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Dear Readers

Every New Year, people make new resolutions, but this year is a bit different because we are still in the midst of a period of pandemic, and several important events, such as the Winter Olympics, will be celebrated during the second anniversary of the first lockdown in Wuhan.

In this issue, we recommend that you consider entering 2022 with a commitment to improving your health, and we provide five ways that regular exercise can lead to a happier, healthier you. Everyone benefits from exercise, regardless of age, sex or physical ability.

Doing exercise is critical to boost your wellness, increase your ability to handle stress and improve your mood. As Joseph Shumway mentions in his article, regular exercise will give you more energy and add years to your life, and for patients seeking improvements to their health, he usually has just one simple suggestion...just exercise.

The first real battle against Omicron in China is happening in Tianjin, but as long as rapid tracing of the origin of the new viral chain is conducted and effective measures are put in place, the outbreak is expected to be extinguished before the Spring Festival and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, which are only few weeks away.

It is probable that imported goods are the source of infection. As the Omicron virus has spread over three generations in the community, Tianjin's COVID-19 cases will increase rapidly. Omicron has fought the human immunological system and won. According to some experts, it is groundless to say that the new variant is causing relatively minor symptoms compared to previous strains, or Omicron is just "enhanced influenza."

This month, we also discuss this year's trends in marketing. Mobile commerce will drive over 50% of e-commerce sales in 2022, which means that e-commerce shopping won't be the same as it is today. Some significant trends will shape the future of this industry. We will see the market fluctuating between many e-commerce giants.

You have probably also seen in many movies and read in many novels that one can't control one's feelings and emotions. Well, this is not entirely true anymore. Technology has made it possible to monitor and control your feelings and emotions with the help of apps and gadgets. The surge in the market for such products will reach \$56 billion by the year 2024. Read more in our Tech section.

Finally, we also suggest reading our economy article, which explains that technological innovations will play a central role in tackling climate change and achieving decarbonization goals in China and the whole world, while further stepping up market transformation and upgrades. China's exploration and utilization of renewable energy remains the world's first so far, laying a strong foundation for the country's transition to green and low-carbon energy.

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TIANJIN NEWS

TIANJIN LOWERS COSTS OF COVID-19 NUCLEIC ACID TESTS



China's National Healthcare Security Administration has instructed public hospitals to further decrease the price of conducting COVID-19 nucleic acid tests. Hospitals in 30 provincial-level regions have lowered prices from 60 yuan per person for a single test to 40 yuan or less, according to the administration. The price for testing a group of 10 people should be no more than 10 yuan per person, the administration said. People in Tianjin will pay 40 yuan for a single nucleic acid test and 9 yuan for a group test.

TIANJIN OMICRON CASE IMPORTED FROM EUROPE



Tianjin Centre for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed its first case of the Omicron coronavirus variant in the city, the first on the Chinese mainland. The patient, who was asymptomatic, came from a European country, said Gu Qing, the head of the centre. Gu declined to name the country. The person arrived on December 9th. Authorities identified the Omicron variant through genome sequencing of samples collected from the patient at a designated hospital. The centre confirmed that the infection was the Omicron variant B.1.1.529.

PARTS OF TIANJIN METRO LINE 4 AND LINE 6 OPENED FOR INITIAL OPERATION



Approved by the Tianjin Municipal People's Government, the southern section of Tianjin Metro Line 4 (Southeast Corner Station-Xinxingcun Station), the second phase of Line 6 (Lushuidao Station-Xianshui) Guxi Station), the two lines will be officially opened for initial operation on December 28, 2021. After its opening, Tianjin's rail transit network will increase to 265 kilometers, the number of operating stations will increase to 164, and the number of transfer stations will increase to 19.

TIANJIN BINHAI NEW AREA TO SPEARHEAD CHINA'S MEDICAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT



By 2025, the Binhai New Area in Tianjin will cultivate industry clusters worth tens of billions of yuan that are dedicated to pharmaceuticals, biotech, medical devices, diagnostics and modern Chinese medicine. The annual business revenues of the biomedical industry in Binhai are expected to reach 100 billion yuan by 2025. Binhai has issued comprehensive favourable policy packages concerning all innovative elements involved, including financial instruments and

support to cultivate innovation-driven enterprises, facilitate turning scientific vision into products, protect intellectual property, attract qualified human resources and improve public services.

TIANJIN PORT TO BUILD WORLD'S FIRST "ZERO-CARBON" SMART TERMINAL



The world's first smart green energy system for zero-carbon terminal was successfully connected to the grid at the Second Container Terminal of Tianjin Port. COSCO SHIPPING Tianjin, as the integrated solution provider, project investor and operator of the zero-carbon smart terminal, was invited to attend the grid connection ceremony. Compared with traditional terminals, the "zero-carbon" terminal is powered by wind and photovoltaic energy, achieving zero carbon emission in energy consumption and production.

FINANCE

UNIONPAY DEBUTS 'MOBILE PHONE AS POS PRODUCT' OVERSEAS



UnionPay International has debuted its "mobile phone as POS product" in overseas markets, facilitating better

payment acceptance by small businesses. Merchants can simply download a designated app onto a smartphone, complete the registration and review it online before the service is activated. Costs will be greatly reduced and additional hardware is not required. Hong Kong fintech firm SPECTRA Technologies, Malaysia's AmBank Group and payment company Soft Space became the first group of organizations to provide this service to their merchants.

PBOC TO CUT RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO FOR SECOND TIME THIS YEAR



China's central bank said it would cut the amount of cash that banks must hold in reserve, its second such move this year, releasing 1.2 trillion yuan in long-term liquidity to bolster slowing economic growth. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) said on its website it would cut the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) for banks by 50 basis points (bps), effective from December 15th.

XIAOMI TO OPEN CAR PLANT IN BEIJING WITH ANNUAL OUTPUT OF 300,000 VEHICLES



Chinese smartphone giant Xiaomi Corp will build a plant that can produce 300,000 vehicles annually in Beijing for its electric vehicle unit. The plant will be constructed in two

phases, and Xiaomi will also build its auto unit's headquarters, sales and research offices in the Beijing Economic and Technological Development Zone, the government-backed economic development agency Beijing E-Town said on its official WeChat account. Beijing E-Town said it anticipated the plant reaching mass production in 2024.

CHINA GIVES LONG-AWAITED APPROVAL TO BOEING 737 MAX AFTER CRASHES



Chinese authorities have approved the Boeing 737 MAX to resume service, removing a major uncertainty surrounding the American aviation giant's comeback after a lengthy slump. The move by the Civil Aviation Administration of China sets the stage for the jet to return to airline schedules in the country in 2022. Shares of Boeing rocketed after the decision, which also clears the way for it to deliver more than 100 MAX aircraft to Chinese carriers that were produced during the more than two years the plane was grounded in China following two deadly crashes.

WECHAT OPENS EXTERNAL LINKS TO ALIBABA AND OTHER RIVALS



WeChat will allow more links and content from third-parties to open

directly within user chats, in response to China's push for interoperability among Big Tech companies and after a recent ban on app upgrades by the company. In one-to-one chats, external links can be opened directly, WeChat said. Users will also be able to open shopping links shared from external platforms in WeChat's group chats "on the basis of ensuring security and user experience", Tencent said in an announcement on its official account.

WECHAT BANS ADVERTISEMENTS FOR OFF-CAMPUS TRAINING FACILITIES



WeChat has banned promotional content from after-school training institutions for primary and middle school students, as well as preschool children. The move is its latest response to the nation's tougher rules on off-campus training that aim to ease the burden of students. Content promising to improve students' test scores quickly is often regarded as "spreading anxiety in education." Offering off-campus training in subject or non-subject categories via WeChat is also banned by the app, according to a guide released by WeChat. Chinese, foreign languages (English, Japanese, Russian), history, geography, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, and morality and law are classified as subject categories, in line with the state's course offering rules during the compulsory education period.

2021 WORLD TOP 500 BRAND INCLUDES 44 BRANDS FROM CHINA

The 18th edition of the World's 500 Most Influential Brands list, compiled



by World Brand Lab, was released on December 7th, 2021, in New York. With its excellent market performance and strong business growth, Google tops the list, defeating Amazon, which fell to second place due to its lower-than-expected results during the pandemic. Microsoft retained its third place. The U.S. topped the list, at 198, retaining its position as a global brand superpower. France, Japan, China, and the U.K. boast 48, 46, 44, and 37 brands on the list, respectively, while Germany, Switzerland, and Italy make up the third tier of brand powerhouses.

OVER 80% OF PRIVATE TUTORING INSTITUTIONS SHUT DOWN



China's tightening scrutiny on curriculum-based private tutoring has made significant progress with more than 80% of online and offline private tutoring institutions closed. Off-line training institutions have been reduced by 83.8%, while the online groups have been cut by 84.1%. Some of the remaining training institutions have been repurposed as non-profit institutions, implementing government-guided prices and providing public welfare services; those that are not suitable for non-profit operations will be further written off.

LAW & POLICY

GREAT NEWS! CHINA EXTENDS TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR EXPATRIATES TO 2023



Expatriates working in China can enjoy preferential tax policies for income from certain benefits and compensation for one more year until the end of 2023 as part of the country's broader tax incentives to boost domestic spending. The Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration Friday announced the extension of the tax exemption for foreign expatriates' fringe benefits — additional perks offered by employers to people working abroad including subsidies on rent, language training and children's education. The exemption, offered since Jan. 1, 2019, was originally set to expire at the end of 2022.

PILOT PROGRAM AIMS TO ATTRACT MORE FOREIGNERS



China's latest pilot program to improve its business climate entails more measures to attract foreign investment and talent, including streamlining job certification, more efficient mechanisms to settle legal disputes and making it easier to enrol children in school. The program, rolled out in a policy document issued by the State Council recently, outlined a host of measures to upgrade business-related

administrative services in six cities—Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

LAND PORT CITIES BANNED FROM ACCEPTING CROSS-PROVINCE TOURISTS



Travel agencies and online booking platforms are banned from providing cross-province tour services to China's land port cities, China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism announced. Bookings for flight tickets and hotel combos in those cities are also forbidden, but in cities connected to Hong Kong and Macao it will be allowed. The policy will be effective till March 15th, 2022. "Any provinces or cities defined as medium- and high-risk virus areas must suspend cross-province tours immediately," the ministry ordered.

KINDERGARTENS TO BE SUSPENDED IF THEY ABUSE CHILDREN



Kindergartens will have no chance of passing the annual inspection conducted by educational authorities once they are found abusing children or imposing corporal punishments on them. Those whose heads and teachers don't possess required qualifications are required to rectify as well. Any acts of child abuse or physical punishment will give the kindergarten no chance of passing the annual inspection. The inspection is the precondition for operation, with

people involved to be held accountable by law, said the plan.

CHINA TO BAN EMPLOYERS ASKING ABOUT PREGNANCY



China will ban employers from stating gender preferences in job ads or asking female applicants about their marital and pregnancy status under a proposed overhaul of an almost three-decades-old women's rights law. The nation's top legislative body has begun reviewing a draft amendment to the Women's Rights and Interests Protection Law. The legislation was in its first reading before the National People's Congress Standing Committee and could pass as soon as next year.

OVERSEAS ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE ONLINE RELIGIOUS INFO SERVICES IN CHINA



Overseas organizations and individuals are not allowed to operate online religious information services within the Chinese territory, according to new measures jointly enacted by five departments. Any Chinese organization or individual that operates online religious information services should submit application to provincial religious affairs departments.

LOCAL COMPANIES SEEKING OVERSEAS LISTINGS FACE NEW REGULATION



China released a set of draft rules on Friday that require local companies seeking overseas listings to register with the domestic securities regulator, in a key step to help local firms enter global capital markets in a well-regulated manner. Chinese companies using the special ownership structure of a variable interest entity will continue to be allowed to get listed overseas as long as they comply with domestic laws and regulations and complete the registration, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said after releasing the new rules.

CHINA IN THE WORLD

CHINA APPROVES FIRST NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODY THERAPY IN ADULTS, TEENAGERS



China's medical products regulator has said it has approved the use of Brie Biosciences' neutralizing antibody cocktail for COVID-19, the first treatment of its type against the virus given the go-ahead in the country. The combination of BR11-196/BR11-198 showed a 78% reduction of hospitalization and death in non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients at high risk of developing severe disease in a Phase III clinical trial, Brie said in October.

BEIJING BANS FIREWORKS THROUGHOUT CITY FROM 2022



Beijing's municipal authorities has banned the use of fireworks throughout the city from January 2022. With the ban, fireworks will not be available to purchase at retail outlets in the city during the Spring Festival holiday of 2022, the office of the Beijing municipal fireworks safety management coordination group announced. The ban, however, will not cover the Universal Beijing Resort, which will be permitted to stage fireworks displays approved by police authorities, the office said.

MORE TOILETS FOR FEMALE, SAYS CHINA'S NEW LAW DRAFT



problem has been a thorn in the side for most women around the world for a long time. However, there is some good news for women in China as the central government has recently released a draft revision of the Law on the Protection of Women's Rights and Interests stipulating that local governments at all levels should ensure that public venues have more women's toilets than men's, as well as a reasonable number of public facilities such as maternity and infant rooms.

EXERCISE IS CRITICAL TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

DO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REGULARLY AND 2022 WILL BE AN AMAZING YEAR

Dr Joseph Shumway

As 2022 comes with new opportunities and challenges, consider entering the new year with a commitment to improving your health. We all know exercise is good for you, but do you know how good? From boosting wellness and increasing your ability to handle stress to improving your mood, exercise is critical.

For patients who come to me seeking improvements to their health, I usually have just one simple suggestion...just exercise. Regular exercise will give you more energy and add years to your life.

The health benefits of regular exercise and physical activity are hard to ignore. Everyone benefits from exercise, regardless of age, sex or physical ability.

Need more convincing? Some powerful benefits are available to those who exercise. Here are five ways that regular exercise can lead to a happier, healthier you.

1. AVOIDING EXCESS WEIGHT GAIN OR HELPING MAINTAIN WEIGHT LOSS.

When you engage in physical activity, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn.

Regular trips to the gym are great, but don't worry if you can't find a large chunk of time to exercise every day. Any amount of activity is better than none at all. To reap the benefits of exercise, just get more active throughout your day—take the stairs instead of the elevator, or rev up your household chores. Consistency is key.

2. PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE AND DISABILITY

Heart disease and high blood pressure are common, and they take years of life from many people. No matter what your current weight is, being active boosts high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, the "good" cholesterol, and

it decreases unhealthy triglycerides. Exercise improves your blood profile and keeps your blood flowing smoothly, which decreases your risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Regular exercise helps prevent or manage many health problems and concerns, including:

- Stroke
- Onset of Alzheimer's
- Metabolic syndrome
- High blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Many types of cancer
- Arthritis
- Falls

3. IMPROVED MOOD AND WELL-BEING, AND INCREASED RESILIENCE

Are you in need of an emotional lift? Have you experienced a stressful week? A gym session or brisk walk can help





improve your mood. Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier, more in control, more relaxed and less anxious. When you exercise regularly, your confidence and your self-esteem will also be boosted. Having a positive mood will benefit not only you but everyone around you.

4. BETTER SLEEP.

Do you struggle to get a good night's sleep. Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and get better, more restful sleep. Just don't exercise too close to bedtime, or you may be too energized to go to sleep.

5. BENEFITS TO YOUR SEX LIFE.

Regular physical activity can improve energy levels and increase your confidence about your appearance and stamina. This will boost your sex life.

But there's even more to it than that. Regular physical activity enhances sexual arousal for women. And

men who exercise regularly are less likely to have problems with erectile dysfunction than are men who don't exercise.

STICK WITH IT

Physical activity can be enjoyable. Exercise can give you a chance to unwind, enjoy the outdoors or simply engage in activities that make you happy. But keep in mind that like most healthy habits, it may take several weeks for you to see all of these benefits.

For most healthy adults, here are some useful exercise guidelines:

Aerobic activity: Get at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity a week, or a combination of moderate and vigorous activity. The guidelines suggest that you spread out this exercise over the course of a week. To provide even greater health benefit and to assist with weight loss

or maintaining weight loss, at least 300 minutes a week is recommended. But even small amounts of physical activity are helpful. Being active for short periods of time throughout the day can add up to provide health benefits.

Strength training. Do strength training exercises for all major muscle groups at least two times a week. Aim to do a single set of each exercise using a weight or resistance level heavy enough to tire your muscles after about 12 to 15 repetitions.

Remember to check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program, especially if you have any concerns about your fitness, haven't exercised for a long time, have chronic health problems, such as heart disease or diabetes.

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Physical activity can also help you connect with family or friends in a fun social setting. Be creative in adding exercise to your life. Find a tennis partner, find a hiking trail or join a sports team. Find a physical activity you enjoy, and just do it. Bored? Try something new, or do something with friends or family. **E**



Dr Joseph Shumway

TIANJIN FACES THE FIRST BATTLE AGAINST OMICRON IN CHINA

Tianjin recently started massive nucleic acid testing, ramping up a swift response to the new Omicron variant after the city detected 20 COVID-19 infections in a single day, with two identified as carrying the new variant.

Epidemiologists said this is the first real battle against Omicron on the Chinese mainland as domestically-transmitted cases linked to the strain were discovered in local communities for the first time. The sudden outbreak also put adjacent Beijing on alert, creating huge uncertainty and high possibility of a spill over as the source of the outbreak remains unknown. But epidemiologists gave assurance that as long as rapid tracing of the origin of the new viral chain is conducted and effective measures are put in place, the outbreak is expected to be extinguished before the Spring Festival and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, which are only few weeks away.

Within a day, Tianjin reported another 20 people who tested positive for COVID-19, all from Jinnan District. They were sent to hospitals for further diagnosis and treatment, but it is not clear whether they were infected with the Omicron variant.

Tianjin did, however, find two locally transmitted cases involving the Omicron variant which were identified among individuals who volunteered to be tested. A further 18 cases were found in follow-up tests of high-risk groups. The Tianjin municipal government said the two cases were part of the same transmission chain, but are not linked with the imported Omicron case detected in December, 2021, in the city.

The two Omicron infected individuals had not travelled outside the city recently, and it remains unknown whether the other 18 residents are also carrying the Omicron variant.

Among the 20 infected people, 15 are children aged between 8 and 13. The cases are concentrated in Tianjin's Jinnan and Nankai districts. A residential building in a compound in Jinnan was designated for high-risk of transmissions, while three





other residential buildings in this compound and two buildings in another compound are designated for medium-risk.

Authorities have requested residents not leave Tianjin unless it is necessary. Those who have to leave should have a negative nucleic acid test result valid within 48 hours, as well as green health codes, and they should seek approval from their employers or communities.

The city also strengthened checks on residents traveling to Beijing, setting up check points and special channels at highways and transportation stations.

THE FIGHT AGAINST OMICRON

To ensure public safety and prevent Omicron from spreading further, residents in the city are required to remain in place and undergo nucleic acid testing. The city-wide testing began at 7 a.m. on Sunday, January 9th, and was expected to be completed within 24 hours, according to a notice from the city's anti-epidemic command centre.

As of Saturday, January 8th, Tianjin had quarantined 75,680 people. Among 70 environment tests, 14 were positive, and two detected the virus in elevators within residential buildings.



Tianjin municipal government has said that it will update nucleic acid test information of fever clinics every two hours, reflecting the city's impressively efficient and organized way of dealing with the outbreak.

The health code of residents who don't receive a nucleic acid test within 24 hours will be changed to orange, which means the person is restricted from entering public places, including subway and buses. Residents who have been vaccinated within the preceding 48 hours will not participate in the test, the command centre confirmed.

The anti-epidemic command centre said at an urgent meeting on Sunday, January 9th, which also included city Party chief, Li Hongzhong, and mayor, Liao Guoxun, that mass testing must be carried out rapidly to fulfil the responsibility of Tianjin as a "moat" for Beijing and contain the epidemic at the fastest rate and the lowest cost. Mass testing will allow officials to gain a better understanding of the current landscape and ensure the safety and health of residents, the command centre said.

Based on the patients and viral transmission chain, the virus has spread across three generations among the newly confirmed 18 infections, suggesting that the virus probably has circulated among the community for a certain period of time, Zhang Ying, a Deputy Director of the Municipal Health Commission, said at a press conference recently. More positive infections are expected to be uncovered, Zhang said.

Affected by the flare-up, subway lines one and six will be partially closed, starting from Sunday, January 9th. Tianjin Binhai International Airport has cancelled 144 flights.

Preparing for a potential lockdown, some people rushed to markets to snap up food. On Sunday, January 9th, some supermarkets were full of people at 7 a.m., with the queue stretching 200 metres. Most vegetables were sold out early that morning, and the delivery service for nearby market was suspended.

Tianjin's bureau of commerce issued a notice saying that current vegetable stocks are enough to feed the city for three to four days; stocks of rice, flour and edible oil in Tianjin are able to meet 30 days of demand.

Tianjin University and Nankai University, both with branches in Jinnan district, have imposed restrictions on leaving and entering their campuses. Tianjin University notified students that it has postponed final examinations until next semester.

As Omicron-infected domestically-transmitted cases were discovered in local communities for the first time in China, and huge uncertainty exists since the source of the current



outbreak remains unknown, this is the first real battle against the Omicron variant in China. It is probable that imported goods are the source of infection. If the Omicron virus has spread over three generations in the community, Tianjin's COVID-19 cases will increase rapidly.

Zhang Wenhong, a leading infectious diseases expert, said that after researching the medical imaging of the new variant, he felt it was safe to say that Omicron has fought the human immunological system and won. He thinks it is groundless that some Chinese self-media are saying that the new variant is causing relatively minor symptoms compared to previous strains, and he also doesn't agree that Omicron is just "enhanced influenza."

BEIJING ON ALERT

The Tianjin outbreak poses a high risk to Beijing due to the large number of people who commute between the two cities. The Beijing Centre for Disease Control and Prevention has suggested that people in Beijing should not visit Tianjin, and those in Tianjin should refrain from travelling to the capital. Commuters between Tianjin and Beijing, estimated at around 100,000, are encouraged to work from home.

Anyone in Beijing who has visited the Jinnan and Nankai districts of Tianjin since December 23, 2021, will be subject to home quarantine and will be tested. Others who have travelled to Tianjin since the date mentioned above are asked to report to

local community officials, immediately.

An employee from a nucleic acid testing point in Beijing's Chaoyang district said that demand for testing had spiked. Many Beijing residents that have been to Tianjin recently volunteered to take a test after hearing what happened in Tianjin. A negative test reassures not only themselves, but their families and colleagues. They also plan to stay at home for several days so as not to cause trouble for the public.

Entry checkpoints from Tianjin to Beijing have implemented heightened epidemic inspection protocols. Commuters are being asked to contact their employers and communities and sign a letter of commitment before they are allowed to enter Beijing. Many vehicles and people have been persuaded to return. Some residents who returned to Beijing from Tianjin over recent days have been asked to quarantine at home. The inter-city train between Tianjin and Beijing is operating normally as of press time.

The coronavirus is more likely to cause an outbreak and infection during winter, which is why China is seeing more frequent outbreaks at the moment. It is important to identify the source of an outbreak and the timeframe of infection as soon as possible.

A city-wide nucleic acid testing is the quickest way to find cases and prevent further spreading. The virus has four to five dormant days. It remains unknown how long the virus has been circulating in Tianjin, and it is possible that it has already spilled over into other provinces.

Experts are confident about China's current dynamic zero-COVID strategy, saying that Beijing and other cities are on high alert in regard to Tianjin and flare-ups occurring elsewhere, and that the outbreak in Tianjin will not breach the capital.

They have said that although it is only three weeks until China's Spring Festival, if they can pinpoint the source and take corresponding measures, the outbreak in Tianjin will be extinguished in time. **B**



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CHINA SET TO LEAD IN CARBON NEUTRALITY WITH INNOVATION

China is expected to take the lead in achieving carbon neutrality worldwide, not only because the country has taken the helm in renewable energy installed capacity, but also due to the government's relentless efforts in technological innovation, industry experts said.

With its goals to peak carbon emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060, China will be the main battlefield for massive technological innovation and application scenarios, said Zou Ji, CEO and President of Energy Foundation China.

The technological innovations will play a central role in tackling climate change and achieving decarbonization

goals in China and the whole world, while further stepping up market transformation and upgrades.

China's exploration and utilization of renewable energy remains the world's first so far, laying a strong foundation for the country's transition to green and low-carbon energy.

China's installed clean energy capacity reported rapid growth in the January-

China's Path to Carbon Neutrality

Projected percent share of non-fossil fuels in China's total energy consumption



Sources: Tsinghua University, Bloomberg



statista

November period in 2020, with the country's installed wind power capacity soaring 29% year-on-year to 300 million kilowatts and its solar power capacity reaching 290 million kW, up 24.1% from a year earlier, the National Energy Administration said.

Utilizing technological innovation to support energy conservation and reduce emissions is increasingly recognized as an indispensable tool in achieving carbon neutrality, said He Kebin, deputy director of the National Experts Committee on Ecological Protection, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, and a professor with the School of

Environment at Tsinghua University.

"China has technological advantages in wind and solar power, and its advantages in ultra-high voltage power transmission might also contribute to global carbon neutrality," said He.

The gradual increase of renewable energy, including wind, solar, hydro and nuclear power, and the fading need for fossil fuels boost technological innovation in China and support the nation in providing more solutions in the sphere, he added.

However, as the country's carbon emissions in sectors including thermal power, steel and cement have been

growing rapidly during the past three decades, achieving carbon peak and neutrality still requires a lot of effort, experts said.

Zhang Qiang, a professor with the Department of Earth System Science of Tsinghua University, said the challenge for carbon neutrality in China still exists, as thermal power, steel and cement sectors, which have supported economic and social development during the past 30 years, have also brought about massive carbon emissions.

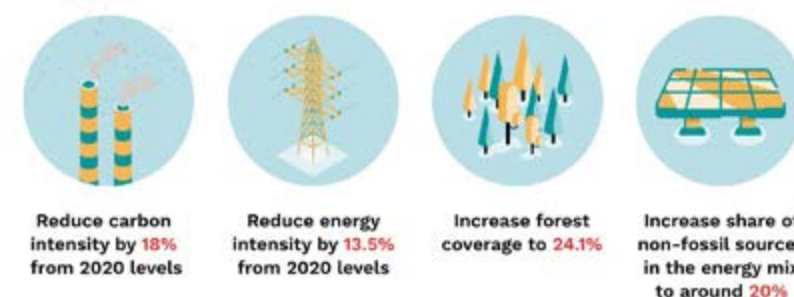
Thermal power, for example, still has new capacities in the country's energy bases including Shanxi and Shaanxi provinces, the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, as well as coastal regions in East China, Zhang said during a recent release of a report on global energy infrastructure carbon emissions by the Tsinghua University Institute for Carbon Neutrality in Beijing.

He said that governments should reverse the inertia of investment in high-carbon energy infrastructure, while accelerating the upgrade and orderly phasing out of energy infrastructure, improving technology and efficiency to lower the intensity of carbon emissions.

Zhang also suggests the increase of research and development of emerging low-carbon technologies, demonstration and application of hydrogen steelmaking, and carbon capture, utilization and storage to push forward the development of renewable energy. **B**

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The Five Year Plan's climate-related targets for 2025



China has already set these climate-related goals





ECONOMIC STABILITY TO BE FOCUS IN 2022

Economic stability will be the top priority of China's policymakers next year, as they are expected to roll out supportive measures ahead of schedule to shore up growth against strong headwinds and will likely set 5% as the bottom line for GDP growth for 2022, experts said.

Policymakers will intensify fiscal spending to boost domestic demand and increase infrastructure investment and are likely to fine-tune regulatory measures in the energy sector to stabilize production and growth, they said.

China's top leadership acknowledged that the country is facing threefold pressure from contraction of demand, supply shocks and weaker expectations, and it pledged to safeguard economic stability amid rising domestic and external challenges at the tone-setting annual Central Economic Work Conference.

Top policymakers at the meeting

decided that supportive policies should be implemented ahead of schedule, and all regions and departments should actively roll out policies conducive to economic stability, according to a statement released after the meeting.

Experts said that the emphasis on economic stability signals that China will pursue a more pro-growth policy to avoid deep economic slowdown, as the world's second-largest economy is likely to face strong downward pressure in the first half of next year before rebounding in the second half.

Most economists agreed that setting a reasonable growth target for next year is important for the government to better anchor the weakened market expectations. Policy support needs to be further intensified, because the Chinese economy may continue to be threatened by weaker growth of consumption and investment, disruptions of the supply chain,

resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative spill over effect of developed economies exiting their ultra-loose policies, they said.

Zhang Lianqi, a member of the Standing Committee of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, China's top political advisory body, said China may set next year's GDP growth target at around 5.5% year-on-year, with 5% growth expected to be the bottom line.

The key economic meeting also stressed the importance of strengthening policy coordination, sticking with a systemic approach and improving policy effectiveness, which were seen as signs that policymakers will work to avoid any negative effect of its regulatory policies that could weigh on economic growth, experts said.

Source: China Daily



EVERGRANDE SHAREHOLDER CHINESE ESTATES SHELVES PLANS TO GO PRIVATE

Chinese Estates Holdings, a major stakeholder in embattled developer China Evergrande, said its plans to go private had fallen through as its shareholders had rejected the proposal.

The company, which is the third-largest shareholder of Evergrande, received a proposal to be taken private from the British Virgin Islands-based company for US\$245.30 million in early October.

Chinese Estates, however, said the proposal did not pass in a shareholder vote that took place earlier in the day.

The company also said it had made an application to resume trade on the Hong Kong stock exchange from December 20th.

Chinese Estates owned about 4.7% of Evergrande's equity capital as of September 27th, according to Refinitiv Eikon data.

The company has mandated a sale of all or part of the remaining Evergrande stake either on the market or through block trades.

Evergrande, which has more than US\$300 billion in liabilities, missed a debt payment deadline last week, putting it at risk of becoming the country's biggest defaulter.

Source: The Business Times





MEITUAN PLANS FOR DRONES TO DELIVER MEALS TO CUSTOMERS IN SHENZHEN BY 2022

On-demand service provider Meituan aims to be the first company in China's southern tech hub of Shenzhen to officially deliver orders to customers using drones, after kicking off a trial run in the city's commercial district.

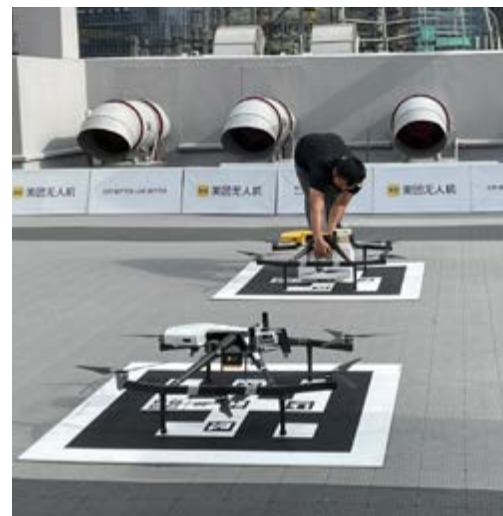
Meituan's application to introduce a drone delivery service, submitted in September, is currently under review by aviation authorities, Mao Yinian, head of the company's drone delivery unit, said in an interview. The process usually takes one to two years, and the company expects to receive the green light in 2022, Mao said.

The Beijing-based company is also working closely with other relevant authorities to comply with various rules and regulations, including the Public Security Bureau, which manages safety issues, and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, which oversees hardware and telecommunications, said Mao.

Shenzhen, which was chosen by Beijing to spearhead the country's reform of low-altitude aviation policies, is likely to become the first city in the world to commercialise the use of drones in logistics operations, according to Mao.

Meituan launched a trial run to use drones to deliver meals within a 3 km radius around Shenzhen Longgang Galaxy Coco Park, a shopping and office complex in the eastern part of the city. It followed seven similar tests conducted in residential areas across the city earlier this year.

Users who want to receive their food from a drone can place their orders with eligible merchants through the Meituan app. A rider would take the meal from the restaurant to a drone, parked on the rooftop of the Coco Park mall. The drone would then fly to an "M-port"—a booth that functions as a landing spot—where people can collect their orders by entering a passcode.



"We still have a shortage of riders, especially during rush hours such as lunchtime," Mao said. "Drone delivery still needs the support of riders, and it will be a supplement to our network of riders. It's impossible for drones to replace human beings."

Source: South China Morning Post



CHINA WILLING TO STRENGTHEN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TIES WITH THE WORLD

President Xi Jinping has expressed China's willingness to strengthen scientific and technological exchanges and cooperation with scientists and international organizations from all over the world, saying joint promotion of the development of global scientific progress will benefit mankind.

In a congratulatory letter sent to the opening of the Greater Bay Science Forum 2021 in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, Xi said the world is undergoing changes unseen in a century and global technological innovation has intensified and become more active.

A new period of scientific and technological revolution and industrial reform is having a profound impact on the global economic structure, he added.

Xi called for strengthening research on major scientific issues, facilitating breakthroughs to overcome scientific technological obstacles and deepening collaboration on key scientific projects.

He said the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area should focus on the strategic

positioning of building an international scientific and technological innovation highland and promote development of emerging industries.

The Greater Bay Science Forum 2021, with the theme of "Exploring the Future, Sharing Scientific Achievement", brought together leading scientists and international scientific organizations to discuss the global trend of scientific development and its implications for the future.

Zhao Yuliang, an academican of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said the Greater Bay Science Forum 2021 will influence the future of scientific and technological innovation in the entire Greater Bay Area.

"A very important factor of scientific and technological innovation is the exchange of talent and resource flow," said Zhao, who is also director of the National Centre for Nanoscience and Technology.

Source: China Daily





MAJOR TUNNEL IN JIANGSU OPENS TO TRAFFIC

China's longest underwater tunnel which runs for 10.79 km has recently opened to traffic in southern Jiangsu province as part of the Suzhou-Wuxi-Changzhou South Expressway, linking some of the nation's most prosperous city clusters.

The project, acting as the second Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway, traverses Taihu Lake from underneath and has a total investment of 15.91 billion yuan. Input for the Wuxi-Changzhou section was 10.37 billion yuan.

The transport artery can lift the capabilities of Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway by linking with the cities of Suzhou, Wuxi and Changzhou and offering a new engine to boost the progress of the Yangtze River Delta region, said Song Heng, a publicity official with State-owned China Tiesiju Civil Engineering Group (CTCE), a builder of the tunnel.

It is incredible for most people to think of the expressway crossing underneath Taihu Lake, he said, adding that the length and width of the tunnel exceeds the underwater

tunnel of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, becoming an ultra-wide and ultra-long underwater tunnel in China.

He said using a weir-building method for the massive project and controlling the construction period within three years put a mountainous task before CTCE builders. This meant cutting open the "belly" of the lake with a large-section structure to prevent any water leakage and conducting ant-like transport of lake earth and silt to exterior regions in large quantities.

They also needed to manage the unified sedimentation of pouring bulk concrete, flood control during the main wet season and protecting the water environment, Song said, noting that all were

accomplished under the prerequisite of creating a national model.

"The main features of our success include our technical prowess which safeguarded this ultra-long and ultra-wide underwater tunnel in China. It traversed Taihu Lake with one tunnel almost 11 km long. We have to consider green construction aimed at water body protection, and easier travel for nearby residents upon operation," Song said.

Taihu Lake, China's third biggest freshwater lake, is located in the Yangtze River Delta. It spans Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces, and is surrounded by the cities of Wuxi, Huzhou, Yixing and Suzhou. It covers an area of 2,427.8 square km, and has a coastline of 393.2 km.

The No 3 section of the tunnel built by CTCE enters the lake from Wuxi's Binhu district and has a total length of 5.73 km. CTCE builders needed to dig 5.53 million square metres of earth, handle backfilling earthwork of 3.36 million square metres, pour 1.22 million square metres of concrete and use 160,000 metric tons of rebar and 620,000 metres of Larsen SP-IVw steel sheet piles.

When they finished building the tunnel, they garnered 10 invention patents, including one from Germany, Fei said.

In January 2018, Fei's colleagues rushed to the worksite to take up the job, and decided to create a "remarkable project" by adhering to a "green" construction concept

throughout the entire process, minimizing its impact on the environment.

They have been working hard on construction organization, clean energy and protecting the ecology of the waters, and made all this possible by sticking to their mechanization, informatization and greening tool kits, Cai said.

The project management department developed and utilized an information-based "electric wave" to safeguard the process, monitor weather and conduct real-time dynamic management over the whole project, thus improving refinements of site management and raising work efficiency of managerial staff.

As the tunnel opened to traffic on December 30th, residents in Wuxi no longer need to transit the northern part of the city for external travel. To be more specific, by traveling through the Taihu Tunnel, it takes people about just 10 minutes to drive from the city proper to Mashan.

During the drive, riders can enjoy the scenery along the way. Further west, Yixing Bamboo Forest, Changzhou Dinosaur Park at Playland Valley, Maoshan Mountain in Jurong and other scenic spots are easily accessible. **E**

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CONTROL HOW YOU FEEL WITH THESE WEARABLE DEVICES

You have probably seen in many movies and read in many novels that one can't control one's feelings and emotions. Well, this is not entirely true anymore. Technology has made it possible to monitor and control your feelings and emotions with the help of Apps and Gadgets.

Many apps and gadgets on the market are used to monitor blood pressure, heart rhythm, general health, and mental health. Colour-changing wristbands are used to monitor the mental health of patients with mental disorders, such as bipolar disorder. The change of colour indicates the current mental condition of the patient. These devices allow you to get help for the patient in time to avoid any unpleasant events.

Many of these are very popular among people who are conscious about their weight and fitness. Many innovative and cutting-edge start-ups are focusing their energies on this industry. With COVID-19, people are facing many mental health challenges, opening a vast market for such products.

According to Fortune, the surge in the market for such products will reach \$56 billion by the year 2024.

introduced a new feature using a six-second voice sample for early detection of respiratory problems.



DOPPEL

Doppel is a wearable device that attaches to the inner side of your wrist, like a watch. It uses your body's natural responses to monitor and change your mood. The device uses a high and low rhythm that can be set by the user to be more alert or relaxed. It is similar to using music to uplift your mood. The data is linked to the smartphone app for better management.



person through their heart rhythm but also gives real-time coaching tips, guided meditations, and journaling opportunities. The app helps users to decrease stress and increase resilience, enhancing overall emotional health. The app is highly popular and has recently been made available in six different languages.



HAPBEE

Hapbee is a wearable device that resembles a band or a ring that can be worn on around neck or forehead. It uses low power electromagnetic signals to produce the desired feeling in your body. These feelings can be set by the user. Low power radio signals can stimulate your body to be happy, alert, focused, calm, or in deep sleep.

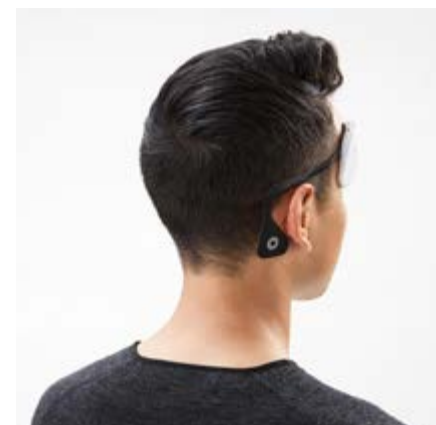


THE FUTURE

The future of emotion-sensing technologies is filled with possibilities, and many aspects are being researched. The emotional aspect of dreams is one such aspect. Facial recognition technology that monitors expressions for the detection of sexual attraction is also being worked on.

These gadgets and apps are vital in the early detection of many disorders, and make managing many conditions easier. But these are not just for unwell people; they are also useful for healthy people in the betterment of their health and well-being. **B**

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THYNC

This device is worn on the back of the head and forehead like a band. It is a simple device that uses an electric current to stimulate the nerves at the back and top of the head. Thync has only two settings, calm and energetic. The device is connected through an app on the smartphone, and these settings can be used through the app.

SONDE HEALTH

This is one of the most amazing apps. It uses your voice as an indicator to predict your emotional state. It can predict mental conditions such as depression, hypertension, sleepiness, and even respiratory issues. A short voice sample can indicate conditions such as asthma and mental disorders. Smartphones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, and smart speakers can be used to provide voice input for monitoring samples for timely detection of health conditions. This improves pre-emptive measures for managing health and well-being.

This app is especially beneficial in the COVID-19 situation. Sonde has

INNER BALANCE

Inner balance is a sensor developed by HeartMath. It can be used with an

FORUM PROMOTES CHINA-ASEAN PARTNERSHIPS



A high-level think tank forum unfolded in Beijing and Haikou, Hainan province, with experts and scholars expressing optimistic views about the prospects of industrial cooperation between Hainan and ASEAN countries.

Tian Xueyuan, professor and member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the industries of Hainan and ASEAN are highly complementary. Tropical agriculture, marine fisheries, tourism and other industries are important for both sides, but the development situations differ. Hainan and ASEAN countries can give full play to both sides' respective advantages to strengthen cooperation, Tian said.

Kong Tuan Yuen, research fellow at the East Asian Institute of National University of Singapore, said

high-efficiency tropical agriculture is an important industry in both Hainan and ASEAN. Agricultural science and technology are a good direction for China-ASEAN cooperation, and Hainan can make good use of its geographical superiority as a test field, Kong said.

Chi Fulin, president of the China Institute for Reform and Development, said the Hainan Free Trade Port is a strategic hub and natural intersection for comprehensive cooperation between China and ASEAN countries. Because of its advantages in geography and its high-level opening policies and institutional arrangements, the Hainan FTP is bound to play a significant role in taking cooperation and exchanges between China and ASEAN to a higher-level and covering

wider areas, Chi said.

In this context, in collaboration with its counterparts the institute proposes to build a think tank alliance, aiming to establish a key cooperation platform that provides intellectual support for economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between China and ASEAN countries.

The forum was jointly organized by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, the China Institute for Reform and Development, the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia and the East Asian Institute of National University of Singapore.

Source: China Daily

CHINESE DEVELOPER SHIMAO'S UNIT TO SELL STAKE IN SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

Chinese developer Shimao Group Holdings said that its unit Fortune Spring Ventures would sell the stake it holds in three special purpose vehicles for US\$267.89 million.

The deal comes as Chinese developers, led by those including Evergrande and Kaisa Group, grapple with liquidity crunches amid tighter regulations.

Shimao said its unit would sell 22.5% of the issued share capital in each of Asia Bright Development, Star Galaxy and Grand Victoria Finance. The three special purpose

vehicles manage and develop a property development project in South West Kowloon, Hong Kong.

It added that the stake sale would provide additional working capital for the group and improve cash flow, while also flagging a possible loss of about HK\$770 million that could be recognised from the disposal.

Shimao was downgraded by two notches by rating agencies Moody's and Fitch, due to the company's increased financing risks.



The company saw sharp falls in its shares and debt earlier this week, triggered by worries over an asset sale and cancelled apartment deals.

Source: The Business Times

NIO LAUNCHES MID-SIZE CAR WITH EYE ON TESLA'S MARKET-LEADING MODEL 3



Chinese smart electric vehicle maker NIO has launched a new mid-size car featuring a "digital cockpit" that is squarely aimed at Tesla's popular Model 3.

The Shanghai-based carmaker also said it aims to have a presence in 25 countries and regions by 2025. After beginning sales in Norway earlier this year, it plans to expand in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark in 2022.

The ET5, priced from 328,000 yuan before subsidy, is expected

to roll off the production line in September 2022. The car comes with PanoCinema, a panoramic and immersive digital cockpit boasting augmented reality and virtual reality technologies, said William Li, co-founder and chief executive of NIO.

The ET5's PanoCinema system is powered by 256-colour curtain ambient lighting and Dolby Atmos 7.1.4 surround sound system, Li said.

NIO is not the first carmaker to meld AR and VR technologies into

an intelligent car, but its move to create an immersive indoor experience with PanoCinema is likely to be a game-changer at a time when a huge screen is seen as the hallmark of a premium intelligent battery-powered vehicle, analysts said.

NIO, which is considered one of the three Chinese challengers to Tesla, delivered 10,878 units to customers in November, after sales fell to a 15-month low the previous month to 3,667 units. The sales pale in comparison to Tesla's deliveries of 31,732 Model 3 and Model Y vehicles on the mainland last month.

Source: South China Morning Post



ONLINE BROKERS NEXT IN CHINA REGULATORY CRACKDOWN



Chinese officials are planning to ban online brokerages such as Futu Holdings and UP Fintech Holding from offering offshore trading services to mainland clients, the latest development in a broad regulatory crackdown that has roiled a wide range of sectors over the past year.

The Nasdaq-listed Chinese firms are two of the biggest players in the sector and a ban would block millions of retail investors in mainland China from trading securities easily in markets such as the United States and Hong Kong.

Concerns over data security and capital outflows are driving the potential ban, sources said.

The looming restrictions come on the heels of a clampdown that has

seen authorities tighten restrictions on a broad scope of companies over the past year, in sectors ranging from technology to education and real estate.

Firms affected by the latest crackdown are likely to be notified of a ban in "the coming months", said one of four sources who spoke with Reuters. All sources declined to be identified as they were not authorised to speak to media.

Futu and UP Fintech are both registered with the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong but that permit does not extend to the mainland. No mainland licence exists for online brokerages specialising in cross-border trades, the sources said.

It flagged in a prospectus for a



follow-on share offering in April that its business could be affected by a change in stance on the part of authorities who have wide discretion in interpreting regulations.

UP Fintech, which is valued at US\$737 million, said it had been following rules laid out by global regulators and would comply with and implement any new rules.

Source – *The Business Times*

NATION TO HELP IMPLEMENT WTO SERVICES TRADE DEAL

China will accelerate procedures and join hands with related parties to push for the final implementation of the landmark services trade deal recently reached at the World Trade Organization, the Ministry of Commerce said.

A total of 67 WTO members, covering about 90% of global trade in services, announced last week the successful conclusion of the negotiations on new disciplines relating to domestic regulation for services, and declared the Joint Statement Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation.

The move aims to slash administrative costs and create a more transparent operating environment for service providers hoping to do business in foreign markets, according to the WTO.

Ratification procedures by the signatory

members of the JSI on Services Domestic Regulation are expected to be finished within 12 months after the announcement, and members will submit specific commitments to incorporate the new disciplines into its existing services trade rules.

After coming into effect, the agreement will save businesses, especially small businesses, some \$150 billion annually in costs, the WTO said.

The new disciplines will lower trade costs for businesses and enhance the global business climate for trade in services, targeting improved licensing and qualification requirements and procedures, as well as increasing the transparency of government regulations.

Experts also said that as the first negotiated agreement on services



at the WTO, the formation of the agreement will boost confidence in multilateralism.

Having already introduced a negative list for cross-border trade in services at the Hainan Free Trade Port, the nation also plans to release a negative list for cross-border trade in services in the pilot free trade zones.

Source: *China Daily*

E-COMMERCE GIANT ALIBABA GROUP PROMISES CARBON NEUTRALITY IN ITS OPERATIONS BY 2030

Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding aims to become carbon neutral in its operations by 2030, it announced.

It is the latest technology giant to make a solid commitment to supporting the country's 2060 net-zero emissions goal.

Alibaba is aiming for carbon neutrality for Scope 1 and 2 emissions—direct greenhouse gas emissions from owned or controlled sources, and indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, steam, heating, or cooling—by 2030.

It aims to reduce by half the carbon intensity of Scope 3 emissions across its entire value chain in the same time frame.

In 2020, Alibaba Group's total greenhouse gas emissions were 9.514 million tons, which included 510 thousand tons from Scope 1 emissions, 3.71 million tons from Scope 2, and 5.294 million tons from Scope 3, according to the company's Carbon Neutrality Action Report.

As China's biggest cloud service provider, with an almost 40% market share in the third quarter of 2021, Alibaba has set higher targets for Alibaba Cloud.

The unit is striving for carbon neutrality by 2030 in all three scopes, according to the company.

In addition, the e-commerce giant said it will leverage its influence as a platform operator to mobilise actions



and behavioural changes among its consumers, merchants and partners in China and around the world under its Scope 3+ initiative.

According to Alibaba, Scope 3+ refers to the emissions generated by a broader range of participants in the platform's ecosystem outside Scopes 1, 2 and 3.

Source: *South China Morning Post*



ENTREPRENEURS EAGER TO CATCH 'SILVER DOLLARS'

Duan Mingjie, 31, founder and CEO of AgeClub, a Beijing-based consulting and incubation service platform targeting senior care businesses, is optimistic about the industry's outlook.

"Older people make up a growing proportion of the total population, and they are probably the generation with the largest spending power. Unlike younger people, many seniors are now free from housing and job pressures. Most seniors have more savings and are more willing to spend money to please themselves than previous generations," Duan said.

The market size of all senior care-related businesses would have reached 5.9 trillion by the end of 2021, according to estimates from iiMedia Research, a data analysis agency based in Guangzhou, Guangdong province.

Duan, with a degree in biotechnology, worked in a consulting firm for two years and then a research agency before entering the senior services industry at the end of 2016.

"In the same year, the government released a document that listed a few comments on accelerating the development of senior care services, sending a strong signal that the government was encouraging private businesses to enter the industry," he said.

Duan was referring to the document released by the State Council in 2013, which stated that the government would innovate in creating mechanisms and increase policy support for private businesses and communities to set up nursing homes, start senior care businesses and build up industrial clusters. Before that, senior care agencies were mainly set up and run by the government.

Duan founded AgeClub at the end of 2016 with a partner who specialized in technology, and a total investment of less than 200,000 yuan. Duan and his partner started off by writing senior care-related business analysis articles on the company's WeChat subscription account.

Senior fashion, senior beauty care and senior recreation centers, among others, took less than a decade to boom as they offered services to older folk. That makes many think that it meets the definition of an industry in its relative infancy that looks ready to grow even more quickly as revenues grow into the billions of dollars.



Duan said he was lucky to meet an angel investor in the middle of 2017 who put more than 1 million yuan into his business and supported them as they went through tough times.

"At that time, we had only 30,000 yuan in the company's account and were very close to giving up. It can be quite frustrating to stick to a career path that you have faith in but not see things get any better with time. I often had a feeling of being lost, experiencing anxiety and even feeling fear," Duan said.

"It was at the end of 2018 that I suddenly felt the growth of demand for senior services and the possibility that our business might be able to make something of it. At that time, we held an offline forum that attracted over 200 participants. We earned nearly 200,000 yuan from that event," he said.

Between 2017 and 2018, AgeClub received another two rounds of investment totaling about 10 million yuan, and found another two partners. "Now our business is on the right track and all we need to do is to continue with our efforts while waiting for the market to boom and grow," Duan said.

The company now offers consulting services to companies that run businesses in the senior care sector such as Vanke, and training services for teams whose jobs are related with senior care in companies like Procter & Gamble and Alibaba.

It also holds exhibitions on business innovation in the senior care sector. "We aim to attract over 1,000 companies in the sector to our exhibitions in three to five years, and build our exhibition into the largest of its kind in China," Duan said. **B**

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CENTRAL BANK ISSUES PLAN TO BOOST FINTECH INDUSTRY

Digitalization of China's financial sector in the new year has been advanced with the latest government guideline and wider promotion of digital currency.

The People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, released a development plan for the fintech industry between 2022 and 2025.

Data-driven, smart, people-oriented, low-carbon, fair and inclusive should be the words that best describe China's fintech industry in the following years, said the plan. By advancing the digital transformation of the entire financial sector, the fintech industry should strive to better facilitate China's high-quality development, it added.

Under prudent regulation, the fintech industry should have its data management capabilities strengthened to enhance the quality and efficiency of financial services. An advanced computing system with higher performance should be established to consolidate the groundwork for financial innovation.

Digital technologies should be more widely applied in the financial sector while a smart risk control system should be set up to nurture a safe and efficient fintech innovation system, according to the plan.



Andrew Huang, partner and fintech leader of global professional services provider KPMG in China, said that the fintech industry has thrived in China over the past few years with the appearance of new business models and application scenarios. Lowering costs and improving efficiency in the traditional financial sector based on technological breakthroughs will form a major part of the development path for fintech companies. Data security is another major issue that the fintech industry should address, he said.

Also launched was the digital renminbi app on the Apple app store and Android market. Downloading of the digital renminbi app is now accessible in 10 Chinese cities including Shenzhen, Chengdu and Shanghai, as

well as the venues of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.

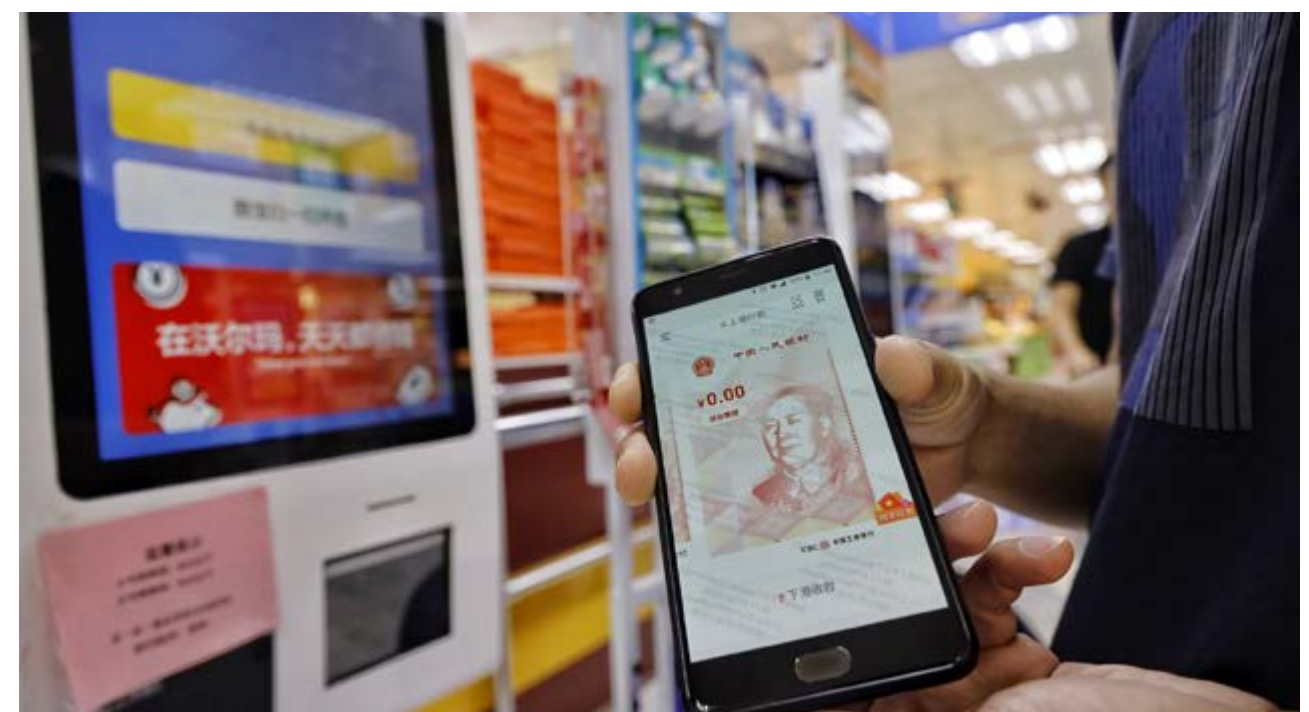
There are nine designated operating institutions for the app at present, including Bank of China, the Alibaba-supported MYbank and Tencent-backed WeBank. Users can make password-free payments via the digital renminbi app at the e-commerce platform JD, third-party service provider Meituan and online travel agency Trip.com.

While trials of the digital renminbi started in April 2020, users had to be approved in advance to get a code and the installation packages for downloading the application, and the process was relatively lengthy and complicated.

According to Mu Changchun, head of the central bank's Digital Currency Research Institute, more than 140 million personal digital wallets for digital renminbi had been created and another 10 million corporate digital wallets had been opened as of October 22nd. More than 150 million transactions have been made via digital wallets, with the total transaction value approaching 62 billion yuan.

Following a 4.66% surge, A-share digital yuan related companies slid slightly by 0.34%, while the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index fell by 1.02%. **B**

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Chen Xuezhou

NEW VERSIONS OF NEGATIVE LISTS FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT

I. Background

Currently, foreign investment in China is governed by the administration of negative lists, which set out restrictive measures or bans with respect to access of foreign investment in certain special business sectors in China. Foreign investment in sectors not specified in the negative lists is subject to the same administrative measures as Chinese domestic investment.

Before the administration of negative lists, foreign investment in China was subject to the administration of the *Catalogue for the Guidance of Foreign Investment Industries* ("Catalogue"). In 2018, the Chinese government replaced the latter with the administration of negative lists nationwide, which reorganized restrictive measures and bans in the Catalogue and removed or loosened a considerable number of restrictions or bans from the Catalogue.

In general, there are three versions of negative lists for foreign investment in China, each with its different jurisdiction: (i) the national negative list, applicable to foreign investment in China nationwide (excluding free trade zones and Hainan free trade port), (ii) the negative list for free trade zones, applicable to pilot free trade zones in China, and (iii) the negative list for

Hainan free trade port, only applicable to Hainan Island¹.

The government will update these negative lists periodically.

II. Release of New Negative Lists

On December 27, 2021, China's National Development and Reform Commission and Ministry of Commerce jointly released the *Special Administrative Measures for Access of Foreign Investments (Negative List) (2021 Edition)* (the "2021 National List") and the *Special Administrative Measures for Access of Foreign Investments in Pilot Free Trade Zones (Negative List) (2021 Edition)* (the "2021 PFTZ List") (collectively, the "New Negative Lists"), which become effective on January 1, 2022.

Compared with the 2020 editions, the New Negative Lists further remove restrictions on foreign investment in certain industries in China.

They also add requirements on Chinese domestic companies under certain industries seeking overseas listing. Below is a brief summary of the highlights of the New Negative Lists.

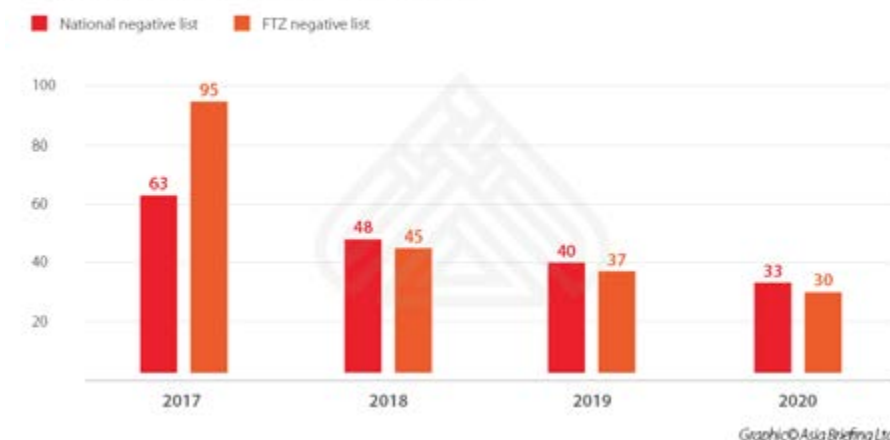
1. Further Opening Up in the Manufacturing Industry Nationwide

Both the 2021 National List and the 2021 PFTZ List remove the following restrictions regarding the manufacturing industry:

1. Except for special vehicles, new-energy vehicles and commercial vehicles, for a manufacturer producing other types of vehicles, shares held by Chinese parties shall be at least 50%, and a single foreign investor may only establish up to two joint ventures in China to manufacture the same type of vehicles.
2. Investment in the manufacturing

¹Compared with the national negative list and the negative list for free trade zones, the negative list for Hainan free trade port further loosens restrictions in certain sectors, such as the mining, telecommunication and education industries.

Reductions in China's Special Administrative Measures Determining Access to Foreign Investment - Changes to the Negative Lists



of ground receiving facilities and key parts for satellite television broadcasting.

After such modification, foreign investors will be able to invest in such industries the same as do Chinese domestic investors. Foreign investment in such industries will be subject to the same administration requirements as Chinese domestic investment, and will not be subject to any special restrictions.

2. Further Opening Up in the Business Services Industry in the Free Trade Zones

The 2021 PFTZ List further removes or loosens restrictions on foreign investment in free trade zones in the business services industry:

1. The restriction that "investment in market surveys is limited to joint ventures" is removed. (However, restriction still remains that "investment in broadcasting and television listening and rating surveys must be controlled by the Chinese party".)
2. The ban on "investment in social surveys" is loosened. According to the 2021 PFTZ List, foreign investors are allowed to invest in social surveys in the form of Chinese-foreign joint ventures; however, the shareholding

ratio of the Chinese party shall not be less than 67%, and legal representative of the joint venture must have Chinese nationality.

3. Adding Requirements on Chinese Domestic Companies under Forbidden Industries Seeking Overseas Listing

Both the 2021 National List and the 2021 PFTZ List add the requirements that "for Chinese domestic companies conducting businesses that are forbidden by the Negative List (i.e. foreign investment is not allowed to be made by such companies), if said companies want to issue shares and be listed overseas, they must be approved by relevant government authorities in China. Foreign investors must not take part in the management of such companies, and shareholding ratio of foreign investors in such companies shall be referred to the regulation requirements applicable to foreign investors investing in securities in China."

These requirements provide for procedures and restrictions for Chinese domestic companies seeking overseas listing. **B**

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TESLA ENVISIONS MARKET FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN XINJIANG

Tesla has stores in 60 cities across the mainland and has seven Supercharger stations in Xinjiang



Sina Weibo user Chen wrote: "While American companies like Intel and Walmart cooperated with the US government's sanctions on Xinjiang, Tesla's first store in Xinjiang settled in Urumqi during this time!"

In July, Musk noted the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China by commenting, "The economic prosperity that China has achieved is truly amazing, especially in infrastructure!"

Walmart became the most recent US company to become ensnared in geopolitics at the end of 2021. This came after posts by Chinese consumers on social media alleged that the retailer had removed products made in Xinjiang from shelves in its stores and from those of its wholesale chain Sam's Club. Walmart faced online calls in China for a consumer boycott.

The US semiconductor company Intel apologized to Chinese consumers on December 23rd after it was revealed that the company had sent a letter to suppliers asking them to avoid sourcing products from Xinjiang. **B**

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Elon Musk, the richest man in the world has made a statement about Xinjiang. His electric-car company, Tesla, has shown a commitment to a brisk market by opening a showroom in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

Tesla announced the opening of the showroom in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, in a December 31st post on its account on the Sina Weibo social media platform.

"On the last day of 2021, we meet in Xinjiang. In 2022, let us launch Xinjiang on its electric journey together," the post said.

The announcement included photos from the showroom's opening ceremony as people posed with signs such as, "Tesla (heart) Xinjiang". The event also featured performers in traditional Chinese lion dance costumes.

Business in China is also helping drive up the stock price of Tesla, the Texas-based electric vehicle maker.

Shares of Tesla, the world's most valuable carmaker, closed at \$1,199.78 in Nasdaq trading, up \$143, or 13.53%, powered by excellent fourth-quarter delivery numbers.

The company delivered a record 308,600 cars over the past three months, according to Yahoo Finance. In 2021, its deliveries soared 87% year-on-year to 936,172, compared with 499,550 in 2020.

Wedbush Securities analyst, Dan Ives, in a research note, described China as a "linchpin to the overall bull thesis" on the stock, estimating that China will represent 40% of Tesla deliveries this year. He also estimated that Tesla's sales in China will be worth \$400 a share for 2022.

"This was a jaw-dropper quarter," Ives told Yahoo Finance Live. "This just

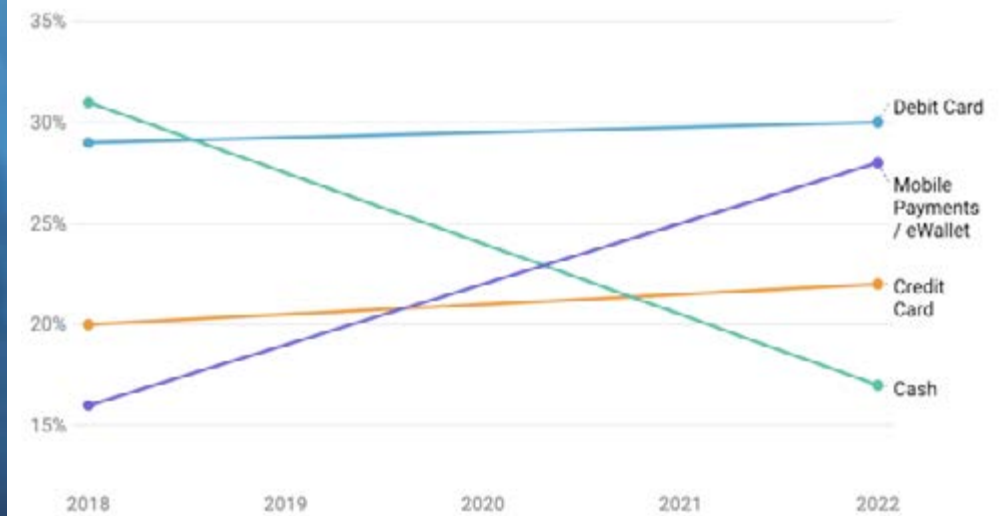
shows massive momentum in terms of the green tidal wave going into 2022."

Xiao Lu, Tesla's head of Northwest China, said the store is an important starting point for Tesla in developing its service network in Xinjiang.

The Urumqi location is the westernmost Tesla presence on the Chinese mainland. The store covers 1,620 square metres and offers pre-sales consultations, test drives, insurance consultations, temporary licensing, after-sales services and other customer services.

Tesla has stores in 60 cities across the mainland and has seven Supercharger stations in Xinjiang, the website reported. The company already has two Supercharger stations in Urumqi, with 14 stalls.

Tesla's display of confidence in Xinjiang is an approach that is different from that of some Western companies, as the US government has alleged that minorities in the region are mistreated. China has said such allegations are groundless and has pointed to the rising standard of living in the region.



Imagine many more e-commerce giants stepping up their game and bringing this change to their domain. More prominent companies will soon be introducing these features. What's more astonishing is that even smaller ones are expected to follow this trend. Thus, in this way, the whole marketability of numerous conglomerates will change in 2022.

PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT BITCOIN AS A FORM OF PAYMENT.

Over the past few years, the cryptocurrency market has proliferated across the world. Many cryptocurrencies, like Bitcoin, DogeCoin, Alipay, etc., have emerged and caught the consumers up like a whirlwind. By 2025, the whole market is expected to grow by \$60

billion. Hence, we will see numerous e-commerce companies offering Bitcoin as a payment option. Additionally, the most significant advantage of this trend is that there will be no intermediaries. There is no requirement to have any commission with bitcoins since the transaction takes place directly between the two parties. There is no middle man in such a transaction.

Moreover, e-commerce frauds would be reduced quite a lot due to the absence of any chargebacks. More support from Bitcoin will genuinely revolutionize the current mobile commerce industry. It will indeed lead to a broader acceptance of Bitcoin as a cheaper, more convenient, and more secure payment option.

TOP MOBILE COMMERCE TRENDS THAT WILL TAKE ON 2022

According to a recent eMarketer report, e-commerce will reach \$666 billion within the US market by the end of 2021. Additionally, it will grow to over \$890 billion by 2022. These are genuinely some astounding numbers that will definitely pave the way for better mobile commerce trends. Daily, we see the market fluctuating between many e-commerce giants. However, what we do not notice is how much it is benefitting these large conglomerates.

Andrew Lipsman, the principal analyst of eMarketer, says that

mobile commerce will drive over 50% of e-commerce sales in 2022. Moreover, the report states that the rise will come organically; that is, if all retailers are compliant with the transformation to mobilization. Thus, mobile users will add more apps to their devices, converting drastically from browsers to purchasers.

By next year, e-commerce shopping won't be the same as it is today. Some significant trends will shape the future of this industry. Let's discuss these trends here in detail:

DEMAND FOR CUSTOMIZED PRODUCTS WILL RISE

If you have noticed the shopping trends up to now, you will realize that nowadays, customized products are much more desired by consumers. It's incredibly tricky to satisfy these needs by sorting products into different categories. Hence, e-commerce businesses adopt custom products to upgrade personalization. Nike has launched "Nike by You" to customize its shoes according to customer choices. Furthermore, you can select your unique custom shoes, and they will be shipped within four weeks.





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MORE CONSUMERS WILL UTILIZE VOICE SEARCH TO SHOP ONLINE.

The possibility of using voice assistants for online shopping has been made a reality in the past few years. Amazon has successfully implemented it in their domain. According to numerous studies, the global voice assistant speaker market will reach \$4 billion, and voice shopping will reach \$40 billion in 2022. In addition, more than 55% of US homeowners will purchase a smart speaker in 2022. Therefore, we will see many other e-commerce giants offering voice shopping in their applications.

MORE E-COMMERCE COMPANIES WILL ADOPT AUGMENTED REALITY TECHNOLOGY.

Statista predicts that the augmented reality industry will grow by at least \$15 million in 2022. We will surely notice that many e-commerce giants will offer AR technology in their interface. It will genuinely optimize the shopping experience for all the customers out there. Furthermore, the adoption of AR will make e-commerce a very innovative industry, open to change on all fronts. Augmented reality gives confidence to customers shopping on e-commerce websites.

ESTIMATED US SOCIAL COMMERCE SALES (IN \$ BILLIONS)

Source: Business Insider, Global X ETFs.



According to a survey, 71% of customers have agreed to shop more often if the brand uses AR on their website. In the coming year, most e-commerce companies will use AR as a filter in their social media. Additionally, they will also use it for preview placements, visual try-on solutions, and for preparing interactive user manuals.

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GERMAN CHAMBER TIANJIN CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021



On December 10, 2021 the German Chamber of Commerce in China | North China invited its members and friends to join the Tianjin Christmas Chamber Party. The dinner guests spent a lovely evening at The Corner · Chance in Tianjin and were served Christmas-themed delicacies and drinks in a festive atmosphere.

The wonderful singing performance attracted Santa to the party. The guests had a great time taking pictures with Santa Claus as they enjoyed the specially designed Christmas buffet from The Corner · Chance.

The German Chamber of Commerce in China | North China was proud to hold this event, which would not be possible without the generous support of our partners, so we would like to extend our sincere thanks to The Corner · Chance Tianjin and media partner Business Tianjin for supporting this evening.

We would also like to thank our guests and valued members for making this Christmas Chamber Dinner a success. We wish you all Merry Christmas and hope to see you at our next Tianjin Chamber Dinner.



**AMCHAM CHINA, TIANJIN MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BREAKFAST BRIEFING
FUTURE TECHNOLOGY AND SMART CITY**



The AmCham China, Tianjin, held its November Executive Breakfast Briefing on November 26th at the Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin.

Albert Zheng, Senior Director of Edge Processing Asia Operations at NXP Semiconductors shared an overview of the current situation and future blueprint of the NXP semiconductors' manufacturing and R&D centre in Tianjin. Reviewing the past of NXP semiconductors, Mr.

Zheng also elaborated on the continuous innovations and breakthroughs of chips. NXP has been advancing the industry, paying attention to safety, and being customer-oriented.

AmCham China extends its thanks to all the executives and professionals for making time to join the campaigns. The organization will continue introducing advanced thoughts, and invites those who are interested to stay tuned.

AMCHAM CHINA, TIANJIN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY



AmCham China, Tianjin, held its 2021 Annual General Meeting and Winter Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 8th, at Shangri-la Tianjin.

The grand event featured yearly reviews and awards, an exciting tree-lighting ceremony, a delightful orchestra and choir performance by students from the International School of Tianjin, followed by a delicious buffet.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting, AmCham China President, Alan Beebe, firstly introduced the US-China Fast-Track Program and explained its benefits. AmCham China, Tianjin, Chairman, Michael Hart, presented a review of the chapter's work in 2021, highlighting the advocacy, the engagement with local government, and the cooperation projects with the U.S. Embassy in China.



With sincere appreciation, the 2021 awards have been given as follows:

SPONSORSHIP AWARDS 2021

- Tianjin United Family Hospital Co., Ltd.
- Farragut (Tianjin) Education Consulting Ltd.
- Boeing Tianjin Composites Co., Ltd.
- The Executive Centre, Tianjin

Forum/Committee Award 2021

- Women's Professional Committee

Most Active Member Award 2021

- Sarah Zheng – Raffles Medical

**Long-term Membership Awards 2021
20-year Members**

- Boeing Tianjin Composites Co., Ltd.
- Butler (Tianjin) Inc.

Colin Xu

15-year Members

- Gorbel (Tianjin) Crane Co., Ltd.
- Cabot Chemical (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.

10-year Members

- Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel and The Lakeview, Tianjin - Marriott Executive Apartments
- The St. Regis Tianjin
- Tianjin United Family Hospital

After the Annual General Meeting, guests joined the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at the lobby centre. The General Manager of Shangri-la Tianjin, Jeremy Dong, expressed his best wishes to the attendees, followed by appreciation from the Tide Charity Groups.

Chairman of AmCham China, Tianjin, Michael Hart, expressed his sincere gratitude to the sponsors and guests, and wished everyone Merry Christmas. With a wave of the magic wand amid falling snowflakes, the beautiful Christmas tree was lit up. The wonderful performance by students from the International School of Tianjin attracted Santa Claus to the party. The guests

had a great time taking pictures with Santa Claus as they enjoyed the buffet provided by the Shangri-la Tianjin. The night concluded with lucky draws to wish guests good fortune in 2022.

AmCham China, Tianjin was proud to hold this magnificent event, which would not have been possible without the generous support of sponsors.



2022 Tianjin Chapter Events Calendar

Advocacy & Policy

- Mar** 2022 Business Climate Survey Launch
- May** Annual White Paper Delivery Meeting with Vice Mayor and Tianjin Government Appreciation Reception

Cooperation Project with the U.S. Embassy in China

- May** "Fast & Furious" – E-sport competition and Immersive racing experience

Networking & Community

- Feb** Super Bowl and Winter Olympic Game Watch Party
- Mar** St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Jul** Annual Charity U.S. Independence Day Celebration
- Sep** Healthy Life Themed Event – Treasure Hunt
- Nov** Annual General Meeting and Winter Holiday Party

Business Intelligence & Insights

- Monthly** Executive Breakfast Briefings
- Regular** Policy Briefings and Discussion
- Regular** Online/Onsite Training Programs
- Spring & Fall** Company Tours & Workshops
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SOMERSET AIRPORT ZONE TIANJIN GRAND OPENING



The grand opening ceremony of Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin serviced residence was successfully held on December 25th, 2021, which marked Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin as officially open and in operation, after months of intense preparations.

2021年12月25日，凯德投资旗下全球知名的服务公寓及酒店业主和住宿运营商——雅诗阁有限公司（以下简称“雅诗阁”）运营管理的精品物业——天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓开业盛典正式举行。此举标志着在经历了数月的紧张筹备后，天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓已正式开张纳客。

With the theme of "Dream Living in the Clouds, Home at Somerset", the whole ceremony kicked off with a lively ribbon-cutting and lion dance performance. The first

family representative took over the key symbolizing the opening of the international warm living life from Ms. Li Heng, the resident manager of Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin, and announced the official opening of the apartment.

以“梦住云端·家在盛捷”为主题，整个仪式在热闹的剪彩及舞狮表演中拉开帷幕，多位嘉宾莅临现场。首户入住的家庭代表从天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓驻店经理李姮女士手中接过象征着开启国际温馨旅居生活的钥匙——这一交付举措，宣告公寓正式启幕，将现场气氛推向高潮。

The Yunzhu project, where the apartment is located, is a high-end residential project built by BBMG Tianjin Management Centre in the Airport District of Tianjin.

公寓所在的云筑项目是金隅地产天津管理中心在天津市空港经济区内着力打造的高端品质住宅项目，其规划条件、建筑品质、项目形象、物业服务等均站稳区域领军位置，属于天津市具备稀缺属性的精品项目。

With the brand concept of "inspired life, home experience", Somerset Serviced Apartments provides warm accommodation for guests traveling together, while satisfying their personal preferences and social needs, helping guests to settle down quickly in the new city and feel comfortable at the same time in convenient accommodation. The opening of Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin is the first project jointly created by Ascott and BBMG Real Estate.

以“灵感生活·家之体验”为品牌理念，盛捷服务公寓专为结伴出行的客人提供温馨住所，同时满足他们的个人喜好与社交需求，帮助住客在新城市快速安定下来，在感受舒适与便利的同时，获得生活的平衡。本次开业的天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓，是雅诗阁携手金隅地产共同打造的首个项目，也是自天津雅诗阁泰达 MSD 服务公寓、天津盛捷国际大厦服务公寓、天津盛捷奥林匹克大厦服务公寓、天津途家盛捷郡都服务公寓之后，在当地投入运营的第五家物业。



Mr. Sellen Zhang, Area General Manager of Ascott North China, said: "Somerset Serviced Apartments is the first brand of Ascott to enter Tianjin and even the whole country. The first batch of properties have accompanied Ascott for 23 years of ups and downs until now. We have strong feelings for Tianjin, and the city of Tianjin is also very important to us. Looking at the performance of various properties in Tianjin, even under the impact of the epidemic, Tianjin Somerset International Building Service Apartment and Tianjin Somerset Olympic Tower Serviced Apartments are still recognized by hotel guests, and the occupancy rate has maintained a high growth rate compared to before the epidemic, which is much higher than the market average. The launch of Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin has further consolidated Ascott's service in Tianjin, and its leading position in the apartment market also marks Ascott's continued attention and confidence in Tianjin market, and its determination to continue growing locally."

雅诗阁中国华北区区域总经理张伟超 (Sellen Zhang) 先生表示：“盛捷服务公寓是雅诗阁进驻天津乃至全国的第一个品牌，首批物业陪伴着雅诗阁历经 23 载风雨直到现在。我们对天津抱有着浓厚的感情，天津这座城市对我们来说也非常重要。纵观天津各物业业绩表现，即便在疫情影响的情况下，天津盛捷国际大厦服务公寓、天津盛捷奥林匹克大厦服务公寓依然得到住店客人的认可，出租率与疫情前相比依然保持着高位增长，远高于市场平均水平。天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓的面市，进一步巩固了雅诗阁在天津服务公寓市场的领军地位，也标志着雅诗阁对于天津市场的持续关注和信心，以及继续深耕天津市场的决心。”

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天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓外景

Conveniently located in the high-end residential area of the Airport Economic Zone, Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin is surrounded by a pleasant green environment. Take a walk with your family in the garden downstairs while enjoying the cool breeze, or go shopping and dining in shopping malls such as SM City Tianjin and Woli Plaza. The cultural tourist sites and sports venues, hospitals, international schools, golf courses and other entertainment facilities are also just a few steps away, which could accommodate all the needs of guests and their families. Guests could enjoy family time in Dongli Lake and Happy Valley, which are close to the serviced apartment. Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin is also well-connected to the city centre which is merely 8 stops by Metro Line 2.

天津盛捷空港云筑服务公寓位于空港经济区高端住宅区域。公寓周边有众多购物中心、文化和体育场馆、医院、国际学校、高尔夫球场、游乐场和公园等设施，全方位满足住客及家人的生活所需。公寓坐落在空港核心区域，距离天津滨海国际机场更是仅约 7 公里，使得差旅便捷无忧。凭借超大的房间面积，优质绿化的社区环境，以及住客休闲廊、健身房和儿童游乐室等休闲设施，这里将成为在天津长期工作和生活的客人的理想居所。

Past Events



三房豪华行政套房 - 客厅

Somerset Airport Zone Tianjin provides international standard services and a customised accommodation experience for long-stay guests working and living in Tianjin. The serviced apartment offers 78 spacious apartments ranging from Two-Bedroom Deluxe to Three-Bedroom Premier. With its ample living space and reasonable layout of bedrooms, it is ideal for families and guests who value high quality living environment. Each apartment features a spacious living room, a fully-equipped kitchen, a dining room, international brand home appliances, high-speed Wi-Fi, etc., to ensure that guests enjoy their stay to the fullest.

公寓共有 78 套两房和三房套房，其宽敞的起居空间和多居室的合理布局，尤为适合家庭以及对高品质居住环境有一定要求的客人长期居住。每间套房均以严格的标准配备完善的生活设施。宽敞的客厅、厨房和餐厅，国际品牌的家电，高速无线网络等，让住客在享受生活乐趣的同时，也能轻松处理各项工作。



两房行政套房 - 客厅



三房豪华行政套房 - 厨房



三房豪华行政套房 - 洗手间



两房行政套房 - 卧室

The serviced apartment provides comprehensive facilities such as a gymnasium, a yoga room, a children's playroom and a video room for the recreational needs of guests. Start your day with breakfast in the residents' lounge, or chill with your friends in this comfortable, private space. The 24-hour security and CCTV system ensure a safe, fuss-free life for all guests.

公寓的会所为住客提供了健身中心、瑜伽室、儿童游乐室、影音室等设施，让住客每天保持精力充沛，悠享丰富生活。提供每日早餐的住客休闲廊，亦是约见朋友的好地方。环境舒适的同时也保证了居家的私密性。24 小时的前台和安保系统，更是居住安全无忧的有力保障。B

Numbers

1.3

billion metric tons

The Ningbo municipal government recently unveiled a five-year development plan for Ningbo Zhoushan Port. According to the plan, the city will strive to turn Ningbo Zhoushan Port into a world-class port that plays a more prominent role in bolstering the nation's "dual-circulation" strategy, the development of Yangtze River Economic Belt and the integrated development of Yangtze River Delta region, by 2025. The port's cargo throughput is targeted to reach 1.3 billion metric tons and maintain its position at the top of the global rankings.



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Million

The city of Wuhan in Central China's Hubei province has decided to build four sub-centres for its metropolitan goal of being home to up to 2 million residents. Authorities in the Wuhan Economic & Technological Development Zone (WHDZ) have said they are honoured that the zone has become one of the city's sub-centres. Founded in 1991, the zone has now collected eight whole-car firms and three home appliance manufacturers.



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The InShanghai Artfest, which serves as the overture of a four-month art festival, kicked off on November 26th at the new cultural landmark known as The INLET in Hongkou district. Located close to one of Shanghai's major commercial streets, Sichuan North Road, The INLET is itself a highlight of the art festival. Renovated from a century-old block comprised of 60 shikumen - Shanghai-style stone-gate- houses and eight independent buildings that include old mansions, the venue aims to become a window into Shanghai-style culture, which is believed to have originated from Hongkou district.



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Director Zhang Yimou's spy thriller, Cliff Walkers, is the Chinese mainland's entry for Best International Feature Film at the 94th Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars. A total of 93 films from around the world were submitted for the coveted prize, including three Chinese-language films, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced. The shortlist of 15 films in the category were announced on December 21st, 2021. The 94th Oscars will be held in March, 2022.



100

The National Art Museum of China recently launched a long-term virtual exhibition on the BOE iGallery app, titled 100 Classical Works of Fine Arts in a Century, which shows viewers high-resolution images of 100 paintings, prints, sculptures and photos, primarily from the museum's collection, that reflect the history of the Communist Party of China and the progress of the country since the early 20th century.



\$30,000

The 2nd Suzhou Jinji Lake International Piano Competition wrapped up on December 10th, with the first prize going to Yonggi Woo from South Korea, second place to Robert Bily from the Czech Republic and Seunghyuk Na from South Korea, and third prize to Chinese pianist, Wang Xinran, South Korea's Jeongjin Kim and Russian pianist, Aleksandr Kliuchko. The first prize winner will be awarded \$30,000 and all the winners will join in concerts by the Suzhou Symphony Orchestra.



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Opened on December 11th, the Exhibition of Cultural Relics from Chang'an City of the Tang Dynasty greets audience with a variety of 116 cultural relics, showcasing the basic aspects of life in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), including clothing, cuisine, housing and transportation. The exhibition is supported by the Shaanxi Provincial Bureau of Cultural Heritage, the Shaanxi History Museum, the Xi'an Museum, the Qianling Museum, the Xi'an Chang'an Museum, the Baoji Fengxiang District Museum, the Zhaoqing Museum and other six museums. The exhibition will run from December 11th to March 11th.



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Dairy producer Yili Group held an opening ceremony to celebrate the official launch of the first phase of the Yili Indonesia Dairy Production Base on December 10th, 2021. Upon completion of its second phase, the production base will become the country's largest ice cream factory, with a daily production capacity of four million ice cream products. The facility has been established to meet the surging demand for Joyday ice cream, a brand that has rapidly expanded its reach to 260 cities in 26 provinces, covering nearly all of Indonesia, since its entry into the market in 2018.



15,000

German endoscopes manufacturer Karl Storz, which managed to introduce a slew of innovative products for minimally invasive surgeries to China through the China International Import Expo, has already signed up for the next event, said the company's China executive. Founded in 1945 in Tuttlingen, Germany, the medical device giant offers around 15,000 endoscopes for human medicine and veterinary medicine. In 2021, the company unveiled new products and technology including an integrated operating room for minimally invasive surgeries, and its Rubina imaging technology at the 4th edition of the CIIE.



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Le Crobag 德国面包房
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Western

Promenade Restaurant

Featuring gorgeous views of the Hai River, Promenade provides the exclusive dining experience with South East Asia flavors, Indian gourmet, Chinese and Western traditional cuisine, and more.
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海岸国际餐厅
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Riviera Restaurant

Riviera brings the casually elegant refined dining experience to Tianjin featuring modern Mediterranean -French dishes paired with selections from an superb list of international wines.
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Bella Vita Italian Restaurant

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美好生活意大利餐厅
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Natural Death

During the COVID Era

Death. It can happen to us anytime, and anywhere. It holds no prejudices and has no favourites. We will all succumb to it one day. That is the one truth in life. During this worldwide pandemic, death has greeted many individuals from many countries. In China, the hospitals were full only a few months ago. While the initial shock of this first phase has settled down for the time being, protocols for many services and practices have been altered. Funerals are among the things that have experienced some changes due to the pandemic, with large gatherings still outlawed. Having recently experienced a death in the family, the patriarch grandfather who lived to be a strong 85-year-old, I observed some of the changes in the funeral procedure during the COVID-19 era.

As this was the first time I had taken part in witnessing the whole funeral process in general, the Chinese funeral custom is something new to me, as was the ceremony which took place for a traditional wedding. In the west, while there are similarities in the weddings and funerals, there is a notable sense of religion (more specifically Christianity) which pervades western customs.

In China, traditionally, the body is placed in a casket in the home for three days, but this time, the body was moved to a small warehouse room where the family came to pay their respects. Under normal circumstances, when the body is at home, neighbours will come to pay their respects, and entertainment will take place. At this warehouse, there were no entertainers, and the visitors mainly consisted of family members.

On the second night, when I arrived, the casket was adorned with the grandfather's photo, with flowers around it, incense burning in front, and food offerings for the afterlife. I was given an armband with a single red ball to wear. Rain was pouring outside, which drowned out the sound of the chant heard on the small radio beside the casket. At a specific time, the lid was opened and the grieving members got one last good look at him. Afterwards, his children bowed four times in front of his body, followed by their children, and so on.

After this, some offerings, such as fake money, were burnt outside though the rain threatened to put the fire out. I was warned not to look behind me during this practise, as the spirit could follow me.

The body has to be visited for three days. It is also important to make sure that new incense keeps burning until the end of the three-day ceremony, so family members stayed in this warehouse room overnight, which appeared to be an extremely uncomfortable situation to be in, as the only place to sleep was a small couch

at the back of the room. Mosquitoes had already invaded through the open doorway and the rain continued to pour down heavily, making it certain that slumber would be a real challenge.

On the third day, at six in the morning, I arrived at the warehouse, where the final procedures would commence. The body would be taken to The First Tianjin Funeral Parlour, a massive complex which accommodates several funerals a day in different large rooms. We took the bus to this complex and went in, along with various other crowds of people holding photos of their loved ones who were going through this same process. Temperatures and health codes were checked at the entrance there.

For the grandfather's last rites, as he was a former communist party member, a few soldiers did a salute, and we all bowed four times again, circling his body afterwards and saying a final goodbye. The cremation would follow in this same complex, but there was time left to go to a separate field area to burn more fake items which would serve him in the afterlife (like a paper smart phone). The items of the deceased were littered around this area, and one had to be careful not to step in the ashes of the remains of some of these afterlife accessories.

At the funeral parlour, the body was cremated in one of the several huge furnaces. This was a lengthy process. The bones were then brought out of the furnace, pulverized further into ashes, and then put into a box for the burial.

We then boarded the bus once again to travel to the cemetery, a large, scenic area which has a pond, animal statues and tombstones of different sizes. It was really an ideal place for the spirits to frolic in the afterlife. Most bodies are cremated instead of being put in a casket, so the tombstones are rather compact and close together.

Before entering the cemetery, we again

had our temperatures taken and were told to go in five at a time and to keep a distance from each other. We walked the length of the cemetery, which was around one kilometre, to the area of tombstones at the back where his box was being prepared by a worker. His box was put in the same grave as that of his wife, who died sixteen years previously. The cemetery worker took her ashes out of her decrepit box and put them in a new box which lay next to his. Then cement was poured over these boxes, and a large stone was set on top to lock them in for eternity. Flowers and other offerings were put on the tombstone, and more paper was burnt in this final ceremony. We bowed one last time, and I was told not to look back again as we walked towards the exit of the cemetery.

Lastly, a luncheon was held at a restaurant. As the death was natural and had been expected for some time, the mood was relaxed and there were no sad faces. The next generation told stories, shared photos, offered cheers several times, and left the restaurant feeling that a life had been lived fully, and that they were to go on living theirs fully as well.

While there were some minor inconveniences in arranging this ceremony, the virus couldn't stop this funeral from being the best it could have been. **B**



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