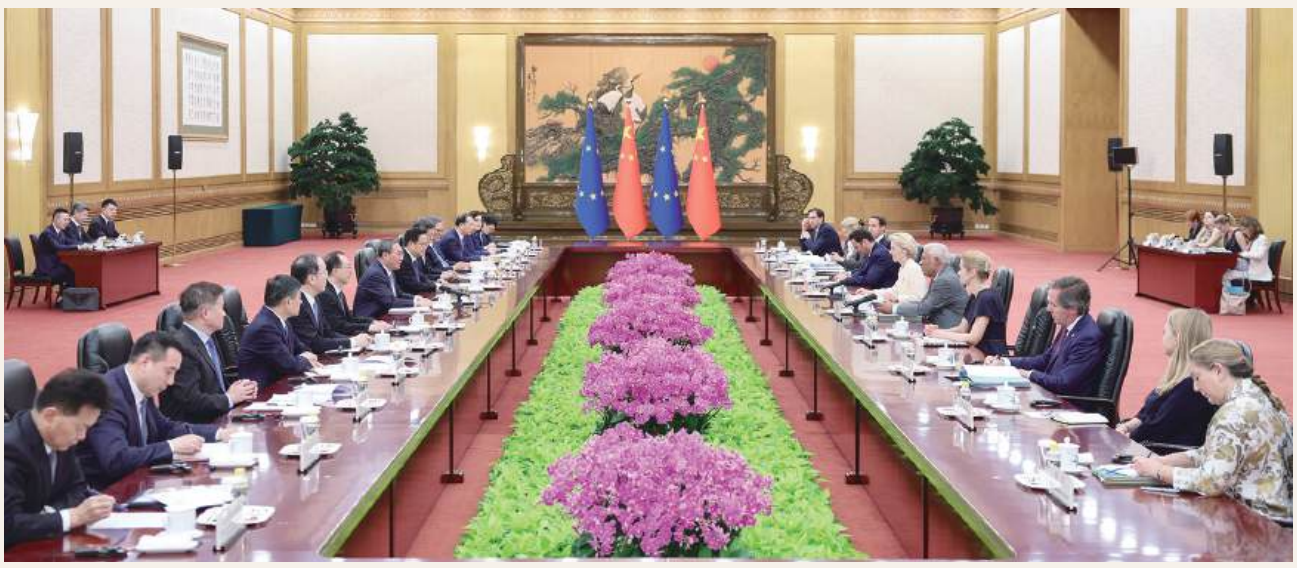
China will continue to work with the EU to give play to the guidance role of high-level exchanges and strengthen strategic communication to foster a bilateral relationship that is increasingly stable, constructive, reciprocal, and globally important, Li said.

History has demonstrated time and again that when there is mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual openness, China-EU cooperation runs smoothly and benefits both; when there is estrangement and disruption in their relations, cooperation stalls and both sides are hurt, Li said.

China and the EU have extensive common interests and no fundamental conflict, he said.

China hopes for upgraded economic and trade cooperation with the EU, with consolidated and deepened cooperation in traditional areas such as trade and investment, and expanded cooperation in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, digital economy, and green development to achieve more results, he said.

Both sides can forge an "upgraded version" of the China-EU export control dialogue mechanism to ensure the stability of industrial and supply chains between China and Europe. They should also properly handle disputes and frictions through dialogues, consultation, and deepened cooperation, Li said.



Premier Li Qiang (seventh from left) co-chairs the 25th China-EU Summit with President of the European Council António Costa (fifth from right) and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen (sixth from right) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.
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He called on the EU to adhere to market principles and provide a fair, equitable and non-discriminatory environment for Chinese enterprises investing in Europe.

In this changing and turbulent international situation, it is all the more important for China and the EU, the world's two major forces and two major markets, to engage in close cooperation, he said, adding that this is not only a natural choice for their respective development, but also aligns with the expectation of the international community.

As long as both China and the EU earnestly uphold free trade, the international economy and trade will stay dynamic. As long as both of them firmly practice multilateralism, the trend towards a multipolar world will continue to strengthen, the premier said.

Both sides should jointly uphold multilateralism and free trade, resist unilateralism and protectionism, firmly support the United Nations' core status in global governance, support the reform and development of the World Trade Organization, defend international fairness and justice as well as the global economic and trade order, and jointly promote world peace, stability and prosperity, Li added.

Costa and von der Leyen said the EU and China are important economies in the world, and bilateral cooperation has an impact on global prosperity and stability.

Over the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the EU and China have witnessed increasingly close exchanges in economy, trade, culture and other fields, bringing benefits to the people of both sides, according to them.

Affirming the EU's commitment to developing a long-term stable partnership with China, they said the EU is willing to strengthen dialogue and communication with China, enhance mutual understanding, and properly address each other's concerns.

They said the EU stands ready to enhance cooperation with China in trade, investment and export control, jointly maintain the stability of industrial and supply chains, and contribute more to each other's development.

The EU is willing to work with China to address global challenges such as climate change and biodiversity protection, support the World Trade Organization in playing a central role in international economic and trade relations, and jointly maintain multilateralism, according to the EU leaders.

A joint statement on climate change by Chinese and EU leaders was issued after the summit.

– Xinhua

China and EU should strive for dynamic equilibrium through shared development

China Daily Editorial

President Xi Jinping met with President of the European Council António Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Beijing yesterday. The meeting underscored that with mutual respect and constructive dialogue, the two sides can deepen cooperation and properly handle their differences, advancing shared interests while contributing to global stability.

Von der Leyen might be correct, to some extent, in saying that relations between the two sides have reached "an inflection point", but whether the relations will fare well in the future depends on whether the EU is willing to meet China halfway – working together to keep the relationship on the right course and standing on the right side of history.

President Xi put forward a three-point proposal to ensure that bilateral ties develop in a way that not only serves the common interests of both sides but also contributes to global peace and stability. That the EU side affirmed the vital importance of the proposal clearly indicates the common understanding of the two sides on the importance of their relationship, as well as how to enhance it by deepening cooperation and properly managing differences.

Much now depends on how the EU chooses to act on this shared understanding. A constructive, responsible and forward-looking response to the opportunities and challenges would help the two sides navigate this "historic juncture" and herald a more stable and promising future for relations that are grounded in mutual respect and strategic autonomy.

Whether the EU is willing to work with China to transform the outcome of the meeting yesterday into actions to help recalibrate and reinvigorate bilateral ties largely hinges on the EU developing a rational perception on China as a partner, rather than rival, and the nature of bilateral ties being cooperative, rather than competitive.

China is a peace-loving country that advocates harmony, inclusiveness, cooperation and win-win results. China's stance on some burning issues has always been based on the right and wrong of the matter itself. It advocates peace and talks, and calls for the treatment of both the symptoms and root causes of the issues. China and the EU should support the peaceful settlement of international disputes through political means.

To gain an objective view of China, the EU should not observe the country through a tinted lens or gauge its development path with a Western calliper. An important reason that China can always view and develop China-EU relations from a strategic height and long-term perspective is because it can rationally view the EU as a key pole in a multipolar world. The EU needs to handle its China relations with due strategic autonomy, as the relations are not targeted at, dependent on, or subject to a third party.

The current challenges facing the EU do not come from China, a partner with which the bloc has no fundamental conflicts of interest or geopolitical contradictions. The deepening of their cooperation not only expands their common interest, but also provides more means, space and time for the two sides to settle the so-called "imbalance" in their ties, and more reasons for them to refrain from defining their ties with differences and competition that are increasingly dwarfed by consensus and cooperation.

The EU side should realize that interdependency is not a risk, and convergent interests are not a threat. As President Xi noted, boosting competitiveness should not rely on building walls or barriers, as decoupling and severing supply chains will only result in self-isolation.

President Xi pointed out that "reducing dependency" should not lead to reducing China-EU cooperation. The bilateral economic and trade relationship, which is by nature complementary and mutually beneficial, can indeed help achieve dynamic equilibrium through development.

China's high-quality development and high-standard opening-up will provide new opportunities and expand new space for China-EU cooperation, as proved by the broad spectrum of fields the two sides discussed, particularly their collaboration in the climate, green development and high-tech sectors, during the following 25th China-EU Summit yesterday, which was jointly presided over by Premier Li Qiang and the EU leaders.

China and the EU have no reason not to deepen green and digital partnerships as well as mutual investment cooperation. It is hoped that the EU can remain an open trade and investment market, refrain from using restrictive policy tools, and foster a sound business environment for Chinese enterprises investing and operating in the bloc.

Over the past 50 years, China and the EU have developed into constructive forces that advocate multilateralism and open cooperation. The more severe and complex the international situation is, the more the two sides should strengthen their communication, enhance mutual trust and deepen cooperation. At this critical juncture, as President Xi said, the leaders of the two sides should once again show their vision and responsibility, make strategic choices that meet the expectations of the people and stand the test of history, firmly grasp the correct direction of the Sino-EU relationship, and strive for a brighter future.

– Courtesy of China Daily

China, EU leaders chart course for future cooperation amid global challenges

BEIJING – As China and the European Union mark the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic ties, President Xi Jinping has made new propositions on how the two sides can navigate a fast-changing and turbulent world through partnership, cooperation and multilateralism.

China-EU relations have come to another critical juncture in their history, Xi said yesterday, calling on Chinese and European leaders to once again demonstrate vision and leadership, and to provide more stability and certainty for the world through sound, steady China-EU relations.

The Chinese leader made the remarks when meeting with President of the European Council Antonio Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, both of whom are in Beijing to attend the 25th China-EU Summit.

For the future development of China-EU relations, Xi made three proposals: The two sides should uphold mutual respect and consolidate the positioning of China-EU relations as partnership; uphold openness and cooperation and properly manage differences; practice multilateralism and uphold international rules and order.

On the same day, Premier Li Qiang co-chaired the summit with Costa and von der Leyen, with both sides pledging to promote cooperation on the economy, trade and investment.

After the summit, Li and von der Leyen attended the China-EU Business Leaders Symposium, at which some 60 business leaders were present.

UPHOLDING MUTUAL RESPECT

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The current challenges facing the EU do not come from China, and there are no fundamental conflicts of interest or geopolitical contradictions between China and the EU, Xi said. The fundamentals and prevailing trend of China-EU relations featuring cooperation over competition and consensus over differences have remained constant.

China has regarded the EU as an important pole in a multipolar world, and consistently supported European integration and the strategic autonomy of the EU, he said, voicing hope that the EU will respect the path and system chosen by the Chinese people, respect China's core interests and major concerns, and support its development and prosperity.

He called on both sides to deepen strategic communication, enhance understanding and mutual trust, and foster a correct perception of each other.

Echoing the Chinese leaders' remarks, the EU side affirmed its commitment to deepening EU-China relations, managing differences in a constructive manner, and achieving more positive outcomes in bilateral cooperation that is balanced, reciprocal and mutually beneficial.

ADHERING TO OPENNESS, COOPERATION

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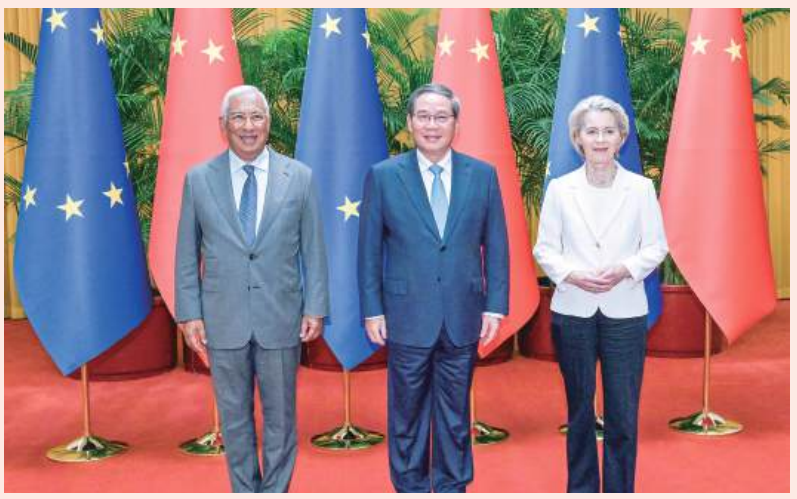

Premier Li Qiang (center) poses during the 25th China-EU Summit with President of the European Council António Costa (left) and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. – Xinhua

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It is hoped that the EU can remain open in trade and investment market, refrain from using restrictive economic and trade tools, and foster a sound business environment for Chinese enterprises investing and operating in the EU, he stressed.

China welcomes more European businesses to invest and pursue long-term operations in China, Premier Li said, calling on the EU to provide a fair, equitable and non-discriminatory environment for Chinese enterprises investing in Europe.

Li said both sides can forge an "upgraded version" of the China-EU export control dialogue mechanism to ensure the stability of industrial and supply chains between China and Europe.

The EU side noted that the EU does not seek "decoupling and severing supply chains" and welcomes Chinese enterprises to invest and operate in Europe.

Feng Zhongping, director of the Institute of European Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said that China-EU cooperation aligns with the fundamental interests of both sides, carries profound global significance, and will provide certainty and stability for the world.

PRACTICING MULTILATERALISM

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On the same day, leaders of China and the EU issued a joint statement on climate change, in which they recognized that strengthening China-EU cooperation on the issue will impact the well-being of people on both sides, and is of great and special significance to upholding multilateralism and advancing global climate governance.

Wang Yiwei, director of the Institute of International Affairs at Renmin University of China, said that China-EU relations go beyond mere bilateral ties and are of great importance to safeguarding international law and order, and to upholding the international system with the UN at its core. *– Xinhua*