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Policy Update

China seeks policy dialogue with multinationals at upcoming summit

BEIJING, June 13 (Xinhua) -- China is poised to offer multinational companies a platform for "policy communication, industrial coordination and project cooperation" at the upcoming sixth Qingdao Multinationals Summit, a commerce ministry official said Friday.

The summit is scheduled to be held from June 18 to 20 in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, said Li Yongjie, deputy international trade representative of China's Ministry of Commerce, at a press conference.
With the summit marking its sixth edition since 2019, China aims to convey a positive message to the world about its unwavering commitment to further opening up and welcoming foreign investment, Li said.

The summit will feature closed-door meetings focusing on policy interpretation, parallel forums aimed at discussing open cooperation, and the release of a research report on the presence of multinationals in China, according to the official.

Li added that the commerce ministry will continue to accelerate the implementation of all opening-up measures, strengthen the protection of the rights and interests of foreign companies, and create a favorable environment for their development.

China has continued to be a strong magnet for foreign investment, with 18,832 new foreign-invested enterprises established in the Chinese mainland in the first four months of 2025, marking a 12.1 percent year-on-year growth, according to earlier data from the ministry.

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Across China：Relay of love at NE China welfare home safeguards precious childhoods



HARBIN, June 4 (Xinhua) -- Sunlight streamed through the windows of Harbin Children's Home in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, creating warm patterns on classroom desks.

Zhang Min (pseudonym), once a child raised within these walls, moved gracefully among decorations for an upcoming party, accompanied by tender voices and piano melodies, serving as a living testament to love's enduring cycle.

In 2004, a grieving 10-year-old Zhang arrived at the welfare home after her grandmother's passing. "I already understood loss at that time, and this unfamiliar world terrified me," she recalled. Hiding in dormitory corners, she found solace through caregivers who guided her to draw on hallway blackboards. "They were warm beacons showing me this was my new beginning."

Zhang's journey unfolded within the context of China's strengthening safety net for vulnerable minors. Notably, the country's welfare system for disadvantaged children has evolved from simple survival assistance in its early stages to a comprehensive and inclusive framework, with policy focus shifting from meeting basic needs to promoting holistic development.

Last month, the central government issued a set of guidelines on bolstering welfare support for children experiencing hardship, establishing comprehensive protection spanning living standards, healthcare, education, mental health and legal guardianship. China has raised basic living allowances for orphans for several consecutive years, with this commitment mirrored in Harbin where the 2025 standard is up to 2,993 yuan (about 416 U.S. dollars) monthly per institutionalized child.

At Harbin Children's Home, "education" revealed itself in unexpected ways, such as lullabies sung by night caregivers and sweets shared by kitchen staff. These moments crystallized when Zhang decided to choose early childhood education as her field of study. "I knew I'd return," she said, pointing to her Harbin Preschool Teachers College graduation photo. "They warmed my childhood, and I'll pass that warmth forward."

Today, Zhang teaches eight children with Down syndrome in rehabilitation classes -- navigating communication barriers with extraordinary patience. At lunch, she knelt beside 12-year-old Wang Liang, gently holding his hand to adjust a spoon. "Three months ago, he couldn't eat by himself. Now he can spoon up softened cookies independently." Zhang's face lit up with pride and satisfaction as she spoke of the children's improvement.

The institution itself has transformed dramatically since Zhang first arrived there 21 years ago. "We've grown from a 200-capacity department under the city's social welfare institute into a specialized facility," said Cai Lingling, the institution's office director.

With additional beds, improved facilities including personalized study spaces and smart rehabilitation equipment, and psychological support services, the upgraded welfare home can house 500 residents, and has shifted from basic care to holistic development -- encompassing a healthy diet, education, rehabilitation and medical treatment, Cai said. Harbin, capital city of Heilongjiang, has raised basic living allowance standards for orphans for four successive years since 2021, benefiting 2,070 orphans and de facto unattended children.

Educating children with special needs demands not only patience but also innovative approaches. Zhang crafts creative interventions, such as animal flashcards for cognitive training and rhythmic hand-taps during music sessions.

Rewards come unexpectedly. "Sometimes it was a candy pressed into my palm, or a sudden hug," Zhang said. "The children here understand loss early but treasure gains profoundly. A warm meal, words of encouragement or a patient moment can ignite hope."

This year, Zhang is embracing motherhood while teaching. "I've learned that equal respect and patient companionship matter as much as boundless love," she said. For the upcoming party, her students will attend as audience members. "They may not follow the program," Zhang said. "But their smiles when hearing music or reaching for balloons mean a lot."

Zhang's legacy resonates with youths like Lin Qiuyue, 12 years her junior. "She's been our warm guardian since I can remember, and she truly understands us," Lin said. When Zhang returned as a teacher, their bond deepened. Inspired by Zhang, Lin now envisions her own future at the institution.

"I want to pay forward that empathy, just like her," Lin said.

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China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) Supports Chinese CSOs in Regional Cooperation and Global Engagement

From April 21 to 25, 2025, the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) facilitated international exchange activities in Osaka and Kyoto, Japan, by supporting Chinese CSOs. The activities centered on key issues such as climate change, resilient community building, etc. Through visits to CSOs, international organizations, and universities in Japan, the event established a platform for Sino-Japanese civil dialogue, which enabled Chinese CSOs to expand their international perspectives and enhance their professional capabilities.



Visiting the Kansai NGO Council

Focusing on Professional Issues and Drawing on International Experience

During the visit, representatives of the CANGO and Chinese CSOs had in-depth exchanges with institutions such as the Kansai NGO Council, the Environmental Protection Network Kyoto (EPNK), RyuKoku University, and the Climate Action Network Japan/Kiko Network (CAN-Japan/Kiko Network), focusing on discussing the practical experience and innovative paths of social organizations in climate policy advocacy, community practice and international cooperation.



Exchange Session with CAN-Japan/Kiko Network

Fostering Global Discourse through Cross-Cultural Storytelling

Chinese social organization representatives actively shared local practical experience in the exchanges, skillfully integrating cultural elements and governance characteristics. Taking the historical allusion of "Xu Fu's Eastward Journey" as a link to narrow cultural identity. As a resource coordination and capacity-building platform, the China Association for NGO Cooperation effectively helps domestic social organizations convey Chinese voices on the international stage by connecting domestic and foreign resources and providing professional support.



Exchange Session with Professor Sakurai Jiro of RyuKoku University

Continuing to Promote Civil Exchanges and Deepen International Cooperation

This exchange activity not only promoted the experience exchange between Chinese and Japanese civil organizations but also explored practical paths for Chinese CSOs to participate in global governance. In the future, CANGO will continue to play a bridging role, promote the establishment of a normalized international exchange mechanism, and support more social organizations to "Going Global" to contribute Chinese solutions to global issues such as climate change and community development.

Cultivating Future Minds: Insights from Mr. Dong Shiyu Presented at the International Symposium on Education and Human Development

As part of the 15th anniversary celebration of the Antonio Meneghetti Foundation, Mr. Dong Shiyu, representative of the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), delivered a keynote titled "Cultivating Future Minds." His remarks offered reflections on the evolving role of education in addressing the complex challenges of the 21st century.



Mr. Dong emphasized that education today must extend beyond the simple transmission of knowledge. In a world shaped by technological change, climate disruption, and increasing social interdependence, he argued that education should cultivate not only intellect, but also character, empathy, and a sense of global responsibility.

Drawing from China's experience, Mr. Dong noted a shift in national educational priorities—from improving access to enhancing quality and values-based learning. He highlighted the importance of people-centered education, rooted in values such as responsibility, discipline, humanism, and forward-thinking. These principles, he suggested, are essential for preparing young people to act meaningfully in a rapidly changing world.

Mr. Dong also shared the organization's efforts to localize global goals through community-based education projects. Initiatives such as the Visionary Education Program and youth climate awareness campaigns reflect CANGO's commitment to empowering students and educators in under-resourced areas. These projects aim to bridge national policies and grassroots realities—what Mr. Dong described as the "last mile" of educational transformation.



He further highlighted the role of civil society in building connections between countries of the Global South. CANGO is exploring avenues for collaborative learning—ranging from climate storytelling to teacher exchanges. Such partnerships, he noted, are not about transferring knowledge but co-creating new approaches grounded in shared values and local experience.

Mr. Dong concluded by extending warm congratulations to the Antonio Meneghetti Foundation on its 15th anniversary. He praised the Foundation's dedication to integrating education, science, and humanism, and recognized its global leadership in promoting ontopsychology and youth development. In his view, the Symposium—and the Foundation's ongoing work—serves as a powerful reminder that education is one of the most effective tools for shaping a more just, sustainable, and humane future.