

ROK should work for 'healthy' ties

Foreign Ministry also urges US to block Taiwan leader's transit in Hawaii, Guam

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ROK President Moon Jae-in has proposed to meet with President Xi Jinping.

Geng told a daily news conference in Beijing he had no news to release about meetings between the two leaders. "We hope China and the ROK will work together and push bilateral ties back to the track of healthy and stable develop-

ment as soon as possible," Geng said.

Moon was among the leaders of political parties or countries that sent messages congratulating Xi on his re-election as general secretary of the Communist Party of China. Moon expressed in the congratulatory letter his hope to meet with Xi in the near future, according to Yonhap News Agency.

Xi and Moon met for the first time in Germany in July.

Ties between the two countries hit obstacles as the ROK decided last year to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system. China has repeatedly voiced its opposition to the deployment, which damaged China's strategic security interests and undermined the regional strategic balance.

Also at Friday's news conference, Geng urged the United States not to allow Taiwan leader Tsai Ing-wen to transit through the US. Tsai is sched-

uled to transit through Hawaii and Guam during a visit to Pacific countries starting Saturday.

"The one-China principle is the general consensus among the international community. It is also the principle that we have always been sticking to when dealing with Taiwan's foreign exchanges," the spokesman said.

Tsai's "true purpose behind her so-called 'transit' is self-evident," Geng said.

"We hope the US will

observe the one-China policy and the principles of the three joint communiques between China and the US, not allow her 'transit', and not send any wrong signals to the 'Taiwan independence' forces," the spokesman said, asking the US to take concrete measures to maintain the general situation of China-US ties as well as peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits.

China has lodged "solemn representations" to the US about the issue, Geng said.

3.4m poor lifted up by 2020 in Guangxi

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The Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region aims to lift its 3.4 million poor out of poverty by 2020 by boosting infrastructure and key industries, a high-ranking official said.

Guangxi is fourth among provincial-level regions in the number of people living under the poverty line, with 50 counties and more than 4,000 villages yet to be removed from the list, Sun Dawei, regional deputy Party secretary, said.

"Before 2020, about 900,000 people have to be lifted from poverty each year. It's an urgent and tough task for us in such a short time," said Sun, a delegate to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Guangxi is among 14 key cluster areas in the nation's poverty alleviation campaign, its importance exemplified by General Secretary Xi Jinping's visit in April. Xi said that Guangxi, an old revolutionary base and a border and ethnic area rife with poverty, must carry out targeted alleviation that will accelerate its development,

helping people lead a happy life. From 2012 to 2016, 6.09 million people were lifted from poverty in the region. The ratio of impoverished was reduced to 7.9 percent last year from 18 percent in 2012. Last year, the net income for farmers per capita was 8,800 yuan (\$1,325) in the region's 33 key poor counties, an increase of 59.9 percent from 2012.

The per capita income for residents of rural impoverished areas rose by an average of 10.7 percent annually from 2013 to 2016, according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Sun said half its poor live in rocky mountains with little farmland or water and few agricultural facilities, while residents are not well-educated and have yet to get professional skills training. Over 700,000 people have to be relocated, one of the biggest numbers among provincial regions.

The region will develop industries that benefit the poor, Sun said. Each county will prioritize five industries from existing ones while poverty-stricken counties will focus on three, he said.

From 2012 to 2015, more than 2 million people who were lifted from poverty benefited from development of key industries, which spent over 16 billion yuan in the area last year.

shows respect to the deceased, but also reminds people to value human life."

According to Wang, commemorative activities will be held across Canada on Dec 13 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre.

"Eighty Chinese communities will work jointly to organize memorial activities and hold exhibitions of survivors' testimonies and historical evidence," Wang said.

He added that the Nanjing Association has asked Chinese communities in 80 other countries and regions to hold commemorative activities on Dec 13.

Wang Xin contributed to this story.

Interpol officers from Asia receive training in China

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office of Myanmar's Cybercrime Bureau, said there are few chances in his country to take courses on cybercrime, and he looked forward to participating in additional training.

Viet Dung Nguyen, a police officer from Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security, said both Vietnam and China would benefit from such training cooperation.

He said more cybercrime and telecom fraud is being reported in Vietnam, and the victims include both Vietnamese and Chinese. Given that criminals have been from various countries and regions, international cooperation is increasingly important for law enforcement, he said.

"The training in cybersecurity... is very helpful. We hope there'll be more training about fighting money laundering and cracking down on transnational crime," he said.

Pelagio Ursua Samson Jr, deputy executive director of the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime, said, "We need to develop trust among ourselves to be able to share and actively participate in combating transnational crimes in our region, as part of our commitment to have a safer and more peaceful place to live in."

Wu, with China's Ministry of Public Security, said China is planning to train 5,000 Interpol law enforcement personnel for developing countries under this program, with five more sessions scheduled this year.

China also has vowed to help 100 developing countries build or upgrade communications systems and crime labs, as well as support the establishment of a global system of training.

Officers from seven Interpol member countries in Asia said the training course they took in China would be of help in their fight against cybercrime and telecom fraud.

The five-day course on law enforcement capacity building was the first time China had held training for other countries' Interpol national central bureaus, and came after President Xi Jinping vowed strong, practical support for Interpol at the 86th Interpol General Assembly in Beijing in September.

Twenty-three officers from Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam participated in training at Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province. The course ended last week.

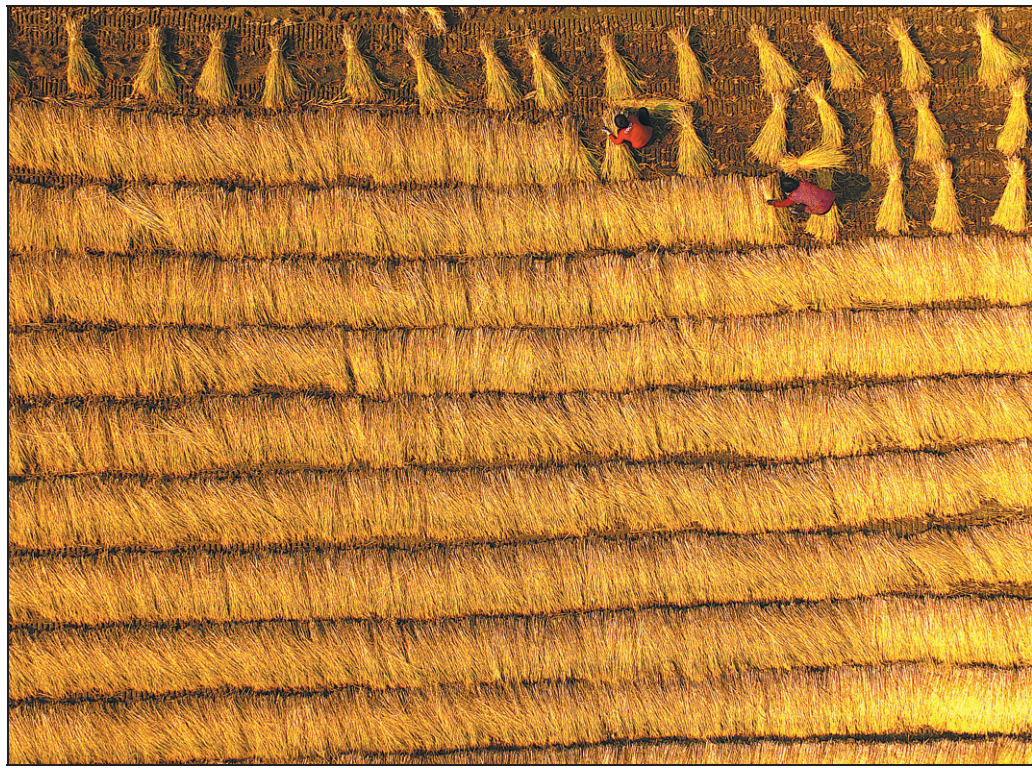
The training focused on rising global cybercrime and fraud through use of electronic communications. Chinese experts shared China's experiences and successful measures in fighting and preventing online and financial crimes.

"We hope to contribute some of China's experience and wisdom," said Wu Ying, director of Interpol affairs for the Ministry of Public Security's International Cooperation Department.

Officers also visited the headquarters of e-commerce giant Alibaba in Hangzhou to meet with its security team on building antifraud platforms and real-name verification systems and on cooperation in fighting cross-border internet crimes.

Aung Kyaw San, a section chief with the investigation

Saving their grain from a rainy day



Farmers race against rain clouds on Friday as they bundle stalks of rice in one of the paddies in Yuanwu in Yuanyang county, Henan province. The peak harvesting season has been ushered in after intervals of rainy days. FENG DAPENG/XINHUA

Exclusion film previewed in Shanghai

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A preview of a new historical documentary film *The Chinese Exclusion Act* was screened on Thursday for the first time outside the United States at the campus of New York University Shanghai.

Directed by US filmmakers Ric Burns and Yu Li-Shin, the documentary explores the Chinese Exclusion Act, a US law passed in 1882 that restricted Chinese immigration and prevented Chinese from becoming naturalized

US citizens. The law was passed after an influx of Chinese laborers, seen by many in the US as a threat to their livelihoods. The Immigration and Nationality Act, or Hart-Celler Act, finally abolished immigration quotas based on ethnicity or race in 1965.

The film features several prominent Chinese who during that time worked to oppose the act. The film is scheduled for release in May.

"This documentary delves deeply into a painful and important episode in the US and sheds light on its relations with China," said Constance

Burns, director of External and Academic Events, NYU Shanghai.

Yu said that in 1993, she and Burns were working on a project about the US' westward expansion. They learned that over 30 Chinese gold miners were murdered in 1887 by a gang of thieves and schoolboys in Oregon. The bodies were found floating in Snake River in Idaho territory.

"It was just shocking that we had no prior knowledge of this. It was then that we asked ourselves: 'Why is such an event not known in the nation's history?'" said Yu, an

Emmy Award-winning film editor who left China for the US in the 1970s. "We... started on the project in 2012 when the New York Historical Society approached us to do a film about the Chinese Exclusion Act to accompany an exhibition they were planning."

Burns pointed out that the release of the film is particularly timely.

"Questions related to who can be an American, what rights do we have, who can come to America and who can't — these are some of the most burning political questions today," he said.

Leadership: Call issued to be role models

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Party has close links with the people.

The revised details of the rules of the eight-point code have been made under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought

on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, with concrete regulations on such issues as the shortening of meetings, streamlining of documents and boosting of frugality. Members of the Political Bureau should act as

role models on following the rules, said the statement.

It will be the top political task for the whole Party and nation to study, publicize and implement the spirit of the Party's 19th National Congress. The study and publicity should

focus on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and on the fact that Xi is a Party leader who is supported by the whole Party, loved by the people, and deserves all respect, said the statement.

Nanjing: Bill still faces one more reading

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"That's why (Ontario legislator) Soo Wong and her partners proposed the motion — to engrave the miserable history into Asian-Canadians and remind people how precious peace is."

Wong, the first female Chinese-Canadian to be elected to the Ontario legislature, introduced a bill last year to designate each Dec 13 as Nanjing Massacre Commemoration Day. The bill passed the second reading in December last year and faces a third reading in November or December.

If the bill is passed, Dec 13 will become an official commemorative day in Ontario. Under Canadian federal law, a motion, though nonbinding, shows the official viewpoint of the legislature.

"We firmly believe that the bill will be passed eventually," said Harris Wang, president of the Nanjing Association of Canada, who is working to pass the bill. "No one voted against the motion at the parliament today, and we've collected about 100,000 signatures across Ontario to support the bill.

"The number of people's

signatures keeps increasing," Wang said. "We hope that more Canadians can know the facts about Asia during World War II. We hope that more provinces in Canada and more countries in the world will designate Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day."

According to Wang, some Japanese enterprises, communities and lawmakers have lobbied against the bill.

Zhang Sheng, a history professor with Nanjing University, said that not only Chinese people fell victims to the Japanese troops, but also people

from many countries, including the United States, Britain and Denmark.

"Though UNESCO added the Nanjing Massacre to the Memory of the World Register in 2015, not many people know about it compared with Auschwitz concentration camp and the Hiroshima bombing," Zhang said.

Wu Lisong, a lecturer at Nanjing University's school of history, said: "I believe that anyone who visits the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall will be shocked at what they see. Commemorating the victims of the massacre not only

Stoic audience of two



Two statues appear to watch as a visitor takes a selfie on Thursday wearing a beard used as a prop in Peking Opera performances at Fanning Opera Village in Beijing. The 4th Contemporary Little Theater Opera Art Festival opened at the village on the same day and will continue until early January. SUN RUIBO/XINHUA