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CBBC Hosts an Informative Belt and Road Seminar in Shenzhen

The China-Britain Business Council held an insightful seminar entitled 'Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): UK-China Cooperation and Opportunities' in Shenzhen on July 12. The event was organised by the China-Britain Business Council (CBBC), and attended by officers from the UK and Guangdong governments, as well as attracting representatives from major enterprises of both countries, such as ABP, Atkins, PWC, Sanpower and KPMG. The seminar discussed and outlined opportunities for cooperation between China and UK as part of the BRI scheme. David Bull, Deputy Director of China Advanced Manufacturing & Transport and HM Consul, Trade and Investment, Department of International Trade. Read more [here](#).



CBBC in Breakthrough IP Enforcement Case

In collaboration with the British Embassy Beijing, CBBC ran an Online IP Programme to help British brand owners better enforce their IP on the Chinese Internet. This includes cooperation agreements with Alibaba.com, Tencent, JD.com. CBBC's formal cooperation with Alibaba Group goes back to 2014 when an agreement was signed during the visit to China of UK's then IP Minister. A major strand the Alibaba cooperation is all about improving offline enforcement actions, by facilitating better use of illicit sales data and sharing it with brand owners and the police. Working under the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in September 2014, CBBC and Alibaba worked behind the scenes throughout, cooperating with investigators who continued to provide Chinese police with intelligence relating to the on-the-ground activities of the criminals. In a simultaneous coordinated action, Chinese police raided premises of the criminal network across several Chinese provinces, detaining 11 suspects, including the dramatic arrest of a ringleader at the airport. Read more [here](#).

EU SME Centre Delivers Training on E-commerce Market in Tallinn, Estonia

Rafael Jimenez, the Business Development expert of the EU SME Centre delivered training on E-commerce in China on June 15, 2017 in Tallinn. The training was focused on e-commerce in China, covering aspects on advantages of using e-commerce platforms to sell in China, major e-commerce platforms and their pros and cons, and Chinese online consumers' shopping behaviours. Rafael also gave the entrepreneurs at the training some advice on e-commerce specifics and requirements in China, including government regulations, pricing schemes, payment options, logistics, and marketing. Read more [here](#).



EU SME Centre Holds Discussion on Access to Finance for Foreign SMEs

The EU SME Centre and European Union Chamber of Commerce in China (EUCCC) jointly held an Inter-chamber SME working group meeting on How Foreign SMEs Can Gain Access to Financing in China. At the meeting, Ms Gao Su, Chief Representative from Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg Beijing, gave a presentation on How Foreign SMEs Can Gain Access to Financing through Bank in China, and introduced the financing leverage and the foreign exchange debt quota system in China. The representatives from China Industrial Bank also gave a presentation on their financing products that help foreign companies better develop their businesses in China. Read more [here](#).



European Chamber Lauds “Exceptional” Openness of China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE)

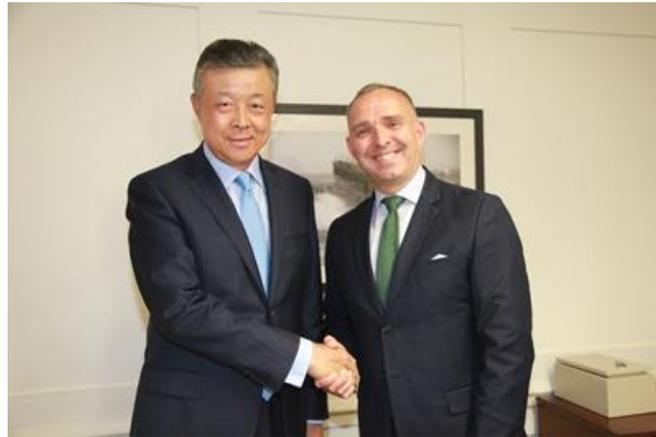
The European Chamber of Commerce in China today hosted its financial services conference. The keynote speech was delivered by Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) and Administrator of China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), Mr Pan Gongsheng, titled Cross border capital flows: challenges and responses. This represents a further deepening of the highly constructive, ongoing dialogue that has taken place between the European Chamber and the SAFE throughout 2017. Read more [here](#).



H.E. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Meets UK National Security Adviser Mark Sedwill

On July 5, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming met with UK National Security Adviser Mark Sedwill at the Cabinet Office. The two sides exchanged views on China-UK high-level exchanges, security cooperation, and international and regional issues of common concern. Ambassador Liu congratulated Sedwill on his appointment as National Security Adviser. He said that China-UK relations are currently maintaining a good momentum of development, and security cooperation has become a new highlight in the bilateral relations. China is willing to work together with Britain to maintain high-level exchanges, deepen law enforcement and security cooperation, strengthen coordination and communication within the United Nations, G20 and other multilateral frameworks and over major international and regional issues, continue to consolidate the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations to benefit both peoples, and contribute to world peace and prosperity. Read more

[here](#).



Mark Field welcomes continued UK-China dialogue on human rights

The 24th UK-China Human Rights Dialogue took place in Beijing on 27 and 28 June 2017 with senior officials attending from both countries. Following the conclusion of the regular talks, Minister Mark Field welcomed their contribution to the UK's relationship with China. Read more [here](#).

Minister Zhu Qin Attends the 12th Chinese Executive Leadership Programme

On July 2, Minister Zhu Qin attended and addressed the Opening Dinner of the 12th Chinese Executive Leadership Programme (CELP) hosted by Trinity College, Cambridge. Nearly 90 guests were present, including Sir Gregory Paul Winter, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, Professor Peter Nolan, Director of the Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge, Lord Sassoon, Chairman of the China-Britain Business Council, scholars from the University of Cambridge and the University of London, business leaders from HSBC, Linklaters, WPP and other multinational enterprises, and members of the CELP Delegation. Read more [here](#).



Presentation and Discussion: How to Reform China's Health Care Sector

On 13th July 2017, the European Chamber held an event on the ongoing Chinese healthcare reform. Keynote speaker Professor Cai Jiangnan, director of the Centre for Health Care Management and Policy at the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), shared his findings. While the achievements of China's healthcare system are impressive, challenges lie ahead. China's population is aging at a fast rate. Increased life expectancy and unhealthy lifestyle lead to a dramatic increase of non-communicable diseases. Prof Cai described China's healthcare as an upside-down pyramid. Most investment and funding is assigned to large hospitals, while clinics and private practitioners are poorly equipped and underpaid, seeing few patients. The Chinese government is aware of this situation. But to educate a large number of qualified practitioners, and to build-up trust and change the preference of patients for big hospitals are difficult to

achieve within a few years. Read more [here](#).



UK Launches Spirit of Youth Campaign in China

On Tuesday 4 July, Chinese actress Jiang Shuying, together with HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne and the British Ambassador to China, Dame Barbara Woodward, officially launched the UK's Spirit of Youth campaign. The launch took place at this year's Queen's Birthday Party celebrations hosted in the British Ambassador's Residence in Beijing. Further regional launch events will be held in Wuhan and Changsha on 5 and 6 July, as The Princess Royal tours China. In her official welcome address at the launch, the Ambassador, Dame Barbara Woodward said: "Spirit of Youth will unlock long-term gains for both China and the UK from increased collaboration and exchange. Embodying the Spirit of Youth means to drive onwards with a fresh energy and creativity, looking forward and outward, creating links and networks between people and businesses in China and the UK that deliver benefits for all." Read more [here](#).

Xi Jinping Meets with UK Prime Minister Theresa May

On July 7, 2017 local time, President Xi Jinping met with Prime Minister Theresa May of the UK in Hamburg. Xi Jinping pointed out that when I met with Ms. Prime Minister last September at the G20 Hangzhou Summit, we reconfirmed the general direction of the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations. With joint efforts of both sides, China and the UK have deepened strategic mutual trust and promoted practical cooperation in all fields to a higher level. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the establishment of ambassadorial level diplomatic relations between China and the UK, and bilateral relations are currently facing new development opportunities. China is willing to work with the UK to promote China-UK global comprehensive strategic partnership in the 21st century to a higher level, so as to better benefit the two peoples.. Read more [here](#).

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