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High Level Exchanges and Foreign Policy

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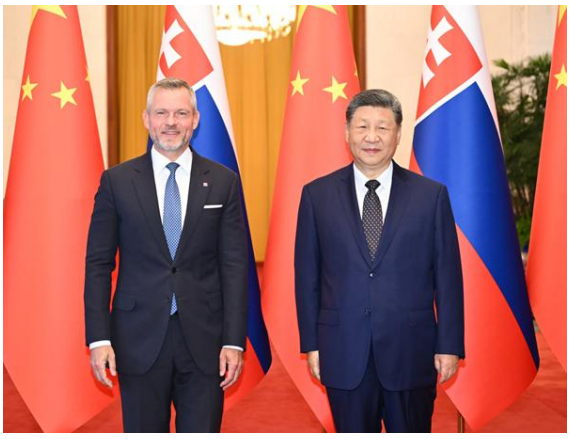
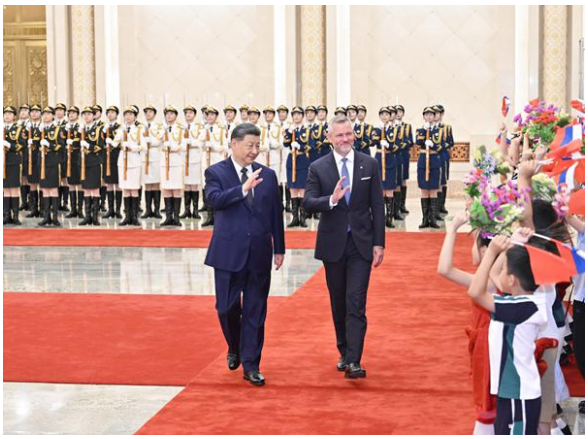
On 6 July, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Montenegrin President Jakov Milatovic exchanged congratulations on the 20th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Xi noted that China and Montenegro enjoy a deep traditional friendship. Over the past 20 years since the establishment of ties, the two countries have consistently respected each other, treated each other as equals, and pursued mutual benefit and win-win cooperation, setting a model of friendly relations and common development between countries of different sizes, he said. Xi expressed his readiness to work with Milatovic, taking the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations as a new starting point, to carry forward and promote bilateral traditional friendship, continuously deepen mutually beneficial cooperation, and guide China-Montenegro relations to a new level, so as to better benefit the two peoples.

For his part, Milatovic said that Montenegro and China have consistently developed friendly and cooperative relations on the basis of mutual respect and understanding. The Montenegrin side is ready to take the 20th anniversary of ties as an opportunity to further consolidate and deepen friendly relations with China, expand cooperation in various fields, benefit the people of both countries, and make positive contributions to promoting world peace and development, he added. (read more)

- **President of Slovakia Peter Pellegrini paid a state visit to China**

At the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, President of the Slovak Republic Peter Pellegrini paid a state visit to China from July 27 to 29. On the morning of July 28, President Xi Jinping held talks with President of Slovakia Peter Pellegrini at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. (read more)

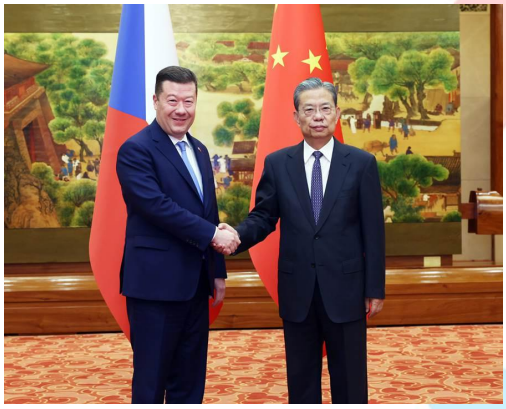
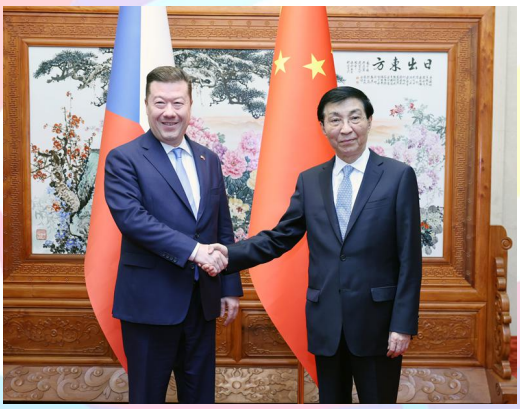
- **President Xi Jinping Sends Congratulatory Message to András Baka on His Assumption of Office as Hungarian President**

On August 19, President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to András Baka on his assumption of office as President of Hungary.

Xi Jinping noted that Hungary was among the first countries to recognize the People's Republic of China, and the traditional friendship between the two countries goes back a long way. Over the 77 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the two sides have consistently upheld mutual respect, equality, and mutual benefit, and have achieved notable outcomes in cooperation across various fields. Xi Jinping said that he attaches great importance to the development of China-Hungary relations and stands ready to work with President András Baka to carry forward the traditional friendship, deepen political mutual trust and practical cooperation across the board, and ensure the steady and sustained progress of the China-Hungary all-weather comprehensive strategic partnership for the new era, so as to deliver more benefits to the two peoples.

- **Zhao Leji Holds Talks with Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Tomio Okamura**

On July 23, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) Zhao Leji held talks with Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Tomio Okamura at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

- **Wang Huning Meets with Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic Tomio Okamura**

On July 23, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Wang Huning met in Beijing with Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic Tomio Okamura.

China-CEEC Dynamics

- **Release of *the Report on China-Europe Service and Digital Trade Development* & China-CEEC Civilization Forum**



On August 29, the release of *the Report on China-Europe Service and Digital Trade Development* and the China-CEEC Civilization Forum (2026) were held in Budapest, co-hosted by Renmin University of China and Eötvös Loránd University of Hungary.

- **Seminar on Relations between China and V4 Countries Held in Slovakia**



On August 21, the Center for European Studies of the Institute of International Studies at Fudan University and the Slovak think tank Institute ASA co-hosted the Seminar on Relations between China and V4 Countries in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. The seminar was supported and guided by the Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, with support from the Council of Slovak Exporters.

- **Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries Organizes Chinese Delegation to Attend the 21st Bled Strategic Forum**

From August 31 to September 1, the 21st Bled Strategic Forum was held in Slovenia, attended by government officials from multiple European countries, EU institutions, think tank scholars, and representatives of non-regional countries. The forum focused on "The Power to Shape the Future" and held multiple seminars and activities. Ambassador Wu Hongbo, former Special Representative of the Chinese Government for European Affairs, led a Chinese delegation to attend the forum at the invitation and delivered remarks.





- **The 20th Meeting of the China-Poland Economic Joint Committee was held in Beijing**

On August 27, Ling Ji, Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative, co-chaired the 20th Meeting of the China-Poland Economic Joint Committee in Beijing with Baranowski, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Poland.



Recent Agenda
（September to October）

- **China-CEEC Conference on Innovation Cooperation**




From September 9 to 11, the 2026 China-CEEC Conference on Innovation Cooperation was held successively in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province and Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. Themed "A Decade of Innovation, Building the Future Together," the conference was co-hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and the Ministry of Economy of Slovakia, with nearly 500 representatives from government departments, research institutions, universities, enterprises, and think tanks of China and CEEC countries in attendance.

At the opening ceremony, the 10-Year Report on China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation and the 2026 China (Cities)-CEEC Open Innovation Cooperation Index were officially released; 11 industry-academia-research cooperation projects and platform construction agreements

were signed; and the Second China-CEEC Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition was launched. During the conference, three thematic forums were also held—"AI and Robotics Development and Innovation," "Biotechnology: Cross-Dimensional Industrial Leap," and "Green Energy Charting a Low-Carbon Future"—along with activities such as the Innovation Cooperation Think Tank Roundtable, the "CEEC Innovation China Tour," and an industry-academia-research matchmaking meeting.

- **China-CEEC Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation**

On September 9, the China-CEEC Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation was held in Ningbo. Ministerial-level representatives and diplomatic envoys in China from eight countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia, attended the meeting. The parties held in-depth exchanges around the theme "Exploring New Opportunities for Cooperation in Key Areas and Deepening Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation." The Chinese side put forward the China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation 2030 Vision at the meeting, drawing a new blueprint for science, technology and innovation cooperation between the two sides over the next decade.



- **China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Conference**

The China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Conference, co-hosted by the Ministry of Transport and the People's Government of Sichuan Province, will be held in Beijing from September 22 to 23. Themed "Industrial Innovation Empowering Development, Logistics Cooperation Fostering Connectivity", the conference will invite guests from government departments of China and CEEC countries, diplomatic envoys in China, transport and logistics enterprises, and relevant international organizations.

- **China-CEEC (Cangzhou) SMEs Cooperation Forum**

The 7th China-CEEC (Cangzhou) SMEs Cooperation Forum will open on October 26 in Cangzhou, Hebei Province. The theme of the forum is "Join Hands for Cooperation, Open Up for a New Journey." A series of supporting activities, including the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the China-Czech-Slovak Friendship Farm, will also be held during the forum.

- **CEEC Diplomatic Envoys in China Visit High-Tech Enterprises in Beijing**

The Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries plans to organize CEEC diplomatic envoys and diplomats in China to visit high-tech enterprises in Beijing in late September.

- **Meeting of China-CEEC Higher Education Institutions Consortium**

The China Education Association for International Exchange under the Ministry of Education plans to hold the 11th Meeting of China-CEEC Higher Education Institutions Consortium in Beijing in late October.

- **China-CEEC Education Capacity Building Program**

In late October, the China Education Association for International Exchange will invite senior university administrators, education officials, and diplomats from CEEC embassies in China to participate in the China-CEEC Education Capacity Building Program in China.