

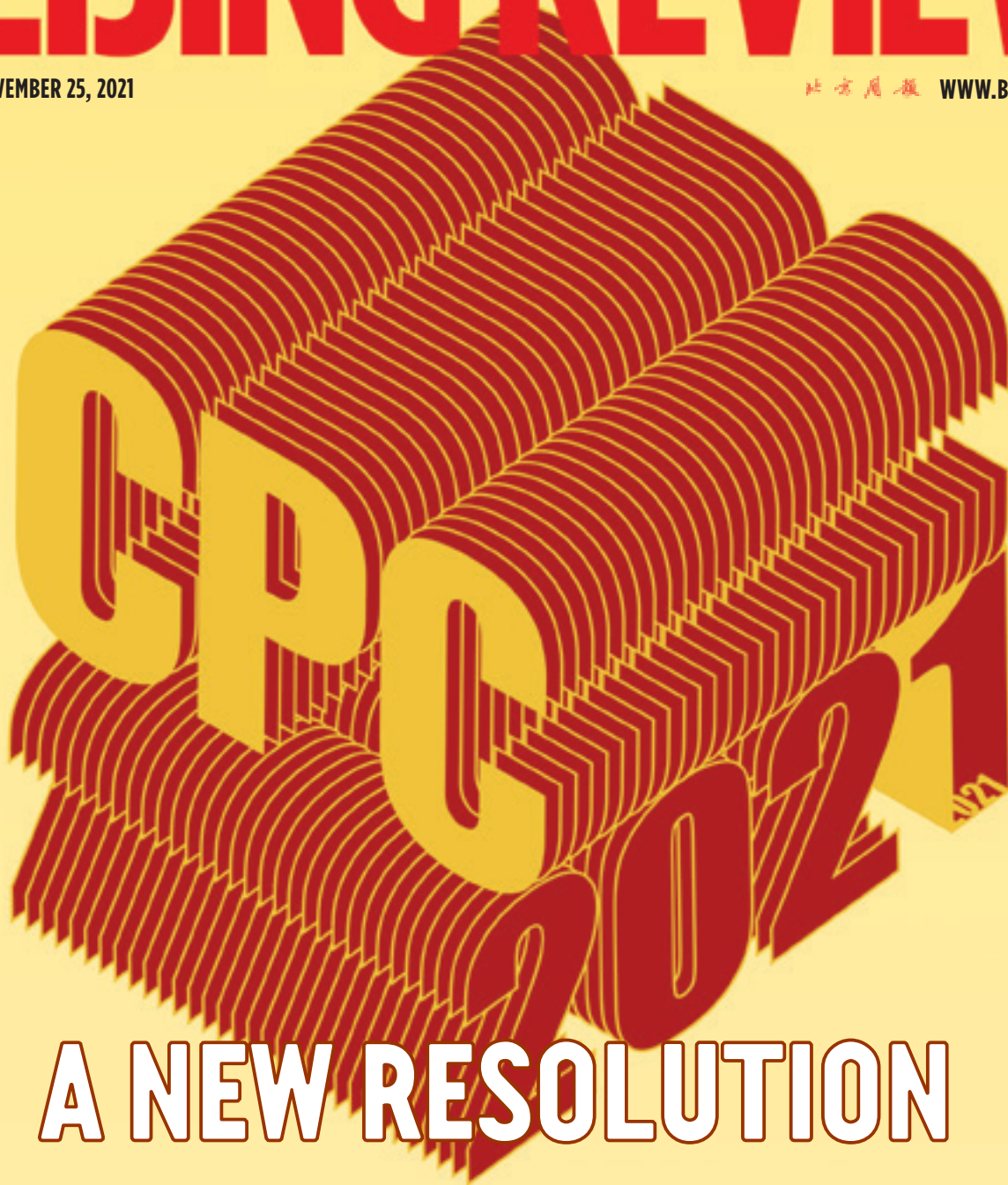
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History in the Making

The Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, convened from November 8 to 11, systematically reviewed major achievements and historical experiences of 100 years of Party endeavors. It is an important strategic decision and presents the CPC's confidence in remaining true to its original aspirations and firmly adhering to its founding mission.

The CPC is a Marxist governing party that attaches great importance to and excels at summarizing past happenings. At every critical historical juncture, what the CPC must do, is to reflect upon history and draw strength from its lessons to ensure the Party's continual progress. In 1945 and 1981, the CPC adopted two resolutions on its history respectively, and both went on to play an important role in advancing and leading the Party's development.

The resolution adopted during the sixth plenum is the CPC's third resolution. Like the previous two resolutions, it intends to help unite people across the country to have their efforts structured on a single-minded goal.

According to the resolution, the Party has guided the people through great endeavors and accumulated valuable

savoir-faire over the past century. This combined experience covers the following 10 aspects: "upholding the Party's leadership, putting the people first, advancing theoretical innovation, staying independent, following the Chinese path, maintaining a global vision, breaking new ground, standing up for ourselves, promoting the united front, and remaining committed to self-reform."

The Party's accomplishments have transformed the future of the Chinese people, carved out the right path for attaining national rejuvenation, and produced a profound influence on the course of world history. The Party has led the people in pioneering a uniquely Chinese road to modernization, creating a new model for human advancement and expanding the channels for developing countries to reach modernization.

The journey ahead sees China standing in between hard-won development opportunities and a series of grave and complicated challenges, requiring the CPC to draw on its historically ingrained competencies to enhance self-reform, preserve and improve its governance and leadership, and refine its ability to respond to the various challenges at hand.



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A WIN-WIN DESIGN

Construction staff work on a power transmission tower that stands over 100 meters tall by the Yangtze River in Wuhu, Anhui Province, on November 11. The stronghold is part of the Baihetan-Jiangsu ultra-high-voltage power transmission project.

The 800-kV direct-current conduction project covers a total length of 2,087 km. As one of China's "power highways," it is an important part of the country's west-to-east power transmission program. Upon its completion, the project will transmit 31.2 billion kWh of electricity per year.



Working in the Sky

Workers on the construction site of Greenland Center, a skyscraper project in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on November 15. The construction has now entered the final stage.

Delegate Election

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has released a circular on the election of delegates to the Party's 20th National Congress. The Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee has made detailed arrangements for the election, according to an official statement released on November 18.

The CPC will convene its 20th National Congress in Beijing in the second half of 2022, the 19th CPC Central Committee decided at its sixth plenary session earlier this month.

The election of the delegates will lay an important foundation for the success of this congress, the statement said.

A total of 2,300 delegates will be elected by 38 electoral units across the country, it fur-

ther read, calling for intraparty democracy and strict procedures to ensure that high-caliber delegates are elected, their composition is well-structured, and the delegates come from a broad spectrum with the support of other Party members.

The statement stressed improving the composition of the delegates, with a certain proportion for frontline workers maintained. Efforts must be made to recommend model workers, farmers and professionals to stand for delegate elections. Women and people from ethnic minorities should also constitute a certain proportion of the delegates.

People from sectors such as economic development, sci-tech, national defense, political and legal affairs, education, communication, culture, health, sports

and social management should all have representation.

New Academicians

A total of 194 new academicians from home and abroad were added to the registry by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) on November 18. An academician is the highest academic title in China for science professionals, and the list is expanded every two years.

The CAS added 65 fellows from China, including five female scientists. It also added 25 members from 11 other countries such as the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Israel, Brazil, and France. South Korea and Switzerland each has one scientist granted the title this year. It is the first time for scientists from

these two countries to join the highest echelon of the academy, which now includes a total of 860 Chinese and 129 overseas academicians.

The CAE welcomed 84 new members from China and 20 from overseas this year, adding up to a total of 971 academicians from China and 111 from other countries.

Technical Education

China will improve employment benefits for technical school graduates over the 2021-25 period, according to a five-year plan published by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, reported Xinhua News Agency on November 11.

According to the plan, work will be done during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-25) to allow technical school graduates to benefit from policies on employment, entrepreneurship and army recruitment, as well as those on the granting of professional titles and employment in public institutions.

Technical schools specialize in training frontline workers in the production and service sectors. As of late 2020, China had 2,423 technical schools, with 3.95 million students enrolled.

In the 2021-25 period, China plans to keep the number of students at technical schools above 3.6 million and the employment rate for graduates above 97 percent, according to the plan.

The plan also pledges to ensure benefits for students in technical schools, such as improving internship arrangements and providing work-related injury insurance for interns.

Cross-Sea Bridge

The Meizhou Bay Cross-sea Bridge, a sea-crossing high-

speed railway bridge connecting the cities of Fuzhou and Xiamen in Fujian Province, was completed on November 13. The bridge is one of the major parts of the 277-km Fuzhou-Xiamen high-speed railway, which is currently under construction.

The length of the bridge is approximately 14.7 km and, according to the company responsible for its construction, it is the country's first extradosed cable-stayed bridge on a sea-crossing high-speed railway.

With a designed speed of 350 km per hour, the high-speed railway is expected to slash the travel time from the provincial capital of Fuzhou to the tourist city of Xiamen to no more than an hour.

Slamming Slander

Residents of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have squashed rumors of forced labor at a press conference on November 14.

They said the local government uses every means available to create employment opportunities for them while encouraging them to start up their own businesses.

Pazliyan Maoraturdi, a resident of Wensu County in Xinjiang, not only earns a stable income from live-streaming on

social media, but also helps local farmers expand the market for honey and other agricultural products.

With the support of the local government, Nurrela Wusman set up a housekeeping service company in the city of Atux in 2020. The firm now has over 80 employees and provides more than 20 services, including cleaning and babysitting.

"We create a better life with our own hands, and rumors about forced labor are totally groundless," she said.

Xinjiang regards business start-ups as an important channel to boost employment, introducing a series of supportive policies including training subsidies and tax reductions, said Zhang Rong, director of the region's public employment service center.

Zhang added Xinjiang had issued a total of 5.47 billion yuan (\$857 million) in start-up loans from 2016 to 2020, helping 387,200 people set up their own businesses and creating 806,500 new jobs.

Primate Breeding

China's captive breeding program of the Black-shanked Douc Langur, an endangered primate with a wild population of less



Passing Down Tradition

Wu Yuan, a shadow puppeteer, performs a paper shadow puppet play for students of a primary school in Xiangtan, a city in Hunan Province, on November 12. Paper shadow puppet making and performing are forms of provincial intangible cultural heritage.

than 1,000 worldwide, has produced the nation's first captive-bred individual, researchers said on November 11.

The primate is listed as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species, and currently one of the most effective methods for restoring its population is through human intervention.

China's captive breeding

program of the species proved successful on July 9, when a baby monkey was born at the Chimelong Primate Research Center in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province.

The newborn primate made its public debut on November 11. It is expected to leave its incubator in about two months' time and to be released into its own species group at about two-and-a-half years old.



Newborn Penguins

A staff member feeds a penguin incubating its chick in Haichang Ocean Park in Shanghai on November 16. It's the breeding season for Adelie penguins at the park and three baby penguins have been born.

Opening-Up Plan

Hainan Province aims to speed up the development of three sectors, i.e. duty-free shopping, international medical care and international education. This goal, along with the roadmap for achieving it, has been set out in Hainan's 2021-25 development plan.

The island province is a free trade port. The recently published development plan sets the target for its tourism industry to contribute to 17.8 percent of the island's total economic growth by 2025.

Efforts will be made in the Hainan Boao Lecheng International Medical Tourism Pilot Zone to introduce and cultivate a network of high-end, professional medical institutions to promote research progress on stem cell, immune cell and gene therapies, plus other new techniques in the biomedical sector.

The medical pilot zone also encourages people from the countries joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to come for treat-

ment. According to the plan, Lecheng is expected to attract approximately 500,000 people for medical treatments in Hainan by 2025.

In regards to education, Hainan encourages overseas colleges and educational institutions to establish operations on the island.

Last June, China released a longer-term master plan to build its southernmost province into a globally influential and high-level free trade port by the middle of the century.

New Stock Exchange

The newly established Beijing Stock Exchange (BSE) started trading on November 15, marking a key step in China's efforts to deepen capital market reform and support small businesses.

At the launch ceremony, Yi Huiman, Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, hailed the launch of the BSE as "another landmark in China's capital market reform and development."

The launch came only two months after an announcement of the plan for a new stock exchange, in addition to the two existing bourses on the Chinese mainland—in Shanghai and Shenzhen, respectively.

The first batch of 81 companies debuted on November 15. Of these, 10 were newly approved and 71 were transferred from the selected tier of China's National Equities Exchange and Quotations, also known as the "new third board."

All 81 firms are top performers in their respective sectors, boasting sound business operations and great potential for growth, said Li Xudong, Managing Director of China Securities.

Li added that 87 percent of these firms are from fields related to advanced manufacturing, hi-tech service and strategic emerging industries, with their average spending on research and development topping 25.36 million yuan (\$3.97 million).

Over 95 percent of China's

enterprises are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). These small businesses are major job creators in the country and an important part of its real economy but have long suffered from insufficient financing. "Setting up the BSE is of vital importance in creating a multi-level capital market, improving financial support for SMEs, as well as promoting innovation-driven development and economic transformation and upgrading," Yi said.

Foreign Investment

Qingdao, a port city in Shandong Province, has attracted investment from 172 *Fortune* 500 companies and, at the same time, Qingdao enterprises have established overseas companies and institutions in 112 countries and regions worldwide, local authorities said on November 16.

The number of enterprises that have contributed to the city's foreign trade has exceeded 20,000, an increase of more than 6,000 from 2015, said Xue

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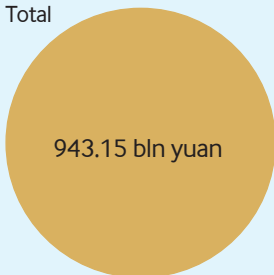
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Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in January-October

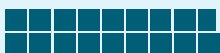
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Paid-in FDI into the Chinese mainland

Total



Up
17.8%



Services industry

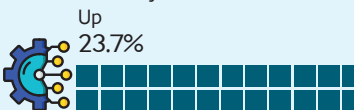


Up
20.3%



FDI into:

Hi-tech industry



Hi-tech services sector



Hi-tech manufacturing sector



Qingguo, Vice Mayor of Qingdao, during a press conference.

A total of 172 *Fortune* 500 companies have invested in 367 projects in the port city, while local enterprises have invested overseas to establish a total of 1,820 enterprises and institutions, according to Xue.

Polymer Project

International energy company ExxonMobil initiated a project in Huizhou, Guangdong Province, on November 16 to produce performance polymers used in packaging, automotive and agricultural products.

The launching ceremony took place simultaneously in Huizhou, Beijing and Houston, Texas.

With a total investment of about \$10 billion, the project will be constructed in two phases. Once the first phase has been completed and put into production, annual revenue is expected to reach 39 billion yuan (\$6.1 billion).

“Demand for performance

polymers will continue to increase in China, and we are in a good position to meet the needs of that growing market,” said Karen McKee, President of ExxonMobil Chemical Co.

5G Network

By 2025, China’s 5G network will cover all cities and towns, as well as most villages, reported Xinhua News Agency on November 17, citing a development plan on digital infrastructure, issued by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

According to the plan, the number of 5G base stations per 10,000 people will reach 26 by 2025.

Gigabit optical fiber network will cover most urban and rural areas, and facilities and services for data and computing will be enhanced remarkably, the plan reads.

The plan highlights a new type of supervision system, as well as the protection of users’ rights and interests, especially their personal information.

Stable Employment

China has created 11.33 million new jobs in its urban areas during the first 10 months of this year, achieving its annual target two months early.

“From January to October, the country’s surveyed urban unemployment rate averaged 5.1 percent,” said Fu Linghui, spokesperson for the NBS on November 15.

China’s surveyed urban unemployment rate stood at 4.9 percent in October, 0.4 percentage point lower than the same period last year, NBS data showed.

“The policy of stabilizing employment continued, and the employment situation was generally stable,” Fu noted.

Fixed Assets Investment

China’s fixed assets investment went up 6.1 percent year on year in the first 10 months of this year, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics released on November 15.

During the first 10 months,

the investment in fixed assets amounted to over 44.58 trillion yuan (\$6.98 trillion), growing by 7.8 percent since 2019, and achieving a two-year average growth of 3.8 percent.

Investment by the private sector rose 8.5 percent year on year to nearly 25.45 trillion yuan (\$3.98 trillion) in the first 10 months, the NBS data showed.

Sea-Rail Route

A train chartered to transport Russian crude oil arrived in Shaanxi Province on November 13, the first delivery of the commodity using marine-railway transportation.

The 2,000-ton consignment was first shipped from the port of Kozmino in Russia to the port of Qingdao, Shandong Province, and then transported by railway over 1,200 km to the refinery of the Shaanxi Yanchang Petroleum (Group) Co. Ltd. in the city of Yulin, Shaanxi.

The import also marks the opening of the new sea-rail transport route.

Growth of FDI by source

From the Belt and Road participating countries
Up
30.7%



From the Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Up
29.5%



Growth of FDI by region

East China
Up
17.5%



Central China
Up
29.8%



West China
Up
9%



(Source: Ministry of Commerce)

THIS WEEK WORLD



AUSTRIA

Children show their Chinese language learning cards at the booth of the Confucius Institute with the University of Vienna during the Vienna International Book Fair on November 11



FRANCE

Musicians perform on stage during a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris on November 12



THE PHILIPPINES

A staff member transports Sinovac vaccines in Pasay City on November 17. China has sustained its COVID-19 vaccine supply to the country since the first delivery in February





BELGIUM

People take a selfie at the light festival in Ghent on November 11



UGANDA

An investigator collects samples from an explosion scene in Kampala on November 17. At least six people were killed in twin suicide bombings in the Ugandan capital



NIGERIA

Rescuers work at an explosion site in Lagos on November 16. A gas explosion rocked a market in Lagos, Nigeria's economic hub, killing at least five



THIS WEEK PEOPLE & POINTS

↓ CHINA'S FIRST F1 DRIVER

Zhou Guanyu, a Chinese racing young gun, has made motor racing history after being named China's first Formula One (F1) driver, as Alfa Romeo Racing ORLEN announced on November 16 that Zhou would be joining their team for the 2022 season, with the opening race scheduled for the Sakhir circuit in Bahrain on March 20, 2022.

Born in 1999, Zhou first hit the go-kart track at 7. He left his hometown of Shanghai at 11 to study and train in the UK. He initially joined the Ferrari Driver Academy before switching to the Alpine Academy (formerly the Renault Sport Academy) in 2019, when he debuted in Formula 2 (F2).

Zhou has been racing in F2 since 2019, with an encouraging seventh-place in his rookie season. He won his first F2 race in Sochi in 2020 and became the first Chinese driver ever to win a race on an F1 weekend.



Ice and Snow Economy

People.com.cn
November 13

The swift approach of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games has ignited a nationwide enthusiasm for ice and snow sports. The Chinese Government has taken the preparation for the Beijing Winter Olympics as an opportunity to promote the popularization and development of ice and snow sports. In line with the new trend, the ice and snow economy entered the fast lane of development.

Thanks to technological breakthroughs, ice and snow projects can go

beyond seasonal and geographical limits. Even in summer, people will still be able to partake in winter sports activities to cool off and at the same time enjoy some sporty fun.

However, the industry needs more innovation in terms of project development. To most consumers, ice and snow activities only refer to traditional ones, including skiing, ice-skating and viewing ice sculptures. Additionally, professional guidance is a must for newcomers.

Stable Energy Supply

China Newsweek
November 15

In October, the National Development and Reform Commission stated it would use all necessary lawful means to bring coal prices back within the appropriate range and ensure a secure and stable energy supply.

The recent hike in coal prices has completely deviated from the fundamentals of energy supply and demand, and prices

“China has always wished to promote the balanced development of China-Africa trade and has never deliberately pursued a trade surplus with Africa.”

Qian Keming, Vice Minister of Commerce, at a news conference in Beijing on November 17

“Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is China's second-largest investment destination. The economic and trade cooperation between China and LAC countries is creating a new route across the Pacific.”

Gao Yan, Chair of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, at the 14th China-LAC Business Summit on November 16

are still showcasing further irrational rises, China's top economic planner said.

Chen Xin, a professor at the Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance with Shanghai Jiao Tong University, said: "It is a result of the supply-side reform, and the supply will be restored after a certain time period." The soaring domestic coal price also bears more underlying macro reasons such as the tight global energy supply and economic fluctuation worldwide.

Professor Yuan Jiahai at the School of Economics and Management at North China Electric Power University thinks it will take some time before the supply-side reform can better interact with the coal industry. "It is natural to see the government implementation cannot immediately link to market demands," he explained.

China's large coal-producing areas, such as Shanxi Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, should explore new ways to enhance energy efficiency and develop productivity, as the country emphasizes saving energy, reducing emissions and protecting the ecology. Heavily relying on coal resources not only yields a great impact on their local economy and employment, due to the coal price fluctuation, but also plays a detrimental role in regional industrial transformation and upgrading.

Village Protection

Guangming Daily
November 12

According to a recent field study by *China Comment* magazine, Huludao and Jinzhou in Liaoning Province hold several villages with a nearly 600-year-long history. Experts have been calling for the intensified protection of the ancient villages for many years. Now their requests are echoed by newly designed local policies. Yet many villages across the country remain in need of urgent and upgraded protection, including those in Liaoning.

In China, industrialization and urbanization have brought profound changes to villages. The negative side includes the rising number of migrant workers and damaged ru-

ral community structures. The positive side is that city culture, new building materials and advanced technology are helping the villages adopt a new lifestyle and architectural styles.

Fortunately, several regions that are more developed in terms of economy and culture, such as the Yangtze River Delta, have achieved good results in this regard, providing blueprints for more traditional villages to lean on. Based on the premise of maintaining the overall layout of the villages and their local-style housing, people have upgraded their hometown facilities and environment. By introducing modern concepts and advanced technologies in both management and construction, those villages today are revitalized and attract more visitors.



NEW ANTI-MONOPOLY REGULATOR

Gan Lin, currently deputy head of the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR), was appointed head of the national Anti-Monopoly Bureau under the SAMR, according to an announcement posted on the website of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security on November 15.

Born in 1963 in Hunan Province, Gan rose to prominence earlier this year for her role in the anti-monopoly campaign. She has been the first deputy director of the SAMR in charge of anti-monopoly since 2018.

Gan's appointment represents yet another substantial step by the Chinese Government to accelerate the crackdown on market monopolies that stifle free competition. The bureau, though under the SAMR, is relatively independent, experts said, noting that a relatively independent and powerful government department may be more conducive to anti-monopoly work.

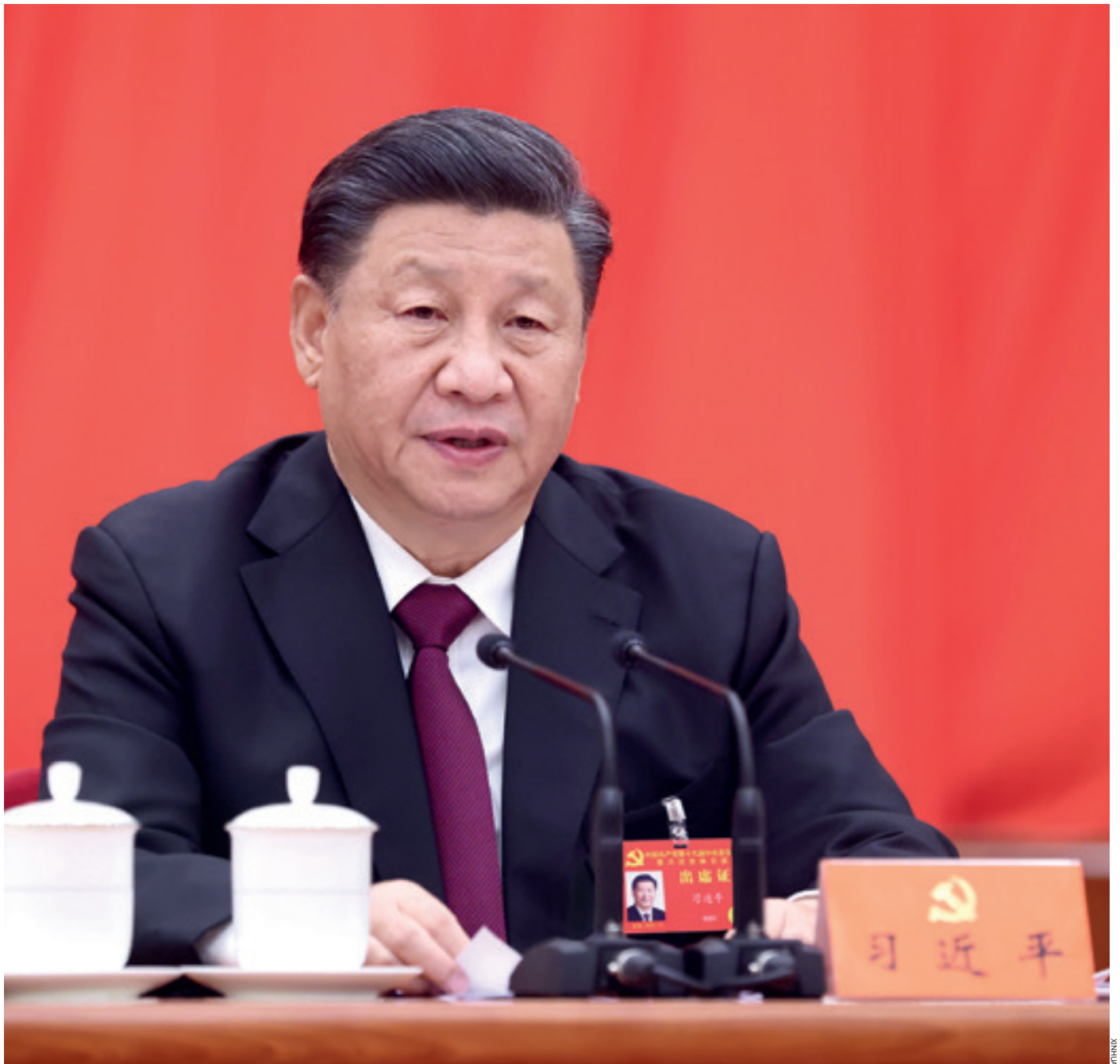


"The world expects to see more stable and sustainable relations between China and the U.S. The rest of the world can make little progress in addressing the international challenges without full participation and cooperation of the two countries."

Cavince Adhere, an international relations scholar based in Kenya, in an interview with Xinhua News Agency on November 17

"Since 2017, 'my country first' doctrines have undermined world trade, investment and migration, and hence global economic recovery... When developing countries increasingly fuel global economic prospects, what the multipolar world economy needs is a WTO dedicated to inclusive multilateralism."

Dan Steinbock, founder of global consultancy Difference Group, in an article published by *China Daily* on November 11



COVER STORY

CHARTING THE COURSE

At the recent plenum, the CPC reviewed the past and looked into the future By Lu Yan