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Chengdu Launched Direct Freight Train to Vietnam 成都首发中越跨境直达班列 (2022-04-15)

A freight train loaded with products including Dell-branded computer parts departed from Chengdu International Railway Port on April 15, headed for Yen Vien, Vietnam.

This is the first direct train from Chengdu to Vietnam. The whole journey is about 1,841 km, of which about 130 km is outside China. The train will cross China's border via Pingxiang in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

2022年4月15日，载着戴尔电脑零配件等货物的成都首发中越跨境直达班列（成都—安员）缓缓驶出成都国际铁路港。这是成都首发的中越去程班列，线路全程约1841km，经凭祥出境，境外段约130km。



Airbus Aircraft Lifecycle Service Project Investment Agreement Signed 空中客车飞机全

生命周期服务项目签订投资协议 (2022-04-16)

Following the signing of the MOU on January 18, the Airbus Aircraft Lifecycle Service Project signed an investment agreement, marking that the project has officially entered the practical operation stage from the design stage, laying a solid foundation for the operation of the project.

The total investment of the project is planned to be no less than 6 billion yuan, with proposed land area of 919 mu. The project will break ground in the third quarter of this year and is expected to be completed and put into operation in the third quarter of 2023.

继1月18日各方签订谅解备忘录之后，“空中客车飞机全生命周期服务项目”签订投资协议，标志着项目从设计阶段正式进入实操阶段，为项目运行奠定了坚实的基础。

空中客车飞机全生命周期服务项目计划总投资不低于60亿元，拟用地面积919亩。项目将在今年第三季度破土动工，预计2023年三季度建成投运。

Chengdu Speeds up the Construction of 100 Billion Photovoltaic Industry Cluster 成都

都加快打造千亿级光伏产业集群 (2022-04-16)

Chengdu's photovoltaic industry has reached nearly 20 billion yuan. With Shuangliu and Jintang as the core carrier, more than 20 key enterprises such as Tongwei Solar, CNBM Optoelectronic Materials, Trina Solar, and Chuan Kai Electric are gathered to accelerate the promotion of rooftop distributed photovoltaic, gradually explore the innovative practice of photovoltaic power generation application in low light areas, and speed up the construction of a 100 billion level photovoltaic industry cluster represented by Tongwei and Chengdu CNBM.

成都光伏产业规模已近 200 亿元，以双流和金堂为核心承载，集聚通威太阳能、中建材光电、天合光能、川开电气等 20 余家重点企业，加快推进屋顶分布式光伏开发试点，逐步探索出弱光地区光伏发电应用的创新实践，加快打造以通威、成都中建材等为代表的千亿级光伏产业集群。



New Investment and Operation Mode of TOD Park City 全域 TOD 公园城市投资运营新模式

(2022-04-18)

The overall plan for Chengdu to build a park city demonstration area practicing the new development concept was officially announced. The overall plan proposes to anchor the objectives of carbon peak and carbon neutralization, optimize the transportation structure, promote the formation of a green and low-carbon circular production mode, guide green travel, innovate the urban investment and operation mode, implement the public transport oriented development (TOD) mode, strengthen the comprehensive development of the area, improve the balance of payments, and promote the land value-added income to be more used for the well-being of the people's livelihood.

日前，《成都建设践行新发展理念的公园城市示范区总体方案》正式公布。《总体方案》提出，锚定碳达峰、碳中和目标，优化运输结构，推动形成绿色低碳循环的生产方式，引导绿色出行，创新城市投资运营模式，推行以公共交通为导向的开发（TOD）模式，加强片区综合开发，提高收支平衡水平，促进土地增值收益更多用于民生福祉。



Two projects of China's Computing Network in Chengdu Launched 东数西算 成都两个项目开算

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Under the background of the National Computing Network to Synergize East and West, Chengdu Intelligent Computing Center in Pidu District has entered the trial operating stage, and the first phase of Southwest Cloud Intelligent Industrial Base located in Chengdu Qingbaijiang Advanced Fiber Materials Industrial Functional Zone has been built and officially operated. Chengdu Intelligent Computing Center empowered the industrial upgrading through computing power cluster, organized resources of government, industry, university and research to create a highland of AI industry.

在国家“东数西算”工程正式全面启动的背景下，位于郫都区的成都智算中心已进入试运行阶段，位于成都青白江高性能纤维材料产业功能区的西南云计算智慧产业基地一期建成并正式运行。成都智算中心项目通过算力集群赋能产业升级，拉通政产学研用资源，打造人工智能产业高地。



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Specialized, new enterprise alliance founded (2022-05-05)

A specialized and new enterprise alliance was founded in [Liangjiang New Area](#), Southwest China's Chongqing municipality on April 29. Four industrial parks for specialized and new enterprises were also unveiled on the same day.

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Green concept comes alive in Chengdu (2022-04-29)

Nature reserve, extensive plantations and cycling routes among city's efforts to harmonize with environment

Chengdu of Southwest China's Sichuan province is promoting green and low-carbon methods to practice the new development concept of a park city.

With a population of more than 21 million, Chengdu is praised as a city in harmony with nature. It is also home to rare animals such as giant pandas, golden snub-nosed monkeys and takins, a goat-like antelope.

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China-UK cooperation on hydrogen energy 'has huge potential for growth'

 (2022-05-05)

China's ambassador to the UK, Zheng Zeguang, has praised the China-UK joint efforts in hydrogen energy development and encouraged local governments to strengthen cooperation.



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Eco-friendly principles applied to every sector

 (2022-04-29)

A new energy heavy-duty truck developed by Sinotruk Chengdu Wangpai Commercial Vehicle sits on the production line in Qingbaijiang district. CHINA DAILY



Urban rail transit in Chengdu has become an important method of transport for residents, as the city promotes green and low-carbon development. CHINA DAILY

As one of the pilot cities for low-carbon development in China, Chengdu is accelerating the green transformation of its socioeconomic development in production, livelihood, ecology, industry, transportation and energy.

Sinotruk Chengdu Wangpai Commercial Vehicle in Qingbaijiang district is an example of the city promoting the automation of vehicles. It is the biggest new energy commercial vehicle manufacturing base for China National Heavy Duty Truck Group, or Sinotruk, in Southwest China.

According to the company, a new energy heavy-duty truck can be manufactured in its factory every eight and a half minutes with the support of an artificial intelligence system.

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2022 Hangzhou Asian Games rescheduled, Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games postponed over COVID concerns (2022-05-06)



Three major sports events to be held in China in second half of 2022, including the Asian Games, have been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, organizers announced on Friday, casting a shadow to the global sports calendar, as well as some athletes' career.

The 2022 Asian Games was scheduled to be hosted in East China's Hangzhou, a city in Zhejiang 200 kilometers from COVID-hit Shanghai, from 10 to 25 September. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced on Friday that the games have been postponed to 2023, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in China.

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World's largest hydropower station in China exceeds 10b kWh electricity supply (2022-05-05)

The cumulative clean power generated by the Baihetan Hydropower Station, the world's largest hydropower project, which is still under construction, exceeded 10 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) so far this year, another major step in China's efforts to achieve energy self-sufficiency and green energy goals.

Located in the mainstream of the Jinsha River at the junction of Southwest China's Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces, the station — being built by Three Gorges Group — is a major project for transferring the abundant hydropower from western China to the country's major economic powerhouses in the east.



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Thailand exports 500 tons of durians to China via China-Laos Railway for the first time (2022-04-25)

Thailand transported 500 tons of durian to China through the China-Laos Railway for the first time on Sunday, a Thai official said.

Cross-border rail transport has started a new era for Thai fruit exports, Alongkorn Pollabutr, advisor to the Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, said on Sunday, chinanews.com reported.

The durians were shipped from the eastern Thai province of Chanthaburi, filling 27 containers. Disinfection and COVID-19 tests for local factories that packaged the durians were conducted on April 22 to ensure the safety of the products.

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Value of China-Vietnam cross-border freight trains more than triples in Q1, a stable supply chain for ASEAN (2022-04-23)



A train carrying aluminum products departs from Gongxing station of the Chengdu-Kunming Railway and heads for Hanoi, Vietnam on April 18, 2022. This is the first customized train from Chengdu's airport to Hanoi. So far, Chengdu has operated 52 international trains, transporting more than 2,000 containers with a value of 320 million yuan (\$50 million).

Photo: cnsphoto

The value of cargo on China-Vietnam cross-border freight trains has more than tripled since the beginning of the year, official data showed, highlighting wider trade between the two countries and a stable supply chain for Southeast Asia boosted by the regional economic partnership.

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Expressway opens to traffic in SW China's Guizhou (2022-04-23)



Aerial photo taken on April 21, 2022 shows Hezhang-Liupanshui Expressway in southwest China's Guizhou Province. Photo:China News Service

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China-Laos Railway sets records for passenger and cargo transportation during the Water Splash Festival (2022-04-21)

The China-Laos Railway, a landmark high quality project delivered through Belt and Road cooperation, has set records in passenger and cargo transportation during the Water Splash Festival in Laos since entering service last December, marking a major step forward for regional connectivity and economic cooperation between the two countries and across Southeast Asia.



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Building work adds to Laos BRI bonds (2022-04-26)

A building at The Institute of Posts and Telecommunications started construction aided by China in the Laotian capital Vientiane on Monday, further boosting cooperation between the two countries under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Upon completion, the building, which will be constructed by State-owned company China Railway Construction Corporation, will be a five-story infrastructure that includes classrooms, laboratories, a library and offices.

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A Long March 3B carrier rocket blasts off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center. (2022-04-22)



A Long March 3B carrier rocket carrying the Zhongxing 6D satellite blasts off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Southwest China's Sichuan province, April 15, 2022. [Photo/Xinhua]

Freight trains between Guiyang, Qinzhou operate regularly (2022-04-21)

A freight train carrying 60 standard containers of 1,650 metric tons of cement clinker departed from the Guiyang Dulaying International Land-Sea Logistics Port in Southwest China's Guizhou province to Qinzhou Port in South China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region on April 21.

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Experts discuss auto industry transformation, upgrading (2022-04-20)

[Liangjiang New Area](#) in Southwest China's Chongqing municipality held a convention on the transformation, upgrading and high-quality development of the automobile industry on April 19. It was participated in by many industry insiders and representatives from more than 70 local companies in the field.

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Guiyang to house more luxury brands with new shopping mall (2022-04-20)



Guiyang, capital of the mountainous Guizhou province in Southwest China, will launch its first high-end shopping mall with luxury brands this year, reflecting luxury brands' increasing investments in China since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The mall, named Lavant Shopping Center, said nearly 90 international brands have decided to settle in, including Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Burberry, Balenciaga, Cartier, Salvatore Ferragamo and Bvlgari.

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Bean bonanza as Pu'er coffee gains specialty status (2022-04-27)

KUNMING — One hundred and thirty years after the first coffee bean arrived in Pu'er city in Southwest China's Yunnan province, the quality of the beans grown there and local livelihoods have both been given a boost.

With the most acreage (about 44,530 hectares last year) and the highest yield of beans in the country (roughly 46,000 metric tons), Pu'er is blessed with one of the best suited climates and geographies for the crop and is known as China's coffee capital.

Despite this, its plantations have had a reputation for inefficiency and low productivity, placing the beans at the lower end of the supply chain.



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Goose feathers supply shuttlecocks for SW China factory (2022-05-05)

Yang Haixiang, a 54-year-old goose farmer from Jinping county, Guizhou province in Southwest China, has discovered that the poultry has laid "golden eggs" with their feathers.

"Goose farming used to supply restaurants and food processing factories. Now their feathers turn out to have a lot of value by being made into shuttlecocks," said Yang. The goose farm Yang has worked at has been a supplier for the world-leading shuttlecock factory in the county.

The RSL factory in Jinping manufactures about 3 million shuttlecocks a month, making the county the world's largest shuttlecock production base, said the company.

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