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### BRICS SUMMIT



Leaders of BRICS countries, from left, Brazilian President Michel Temer, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Xi Jinping, and South African President Jacob Zuma display their unity at the 8th BRICS Summit in Goa, India, on Sunday. ANUPAM NATH / ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Xi: Step up investment in emerging economies

### Rising protectionism, anti-globalism big challenges to world's well-being

By AN BAIJIE in Goa, India and WANG QINGYUN in Beijing

Business leaders in the BRICS bloc should promote confidence and contribute to global growth through stepped up investment in emerging economies, President Xi Jinping said on Sunday.

The economies of the five BRICS countries — whose leaders met over the weekend in India — have slowed given the deep adjustments and challenges in the world economy, Xi noted in a meeting with business executives.

Among the challenges cited by Xi were the rising threat of protectionism and growing anti-globalization sentiment.

Still, Xi said, "The BRICS

countries' advantages and potential in resources, markets and labor remain unchanged." He added that the executives should take a leading role in joint implementation of major projects.

The bloc is composed of emerging powerhouses Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The meeting was their eighth summit.

Xi spoke during the meeting in India's southwestern Goa state. The two-day summit concluded Sunday.

Xi noted that establishment of the bloc's New Development Bank is an important fruit of their cooperation, and China will support the bank's work to make its first group of projects successful.

Along with Xi, Brazilian

President Michel Temer, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South African President Jacob Zuma attended the summit.

While talking with the other BRICS leaders, Xi called on the countries to boost confidence at a time when economic recovery remains weak.

The bloc should increase macroeconomic policy coordination and oppose all forms of protectionism, Xi told the other leaders. China is slated to take the rotating presidency of BRICS next year.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi said at a news briefing that Xi's speech was hailed by the leaders at the summit.

The Goa Declaration issued at the summit's conclusion included some points of consensus the five leaders reached during the summit of the G20 major economies in Hangzhou last month, he said.

At their meeting on the G20's sidelines, Xi said BRICS members should enhance coordination to make emerging-market economies and developing countries play a bigger role in international affairs.

India is the final stop of Xi's tour of southern Asia, which has already taken him to Cambodia and Bangladesh.

Ruan Zongze, vice-president of the China Institute of International Studies, told China Daily that even though the economic growth of BRICS countries has slowed, the performance of emerging economies remains far better than that of developed countries.

"Since the recovery of the global economy after the 2008 financial crisis, the BRICS countries have contributed more than 50 percent of global economic growth," he said.

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### SPACE

## Astronauts launching record-setting mission

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China will launch a manned spacecraft on Monday morning to transport two astronauts to the Tiangong II space laboratory, according to the China Manned Space Agency.

Shenzhou XI will blast off at 7:30 am atop a Long March 2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region. It will carry two male astronauts — the mission commander, Jing Haipeng, who will celebrate his 50th birthday in the space station, and 37-year-old Chen Dong.

Jing's birthday gift is a new record for China — he becomes the nation's first astronaut to take a third trip into space, according to Wu Ping, deputy director and spokeswoman for the agency, who spoke to reporters about the launch at a news conference in the Jiuquan center on Sunday.

The spacecraft will travel two days before docking with Tiangong II. The astronauts will remain in the space lab for 30 days, making it the



Astronauts Jing Haipeng (left) and Chen Dong meet reporters at a news conference Sunday about the launch of Shenzhou XI at Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

longest stay in space by Chinese astronauts, Wu said.

Core tasks of the Shenzhou XI mission are to test rendezvous and docking technologies, verify the life support capability of the spacecraft-space lab combination, and conduct scientific research and engineering experiments, she said.

Before Shenzhou XI, China had launched five Shenzhou spacecraft and 10 astronauts. The nation's first astronaut, Yang Liwei, was carried aloft by Shenzhou V in 2003. Yang

is now a senior space official. China is the third country that has independently conducted manned spaceflight, after the former Soviet Union and the United States.

The Tiangong II lab, launched in mid-September from the Jiuquan center, has two cabins with separate functions. The experiment cabin will be hermetically sealed and will serve as the astronauts' living quarters, while the resource cabin will

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### MEDIA

## China boosts soft power by training foreign journalists

By YUAN ZHOU and ZHANG ZHIHAO

On a recent Saturday morning in Beijing, Win Tin, 66, a veteran journalist from Myanmar, was enthralled by a lecture at the Communication University of China on setting up a digital studio, from floor layouts to overhead light temperatures to software.

Two months ago, Tin, with 25 years of experience in journalism, started an online news outlet, Northern Light Media, but realized he knew little about online media.

So he jumped at the offer to join a 10-day media workshop provided by the university's China-ASEAN Center of Training that targets media executives and journalists from Southeast Asian countries.

"I want to be a lifelong learner, and China is the country I'm most interested in," said Tin, whose fellow trainees, totaling 21, come from Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines.

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### Programs at Chinese universities

**Master of global media and communications**  
Fudan University in Shanghai and London School of Economics and Political Science

**Applicants:** College graduates interested in Chinese and global media  
**Duration:** Two years, first year at LSE, second year at Fudan  
**Expense:** 19,344 pounds (\$23,580) for LSE, 80,000 yuan (\$11,890) for Fudan

**Bachelor of international journalism**  
Jinan University in Guangzhou, Guangdong province

**Applicants:** International students interested in Chinese and global media  
**Duration:** Four years at Jinan University  
**Expense:** 3,000 euros (\$3,290) per year

**Master's in international multimedia journalism**  
Beijing Foreign Studies University and University of Bolton, UK

**Applicants:** College graduates interested in multimedia storytelling  
**Duration:** One year, first term at Bolton, second at Beijing  
**Expense:** Tuition covered by program, living and travel expenses excluded

**Master's in international journalism and communication**  
Communication University of China

**Applicants:** College graduates interested in international journalism and technologies  
**Duration:** Two years in Beijing  
**Expense:** 35,000 yuan per year for new media, film and television production programs; 30,000 yuan per year for international journalism and communication program

### MUSIC

## Opera written by girl, 11, being staged in Vienna

By AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE in Vienna

With help from her jump rope instead of a metronome, Alma Deutscher has written an opera that's being staged this Christmas in Vienna, the capital of classical music. Not bad when you're aged 11.

"I sometimes think that if I had a beard and I was old and fat, then people might take me a bit more seriously," the English wunderkind said as she played excerpts of the work on the piano.

But this attitude, she added, has changed since preparations began in this hallowed former stamping ground of Mozart and Schubert for the Dec 29 premiere of *Cinderella*.

She started writing the two-hour opera when she was 8. In composing the music, she has given the traditional folk tale her own twist, setting it in an opera house.

Thus the eponymous hero-



Alma Deutscher, 11, from England performs *The Wiener Musikverein* in Vienna on Oct 6. An opera the girl wrote, *Cinderella*, will premiere in the city on Dec 29. JOE KLAMAR / AFP

ine writes a tune that perfectly fits the handsome prince's poem, while the evil stepsisters are "pompous prima donnas", the young composer explained.

It takes place in an imaginary country she calls Transylvanian, populated by imaginary composers.

Her favorite, Antonin Dvorak, wrote one of the more melancholy melodies — "and I

stole it", she joked.

But according to Anna Voshege, an Australian singer who plays one of the stepsisters, what Alma composes is anything but childish.

"I heard the music before I knew she was 11. I was really quite shocked. Some of the nuances in that music are really very special, very intricate," Voshege said.

"It's very beautiful music and she is far beyond her years," she said. Alma's father, Guy Deutscher, first realized his daughter was out of the ordinary when she asked, at age 2 or 3, "How can music be so beautiful?" he recalled.

"When she was about 4, when she started inventing her own melodies, I think that's when we noticed there was really something special," he said in Vienna, where the family from southern England has been spending time ahead of the premiere.

At 6, she composed her first full piano sonata, at 7 a mini-opera called *The Sweeper of Dreams*, and at 9 a concerto for violin and orchestra.

A chamber music rendition of *Cinderella* was performed in Israel last year, but the Vienna version, with Indian conductor maestro Zubin Mehta as patron, is much longer and will be a proper opera.

She has won praise from renowned conductors like Daniel Barenboim and a "bowed over" Simon Rattle. Last year, she appeared at a Google Zeitgeist conference with the likes of Stephen Hawking.

But, her dad said, Alma also has a normal life. "She loves climbing trees and running around like every other child," he said.

Modern music, though, is "too loud" and not her thing, she says — not even Justin Bieber or the Beatles. "Oh no, I don't know any of them!"

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