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NEWS IN CHINA

- On May 10, the Ministry of Emergency Management held a press conference to report on the current status on the implementation of the 2023 special investigation and rectification of major accidents. This investigatory operation is conducted at three levels, namely the enterprise level, the departmental level, and the party committee level. Moreover, the operation includes four stages such as mobilization and deployment; enterprise self-inspection and self-reform: departmental assistance: departmental precision law enforcement; and summary improvement. Li Haowen, Safety Production Inspector of the Ministry of Emergency Management, stated that "Since the beginning of this year, the total number of accidents has been decreased and major accidents have rebounded." He mentioned that the major accidents are concentrated in the traditional high-risk industries such as construction, chemical, road transportation and trade industry. Thus, this special rectification operation primarily focuses on these industries.
- On Wednesday, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has reported that a <u>Chinese fugitive</u> named Mai Kaichang has voluntarily surrendered to the law enforcement agency in Qingyuan city of Guangdong Province. The accused is the owner of Qingyuan Sheng Li Non-ferrous Metal Material Co., who is suspected of committing bribery and has obtained other gains illegally. This act of CCDI is believed as a result of unremitting "Sky Net" campaign carried out by the central anti-corruption coordination squad.
- On May 5, the official personnel of World Record Certification Agency (WRCA) confirmed Longzi County of <u>Tibet</u> as "the world's largest black barley planting base." The Longzi Black Highland Barley is a highland barley variety that grows at an altitude of 3.800 to 4.200 meters. It is rich in antioxidants and



nutritional contents, that grows in an area of about 34.4 Sq. Km in the Shannan City of Longzi County in Tibet.

- The Chinese Vice President Han Zheng visited Portugal and had a meet up with President de Sousa and Prime Minister Costa in Lisbon. This meet emphasised on promoting a comprehensive partnership between China and Portugal, highlighting great importance to the traditional friendship. The Portuguese state, expresses a tilt towards One-China policy and supports "one country two systems" practice Macao. in considers Portugal as an extensive platform for Chinese enterprises to enter the European market and eventually, expand its ties with the EU. Hang Zeng confirmed that, China is willing to widen a mutually beneficial cooperation with Portugal and EU states to make positive contribution to the world economy.
- The World Tourism Cities Federation and the Changsha Municipal People's Government, on May 10th, jointly hosted the "2023 World Tourism Cities Federation Changsha Xiangshan Tourism Summit." Ambassadors from eight countries and other international organizations attended this summit. The theme for this year's summit is "Gathering City Power. Revitalizing World Tourism." More than 20 activities were planned as a part of this summit to promote tourism industry all over the world. Around eight projects with the total investments of 12.8 billion yuan were planned to build the tourism and investment negotiation link.
- Every year, May 10th is celebrated as

Chinese Brand Day. This year the Seventh Chinese Brand Day is celebrated with the theme - "Chinese Brand, Shared by the World: Brand New Power, Quality New Life." It was first commenced in the year 2014, an emphasis on "three having Chinese <u>transformations</u> from manufacturing to Chinese creation; from Chinese speed to Chinese quality and from Chinese products to Chinese Brands."

SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

• Successful launch of Tianzhou-6 #天河行 舟包梦远航# trends on Weibo: The cargo spacecraft Tianzhou-6 was carried by a carrier rocket Long March 7 Yaoqi, which was launched from the Wenchang Space Launch site in China. 10 minutes after the launch, the spacecraft was successfully separated from the rocket and entered the concerned orbit. The latest cargo ship has an improved loading capacity that has increased from 6.9 tons to 7.4 tons. The commentators celebrated this launch as "a journey to the sea of stars" and wished that China becomes the most prominent aerospace power in the world.

INDIA WATCH

India is known for its oldest civilisations and well-tourist destinations. Due to its rich culture and heritage, the tourism industry has witnessed a significant growth in recent years. This sector is also one of the largest foreign exchange earners (FEEs), that ranks eighth in India's Gross Domestic Production (GDP). India's medical and wellness tourism contributes largely by offering the world's cheapest

healthcare systems that attract large number of foreign nationals. Additionally, domestic tourism acts as a major driver in India's tourism industry. The Government of India has launched various schemes to promote India's tourism as a world class industry. In 2014-15, the Ministry of Tourism has initiated a scheme called "Swadesh Darshan Scheme" to promote a themebased tourism. Consequently, in the year 2023 the ministry has upgraded it to "Swadesh Darshan 2.0." In the year 2022, the ministry has planned to develop 10 new projects under the "heritage circuit theme." In the year 2014, the Government of India has launched the E-tourist visa initiative, to simplify the process of obtaining tourist visa for foreign nationals. Through the "Incredible India" campaign, the Indian Government has advertised the legacy of India's tourism sector, to the entire world. As a part of this campaign, in the year 2022, India has launched the Italy edition of "Incredible India Reconnect 2022." Similarly, the Ministry of Tourism, has displayed different tourism products of India in the Arabian travel market.

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