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the Chinese Embassy in Switzerland

**Dear all,**

In recent times, two important events have taken place in China, which are of great importance to all of us.

From the 8th to 11th November 2021, the 6th plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee was held in Beijing. This meeting, which took place at the time of 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, summarized the major achievements and historical experience of the Party's centennial struggle, and revealed the truth of "why China has succeeded in the past and how China can continue to succeed in the future", which is of great significance for us to learn from history, look forward to the future and continue to achieve new victories in the future. China will continue to promote high-quality development, a high level of opening up and "common prosperity", which I believe will also bring new opportunities for Switzerland.

On the 16th November, President Xi Jinping had a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden. The two sides had thorough and in-depth communication and exchanges on issues of strategic, overarching and fundamental importance shaping the development of China-U.S. relations and on important issues of mutual interest. As the world's two largest economies, it is not only in the interest of China and the United States to strengthen communication and cooperation, share international responsibilities and jointly advance the noble cause of human peace and development, but also the shared desire of the people all around the world.

In addition, the Glasgow Climate Change Summit and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kunming also attracted worldwide attention. China and the United States reached consensus on climate issues and issued a joint declaration, once again highlighting the positive significance of China-U.S. cooperation for the well-being of the mankind.

We have selected some of the best articles on related topics and hope to help you have a more intuitive and clear understanding of the latest developments in China. Thank you for your interest. We welcome your subscription to the ChinaInfo Newsletter and your valuable comments and suggestions.

**Yours sincerely  
Wang Shiing**

**Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland**





### ***The 19th CPC Central Committee holds sixth plenary session***



The sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee was held in Beijing from Nov. 8 to 11. A landmark resolution on major achievements and historical experience of the Party over the past century was adopted at the plenary session and issued later on.

Please click the following link to read the full text of the Communique of the plenary session [English Version](#) [German version](#)

The sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee has adopted the Resolution of the on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century.

Please click the link for the English translation of the full text of the resolution and the explanation of President Xi Jinping on the CPC landmark resolution.



[English translation of the full text of the resolution](#)

[the explanation of President Xi Jinping on the CPC landmark resolution](#)

China Focus: Key CPC session offers new impetus for China's pursuit of common prosperity. A high-profile meeting to review the Party's major achievements and historical experience over the past century, the latest Communist Party of China (CPC) plenum has offered a fresh impetus for the country's endeavor of pursuing common prosperity.



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Reports on the 6th plenary session of 19th CPC Central Committee in foreign media. During the conference, foreign media like Reuters and The Guardian published reports and analysis on the conference.

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## Ambassador WANG's interview with Handelszeitung

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**WANG SHITING**

**«Kein hartes Pflaster»**

China-Botschafter über Loyalität, Feindrisiko und Handelskennlinie – und darüber, weshalb die Schweiz ein Lob verdient.

Der chinesische Botschafter in Bern, Wang Shiting, hat sich im Gespräch mit der Handelszeitung über die bilateralen Beziehungen zwischen China und der Schweiz, die Rolle der Schweiz in der Welt und die Herausforderungen der Zukunft geäußert. Wang Shiting ist seit 2015 Botschafter in Bern und hat zuvor in mehreren anderen Botschaften gearbeitet.

Wang Shiting: Ich bin sehr glücklich, dass ich die Gelegenheit habe, mit Ihnen zu sprechen. Die bilateralen Beziehungen zwischen China und der Schweiz sind seit langem eine gute Partnerschaft. Die Schweiz ist ein wichtiges Handelspartner für China, und wir hoffen, dass wir unsere Zusammenarbeit weiter vertiefen können.

Handelszeitung: Wie sehen Sie die Rolle der Schweiz in der Welt?

Wang Shiting: Die Schweiz ist ein Land mit einer langen Tradition der Neutralität. Sie hat eine starke Wirtschaft und eine hohe Lebensqualität. Die Schweiz ist ein wichtiger Partner für China, und wir hoffen, dass wir unsere Zusammenarbeit weiter vertiefen können.

Handelszeitung: Wie sehen Sie die Herausforderungen der Zukunft?

Wang Shiting: Die Herausforderungen der Zukunft sind vielfältig. Wir müssen uns mit den globalen Herausforderungen auseinandersetzen, wie dem Klimawandel, der Terrorismusbekämpfung und der Cybersecurity. Wir hoffen, dass wir unsere Zusammenarbeit mit der Schweiz in diesen Bereichen vertiefen können.

Handelszeitung: Wie sehen Sie die bilateralen Beziehungen zwischen China und der Schweiz?

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In November, Ambassador Wang Shiting was interviewed by the Handelszeitung. The interview was published in full in the online edition of the Handelszeitung on the 17th and in the paper edition on the 18th. Ambassador Wang talked about bilateral relations between China and Switzerland, China's low-carbon emission reduction measures and the latest domestic developments in China. He also refuted the rumors and fallacies about Xinjiang, Taiwan and the so-called "Chinese spies" and "cyber attacks".

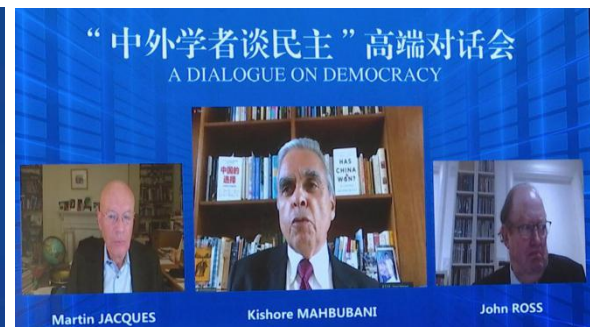
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## ***China issues white paper on its democracy***

China released a white paper titled "China: Democracy That Works." Over the past hundred years, the Party has led the people in realizing people's democracy in China. The Chinese people hold in their hands their own future and that of society and the country. Democracy is not a decorative ornament, but an instrument for addressing the issues that concern the people.



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A Dialogue on Democracy – What is democracy and who defines it? Distinguished scholars like Eric Li S. M, Zhang Weiwei, Kishore Mahbubani, Martin Jacques, John Ross, and Chinese officials had a dialogue and tried to find out more about the definition of democracy and the competing narratives behind it.

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### *Ruled by people themselves is true democracy*

The recently released communique of the 6th Plenary Session of the XIX Central Committee of the Communist Party of China summarised the practice of China's democratic political construction. It emphasised people's democracy in the whole process and ensuring the rule of the people.



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China's foreign ministry released a report on the state of democracy in the United States, exposing the deficiencies and abuse of democracy in the U.S. as well as the harm of exporting such democracy. A national poll of America's 18- to 29-year-olds released by the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School indicates that a majority of young Americans believe that the US democracy is "in trouble" or "failing."

[\*Click here to read the state of democracy in the U.S.\*](#)

[\*Read more about the poll of the Harvard Kennedy School\*](#)





### **Video Conference**

Video conference Xi Jinping and Biden: A consistent call for healthy China-U.S. ties. Chinese President Xi Jinping highlighted mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation as three principles in developing China-U.S. relations in the new era.

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### **China as enemy ?**

The prevailing reporting on China in the leading German media is determined by a Eurocentric perspective and characterized by clichés and stereotypes, some of which still originate from colonial times. This is the conclusion of a study commissioned by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung to examine the China reporting of leading German media in the first eight months of the corona pandemic.

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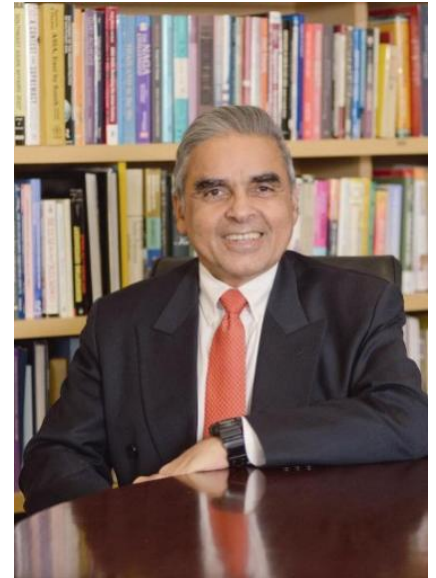
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### ***Interview with Kishore Mahbubani:***

#### ***There is no reason to fear China.***

The pandemic is compounding the West's loss of power, says Kishore Mahbubani, a Singapore political expert. The US and Europe should give up the illusion that they can change China. Beijing vigorously defends its interests as any other superpower does. A mild superpower - that would be a contradiction in terms. Thanks to its economic rise, the People's Republic has become more self-confident. But China has not waged a war in over 40 years; it has not fired a bullet across its border in 30 years. No war started in Iraq. But China has not become militarily aggressive - although it is now also a military power. China is not planning any conquests. But there are also red lines for China's government, just take Taiwan as example.



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### ***A crucial crossroads in east-west relations***



A recent survey of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China showed three-out-of-four businesses turned a profit in 2020. Similar surveys conducted by the US-China Business Council show that 95% of US companies' China operations were profitable in 2020. The author observes and questions the history of relations between China and the West in order to understand the political foundations of a mistrust of China that is damaging to trade relations.

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### ***China and USA agree to cooperation***



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The United States and China unveiled a deal to ramp up cooperation tackling climate change, including by reducing methane emissions, protecting forests and phasing out coal. The framework agreement was announced by U.S. climate envoy John Kerry and his Chinese counterpart Xie Zhenhua at the U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, and was billed by both as way to tip the summit toward success.

### ***The climate cooperation between Beijing and Washington is primarily symbolic***

The declaration of the USA and China on cooperation shows the special point about the climate policy: Climate change is a global crisis that requires international cooperation. Despite the harsh tone between the two countries, commentators always emphasized that they had a common interest in this policy area. Now this declaration sends a symbolic signal to the other countries to advocate tougher climate measures.



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### ***ETH researcher explains what the US-China climate alliance means***



After the announcement of the USA and China that they would strengthen cooperation on climate change, Andreas Fischlin, ETH expert on climate problems, said that this agreement is a strong signal, a sign that things are moving forward despite all difficulties.

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According to Tang Xiaoping, director of the National Parks Research Institute of the State Forestry and Grassland Administration, five of the China national parks will keep their core protection zone, in which only scientific research and monitoring will be allowed, but a general control zone will be partially open to the public and used for nature conservation education.



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Eva Spehn, a scientist at the Swiss Academy of Sciences, reports in Le Temps on some of the proposed commitments and challenges of the Kunming meeting on biodiversity on October 2021, stressing that these go beyond the simple topic of species conservation.



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***Interview with expert:***

***COP 15 will create the right political framework for the protection of biodiversity***



During the UN Biodiversity Conference journalists made an interview with Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, a leading expert on environment policy. He said that this conference will create the right political framework for protecting the biodiversity and hoped that the Kunming declaration would be adopted before the second.

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### ***Chinese Embassy in Switzerland holds event***

### ***Welcoming Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games***

The Chinese embassy in Switzerland held an event themed on “Together for a Shared Future: Meet in Beijing 2022” in Lausanne on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland Mr. Wang Shiting, Swiss Olympic President Mr. Jürg Stahl, Director in Charge of the IOC Mr. Christophe De Kepper delivered speeches. Vice President of the IOC and the Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Mr. Yu Zaiqing sent remarks through video.



The event has launched the music video “Meet in Beijing 2022: Greetings from Switzerland, the Kingdom of Winter Sports”.

[\*Click here to see the reports on Youtube\*](#)

[\*Click here to watch the video on Wechat\*](#)

### ***Beijing 2022 Successfully Collects Olympic Flame***

### ***in Ancient Olympia, Greece***



On October 18th, with just over 100 days to go until the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, the Olympic flame for the Winter Games was successfully collected in the Ancient Olympia on the Peloponnese Peninsula in Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

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### ***IOC praises China for delivering promises on carbon neutral Games***

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) highly praised China for delivering the promises on a carbon neutral Games by introducing renewable energies to Olympics venues and to attract 300 million winter sports fans. The IOC held the virtual meeting to introduce the technical preparations for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, including the venues, the first version of the Playbook and the ongoing test events.



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### ***Intensive training for rescue doctors on alpine ski slopes for the 2022 Olympics***

The medical support team for alpine skiing at the Winter Olympics consists of more than 100 people, including 40 ski doctors who are responsible for piste rescue. An FOP station will be set up every 300 to 400 metres on the course, staffed by two ski doctors and four rescuers. The rescues will be carried out by two teams and they are fully prepared for the Games.



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Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics competitions are due to be staged in three main clusters: downtown Beijing, the capital's Yanqing District, and Zhangjiakou in neighboring Hebei Province. See the splendid venues in downtown Beijing!

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## **Beijing 2022: Prevention measures during the Winter Olympic Games**



As the countdown of the Winter Olympic Games began, official in charge of Pandemic Prevention and Control said that the Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee (BOCOG), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) have agreed that all athletes should be fully vaccinated before they leave for China in light of the ongoing global COVID-19 challenges, unless they are medically exempted.

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### ***Taiwan being a part of China is historical, legal fact***

Taiwan being a part of China is a historical and legal fact that cannot be changed and is a status quo that may not be challenged, so the Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin. Further he told that any practice that resists China's reunification will be thwarted.

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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China in the UN, a professor at Beijing Union University points to the international legitimacy of Beijing's UN seat, the unification of the Chinese nation for most of the past 5000 years and the historical logic of the national rejuvenation that supports China's reunification.

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