

Looking ahead

Events and stories coming up in the next few days

State councilor scheduled to visit DPRK

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi will visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on Wednesday and Thursday at the invitation of the DPRK's Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Companies to participate in Ethiopia trade week

About 50 Chinese companies are expected to participate in the China Trade Week in Ethiopia from Thursday to Saturday. The event is supported by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. China is Ethiopia's biggest trading partner, with Ethiopia exporting \$144.5 million worth of goods to China in the first six months of the current fiscal year 2017/18.

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Society: Guizhou woman has embroidered a new career

Song Zhen-ping, who worked for a bank in Guiyang, Guizhou province, made a career change due to a passion for traditional handicraft. After her resignation from the bank 13 years ago, she started a business making tiger embroidery. She updated the traditional skill and set up a standard process for employees to stitch embroidery. According to Song, cloth tigers are popular with tourists and their price ranges from dozens of yuan to hundreds. Her annual output reaches 10 million yuan (\$1.6 million).



Rankings: Wealthiest cities highlight China's prosperity

Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong are among the 10 wealthiest cities in the world, according to New World Wealth. Beijing, with a total private wealth of \$2.2 trillion, grabbed fifth spot on the list, following New York, London, Tokyo and the San Francisco Bay area. Shanghai, with a total private wealth of \$2 trillion, and Hong Kong, with a private wealth of \$1.3 trillion, grabbed sixth and eighth place respectively. Singapore and Sydney are tied, with an equal score in the ranking.

Photos: Store 100 meters up is the height of ambition

A convenience store jutting out of a cliff face gives climbers a chance to refresh in a most unusual setting. The store, at the Shiniuzhai National Geological Park in Pingjiang county in Hunan province, opened last week. Perched 130 meters above ground, it provides snacks and water for those with a head for heights. "We offer price-friendly products for rock climbers," Wang Qiwei, a staff member of the park said. Construction on the store began in



Media briefing to highlight tax-reduction policies

The State Council Information Office will hold a media briefing in Beijing on Wednesday. Officials from the Ministry of Finance, the State Administration of Taxation and the newly merged banking and insurance regulatory commission will introduce the latest developments in tax-reduction policies targeting small businesses.

Here comes the sun as summer finally starts

Saturday marks *lixia*, which means the beginning of summer, according to the traditional Chinese lunar calendar, which divides the year into 24 solar terms. On this day, the sun's rays reach an angle of 45 degrees to the Earth. The temperature will rise quickly over the next few days, yet in northern China the weather will remain mild.

March. Climbers can pay for products through mobile apps or cash. To avoid any damage to the rock, the store has been constructed with light materials.

Society: Snacks for sale by QR code in selected Nanjing taxis

Passengers can now buy snacks and drinks by scanning QR codes in more than 400 taxis across Nanjing, Jiangsu province. The pilot program also helps to increase drivers' incomes as they receive 15 percent for every item sold. The taxis participating are equipped with a storage sack loaded with various kinds of snacks, drinks and bottled water behind the passenger seat. Items are similarly priced as those in supermarkets.

Food: Eat your heart out with personalized lollipop

Sweet-toothed narcissists have finally been given an opportunity to eat their image — in the form of a giant lollipop. Selfie-obsessed lolly-lovers can submit a photo and immortalize themselves in candy form. A team of chefs takes less than a week to handcraft the tutti-frutti flavor "Face Licker", which costs about 350 yuan (\$55) at online retailer Firebox.



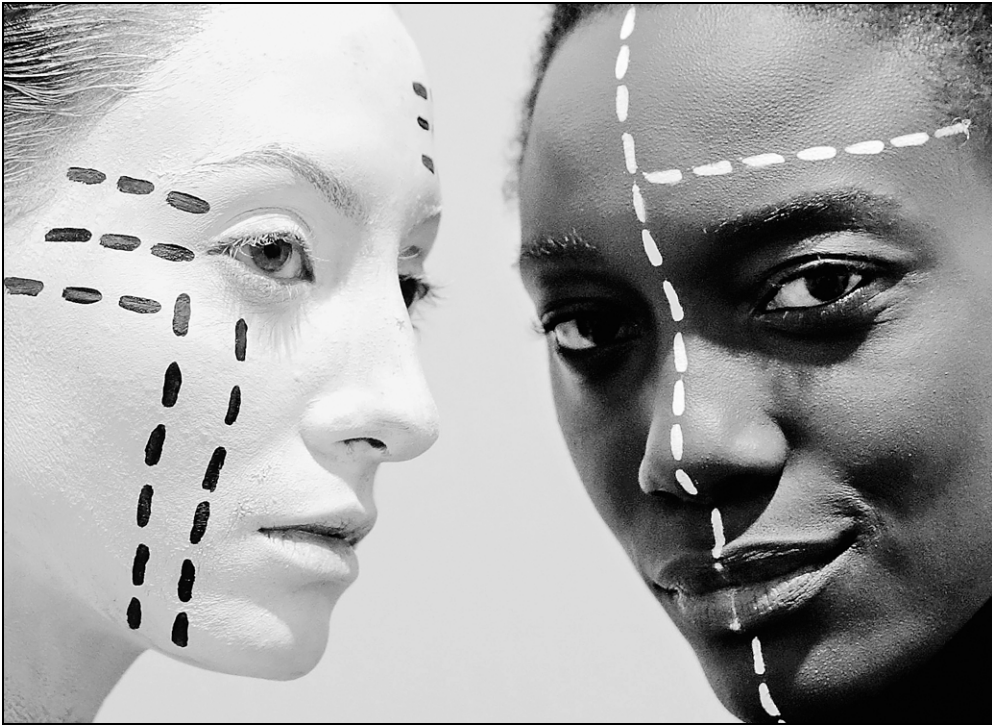
People: Rural entrepreneur has a hot taste for success

Born in a remote village in Jiangxi province in 1953, Zou Daying was a community worker before retirement in 2013. Her chili sauce was a hit with neighbors and in 2013, Zou, 60, started up a business to produce condiments, including her famous chili sauce, following her retirement. Due to its unique taste and quality, her product has become increasingly popular. Over 1 million bottles of condiments were sold last year. Zou employs villagers in her company and also set up a chili growing cooperative to help them boost their income.



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Candid camera: Two-faced



Models wait backstage before designer Lino Villaventura presents her collection during Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Brazil on April 25. PAULO WHITAKER / REUTERS

Connecting nature, food, life in mountains

Years ago, during the Labor Day holiday, when my mother-in-law asked me to climb a mountain in her rural Hangzhou village in Zhejiang province, it wasn't sightseeing she had in mind. Granted, it felt like an



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adventure as we ascended through tall, weedy patches of grasses and vines, pulling ourselves up with the help of shaggy China firs, smooth bamboo trees and weathered gray rocks scattered along a trail only visible to a veteran hiker. The view we were rewarded with halfway up the mountain, gazing upon the colorful patchwork of fields and whitewashed homes set against the verdant hills and a sky so blue it looked digitally altered, was

just a benefit of being there. After all, our eyes were mostly fixed on the ground instead, in search of the real purpose for our journey — the wild edible plants that thrived on the mountainside. We first came upon wild mountain bamboo, a smaller variety of bamboo with clusters of slender shoots that grew shorter than my own knee. This tender plant was the main ingredient in my mother-in-law's salted bamboo shoots that, once preserved, could be used all year long in stir-fries and stews. Up to that moment, when I was helping my mother-in-law harvest the shoots, I had never realized that preparing this important kitchen staple actually required an annual trek to the woods. But along the way, we also encountered another precious wild food — fiddlehead ferns. Those delicate, curled fronds had often appeared on my mother-in-law's table, stir-

fried with fragrant ginger, garlic and green peppers. Once I had actually purchased fiddleheads at a specialty market in the United States, at a premium. Yet there we were, plucking this prized vegetable on our own, with only our labor as the cost. What we had collected that afternoon looked the same as any other wild mountain bamboo shoots and fiddlehead ferns I had glimpsed before in my mother-in-law's kitchen. And yet, they felt different to me because I had used my own hands to help pick them and carry them back down the mountain. Spending time and energy to gather these wild plants had given me a deeper appreciation for the food that ends up on the dinner table. It also made me more aware of the powerful connection among the natural world, food and life, symbolized by my mother-in-law. Living in the city, it's so easy

to forget that we all depend on the environment to sustain us — that the green mountains and blue rivers matter as much to our survival as supermarkets and shops. But my mother-in-law tends her own garden and sustainably forages the surrounding area for wild edible plants, a natural lifestyle that many people like her have kept for generations. Those mountains and rivers supporting her life weren't some abstract concept. They were right there, outside her door and within her rural village. And once I saw them through her perspective that afternoon, I realized they were closer to me than I ever imagined.

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This Day, That Year



Editor's Note: This year marks the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up policy.

Due to the lack of resources in the 1980s, China decided to accept foreign waste and it soon became the world's largest importer of garbage. According to statistics

from the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the country imported 49.6 million metric tons of solid waste, with scrap paper, plastics, and metal taking up the largest share in 2014. In 1996, May 2, Beijing detected illegally imported waste, and the issue came under the spotlight. Nearly 640 metric tons of harmful solid waste imported from the United States was found in a village in the capital's Pinggu district in the first such case uncovered

in Beijing as seen in the item from China Daily (right). Since then, national and local custom officials have strengthened efforts to crackdown on illegal imported waste. Starting from Jan 1, China has officially banned its decade-long practice of importing foreign garbage, a move experts believe will promote more sustainable ways to dispose of and recycle waste worldwide. It pro-



Solid waste from US discovered in Beijing

hibits 24 types of waste. The large amount of garbage and the process of recycling have led to severe environmental damage and health threats, as well as becoming a hotbed for the underground garbage smuggling industry.

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weather

TRAVELER'S FORECAST

LOW/HIGH TEMPERATURES, IN DEGREES CELSIUS, AND EXPECTED CONDITIONS

Cloudy

Drizzle

Dust

Fog

Haze

Overcast

Rain

Shower

Sunny

Snow

Storm

Thunderstorms

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

ASIA-PACIFIC-MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi	25/36	S	25/37	S
Bangkok	26/34	D	27/35	D
Colombo	24/33	D	26/32	D
Dubai	26/35	S	26/37	S
Hanoi	24/29	D	24/31	D
Islamabad	22/34	C	19/33	D
Jakarta	24/33	S	25/32	D
Karachi	27/36	S	27/38	S
Kuala Lumpur	27/29	D	25/29	D
Manila	26/36	D	26/36	D
Mumbai	26/34	D	26/35	D
New Delhi	28/40	D	27/37	C
Pyongyang	14/16	R	9/21	D
Riyadh	20/31	C	20/33	S
Seoul	17/22	D	9/20	D
Singapore	26/29	D	26/28	D
Sydney	14/23	C	15/25	S
Teheran	14/20	C	15/20	D
Tokyo	19/26	D	18/27	D
Wellington	12/15	C	11/15	S
Yangon	24/32	R	23/35	D

AMERICAS

Buenos Aires	14/19	O	16/22	St
Caracas	26/27	C	26/26	C
Chicago	18/23	O	20/22	D
Houston	23/27	D	24/26	D
Las Vegas	15/17	D	15/23	D
Los Angeles	14/16	D	15/17	D
Mexico city	17/17	C	13/18	D
New York	16/22	S	18/23	S
Ottawa	13/18	D	14/18	D
Rio De Janeiro	21/22	D	24/24	D
San Francisco	13/15	C	13/15	S
Sao Paulo	16/20	D	14/21	O
Vancouver	9/11	C	7/15	C
Washington	14/22	S	19/26	S

AFRICA

Cairo	26/39	S	25/39	S
Cape Town	11/19	D	12/21	C
Johannesburg	6/18	D	7/17	C
Lagos	26/28	D	26/28	D
Nairobi	14/24	D	16/25	D

CHINA

Beijing	13/25	C	13/24	S
Changchun	7/17	C	5/18	C
Changsha	22/28	C	20/26	C
Chongqing	21/26	C	21/27	O
Dalian	10/18	C	10/19	S
Fuzhou	23/32	T	18/23	T
Guangzhou	24/30	T	22/26	D
Guilin	23/27	R	22/26	D
Guiyang	15/22	O	15/18	Sh
Haikou	24/33	C	24/31	C
Hangzhou	20/26	Sh	3/22	C
Harbin	4/18	C	3/18	C
Hefei	19/26	C	14/27	C
Hohhot	3/17	S	3/22	S
Hongkong	25/30	C	25/30	T
Jinan	13/22	C	13/23	S
Kunming	13/22	T	12/15	R
Lanzhou	7/25	S	9/27	S
Lhasa	3/16	Sh	5/17	D
Lijiang	12/21	Sh	10/20	Sh
Macao	24/29	C	24/29	O
Nanchang	22/27	D	20/26	O
Nanjing	21/25	Sh	14/26	C
Nanning	24/31	Sh	23/28	R
Qingdao	13/19	O	11/20	C
Sanya	25/32	C	25/32	C

CHINA

Shanghai	19/24	D	15/24	C
Shenyang	10/20	C	8/20	C
Shenzhen	25/31	C	24/29	T
Shijiazhuang	13/24	S	12/24	S
Suzhou	18/24	O	13/25	D
Taipei	25/31	C	21/24	D
Taiyuan	8/20	C	4/25	S
Tianjin	12/23	C	10/23	C
Urumqi	12/23	Sh	10/16	C
Wuhan	21/27	C	16/26	C
Xi'an	14/26	O	10/16	C
Xiamen	23/32	Sh	23/25	Sh
Xining	2/21	S	3/22	C
Yantai	10/16	C	10/17	C
Yinchuan	5/23	S	8/27	S
Zhengzhou	15/22	C	13/28	S
Zhuhai	24/29	O	24/29	O

EUROPE

Athens	17/26	C	17/27	D
Berlin	12/12	D	8/9	D
Brussels	6/11	C	7/14	D
Geneva	7/10	O	7/9	O
Istanbul	13/24	C	13/25	C
London	2/5	D	4/10	C
Madrid	2/14	S	0/13	C
Moscow	11/23	D	10/16	C
Paris	8/12	O	7/13	C
Rome	15/15	D	15/19	D
Vienna	13/16	D	14/17	D