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Xi: Life of scientist worthy of emulation

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President Xi Jinping called on society to learn from renowned geophysicist Huang Danian, who made outstanding contributions in education and scientific research.

Xi made the remarks in a written instruction praising Huang's contribution to the nation.

Xi said Huang devoted his life to national prosperity and revival and people's well-being. He called on the public to follow Huang's example, learning from his patriotism, professional dedication and the noble spirit of being indifferent to fame and wealth while dedicated to the country.

"People should put their patriotism and aspirations into the great course of reform and development," Xi said, asking people to do their jobs well, and contribute to the realization of the nation's two centenary goals and the Chinese dream of national rejuvenation.

Huang was known for his expertise in deep Earth exploration technology, and studied and worked in Britain for 18 years before returning to China in 2009.

In 2008, China launched a national recruitment program for global top talent, called the Thousand Talents program, as part of building an innovation-driven economy.

Huang became one of the first to participate. He gave up his position in Britain and sold his property to work at Jilin University in Changchun.

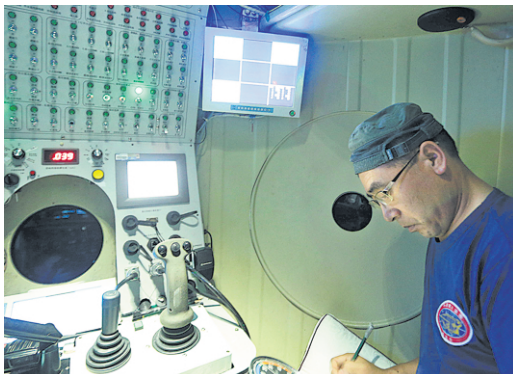
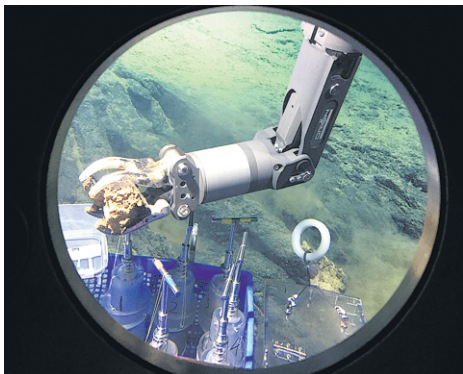
"I should go as my country needs me," he said in an email to a friend at Jilin University. He said that no matter how successful he was abroad, the biggest satisfaction would be improving his home country.

He helped China soar in a number of technical fields, transforming the nation into one of the world's leaders in deep Earth exploration.

Huang's cancer went undetected since he was constantly working, causing him to miss the key window for treatment. On Jan 8, Huang died of bile duct cancer at age 58.

Xinhua News Agency contributed to this story.

Jiaolong descends over 6 km in Mariana Trench



Jiaolong, China's manned submersible, descends to 6,300 meters on Thursday in the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific Ocean, the site of the oceans' deepest valley. The submersible (above) is lowered into the sea at the start of Thursday's dive, as it descends to recover water samples left on the ocean's floor last year. The *Jiaolong's* robot arm (top left) retrieves a rock sample on Tuesday, on the first of the current series of dives. A Xinhua reporter (top right) makes notes inside the craft on Tuesday. The country's 38th oceanic expedition, which began on Feb 6, includes the most missions yet for *Jiaolong*. **LIU SHIPING AND TANG JIALING / XINHUA**

WannaCry hackings expose weaknesses

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The recent widespread ransomware cyberattack is a landmark incident showing that computer viruses can attack anyone anywhere rather than just targeting certain groups, senior Chinese cybersecurity officials said.

They also said China must be able to handle similar and even worse attacks in the future.

"WannaCry has no specific target. All Windows users are potentially the targets of the highly infectious virus. It has caused enormous panic among people around the world because it poses a direct threat," said Liu Xinran, deputy director of the National Computer Network

Emergency Response Technical Coordination Center.

He made the remarks during the center's 2017 annual conference in Qingdao, Shandong province, held Monday to Wednesday.

WannaCry, exploiting a security loophole in Windows, blocks users from accessing their own files. It encrypts data and system files, which the user can then access only by paying \$300 in online bitcoin currency within seven days.

The attacks peaked between May 13 and 14 in China. Some gas stations run by China National Petroleum Corp in several cities could not process card and mobile payments because of the ransomware.

"It's really difficult to calculate the exact damage the

virus has caused in China because it disrupts the normal functions of many organizations, which can hardly be quantified," said Yan Hanbing, director of the operation department at CNCERT, as the response team is known.

Chen Zhaoxiong, vice-minister of industry and information technology, said that as internet-based services have been deeply integrated into people's daily activities, such attacks now have more effect on people's lives than just interrupting cyberspace.

Threats of such attacks already represent severe security threats to key sectors including finance, transportation and energy in China, he added.

"WannaCry is just a warning sign. We need a better

defense and warning system for severe attacks that are beyond our imagination in the future," said Yang Peng, a senior engineer at the center.

"China will be in great danger if similar viruses are used by other governments to start a cyberwar," he said.

Large corporations cannot afford to have cybersecurity loopholes caused by poor management because it matters to national security, Yang said.

Some corporations in key sectors were completely unaware that hackers implanted a virus in their system three years ago and their data had already been stolen, he added.

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US incursion off Nanshas condemned

Frigates deployed to warn ship sent by Washington to leave S. China Sea area

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Beijing strongly condemned Washington on Thursday over a US Navy warship sailing close to the Nansha Islands without permission, and warned that such action could damage the peace and stability of the South China Sea.

Experts said that the move shows the United States military wants to remain a presence in the region for both its domestic and international goals.

The USS *Dewey*, a guided missile destroyer, sailed less than 12 nautical miles from the Meiji Reef of the Nansha Islands early Thursday, the first such case under the administration of US President Donald Trump, US media reported, citing US military officials.

China deployed the guided-missile frigates *Liuzhou* and *Luzhou* to identify and warn the US ship to leave, Ren Guoqiang, spokesman of the Ministry of Defense, said at a regular news conference. Chi-

na also made solemn representations, a diplomatic protest, to the US, he said.

"Such wrong conduct of the US military will only encourage the Chinese military to further strengthen its capacity building and firmly defend our national sovereignty and security," he said.

He said China has undisputable sovereignty over the Nansha Islands and surrounding waters. "We strongly oppose such practices of the US military, which shows off its might, promotes regional militarization and easily causes unexpected air and sea accidents."

Ren said that a healthy and steady military relation between China and the US is in line with the common interests of the two countries, and it needs concerted efforts on both

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Checkpoint frisk



Philippine troops frisk a man near Marawi on Thursday, three days after Muslim militants attacked the city, leading President Rodrigo Duterte to impose martial law in southern areas. **BULLIT MARQUEZ / AP**

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Big data to expand cradle to grave

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More big data technologies will be widely applied, not only to e-commerce business but also to the booming e-governance sector and civil services, benefiting both citizens and governments, experts and company leaders said on Thursday as the Big Data Expo trade show prepared to open in Guiyang, Guizhou province.

The show runs Thursday through Sunday.

A huge IT system and a variety of big data technologies are needed to better govern and serve people from cradle to grave, given that as many as 2,500 kinds of civil services are used during an ordinary citizen's life, said Hu Xiaoming, president of Alibaba Cloud, the cloud computing arm of Alibaba Group Holding.

On Thursday, Alibaba Cloud

announced it would jointly launch a block data center and a cloud platform project with the Guiyang Municipal Public Security Bureau, offering more robust computing power and smarter artificial intelligence algorithms.

Block data, a kind of big data concept, refers to the aggregation of data from a particular region. With the help of the new block chain project, the bureau will collect all the data related to social security services, allowing faster response times.

"The power of big data will enable us take full advantage of various data as key resources to reduce costs and improve work efficiency," Hu added.

The recent deal is only a small part of Alibaba's ambitious blueprint to develop cloud storage, enabling local governments to better collect and analyze data and thus

optimize its civil services, including urban traffic.

With the help of the cloud computing platform and AI technologies, vehicles with fake licenses will be automatically identified, according to the Guiyang Municipal Public Security Bureau.

"For us, big data has become a powerful weapon against criminals," said Yu Yang, executive deputy director of the public security bureau. "With the use of big data analysis, the crime of burglary and robbery dropped by 5.99 percent in Guiyang last year, compared with 2015."

As far back as 2014, Alibaba had signed deals with Guizhou, and 612 application systems of different administration branches have been successfully tested on the cloud platform.

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China presents huge potential for US exporters, trade report says

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As China's total imports are expected to reach \$8 trillion in the next five years, it will bring immense business opportunities for companies in the United States to further balance bilateral trade, the Ministry of Commerce said in a major report released on Thursday.

Products and goods from the energy industry, agriculture, general manufacturing and services will boost trade between the two countries, according to the Research Report on China-US Economic and Trade Relations.

China also plans to import more US soybeans and cotton as well as advanced manufactured items such as passenger aircraft, integrated circuits

14.1 percent

Share of trade with the US in China's total foreign trade in 2016

and machine tools, it said.

"An increase in these imports will support China's services and also help us upgrade our industrial sectors," said Sun Jiwen, a spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce.

Sino-US trade surged from \$2.5 billion in 1979 to \$524.3 billion last year. It also accounted for 14.1 percent of China's total foreign trade in 2016, according to the General Administration of Customs.

China and the US also will discuss plans to expand US film imports this year, according to the report.

"Economic globalization is a basis for further development of China-US trade relations," Sun said.

China is a manufacturing powerhouse in mid- and low-end goods. But the US is still the dominant player in high-value industries. The US also has an extremely sophisticated service industry and thrives on innovation, research and development.

"China and the US still have sensitive economic fields and their own focuses of concern," Sun said. "Factors such as national conditions and stages of development determine the status, division of labor and

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