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Xi hails nation's teachers on their day

President has paid great attention to educators' role in shaping youth, reducing poverty and narrowing rural-urban gaps

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President Xi Jinping extended his best wishes to teachers and education workers nationwide on Tuesday, the nation's 35th Teachers' Day.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, expressed his greetings while meeting with representatives of education workers and groups given awards by the government at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Xi shook hands with the representatives, talked with them and took a photo with them. He congratulated them on their award.

In January 1985, the National People's Congress Standing Committee, the top legislature, adopted a bill to designate Sept 10 as Teachers' Day to honor education workers for their contributions to the country's development.

Premier Li Keqiang and Wang Huning, a member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, attended the meeting. Both are members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

Vice-Premier Sun Chunlan said at the meeting that teachers nationwide have made great contributions to the country's progress and development in the 70 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Teachers should remember Xi's

instructions and nurture a new generation of capable young people who have good, all-around moral, intellectual, physical and aesthetic grounding and are well prepared to join the socialist cause, Sun said.

She told the teachers to cultivate talent for the Party and the country, foster virtue through education and work hard to meet the needs of the Party and the people.

Related departments should further improve treatment of teachers, make teaching a more attractive career and build a good atmosphere of respecting teachers and education workers, she said.

The president has paid great attention to education work and expressed respect for the country's teachers many times through different channels including meetings, inspection tours and letters.

In a speech delivered on Sept 10 last year, Xi reaffirmed the great importance of education and called for more respect for teachers and stronger efforts to enhance education.

In September 2016, Xi visited Beijing Bayi School, his alma mater, where he talked with the teachers and expressed his appreciation to the country's educators for their hard work. He urged more measures to narrow the gap in educational resources and quality between rural and urban areas.

While inspecting the University of Science and Technology of China, in Hefei, Anhui province, in April 2016,



President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and Wang Huning, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, meet representatives of education workers and groups at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday, Teachers' Day. SHEN HONG / XINHUA

Xi encouraged teachers to cultivate a greater sense of mission and aim for more achievements in science and technological research.

In a letter of reply to teachers from Guizhou province in September

2015, Xi encouraged the country's teachers to contribute more to education in poor areas. Providing rural children with a good education is an important task in poverty relief, he said.

While inspecting Beijing Normal University in September 2014, Xi said teachers are dream builders. To become a good teacher, one must have lofty ideals, solid knowledge and a kind heart, he said.

China, US told to seek common ground

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China and the United States should seek common ground and come up with ways of resolving differences that are acceptable to both parties, Premier Li Keqiang said on Tuesday.

Li, speaking at a meeting with a delegation of US business leaders in Beijing, said the two nations should act on the two presidents' consensus based on the principle of equality and mutual respect.

China and the US, as the world's largest developing country and developed

country, share broad common interests, he said, adding that bilateral economic and trade relations have continued to advance during the 40 years of bilateral diplomatic relations.

The nations have agreed to hold the 13th round of high-level economic and trade consultations next month in Washington in a fresh attempt to bridge differences and make substantial progress, the Ministry of Commerce said last week.

Li said that China, with its large market, welcomes businesses from other countries, including the US, to expand trade and investment cooperation in China and enable win-win outcomes. China will only become more open, and the country is committed to developing a business environment in line with market principles, the rule of law and international standards, he said.

He also reiterated China's commitment to unbiased treatment for domestic and foreign-invested businesses registered in China, saying that greater efforts will be made to protect intellectual property rights. China has opened up its manufacturing sector across the board, and the opening-up of its services sector is being accelerated, he said.

In the latest effort to boost opening-up, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange announced on Tuesday its decision to scrap foreign investment limits in stock and bond markets.

The US delegation is headed by Myron Brilliant, executive vice-president and head of international affairs at the US Chamber of Commerce.

"Many of us have been involved in the US-China relationship for a long time, and we have witnessed the growth of our relationship not just in economic terms but in other ways as well," Brilliant said. "We will find a way forward in the US-China relationship. I am confident in that."

Other delegation members said they are encouraged by the opening-up measures adopted by China, and that they will view US-China trade frictions from a long-term perspective. They also voiced opposition to attempts to weaken economic relations with China and an economic decoupling between the two nations.

A US-China Business Council member survey in August showed 97 percent of companies say their China operations are profitable, and the China market is a priority to its significance as a driver of revenue growth.

9.1 percent in July, while nonfood prices rose by 1.1 percent, 0.2 percentage points lower than in July.

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Alibaba at 20: Ma will retire

Jack Ma, founder of e-commerce giant Alibaba, and some of the company's veteran employees participate in a gala marking the 20th anniversary of the company's founding in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, on Tuesday. Ma announced he will retire as Alibaba's executive chairman.

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Returned bronzeware adds to historical record

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Eight lost pieces of Chinese bronzeware with a history of over 2,500 years were returned from Japan in August, the National Cultural Heritage Administration announced in a news conference in Beijing on Tuesday.

In early March, the ritual artifacts from the early stages of Spring and Autumn Period (770-476 BC) appeared in an auction catalog in Tokyo. However, the ancient bronzes were believed to have been illegally taken out of China, said Guan Qiang, deputy director of the administration.

Guan said the administration immediately began investigating and found signs within three days that the pieces had been illegally



Recovered pieces of bronzeware have a history of over 2,500 years. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

excavated and smuggled overseas. "Their new patinas show the bronze items were excavated from underground in a recent period of time," Guan said.

"We also found that this set of bronzeware had once appeared in Shanghai in 2014," he added.

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Consumer inflation rises by 2.8 percent in August

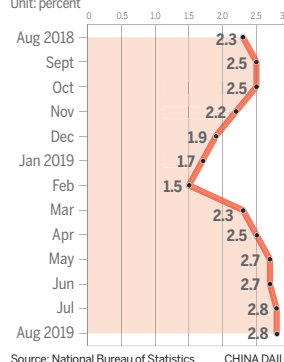
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China's consumer price index, the main gauge of inflation, rose by 2.8 percent year-on-year in August, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Tuesday. Analysts said the index may continue to edge up in the coming months, but the average reading for the whole year is expected to remain mild.

They also said that the producer price index, which measures the cost of goods at the factory gate, dropped 0.8 percent year-on-year in August mainly as a result of high bases of comparison from last year.

The comparatively high reading was driven mainly by food prices, which increased by 10 percent year-on-year last month, up from

China's CPI growth (y-o-y)



Source: National Bureau of Statistics CHINA DAILY

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CONCERNS MOUNT FOR CHINESE PANGOLIN

Creature threatened by habitat destruction, poaching and smuggling

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On a late summer evening, Qingtian County Forestry Department in Zhejiang province received a call from a woman who had found a frightened animal trapped in the center of a busy road amid blaring car horns.

"I thought it was a cat, but when I picked it up, it quickly curled into a tight ball about the size of a melon, and I noticed that it was covered in crocodile-like scales," the woman said.

Two days later, the local wildlife rescue center collected the animal from the department and confirmed that it was a male Chinese



pangolin about 2 years old. The creature weighed 6 kilograms.

It was the fourth time that a Chinese pangolin had been found in the wild in the second quarter of this year.

In July, during a sustainable development conference in Beijing, a representative of the environmental organization China Biodiversity and Conservation Green Development Foundation, whose work involves pangolin

conservation, made an eye-catching claim.

She announced the "functional extinction" of the Chinese pangolin, as the organization had not observed any of the creatures in the wild for the past three years. The announcement triggered widespread public concern for the mammal.

The Chinese pangolin is a shy, elusive and secretive animal whose body is covered in hard, keratin scales. In the past five years, about 50 of the creatures have been found in the wild, nine of them newborns, according to Zeng Yan, an engineer at the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Zoology.

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