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# CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

• Netizens discuss DJs and their political song selection during winter Olympics performances: Netizens are engrossed in the performance of athletes in the Winter Olympics but they are also discussing DJs and their song selections during their performance. DJs are being continuously praised for their song selections with hashtags like "When Gu Ailing Won the Gold, Jay Chou's Song Huo Yuan Jia is Played" receiving more than 29 million mentions on Weibo. The music players have also played a remixed version of Katyusha, a Russian song that became famous during World War II, when there was some dispute between the Chinese women team and that of the USA. Netizens in China are appreciating DJs for playing fearless music and tracks with emotional touch during events.

### **II. News in China**

- Indonesia's movement of its new capital away from Jakarta to Borneo would drastically <u>decrease</u> the number of likely riders on China's flagship high-speed rail line in the country. It is evaluated that the project will be now profitable after forty years rather than twenty years as predicted earlier. The project had a budget of 2 billion dollars and is now expected to have exhausted about 8 billion dollars.
- Baise City began to lift the <u>COVID-19 lockdown</u> from February 15 as new cases reported in the city continued to be in single digit. The control measures of no entry or exit were withdrawn and in an "orderly manner" while normal traffic of high-speed rail, aviation and high-speed railways has resumed and highway and water passengers will soon be allowed to leave the province.
- Multiple senior officials have been prosecuted in China: Yuan Xiaolin, former secretary and director of the Party Group of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Fengxian District, Shanghai was prosecuted for accepting bribes. Lin Wenyao deputy secretary of the Party Working Committee and former director of the Management Committee of Pingtan Comprehensive Experimental Zone, Fujian Province has been prosecuted for accepting bribes and shall be investigated for criminal responsibility. Ni Meitang, the former first-level inspector of Jiangxi Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, was prosecuted for accepting bribes and embezzlement. Xu Zizhi, former secretary-general of the Enterprise Management Association of State Grid Corporation of China, was prosecuted for accepting bribes. Chen Yaoming, a former member of the Party Committee and director of China Banknote Printing and Coin Corporation, was prosecuted for accepting bribes. Wang Yunzheng, former vice president of China Copper Co., Ltd. and chairman of the trade union was prosecuted for accepting bribes and embezzlement.

- Wan Mulin, former member and vice chairman of the Party Group of the Yunfu Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Guangdong Province is expelled and will be investigated. He is <u>accused</u> of giving gifts to personnel engaged in public affairs.
- During Lantern Festival, Zhongshan City <u>held</u> a high-level conference to promote high-quality economic development. During the conference an economic development plan was discussed with entrepreneurs. Guo Wenhai, Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee expressed his urgency and worries for enterprise development. He also launched the 'one enterprise, one policy' for medium and large enterprises.

# III. India Watch

• China has prosecuted a significant number of party members and officials in a short span on charges of corruption and bribery. In China, a very small allegation can get someone suspended and behind bars. The ongoing crackdown is part of a larger plan to eliminate and voice down other factions in China. All Yuan Xiaolin, Lin Wenyao, Ni Meitang, Xu Zizhi, Chen Yaoming and Wang Yunzheng were prosecuted in accordance with the law in China on the same day and the main charges against all these party members included bribery which is not in line with party principles, however these officials have also been viewed as anti-Xi.

Image 1: Ngari Prefecture was bestowed with 2nd Class merit



Image 2:



Image 3: Note accusing Tencent of arbitrarily banning WeChat account

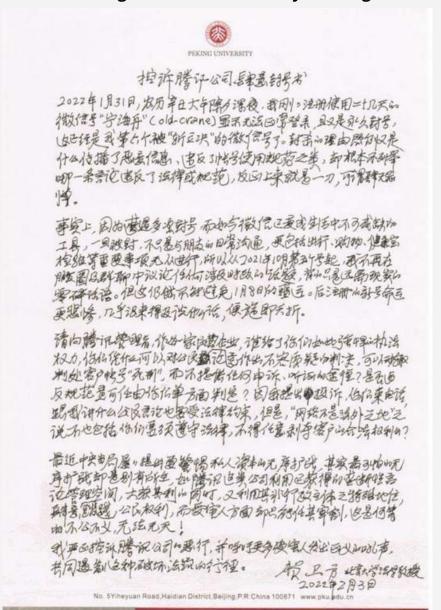


Image 4: Still from video shared on Twitter of Olympic Sumbmarine(now removed).

