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Participate in the 12th EU-China Business Summit - 2 June 2017 – Brussels

12th EU-CHINA BUSINESS SUMMIT
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Strengthening the pillars of global trade and investment

Organised by: CCPIT, BUSINESSEUROPE

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In cooperation with: European Chamber 中国欧盟商会, EU-China Business Association 欧盟中国贸易协会

Supported by: 法兰德斯中国商会 FCCC VCKK, FLANDERS-CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VLAAMS-CHINESE KAMER VAN KOOPHANDEL

On 2 June, BusinessEurope and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) will host the 12th EU-China Business Summit in Brussels, Belgium in cooperation with the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China (EUCCC), the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA) and with the support of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce.

This one-day event will bring together around 500 business leaders from Europe and China and is the highest level platform for policy discussions between business leaders from both sides.

President Jean-Claude Juncker and **Premier Li Keqiang** will each make a keynote address in which they will outline their views on how to address the challenges and seize the opportunities in our economic relationship.



President Jean-Claude Juncker and Premier Li Keqiang at the 2015 business summit

Under the overall theme of “**Strengthening the Pillars of Global Trade and Investment**”, CEOs and high level business leaders from European and Chinese companies will present their views on how to move forward in the four following areas:

- Trade and Investment
- The Digital Economy
- Climate and Energy
- EU-China Connectivity

For more information on the 12th EU-China Business Summit, including the draft programme and how to register, please visit:

www.eu-china-business-summit.eu

For any questions or if you are interested in discussing sponsorship opportunities, please e-mail euchina@businessseurope.eu

Meeting with the China Circular Economy Delegation – 9 June 2017 – Berchem

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce, the Flanders Cleantech Association and Flanders Investment & Trade are organizing a meeting with the China Circular Economy Delegation, which will take place on 9 June at 09h00 at the Flanders Cleantech Association, Roderveldlaan 5/1, 2600 Berchem.

The delegation has been invited by the European Commission, DG Environment and the EU-China Business Association as a result of the Circular Economy Mission to Beijing organized by DG Environment in November last year.

The delegation is led by the China Association of Circular Economy (CACE), and co-organized by the Green Development League of National Economic and Technological Development Zones (Green Development League of NETDZs).

The purpose of this seminar is to bring together business leaders from both sides to discuss business cooperation on circular economy and to promote the EU clean-tech investment in Chinese industrial parks.

8:45 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:05 Welcome speech by Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director, Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce

9:05 - 9:25 Introduction on the Flanders Cleantech Association by Carine Van Hove, Managing Director, Flanders Cleantech

9:25 - 9:45 Speech on the Circular Economy in China by Zhao Kai Deputy President and Secretary-General, CACE

9:45 - 10:00 Speech by Zhang Yuejian, Counsel, Department of Commerce of Shanxi Province

10:00 - 10:15 Speech on the Circular Economy in Flanders and the link to the European policy by Karl Vrancken, Research Manager Sustainable Materials and Ke Wang, VITO

10:15 - 11:00 Introduction of the participating Flemish and Chinese Companies

11:00 - 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 - 13:00 Business Matching followed by a walking lunch

Description of the Chinese Delegation

The description of the Chinese Delegation and their proposals for cooperation can be consulted on the following link: goo.gl/KdHdEm

Practical information

When: Friday, 9 June 2017

Location: Flanders Cleantech Association, Roderveldlaan 5/1, 2600 Berchem

Time: 8h45 - 13h00

Participation fee:

- For members of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce and the Flanders Cleantech Association: Free of charge
- For non-members: € 75 (Excl. VAT)

Registration

If you are interested to participate in this meeting, please subscribe via the following link: goo.gl/KdHdEm

Please register before 2 June 2017.

Introduction to CACE

China Association of Circular Economy (CACE), a national cross-region and multi-sector

organisation in China, was founded in 2013. As a leading organisation in enabling and promoting the circular economy in China, CACE is administrated by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC), and accepts guidance from the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). CACE has nearly 700 members nationwide while the secretariat of CACE has about 50 employees. The members of CACE cover all circular economy areas, including industrial circular economy, agricultural circular economy, waste reuse and recycling, and garbage utilisation, etc. CACE was formerly named China Association of Resource Comprehensive Utilization from 1995 to 2013.

Introduction to Green Development League of NETDZs

The Green Development League of National Economic & Technological Development Zones, founded in 2016, an unincorporated organisation is constituted of National Economic & Technological Development Zones (219 NETDZs' GDP accounts for 14% of China). Such league as a platform aims to promote the national ecological civilisation construction strategy, and the communication among all those NETDZs on green, low carbon and circular development, which shall further facilitate the technology innovation, industrial structure optimisation, and the green transformation. The League, co-founded by TEDA and other 35 NETDZs, has a committee of experts and a secretariat, i.e. TEDA Eco Center.

Meeting with the future Belgian Ambassador to China – Monday 19 June 2017 – Brussels

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC) is organizing a meeting with the future Ambassador of Belgium in China. This event will take place on Monday 19 June 2017 at 18h00 in Brussels.

This event is an excellent opportunity to introduce your companies' activities in China with the future Ambassador of Belgium in China, Mr Marc Vinck.

Agenda

18h00 – 18h30 Registration

18h30 – 18h45 Speeches by

Mr Stefaan Vanhooren, Chairman, Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce

Mr Marc Vinck, future Ambassador of Belgium in the People's Republic of China

18h45 – 20h00 Exchange of views and networking with the future Ambassador

Practical information

Date: Monday, 19 June 2017

Location: Brussels

Participation fee:

- Members: € 55 (Excl. VAT)
- Non-Members: € 90 (Excl. VAT)

Registration

If you are interested to participate in this meeting, please register before June 13, 2017. You can register by visiting the following website: goo.gl/0fzXQF

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY FCCC

2017 China-EU SME Cross-Border Investment and Trade Conference – 2 June 2017 – Brussels

The Bank of China, in partnership with EUROCHAMBERS, and supported by the EU-SME Centre and the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA), is organizing the 2017 China- EU SME Cross-Border Investment and Trade Conference.

More than 200 companies have already registered to this event. More than 100 Chinese companies will be available to discuss business opportunities.

Several subsidiaries of the Alibaba Group will be present, among which Ant Financial Services Group, formerly known as Alipay. This company operates the Alipay payment platform. It also runs the Zhima credit rating system. For our event, Ant Financial Services Group will be allocated in the E-Commerce and Overseas Tourism sector.

The updated website www.bocsmeevent.com will give you a lot of additional information on this exceptional event.

Registration for this event is now closed.

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Weihai International Food Expo – 16-19 June 2017 – Weihai

Weihai International Food Expo

Date: 16th to 19th, June, 2017

Venue: Weihai International Exhibition Center

Organisers: Department of Commerce of Shandong Province, Shandong Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau and Weihai Municipal Government

Supporting Sponsors :

Foreign Trade Development Bureau of Ministry of Commerce, China Chamber of Commerce, China Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Alliance, Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency, Royal Thai Consulate-General in Qingdao, Japan C & Z Communication, Asian-International Trade and Investment Association, Malaysia China International Trade Link Association, Taiwan Cross Strait Exhibition Association.

Introduction

Weihai International Food Expo was founded in 2010, and it is China's first food exhibition focusing on exporting quality and safety of agricultural products. It is held by the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province, Shandong Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau and Weihai Municipal Government in June every year. It has been successfully held for 7 sessions, with in total 4228 international standard booths, 2266 exhibitors from home and abroad, 10,500 professional buyers from more than 40 countries and regions, and 11.07 billion yuan of trade intention. The exhibition area is 30,000 square meters. The Expo will invite about 3,000 purchasers from large domestic chain supermarkets and business associations, purchasers from South Korea, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan and other countries (regions). Exhibition scope will cover marine food, agricultural and sideline products, snack foods, imported food, alcohol and beverages, food packaging and processing machinery.

Advantages

Weihai is the largest fishing production base in northern China, China's largest frozen food export base, China's largest production and processing base for kelp, China's largest fish oil capsule production base and seafood canned production base, China's largest peanut exporting base, and the biggest base for aquatic products and concentrated fruit juice in China. As an important city for exporting agricultural products, Weihai has been the first city to construct quality and safety demonstration base in the country since 2008, and it has formed a reliable quality and safety supervision mode to enhance the quality of agricultural products including aquatic products. Weihai City has been awarded the Shandong Provincial Government and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China first "Quality and Safety Demonstration City of Exporting Agricultural Products in Shandong Province" award and the first batch of Quality and Safety Demonstration City of Exporting Agricultural Products in China.

Preferential Policies

For all overseas exhibitors, we will provide free booth, for which business license copy would be required. For the team leader who organizes more than 10 overseas exhibitors (1 person for each delegation), we will provide preferential policies of airport pick-ups and seeing-offs (only for Weihai Airport and Yantai Airport). For overseas purchaser, after confirmed with identification, we will provide preferential policies, including airport pick-ups and seeing-offs (only for Weihai Airport and Yantai Airport), and 3 days (with 2 nights) free accommodation. For the team leader who organizes the purchaser delegation of more than 10 overseas excellent purchasers (1 person for each delegation), we will provide preferential policies of 3 days (with 2 nights) free accommodation.

Contact and registration:

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ASEM High-Level Forum on Digital Connectivity – June 19-20, 2017 – Qingdao

The ASEM High-Level Forum on Digital Connectivity will take place in Qingdao on June 19-20, 2017. This Forum is a follow-up event to the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) held in July 2016, and co-organized by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China and Ministry of Commerce of China.

19-20 June 2017 Shangri-La Hotel, Qingdao, China

Tentative Programme**18 June 2017 (Sunday)** All day Arrival of Delegates

09:30 Optional Field Trip: Visits will be arranged to Qingdao Hi-tech Development Zone, West Coast New District, Blue Silicon Valley, Sino-German Ecological Park, Haier Group, Hisense Group, Red Collar Group and etc.

19 June 2017 (Monday)

08:00 Registration

09:00 Opening Ceremony (Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Qingdao Shangri-La Hotel) MC: Yin Zonghua, Deputy Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)
Speech: JIANG Zengwei, Chairman of CCPIT

Welcome Remarks: Governor of Shandong Province

Speeches: High-Level Representatives from Co-Sponsors and other ASEM Members

Keynote Speech: ... from the State Council of China (TBC)

10:20-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40 Plenary Session: Digital Connectivity - Unleashing Potential for Innovative Growth
Moderator: Yu Jianlong, Secretary-General of China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC)

Keynote Speeches by government officials and entrepreneurs from ASEM partners as well as international organizational representatives

12:15 Buffet Lunch (Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Qingdao Shangri-La Hotel)

14:00 Session I: IT Industry Cooperation and Development

As IT technology keeps upgrading, Asia and Europe are in need of enhancing cooperation in IT industries and promoting connectivity to create "digital Asia-Europe". This session will discuss current status, experience and cooperative directions of IT industry, IT industry development and copyright protection, Internet of Things/Internet of Vehicles, internet and finance, next generation of Internet and electric power development, Smart City building, shared economy – integrated development of IT industry and traditional industries and etc.

14:00 Session II: Digital Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the cornerstone of digital connectivity. The member countries of ASEM are working on filling the vast gap in digital world, raising investment for digital infrastructure and exploring potential of digital economy. This session will discuss current development, characteristics and cooperative visions of the construction of digital infrastructure, issues of opening international telecommunication market, case study on digital infrastructure investment, construction of telecommunication network (cross-border cables), market operation of digital infrastructure, digital infrastructure and 5G network, financing of digital infrastructure and etc. (Session I and Session II are in parallel)

18:00 Reception and Dinner (Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Qingdao Shangri-La Hotel)

20 June 2017 (Tuesday)

09:00 Session III: Cross-Border E-commerce

As fundamental technology to drive the globalization of trade, cross-border e-commerce does not only overcome the barriers of states, but also leads the revolution of international trade.

This session will discuss trends of cross-border e-commerce, internet upgrading and new opportunities for cross-border e-commerce, effective methods to simplify goods imports-exports and transit procedures such as "single window", payment and clearing, rights and interests protection, business cooperation in cross-border e-commerce and etc.

09:00 Session IV: Big Data and Industry Upgrading

The development and application of big data will stipulate the growth of productivity. Both traditional and emerging industrial countries highly value the integration of big data and manufacturing. This session will discuss intelligent manufacturing in Asia and Europe, big data for small and medium enterprises, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and service robot industry, security issues of big data, future of big data and cloud computing and etc. (Session III and Session IV are in parallel)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:10 Closing Ceremony (Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Qingdao Shangri-La Hotel) MC: (TBC)

Moderators of the four sessions report to the plenary on the discussion.

Adoption of the outcome document (TBC)

Closing Remarks by officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, CCPIT and Co-Sponsors

12:00 Buffet Lunch (Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Qingdao Shangri-La Hotel)

A registration form is available by sending an e-mail to info@flanders-china.be

Qingdao SME Procurement at Home and Abroad and Investment Cooperation Negotiation Meeting – 23 June 2017 – Qingdao

The Qingdao SME Procurement at Home and Abroad and Investment Cooperation Negotiation Meeting will be held on 23 June 2017 in Qingdao, Shandong province.

More information is available [here](#).

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The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce offers several advertising and sponsorship opportunities in order to give your activities more exposure to potential new clients and collaboration.

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www.flanders-china.be

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Invitations are distributed via E-mail and the FCCC website and newsletters. The events are announced in different media channels.

The fee is according to each different event.

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SPONSOR (3 months): 895 €

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- Newsletters are also posted online at the FCCC website
- 1 issue every quarter
- Number of direct recipients: +/- 2000 Chinese and Belgian business leaders, local authorities and institutions
- Distributed through the different Chambers of Commerce in China
- Your logo on the electronic newsletter and a 200-word profile of China activities

GOLDEN SPONSOR: 1.650 € -3 issues
SILVER SPONSOR: 1.250 € - 2 issues

Amounts are excl. VAT.

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The EU-China Business Association (EUCBA) is an association of Associations in the European Union countries promoting business relations between European enterprises, institutions and their Chinese counterparts. It is an International non-profit organisation registered in Belgium.

The FCCC holds the secretariat-general of the EUCBA.

The EUCBA organises high-level EU-China events and also publishes a Quarterly newbulletin.

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PAST EVENTS

Meeting of the FCCC Board with the future Ambassador from Belgium to China – 22 May 2017 – Brussels



From left to right: Mr Philippe Van Der Donckt, Business Development Director, Umicore and Vice-Chairman FCCC; Mr Philip Eyskens, Senior Vice President Legal, IT and M&A, Bekaert and Board Member FCCC; Ms Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director FCCC; Mr Stefaan Vanhooren, President Agfa Graphics, Member of the Executive Committee of the Agfa Gevaert Group and Chairman FCCC; Mr Marc Vinck, future Ambassador of Belgium in China; Mr Peter Lescouhier, Director Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr Bart De Smet, Chief Executive Officer, AGEAS and Vice-Chairman FCCC.

On May 22, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC) had a meeting with the future Ambassador from Belgium to China Mr Marc Vinck at Umicore in Brussels.

Conference: “Sharing Chinese & Western Leadership Insights” – 22 May 2017 – Antwerp

LEAD-IN and the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce organized their joint conference which explored Western and Chinese models of business leadership with an expert panel of business leaders and academics: “SHARING CHINESE & WESTERN LEADERSHIP INSIGHTS”.

Different cultures can have radically different leadership styles and it is important for international organisations to understand them. As European business continues to expand into China, and Chinese companies establish operations around Europe, employers need to integrate both Chinese and European perspectives into their leadership models.

Understanding the inherent differences between Chinese and European leadership styles is essential for successful talent management programs. Our conference gave participants a clear understanding of the similarities and differences between Chinese and European leadership styles and how to apply them to their company.

Mr. Jacques Vandermeiren, CEO Port of Antwerp, welcomed the participants. Mr. Bo Ji, Chief Representative for Europe and Assistant Dean of China's top business school, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, introduced the Chinese & Western leadership models. A panel discussion followed his keynote speech, moderated by Dorinela Munteanu, Director Antwerp Management School with the following participants:

- Bo Ji, Chief Representative for Europe and Assistant Dean, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business.
- Charlene Wu, Chairman, Anbang Belgium
- Bernard Vanhecke, Global VP Talent Management and Learning, Bekaert
- Dirk Coorevits, General Manager, Soudal

A Q&A session, closing remarks by Mr Bart De Smet, Chairman Lead-In, Vice Chairman, Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce, and a cocktail reception concluded the event.

One Day China Immersion Programme – “Understanding China’s Next Move” – 22 May 2017 – Ghent

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce, the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business and the Province of East Flanders organized the One Day China Immersion Programme: “Understanding China's Next Move”. This programme took place on May 22, 2017 at the Provincial House in Ghent.

“Understanding China's Next Move” gave European executives the latest China market insights and explained how to do business with a changing China. The course contained the following modules:

- Win in China – Formulas and Business Models
- Chinese Consumer Behaviour and Digital Marketing in China
- Cross-cultural Management under Chinese Context
- Negotiation with the Chinese

Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director, Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce, introduced the programme to the participants. Mr. Bo Ji, Chief Representative of Europe & Assistant Dean of

Global Executive Education at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB) presented the different modules. To conclude the event, award certificate from CKGSB, the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce and the Province of East Flanders were presented to the participants.

Delegation from Chengdu Municipal Government visits EUCBA office – 19 May 2017 – Brussels

A delegation from the Chengdu Municipal Government visited the office of EUCBA in Brussels on May 19, 2017. Gwenn Sonck, Secretary General of the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA) and Executive Director of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC) received the delegation. The aim was to discuss cooperation between both sides. Lothe Verstraete, Deputy Director Inward Investment, Flanders Investment & Trade, gave the delegation a presentation of the advantages of Flanders, and Geert Regelbrugge, Deputy Director of the Province of Flemish Brabant presented Flanders Smart Hub and their cooperation with their twinning city Chengdu.

China: Opportunities in the Healthcare market – 15 May 2017 – Barco – Kortrijk

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce organized a seminar on opportunities in the Chinese healthcare market on 15 May Barco in Kortrijk.

The seminar was organized in cooperation with the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, Flanders Investment & Trade, Agoria Healthcare Technology Esscencia, MedTec Flanders and the Regional Development Agency West-Flanders.

Healthcare reform has become one of the priorities of the Chinese government. China's healthcare market is growing quickly – around 17% per annum in recent years. It is now the second largest market in the world for medical devices and pharmaceuticals. China's healthcare service market is also quickly becoming one of the largest in the world.

During this seminar, Mr. Bo Ji, Chief Representative and Assistant Dean of the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, gave participants a better understanding of the opportunities in the fast-growing Chinese healthcare market. This was followed by testimonials from Mr. Filip Pintelon, Senior Vice-President GM Healthcare, Barco, and Mr Olivier Billiau, International Sales and Marketing Director, Televic, who shared their experiences on the Chinese market. Mr Chen Hui, Chief Representative of Weihai in Europe, gave a presentation on the investment environment of medical healthcare parks in Weihai city, Shandong province.

It was a very informative event for companies active in the Health Industry including Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Nutrition, Medical Insurance, Medical devices and applications, as well as Healthcare and life sciences.

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Hainan Airlines launched brand new Prime Wings Lounge located in Terminal 2, Beijing Capital International Airport. This flagship lounge of Hainan Airlines is able to accommodate 148 air passengers. Covering 726 square meters, it is home to more than 10 function areas,

such as the tea area, lounge area, reading room, VIP room, sleeping area, bath room, audio and video area, etc. The brand new Prime Wings Lounge will provide passengers a space to rest and refresh in this extremely busy hub.

Designed by Dr. Liang Jinghua, a well-known architecture designer in Hong Kong, this ingenuity work is inspired by the natural harmony of Hainan Island. Facilitated with wood furniture and decoration of Oriental Style, and accompanied by the premium metal and stone material, this lounge marks the wisdom of both modern western and classical oriental aesthetics. With power and texture in elegance, it further presents the oriental beauty in a creative way. [READ MORE](#)

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2. Ticketing Date: 30.04.2017-31.08.2017
3. Travel Dates: 30.04.2017-31.08.2017
4. Fare is subject to seat availability.
5. Special fare restrictions may apply.

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|----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Business Class | 8% off | 10% off | 16-23/05/2017 | 19/05/2017 - 31/12/2017 |

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AUTOMOTIVE

China's Geely in U-turn to buy 49.9% stake in Malaysia's Proton

Geely, the Chinese owner of Volvo Car, has agreed to acquire a 49.9% stake in struggling Malaysian car manufacturer Proton, and control of British sports car brand Lotus. The Hangzhou-based carmaker agreed to "support the transformation of Proton and Lotus" to make Proton "the most competitive brand in Malaysia", according to a press statement. The deal, which came as a dramatic about face after senior executives of Geely had previously said they dropped their bid, is expected to help Geely grow in the Southeast Asian car market and to claim ownership of Lotus – an iconic global sports car brand – owned by Proton. Proton was put up for sale earlier this year, drawing interest from Renault and Peugeot's parent PSA. "With Proton and Lotus joining the Geely Group portfolio of brands we strengthen our global footprint and develop a beachhead in Southeast Asia," said Daniel Li, Chief Financial Officer of Geely Holding Group. Proton has been bleeding red ink with its market share declining year after year after failed attempts by its conglomerate owner DRB-Hicom to rehabilitate the company.

- Guangzhou Vanlead Group Co, one of China's leading radial tire producers, is constructing a USD1 billion plant in the U.S. state of South Carolina. The group also plans to set up a research center in Europe and a joint research facility in Akron, Ohio, which is seen as the "Silicon Valley" of the rubber industry, said Fu Shoujie, Chairman of Vanlead. In 2016, Vanlead became the first Chinese tire company to pass the tests of German testing company TUV Rheinland.

FINANCE

Moody's cuts China's credit rating over worsening debt outlook

Moody's Investors Service has cut its rating on China's debt to A1 from Aa3 and changed the

outlook to stable from negative. It cited the likelihood of a “material rise” in economy-wide debt and the burden that will place on the state’s finances. The offshore yuan dipped after the downgrade. President Xi Jinping and other top leaders are seeking to rein in credit risks in the financial system, while ensuring there is enough lending to keep the economy growing by at least 6.5% this year. Total outstanding credit climbed to about 260% of GDP by the end of 2016, up from 160% in 2008, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. “It is a psychological blow that China will not take kindly to and absolutely speaks to the rising financial pressures in China,” said Christopher Balding, Associate Professor at the HSBC School of Business at Peking University in Shenzhen. That said, “It doesn’t matter much in the grand scheme of things because so much of Chinese debt is held by state or quasi-state actors and minimal amounts are international investors.” Overseas institutions’ holdings of onshore bonds dropped to CNY830 billion as of the end of March, from CNY853 billion three months earlier, People’s Bank of China data show. That is less than 1.5% of CNY63.7 trillion of outstanding notes. “The stable outlook reflects our assessment that, at the A1 rating level, risks are balanced,” Moody’s said in the statement. “The erosion in China’s credit profile will be gradual and, we expect, eventually contained as reforms deepen,” Moody’s added.

Moody’s cut Hong Kong’s credit rating from Aa1 to Aa2, following its first downgrade to China’s rating since 1989, citing the city’s “close and tightening” linkages with the mainland. Total mainland-related lending in the city rose to HKD3.6 trillion at the end of 2016, up 3.5% compared with last June, while other non-bank exposures increased by 11.4% to HKD1.2 trillion. Moody’s also cut the ratings of 26 Chinese state-owned enterprises (SOEs). A downgrade could increase the debt financing cost for the companies. Among the affected companies were China Mobile, China National Offshore Oil Corp (CNOOC) and China Petrochemical Corp (Sinopec). Moody’s downgraded Agricultural Bank of China one notch, while the ratings agency left its ratings on China’s three other large state-owned banks unchanged. Dagong Global Credit Rating Co maintained its local and foreign currency sovereign credit ratings for China at AA+ and AAA respectively, both with stable outlooks.

China’s Ministry of Finance responded to Moody’s sovereign downgrade with a statement on its website saying the agency used “inappropriate” methods to overestimate the country’s economic difficulties and underestimated Beijing’s ability to handle such challenges. “Moody’s views that the debt scale of the real economy will grow rapidly, that reforms are having difficulties showing effects, and that the government will continue to stimulate growth, overestimated the difficulties China is confronting and underestimated the government capability in deepening structural reform and appropriately expanding aggregated demand,” the Ministry said.

Central bank adjusts formula for setting yuan-dollar exchange rate

The People’s Bank of China (PBOC) will adjust the formula for calculating its daily yuan reference rate to ward off potential capital outflows resulting from the United States Federal Reserve’s impending rise in interest rates. A “counter-cyclical adjustment factor” would be added to the closing exchange rate and to the basket of currencies for calculating the yuan’s daily fixing, or the mid-point rate from which the yuan is allowed to trade by up to 2%. The change would mean a stronger state hand and less of a role for market forces in setting the rate. But a “countercyclical” factor in the pricing model could help offset the “herd effect” and bring the yuan’s central parity in line with economic fundamentals, the PBOC said. Christopher Balding, Associate Professor at Peking University’s HSBC Business School in Shenzhen, questioned the need for the change given the yuan’s extremely low volatility in recent months. “The only logical explanation for the change is that they are trying to provide greater discretion in managing the yuan’s value,” Balding said. He added that the new factor would reduce the yuan’s transparency.

China defended its yuan exchange-rate policy and its interventions in the foreign exchange market, saying it hasn’t manipulated its currency but instead sacrificed some of China’s interests to help the world, including the U.S. The yuan comments were part of a 117-page report on Sino-U.S. trade relations published by the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), and are a response to allegations that China is deliberately manipulating its exchange rate to help its exporters. Allegations from Washington about Chinese currency manipulation were “neither objective nor fair”, the Ministry added. Beijing has made great efforts to stave off a fast yuan depreciation, depleting its foreign exchange reserves by nearly USD1 trillion since June 2014, or a quarter of the total.

- The Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) is investigating Yang Jiakai, Assistant Chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC). He was responsible for bank supervision at the CBRC. Yang is the latest high-ranking official of a Chinese financial regulatory body to be investigated in recent weeks. Xiang Junbo, Chairman of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) is also under investigation.
- China Life Insurance (Group) is buying 48 commercial properties in the United States with a total value of USD950 million from ElmTree Funds, a private-equity firm based in the city of St Louis. China Life said ElmTree would retain a 5% stake and continue to jointly manage the properties, which include logistics centers, office buildings and healthcare facilities. Tenants include GE, FedEx, Caterpillar and T-Mobile.
- The interbank funding cost of Chinese banks is quickly approaching, if not exceeding, the interest rate banks charge their clients, which could lead to a reduction in bank lending or a quick rise of interest rates. The one-year Shanghai Interbank Offered rate (Shibor) rose above the one-year prime loan rate. The Shibor's 4.3024 reading was its highest in more than two years, and marked the first time the Shibor had exceeded the prime loan rate since the data series became available in 2013.
- Ant Financial, the finance arm of Alibaba, announced the launch of its mobile wallet for Hong Kong users. AlipayHK is similar to its Chinese counterpart Alipay. Registered users are able to top up their mobile wallets and make in-store payments that are settled in Hong Kong dollars at merchants. Cashiers need only scan a QR code generated by the user's AlipayHK app and the amount will be deducted automatically from the wallet.
- China is stepping up efforts to establish a system to gather information about every individual's income and property. The Central Leading Group for Comprehensively Deepening Reform approved an overall plan to create an individual income and property information gathering system. It will help the government make policies on matters including tax and housing property tax reforms in a more sensible way, Kuang Xianming, Director of the Research Center for Economy under the China Institute for Reform and Development, said.
- An additional 11 Chinese commercial banks have joined SWIFT's global payments innovation (GPI) initiative to offer faster, more transparent and traceable cross-border payments for Chinese companies. A total of 13 Chinese banks have now joined GPI, representing an estimated 80% of Chinese cross-border payments. The Bank of China (BOC) and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) had already joined the initiative.
- China is to implement a new data-driven national credit system, with automatically-generated ratings, worrying some foreign companies. The full effects of the new system may be felt by 2020, according to the Meractor Institute for China Studies (Merics). Under the system, companies can be given lower scores if they do not pay loans back in a timely manner, or fail to comply with work safety standards, emissions targets, guidelines for government investment, or punctual delivery of goods bought online.
- The State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) published a list of the 10 top cases of people and firms illegally moving money abroad. It named five companies, accusing them of forging contracts or invoices to remit a combined USD226 million offshore since 2015. Ningbo Big Fortune International Trade was fined CNY22.8 million for moving USD119 million abroad "seriously disturbing the foreign exchange market order".
- Foreign banks are divided on whether to help finance China's Silk Road initiative, with some seeing an opportunity in providing direct financing for the government-backed project while others opt for reduced exposure, citing concerns over poor returns from large infrastructure investments and other risks.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Restrictions on foreign investment to be further relaxed

China will ease restrictions on foreign investment, including a further opening up in sectors

such as services, manufacturing and mining, according to a news release issued after a meeting of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Leading Group for Deepening Overall Reform. The catalogue on foreign investment will be adapted accordingly. Utilization of foreign capital in the first four months of 2017 reached CNY286.4 billion, a slight drop of 0.1% year-on-year. During the same period, China registered 9,726 new enterprises with foreign investment, a year-on-year increase of 17.2%. The meeting also approved the setting up of trans-regional environmental protection bodies to better handle air-quality and environmental problems.

- China's plan to boost its domestic manufacturing industry has been somewhat misunderstood by foreign organizations as a move to favor local companies over foreign competition, Xin Guobin, Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology said. He reaffirmed foreign participation in the "Made in China 2025" plan at a press briefing in Beijing. He said all companies in China, whether Chinese or foreign-funded, would receive the same treatment under the "China 2025" policies.
- Qualcomm, state-owned telecom company Datang Telecom Technology Co and two local investment groups are setting up a new joint venture in China to build chips for entry-level smartphones. JLQ Technology will have a registered capital of CNY2.98 billion. Qualcomm will pour CNY720 million into the venture for a 24% stake, as well as transfer and license technology. Datang will hold a 24% stake, with investment company JAC Capital accounting for 34.6%. Local private equity firm Wise Road Capital will have a 17.4% stake.

FOREIGN TRADE

More railway cargo services to Europe launched

A new 9,900 km railway cargo route linking Shenzhen with the Belarus capital of Minsk has been inaugurated. A train with 41 containers, packed with Chinese products from mobile phones to car parts, is expected to take two weeks to reach Minsk via Central Asia. Chinese cities are jockeying to launch "direct cargo trains" to Europe to support President Xi Jinping's ambitious "Belt and Road Initiative". The inland city of Chongqing now has a regular rail cargo service to Duisburg in Germany, and the export hub of Yiwu in eastern China has similar services to London and Madrid. According to state-owned rail operator China Railway, 29 Chinese cities, including Shenzhen, have launched direct freight lines to Europe, although most routes are along the same track. China Brilliant Group is a key backer of the new Shenzhen-Minsk freight link. As part of a joint venture with German logistics firm DHL, China Brilliant had invested CNY80 million into building warehouses along the route, training staff, and upgrading surveillance. Before the opening of the new link, many electronics firms in Shenzhen had been forced to send their shipments to Yiwu for forwarding to Europe because Shenzhen lacked a direct link with the continent. There will be one westbound train service a week, and a return service will start in June. Eventually, the service might be extended to Hamburg in Germany. DHL Greater China Chief Executive Steve Huang said China's belt and road plan also offered opportunities for companies to combine maritime and rail routes. He said transport by rail was faster than sea freight and cheaper than air cargo. A shipment usually takes more than a month to get from China to Europe by sea, the South China Morning Post reports.

A committee to coordinate freight rail services on the China Railway Express between China and Europe was launched in Beijing. 33 stakeholders are members of the committee. Measures to be taken include establishing transfer hubs to assemble container cars, launching an international information service, and opening hotline number 95306 for clients to check on their cargo. A cold container information center will also be launched.

China imposes three-year duty on sugar imports

China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) announced the final ruling on an investigation into sugar imports, deciding to implement a three-year duty on out-of-quota shipments. China now allows 1.95 million tons of sugar imports at a tariff of 15% as part of its commitment to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Imports beyond this are subject to a 50% levy. The new ruling will add an extra 45% duty to these imports to May 21, 2018. The duty will be reduced to

40%, then 35% in each subsequent year, according to the statement. The investigation, launched last year in response to pleas by the domestic industry, found that increasing imports were causing serious harm to local producers. WTO members may take measures to protect their domestic industries from any increase in imports which causes, or threatens to cause, serious problems for local producers. The move could dent imports from countries such as Brazil and Thailand as it will close the big gap between Chinese and international prices. Chinese sugar prices are around double those on the London market. But traders said the higher tariffs will also likely spur increased smuggling across China's porous southern border, while some imports from major producers may be shipped through third-party nations excluded from the tariffs. The latest ruling exempted about 190 smaller countries and regions from the new duty, including smaller producers such as the Philippines and Pakistan as well as Myanmar. Last year, China imported 3.06 million tons of sugar, down 36.8% from 2015, the South China Morning Post reports.

- Asian trade ministers met in Hanoi, Vietnam, to hammer out the terms of the 16-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). It excludes the United States, which had been leading another regional trade pact – the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) – until U.S. President Donald Trump abruptly abandoned it in January, but the 11 remaining TPP nations vowed to resuscitate the deal without the U.S.
- China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) has restricted the export of big dredgers which it has used to build artificial islands in the South China Sea, citing national security concerns. From June 1, all export deals for dredgers that might affect national security would require State Council approval. The notice listed five types of dredgers that could dig more than 15 meters deep, had a large carrying capacity, and could dredge at high speed. Building artificial islands in the South China Sea, China has developed advanced dredging technology that it doesn't want other countries to obtain, especially those in Southeast Asia with competing maritime claims.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Two Chinese companies take over world's no 2 condom maker

Humanwell Healthcare Group and Citic Capital Partners are paying USD600 million to acquire the world's No 2 condom maker, owned by Australia's Ansell. The deal will give the two firms a ubiquitous condom brand, Jissbon, which sounds like "James Bond" in Chinese. Ansell is second only in terms of market share to Reckitt Benckiser, which owns the Durex brand in China. China is the fourth largest maker of condoms in the world, and its domestic market is predicted by American market researcher Reportlinker to witness significant growth.

REAL ESTATE

Outlook for real estate investment market remains positive

The outlook for China's real estate investment market is expected to be positive in 2017 despite a decline in transactions in the first quarter, Colliers International said. Between January and March, en bloc property transactions across the country fell 25% year-on-year to USD5.3 billion because of scarce high-quality property assets available for sale rather than lack of demand. "We expect investment activity to pick up over the rest of 2017 and come close to last year's record, as China's economy continues to expand while concerns over international trade and politics are easing," said Andrew Haskins, Executive Director of Research for Asia Operations at Colliers.

- Shanghai will expand a trial program to tear down old buildings that cannot be saved by repairing and renovating. The buildings involved had become so outdated that residents had to share kitchens, bathrooms and other facilities, and renovations to improve living conditions were not feasible. About 500,000 square meters of such residential buildings – deemed to be beyond saving – were planned to be torn down and replaced from 2016 to 2020.
- By the end of 2017, China will have made available 18 million new homes in rundown

urban areas as part of a three-year program, the government said. It invested CNY1.48 trillion in 2016 to build 6.06 million new homes for shanty redevelopment, according to the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development.

- Thousands of homebuyers shrugged off rising mortgage rates and joined long queues at the offices of some of Hong Kong's biggest developers hoping to snap up newly released flats last week. As many as 4,800 buyers registered to bid for 307 flats at K & K Property's Victoria Skye project, which is located at the former airport site of Kai Tak. "Sales had been impressive," said Midland Realty's Chief Residential Executive Sammy Po.

RETAIL

JD.com to build drone logistics network

Chinese e-commerce firm JD.com plans to build a low-altitude drone logistics network in Shaanxi province to better service rural areas. The network will span a 300-kilometer radius and include hundreds of routes and drone air bases for e-commerce shipments. Heavy-load drones are expected to be able to carry loads of over a ton, and will be able to transport products to both remote areas and cities. Rural areas with poor infrastructure have long posed a challenge for Chinese e-commerce companies, as deliveries can be difficult to make. Drone deliveries would open up a larger customer base for e-commerce companies like JD.com and Alibaba, since about half of China's population still live in rural areas, where delivery may be difficult. "JD.com will be the first in the world to test drone delivery on this scale. "We envision a network that will be able to efficiently transport goods between cities, and even between provinces, in the future," said Wang Zhenhui, Chief Executive of JD Logistics, JD.com's newly-established business group. JD.com already operates its own logistics network across China, with its own warehouses and delivery workers. In contrast, its largest rival Alibaba works with a network of delivery companies via its logistics arm Cainiao. Last year, JD.com started trialling drone deliveries to the countryside outside of Beijing, and in Jiangsu, Shaanxi and Sichuan provinces, the South China Morning Post reports.

- Cainiao Network, the logistics arm of Alibaba, said it will strengthen the deployment of artificial intelligent (AI) technology in its courier network by putting one million smart logistics vehicles into the market to cope with exploding delivery volumes in the future – expected to reach one billion a day within a decade. The smart logistics vehicles, co-manufactured with other automobile companies including SAIC Motor and Dongfeng Motor, will optimize the delivery route for the couriers based on Cainiao's advanced big data and algorithms.
- China's consumer confidence climbed to the highest level in two years, edging up 2 points from a quarter earlier to 110 points at the end of the first quarter, Nielsen said in a report.
- Walmart has opened of its flagship online store on JD.com, nearly a year after both companies formed a strategic alliance. Walmart had 433 bricks-and-mortar retail sites in China as of October last year. It picked more than 1,700 of the most-purchased items to offer on Walmart's flagship online store. Walmart made a USD50 million investment last October in New Dada, the joint venture between JD.com and delivery specialist Dada that operates China's largest on-demand logistics and online-to-offline grocery platform. JD.com had 236.5 million active customer accounts at the end of March. The average online shopper in the country is forecast to spend CNY12,198 online this year, a 7% increase over last year.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China plans new science station in Antarctica

China has pledged to further expand its presence in Antarctica, including building its fifth research station. Officials in Beijing said the country was still lagging behind the U.S., Russia and Norway in exploring and studying the polar regions, which did not match China's status as "a great country". But they said China had no ambition to exploit the vast resources underneath the frozen continent. "China is expected, on the basis of advancing scientific cognition of the polar regions, to elevate its Antarctic activities," according to a white paper

issued by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) on the occasion of the 40th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Beijing. Since 1985, China has built four stations in Antarctica, two in the past decade, with the Kunlun station occupying the highest spot on the continent, Dome A. The U.S. has five research stations in Antarctica and Russia has eight. Qin Weijia, Director of SOA's polar expedition office, said China had not spent enough on its polar efforts in the past. The white paper also expressed China's willingness to enhance international polar cooperation, naming Norway as a potential partner, the South China Morning Post reports.

STOCK MARKETS

Margin lending drops to lowest level in three months

China's month-long stock market correction has suppressed investor appetite for risk and pushed margin lending to its lowest level in three months. Margin lending, whereby investors can multiply their investible funds by using their securities as collateral, dropped 6% between mid-April and mid-May. Current margin trading levels are 60% lower than their peaks two years ago. Margin lending stood at CNY932.4 billion before the drop-off in mid-April. Margin financing was allowed from early 2010, and reached a peak of CNY2.26 trillion in mid-2015. Only institutional investors and retail investors with CNY500,000 or more in their share trading accounts can trade shares on margin. Margin financing collapsed in the aftermath of the stock market crash of mid-2015, during which the Shanghai stock index lost 40% of its value in three months.

- Yanzhou Coal Mining has seen its Hong Kong share price tumble 21% from this year's high, on the back of profit-taking and a slumping coal price. But the drop in the share price could offer investors an ideal entry point, according to some analysts. They cite the company's strong production growth outlook, powered both by domestic and overseas mine development, as well as an impending acquisition of a major producer in Australia. Shandong-based Yanzhou's management said in March it aimed to raise coal output by 29.2% to CNY78.6 million tons this year.
- The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) has fined Citic Securities, Haitong Securities, and Guosen Securities, blaming them for their role in the 2015 stock market crash. Citic Securities had broken rules on margin financing and its securities lending business by "failing to execute business contracts with its customers in accordance with the relevant provisions", the investigation by the CSRC found. It was fined CNY308.3 million and had a further CNY61.7 million of "illegal proceeds" confiscated. Haitong was fined CNY2.5 million, while Guosen was fined CNY105 million.
- China is considering allowing foreign investors to trade domestic crude oil and iron ore futures as part of financial reforms, Fang Xinghai, Vice Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) said. The regulators are also studying new futures such as pulp, hog, jujube and apple, and will allow commercial banks to participate in the treasury futures market.
- China's securities regulator has ordered substantial shareholders to spread the disposals of their stakes in publicly traded companies, anxious to manage any sharp jumps or plunges in stock prices. Substantial shareholders are barred from selling their holdings through so-called block trades, in a manner that may "maliciously" cause prices to plunge and hurt public confidence, the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) announced.

TRAVEL

China and Russia to jointly develop passenger jet

China and Russia announced a joint venture to develop a wide-body jet which will challenge market leaders Boeing and Airbus. The news comes just over two weeks after the successful maiden flight of China's first domestically developed narrow-body passenger jet, the C919. The China-Russia Commercial Aircraft International Corp, established by state-owned Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) and United Aircraft Corp of Russia, was officially registered and obtained a business license. The new jet's maiden flight is planned for 2025 and the first jet should be delivered around 2028. The new plane aims to take 10% of the

market from the Boeing 787 and Airbus 350. The wide-body jet will seat 280 and have a range of up to 12,000 kilometers. It will mainly be built with composite materials.

- The Chinese government has issued a first set of draft rules for the country's bicycle-sharing industry, with more than 30 companies emerging in major cities in less than a year. Customers who use smartphone applications to rent bicycles must register their true identities, and can no longer be anonymous. Users must be older than 12 years, and be insured for personal accidents and third-party liability. Any illegal acts committed, or "uncivilized behavior", will be marked on the user's credit record. Customers can pick up a bicycle and leave it anywhere after use.
- By year's end, mobile payment will be accepted on all public buses in Hangzhou, the first city in China to do so. Mobile payment terminals will be installed in all buses. Passengers can use Alipay and UnionPay flash payment cards, as well as ApplePay, SamsungPay, HuaweiPay, MiPay and AndroidPay with smartphones or smart watches.
- Sales of DJI, the world's largest maker of recreational drones, declined in the domestic market in recent days after the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) issued a ruling that all civil-use drones weighing more than 250 gram have to be registered online starting June 1. More than 240 airline flights were disrupted by drones flying near Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport in April. The real-name rule covers nearly all DJI products, including its popular Phantom and Mavic models. DJI has installed "no-fly zone" software on all its drones to better ensure aviation safety, preventing the drones from flying too close to airports. DJI currently dominates 70% of the world's market for drones, with sales surging 60% to top CNY10 billion in 2016.
- Chinese regulators will submit proposals to reform the management of the country's airspace by the end of this month in a bid to ease flight delays and boost aviation growth, Cai Jun, Deputy Director of the Air Traffic Control Commission, said at a forum in Beijing. The plan aimed to eventually integrate civilian and military management of China's airspace and improve the country's flight route network.
- The number of passengers on domestic flights in China rose 15% last year, while the number of air travelers on international flights arriving or departing the country increased by 26%. The number of people flying to, from and within China will almost double to 927 million annually by 2025, from 487 million in 2015. By comparison, passenger numbers in the U.S. will increase to 904 million by 2025 from 657 million in 2015, according to forecasts.
- CRRC Zhuzhou Locomotive Co, China's top train manufacturer, received the country's first certificate to export rolling stock to Europe from Germany's safety standards firm TUV Rheinland. With the certificate, CRRC's bullet trains will firstly be exported to Macedonia, followed by Turkey and other nations along the Belt and Road. TUV Rheinland has spent three years in testing and supporting CRRC to meet the technical standards.

ONE-LINE NEWS

- The Chinese government welcomed the U.S. Senate's confirmation of Iowa Governor Terry Branstad as U.S. Ambassador to Beijing. "For a long time, Mr Branstad has been playing a positive role in promoting bilateral exchanges and friendship," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Hua Chunying said. Branstad has known Chinese President Xi Jinping since the mid-1980s.
- Asia's first commercial carbon capture and storage (CCS) project will begin to operate in Shaanxi province next year. Carbon dioxide emissions generated by power stations and steel companies are captured, then transported and pumped deep underground. The injected captured carbon will boost Yanchang's Oil Co's oil recovery rate by about 8%.
- The fiery Chinese liquor baijiu from Kweichow Moutai has become popular again, sending the stock of the company to new heights. The company's flagship product, Feitian, with 53% alcohol, is in short supply across the country as retailers, wholesalers and even consumers start to hoard bottled Moutai as an inflation-proof

investment. The market price for a bottle of 2014 Moutai Feitian can reach well above CNY2,000, almost double that of a year ago.

- Wei Minzhou, Vice Chairman of the Shaanxi Provincial People's Congress, and a former Party Secretary of Xian, has been placed under investigation. The announcement came less than three hours after he appeared on the provincial evening newscast, having attended several official functions that day.
- CEOs of America's largest steelmakers said global overcapacity is at crisis levels as they urged the U.S. government to determine that cheap steel imports are a threat to national security. China's steel exports to the U.S. have declined by more than 67% since September 2015 and the U.S. has enough domestic supply to meet its own needs.
- Chen Xu, the former top prosecutor in Shanghai has been expelled from the Communist Party over a range of violations and is facing a lawsuit for corruption.
- China's population may have 90 million fewer inhabitants than official data suggests, according to a group of researchers, meaning it will be replaced by India as the world's most populous country sooner than expected. China's real population may have been about 1.29 billion last year, according to Yi Fuxian, Researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Lenovo Group, the world's largest personal-computer maker, reported a return to profit but said rising component prices could pressure its bottom line this year. Profit reached USD535 million in the year to March on revenue that fell 4%. Lenovo's annual shipments fell 1% with its market share rising 0.4 percentage points to a record 21.4%.
- Civil servants will face new restrictions when changing jobs as the authorities move to prevent them from using official posts to make personal profit. Those in leadership positions at the county level and above will not be allowed to work in businesses or for-profit organizations related to their previous administration within three years of their resignation.
- China's listed steel companies earned over CNY11 billion of net profits in the first quarter to post the best performance in nine years, as prices surged amid a supply cut. Baoshan Iron and Steel Co led with a quarterly net profit of CNY5.05 billion, a surge of 118.2% from a year earlier. Only three of the 33 listed steelmakers posted losses.

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