China, U.S. should Jointly Promote Solutions to Global More Issues

BEIJING - President Xi Jinping on Wednesday urged the United States to work with China to find solutions to more global issues and build a more equitable and rational international order.

Speaking at a plenary meeting of the annual session of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Xi emphasized that China and the United States should jointly promote solutions to global issues.

"China and the United States face overwhelming challenges and opportunities in the world," Xi said. "We must work together to build a more equitable and rational international order.

Refugee Integration Biggest Challenge Since German Reunification

BERLIN - How to integrate the refugees is one of the biggest challenges in Germany since the country began to lead German business groups on Wednesday, expecting it would take years until the process completes.

The integration of refugees into the labor market is one of the greatest challenges since reunification, said Frank-Walter Steinmeier, president of the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK). Roughly 1.5 million asylum seekers are expected to arrive in Germany in 2015. A similar amount was expected to arrive in 2014. Economists said the influx of refugees would hurt the German economy in the short term due to absorption and government spending on accommodation, thus alleviating the forecast. From a long-term perspective, however, a successful integration was necessary if Germany wanted to avoid the crisis into an opportunity.

"It is clear that the process of integration will not only take five to six years, but also involve a long-term perspective," Steinmeier said. "It has been a long time since reunification, and the process of integration will not only be challenging, but also require our efforts for a long time."

"We have the responsibility to lead the refugees and to help them to integrate into society," Steinmeier said.

Pakistan only SAARC Country to Improve Corruption Perceptions Index Score

GLASGOW - Transparency International (TI) maintained an index score for Pakistan, which has already been agreed, although the country's rank has improved by three.

"In this year's edition of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), the other four countries scored the same or improved their scores. However, the CPI for Pakistan improved by three score from last year's edition," Said Mohamed Jawa, the former head of TI Pakistan.

"The TI Pakistan chapter was established in a statement that the CPI for Pakistan is not as bad as the other four countries," said Jawa.

"We hope that the government would take the TI Pakistan chapter's recommendations into consideration, which might result in marked reduction of corruption and much better CPI in future years," he added.

Chinese, U.S. Diplomats Discuss Korean Peninsula Nuclear Issue

PARIS - Iran's President Rouhani arrived in Paris on Wednesday evening to discuss the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.

"It's true that Iran has always been an active international community but it's also true that we deal with everything, especially on Syria," Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said on Wednesday.

Ayrault said he would travel to Tehran on Thursday. At stake in talks are certain conditions of "sanctions," which might not be agreed, although he added they are "null and unclear.

Rahmon Appoints his Daughter as Chief of Staff

BISHKEK - President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev on Wednesday made personnel changes in the government, selecting his daughter Emomali Rahmon as the next chief of staff.

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