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# DPRK-US summit a go in Singapore

Talks supported by Foreign Ministry, which hopes for peace on peninsula

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Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in confirmed on Sunday the willingness of Kim Jong-un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and US President Donald Trump to hold the first-ever DPRK-US summit as scheduled next month.

Moon delivered a nationally televised address at the presidential complex, saying both Kim and Trump "wholeheartedly" wished the success of their summit, originally scheduled for June 12 in Singapore.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said on Sunday that China firmly supports the DPRK and US leaders' willingness to hold the summit, expecting it not only to be held as scheduled but also to successfully bring peace to the Korean Peninsula.

Lu said China always has believed that direct dialogue between the United States and the DPRK is the key to resolving issues of mutual concern on the Korean Peninsula and the ministry hopes both countries can cherish the recent progress achieved on the peninsula.

On Saturday, Trump told reporters at the White House that he is looking forward to the summit in Singapore. "It hasn't changed," Trump said, adding that talks were progressing well.

Trump canceled the scheduled meeting on

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Thursday, saying that it would not happen "based on the tremendous anger and open hostility" displayed in the DPRK's most recent statements at that time.

However, he reversed course just one day later. Both sides wanted the meeting to happen and it could still go ahead after productive talks, he said.

Hours earlier, before Trump's statement calling to continue the summit, the DPRK's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim expressed his "fixed will" to hold the summit.

Kim made the remarks when having his second meeting with Moon at the truce village Panmunjom on Saturday.

During the Saturday meeting, Pyongyang and Seoul agreed to hold another high-level talk on Friday that will be followed by inter-Korean military talks to ease tensions

and a Red Cross talk to hold the reunion of separated families across the inter-Korean border since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice, according to the ROK presidential office.

Lyu Chao, director of the Border Study Institute at the Liaoning Academy of Social Sciences, said it should be recognized that the settlement of the nuclear issue is an extremely complicated process.

"It does not happen overnight," he said, adding that Trump's course reversal fully demonstrated that the Korean Peninsula issues require more cautious decisions and should not be made impulsively.

Washington's demand for a "complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization" is inconsistent with Pyongyang's intention to achieve denuclearization gradually, said Zheng Ji-yong, director of the Korea Research Center at Fudan University, adding that the ideal way to work on the issue is that both parties can "move toward the same goal, make concessions, and show their sincerity", he said.

On Saturday Kim and Moon also announced that the two leaders would meet frequently in the future to make dialogue brisk and to pool wisdom and efforts, and also promised to further push forward the peace process on the Korean Peninsula by working toward denuclearization and improved inter-Korean ties.

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At the 2018 China International Big Data Industry Expo in Guiyang, Guizhou province, a visitor experiences a virtual fitting using equipment demonstrated by Alibaba on Saturday. The expo, which concludes on Tuesday, attracted over 40,000 participants from nearly 30 countries. OU DONGQU / XINHUA

# Xi calls for cooperation in big data

By MASI, OUYANG SHIJIA and YANG JUN in Guiyang

China will ramp up resources to integrate cutting-edge information technologies into the real economy, as the nation is expected to become the world's largest data owner by 2020.

President Xi Jinping said China attaches great importance to the big data industry, and the rapid development of new-generation information technologies had a significant and far-reaching impact on social and economic development, state governance and people's lives.

Xi made the remarks in a congratulatory letter to the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2018, which began on Saturday and ends on Tuesday.

China is implementing a national big data strategy centered on building the country's strength in cyberspace and nurturing a digital China and smart society,

which will aid the transition of the country's economy from high-speed growth to high-quality development, Xi said.

The president also called for enhanced international exchanges and cooperation in the development of the big data industry.

Xi's remarks came as information technologies are playing an increasingly important role in fueling economic growth. In 2017, China's digital economy accounted for 27.2 trillion yuan (\$4.3 trillion), or 32.9 percent of the nation's gross domestic product, according to the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology.

Chen Zhaoxiang, vice-minister of industry and information technology, said China will account for about 20 percent of global data by 2020, placing a sound foundation for the nation to adopt cutting-edge applications.

"Boasting about 40 percent

of disclosed big data patents in the world, China has already made significant progress in bolstering the big data industry, with a string of big data platforms established in sectors such as manufacturing, commerce, finance, transportation and medical care," Chen said.

Manbang, China's largest truck-hailing company, for instance, built a data-driven platform to help truck drivers find shippers to reduce a truck's empty miles and waiting time between loads.

Wang Gang, the company's chief executive, said two years ago, big data was chiefly used to help companies to do targeted advertising or recommend personalized news in the consumer market.

"But now the global industry reaches a consensus that the real potential lies in the marriage between big data and the real economies," Wang said.

Lin Nianxiu, vice-minister of the National Develop-

ment and Reform Commission, also said the convergence of the real economy and the digital economy is picking up momentum in the world's manufacturing powerhouse.

As part of its broader push to drive the digital economy forward, China will boost the application of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain cryptography, expand cooperation with other countries as well as press ahead for a string of new rules on data security, Lin said.

Qi Xiangdong, chairman of Chinese network security company 360 Enterprise Security Group, said entering the new era of big data and AI, China will also need to better cope with new challenges such as cyber attacks.

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# Su-preme talent runs the course

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Chinese sprint megastar Su Bingtian once again showed the world he is the quickest in China as he got another wind-assisted sub-10-second 100-meter run.

Su, the first Asia-born sprinter to run 100 meters in under 10 seconds, took fourth place in the men's 100 with a wind-assisted 9.90 seconds at the third stop of the IAAF Diamond League on Saturday in Eugene, Oregon, in the United States.

US runner Ronnie Baker won the championship in a wind-assisted 9.78 seconds.

Su's previous personal best, 9.99 seconds, was China's national record, which he claimed in 2015 at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Beijing.

After Su, 29, took the silver in 10.05 seconds at the Shanghai Diamond League, the second stop of the IAAF's prestigious global circuit, Su said that he was ready to regain his record.



Su Bingtian competes in the men's 100-meter race during the 2018 Prefontaine Classic on Saturday in Eugene, Oregon. It was the third stop of the IAAF Diamond League. CRAIG MITCHELDDYER / GETTY IMAGES

"It is just a start," he said after the Shanghai race. "I hope I can be better and better in the future. I have told my coach that I wanted to showcase my best form in Eugene, even just a little progress."

Although the 9.90 seconds is a wind-assisted record (+2.4m/s), Su has shown his momentum this year. He headed into the meet bolstered by a great start to the

year when he claimed the overall 60-meter title on the IAAF World Indoor Tour — a victory that gave him the confidence that he is still a force to be reckoned with.

"I told my wife last year I might call it quits this season, but I found I still have dreams to achieve. ... Now I tell myself to keep training and, hopefully, I can compete again at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo," said Su earlier this year.

# ONLINE CONVENIENCE MAY COME AT A HIGH COST - YOUR PRIVACY

Following a fatal encounter involving a hailed driver earlier this month, companies are taking steps to protect millions of users

By OUYANG SHIJIA, MASI and CHENG YU

As more people enjoy the convenience of smartphone apps to hail a ride, order food or simply deliver a package, security risks remain that pose an increasing threat to personal information, property and even the safety of users.

A young flight attendant was killed, allegedly at the hands of her Didi driver earlier this month, thrusting the safety issue into the spotlight. Chinese ride-hailing behemoth Didi Chuxing confirmed the passenger was using Hitch, which allows people heading to the same destinations to take rides together. Didi claimed the suspect used the Didi account of his father, who has passed the safety measures required by Didi's Hitch business.

To prevent such tragedies

from happening again and to boost its overall security, Didi said it will suspend the Hitch service "between 10 pm and 6 am every night."

A function that allows drivers and passengers to post comments about each other will also be taken down to avoid possible vulgar descriptions of women. Personal information and profile pictures of passengers and car owners will be visible only to the individuals, Didi said in a statement.

Also, driver facial recognition will be made compulsory for every "hitch" trip to minimize the risk of unauthorized account use.

Chen Yinjiang, deputy secretary-general of the China Consumer Protection Law Society, said, "As the service provider, Didi needs to conduct safety checks on drivers and has the responsibility to take more measures to pro-

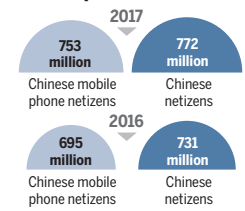
tect the lives and property of passengers, according to the consumer protection law."

He added, "Currently, many mobile phone apps have been fraught with issues such as seeking more permissions than required or collecting more information than what they really need, posing a significant new risk for users."

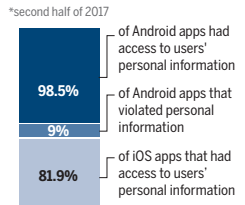
Chen cited China's new cyber security law, claiming that network operators, defined as owners and administrators of networks and network services providers, are required to collect end user personal data in a legal and proper manner.

The cyber security law came into effect in June 2017, paying more attention to the protection of personal information and individual privacy. According to the law, network product and service providers

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### Apps that had access to and even violated users' privacy - a survey



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