



Xi Jinping

Delivered a Video Address to Colombian People

Author/Wang Junyu 当地时间3月20日，中国向哥伦比亚提供的第三批疫苗运抵哥伦比亚首都波哥大。应哥伦比亚总统杜克邀请，国家主席习近平向哥伦比亚民众发表视频讲话。

BEIJING, March 21 (Xinhua) --On March 20, local time, the third batch of vaccines provided by China to Colombia arrived in Bogota, capital of Colombia. Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a video speech to the Colombian people at the invitation of Colombian President Alessandro Duque. "Mountains and seas are not far away from those who share common aspirations," Xi said. The vast Pacific Ocean cannot stand in the way of the profound friendship between our two peoples. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties 41 years ago, China-Colombia relations have made historic progress. China has become

Colombia's second largest trading partner in the world, and Chinese companies have taken an active part in Colombia's development in various fields. Our cultural and people-to-people exchanges are flourishing and our friendship is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people.

Xi stressed that in the face of the sudden COVID-19 epidemic, the two countries have united and helped each other to overcome difficulties and actively carried out anti-epidemic cooperation. Not long ago, two batches of Chinese vaccines purchased

by Colombia arrived, and another batch arrived today, boosting Colombia's national COVID-19 vaccination plan. It is hoped that the governments and people of the two countries will make joint efforts to strengthen friendly cooperation in fighting the epidemic and other fields, so as to push China-Colombia friendly cooperation to a new level from a new historical starting point and bring more benefits to the two nations.

On the same day, President Duke, who is visiting other places, held a special ceremony to broadcast President Xi Jinping's speech to the whole country. Duke expressed gratitude to President Xi Jinping and the brotherly Chinese people for their deep friendship to the Colombian people and their important support to Colombia's fight against the epidemic. Developing relations with China is a broad consensus of all political factions in Colombia. Costa Rica would like to work with China to continuously deepen bilateral relations.

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News Report

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Coronavirus must be the most influential event over the past year. Even by now, with the vaccine successfully developed and spreading, we still live under the pandemic situation. The brunt from coronavirus is still on and on...

Vaccine Passports, Covid's Next Political Flash Point

不久后，你很可能会有了一本“疫苗护照”
The next major flash point over coronavirus response has already provoked cries of tyranny and discrimination in Britain, protests in Denmark, digital disinformation in the United States and geopolitical skirmishing within the European Union. The subject of debate: vaccine passports — government issued cards or smartphone badges stating that the bearer has been inoculated against the coronavirus.

The idea is to allow families to reunite, economies to restart and hundreds of millions of people who have received a shot to return to a degree of normalcy. Dividing the world between the vaccinated and unvaccinated raises daunting political and ethical questions.

"If vaccines become a passport to doing different things, we're going to see the communities that have been already hardest hit by Covid being left behind," said Nicole A. Errett, a University of Washington public health expert.

Then there is inequality among nations, mostly relevant for international travel. The approved coronavirus vaccines have been, with some exceptions, generally distributed among nations rich enough to buy or produce them.

One problem: There is no agreement on the primary purpose of a vaccine passport program. Governments typically talk about them as a way to open up economies. Individuals, as a way to re-enter normal life. Public health experts, as a

way to reduce transmissions. Those goals align, but imperfectly. At some point, the authorities have to prioritize.

The Covid-19 Relief Bill Has Passed. Now Biden and the GOP Both Plan to Tell Voters What's in It

拜登“撒钱”1.9万亿，会如何影响大洋彼岸的你？
President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus aid package into law on March 11th, as he and Republican leaders in Congress began competing to shape voters' perceptions of Mr. Biden's first big legislative win and the early days of his presidency.

The new law will provide a \$1,400 check to many Americans, with the first direct payments deposited into bank accounts as soon as this weekend.

The president gave an address Thursday evening, laying out a plan for getting the pandemic under control one year after much of the U.S. economy slowed severely as the virus spread. Mr. Biden directed states to make all American adults eligible by May 1 to sign up to receive a vaccine and said that families and friends could gather in small groups to celebrate Independence Day if they continue to take steps to prevent the spread of the virus.

Republicans have criticized the price tag of Mr. Biden's bill, coming after Congress authorized about \$4 trillion in relief last year. They point out that checks will be issued to people who have not lost jobs or income, that money will be spent on schools in future years and that funding is going to state and local governments even though the pandemic damage to their revenues wasn't as serious as expected.

For Planet Earth, No Tourism is a Curse and a Blessing?

没人旅游的一年，对地球是福是祸？

With flights canceled, cruise ships mothballed and vacations largely scrapped, carbon emissions plummeted. Wildlife that usually kept a low profile amid a crush of tourists in vacation hot spots suddenly emerged. And a lack of cruise ships in places like Alaska meant that humpback whales could hear each other's calls without the din of engines.

That's the good news. On the flip side, the disappearance of travelers wreaked its own strange havoc, not only on those who make their living in the tourism industry, but on wildlife itself, especially in developing countries. Many governments pay for conservation and enforcement through fees associated with tourism. As that revenue dried up, budgets were cut, resulting in increased poaching and illegal fishing in some areas. Illicit logging rose too, presenting a double-whammy for the environment.

From the rise in rhino poaching in Botswana to the waning of noise pollution in Alaska, the lack of tourism has had a profound effect around the world. The question moving forward is which impacts will remain, and which will vanish, in the recovery.

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In me the tiger, sniffs the rose.

The History of Pomegranate Flower

--- 石榴花的历史渊源

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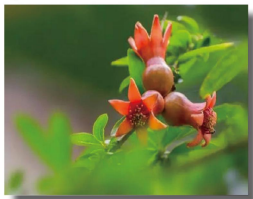
石榴花因其艳丽的色彩及秀丽的外形，被人们所广泛称赞，同时它也有悠久的历史。

Punica granatum is known for its showy(艳丽的) flowers and edible fruit , pomegranate(石榴果). It was probably introduced to China from Central Asia or Europe during the Han dynasty (207 BCE to 220 CE). It is widely cultivated in China, and naturalized in Western part of China. According to the historical records, when Zhang Qian(张 骞) went on a diplomatic mission to the Western Regions, he brought back many seeds from Central Asia, including the pomegranate seeds. Later on, a large number of seeds were cultivated in Chang'an City(长 安 城). Among the thousands of plants and flowers in Chang'an City, the shape of pomegranate tree was



particularly attractive and the fruit of pomegranate was full of praise.

It is said that the emperor was fond of the pomegranate trees, and he ordered to plant pomegranate trees at his own palace in Lishan Mountain. Thereafter, pomegranate trees were cultivated in batches in the Lishan Mountain, and full of prosperity when the flower blooms. Concubines(妾) liked the flower very much, and they often watched pomegranates in Lishan Mountain(骊 山) in groups. In addition, it is said that the empress, Wu Zetian(武 则 天) also was fascinated by the pomegranates tress. Now in Lintong District(临 潼 区) of Xi'an, there



are a large area of pomegranate planting forest due to the praise of Wu Zetian. The planting history of pomegranate in Chang 'an City and the foot of Lishan Mountain has been nearly two thousand years, therefore, the relationship with pomegranate as early as ancient times has been deeply inseparable. Besides, the pomegranate planting area and the quantity of pomegranates tress in Lintong District of Xi'an rank first in China. The nearly 15-kilometer-long pomegranate forest has become a beautiful scenic spot in Lintong. Moreover, the pomegranate flowers also have some implied meanings. In the undeveloped past, people believed that pomegranate flowers could bring happiness and good fortune, and people placed great wishes on the pomegranate flowers. When you look from a distance, pomegranate flower is like a beautiful women in red skirt that dances under the sunlight. The fruit of pomegranate tree also symbolizes the development of the city that the people can have a better life with flourishing and wealthiness.

Five Mouths

---Flowers

Zhu Hongyi:

Spring days coming, walking around each corner, there is great possibility that you come across a little cat, a flapping bird, a barking dog, or, flowers covering a tree. That's all the expectations for a bright spring. And, yes, there are numerous kinds of flowers, scarlet, bright yellow, some dying while some still blossoming, some known while some unknown. Among all those flowers, I still prefer sakura, or cherry blossom.

This choice may be quite normal. It seems that everyone enjoys this incarnation(化 身) of a lovely fairy. Pink, soft, rain-alike, sakura just comes with elegance and secret fragrance. In Japan, there are so many sights famous for local sakura season, Fuji, Jina, Chiba etc. And we get sakura avenue and sakura park. Where there is a sakura tree, you can always meet people shooting alongside. Yes, that's the enchantment of sakura, light pink, elegance, range upon range.

Xie Duanyi:

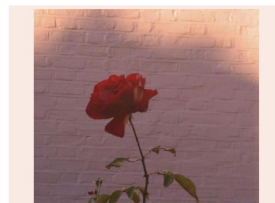
There are lots of Magnolia in our campus and the magnolia flowers are my favourite. The petal(花 瓣) often extends around with colours varying from white to pink. The shape of a magnolia flower resembles a horn to some degree, as the stem base of the flower is much more narrow than the upper part of the petal. The magnolia flower also has a light aroma which could refresh us after a long period of indoor classes.



Daily Sentences:

• **D**ream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

做你想做的梦吧，去你想去的地方吧，成为你想成为的人吧，因为你只有一次生命，一个机会去做所有那些你想做的事。



One hour today is worth two tomorrow.

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Passion Motivates Us to Turn Our Job Into a Cause



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Pamela

Pamela Reif(帕梅拉) is known as the most famous German Social Media Influencer(网红) in sports, fashion, and beauty. When she is exercising, she often has no need to rest and even breathe, so people give her a nickname "human AI".

What may amaze us is that Pamela is also a "straight A student" when she received education. "During the last two years of school I was extremely motivated. Although I didn't really know what I want to do in life, I understood that studying for a school has to be my top priority because I knew that with a high school graduation, you only have one single shot... I finished school with the best score in the German system." At an interview with Pamela, she said that she was exactly one of the top students when she was at college.

Although with excellent grades, Pamela did not choose a stable job as her family, friends and teachers expected, which is becoming a teacher, lawyer or engineer. Instead, she decided to start with her 16-year-old interests and do what she likes. Looking back at Pamela's career, it all began four years ago when she started posting photos of herself on social media platforms

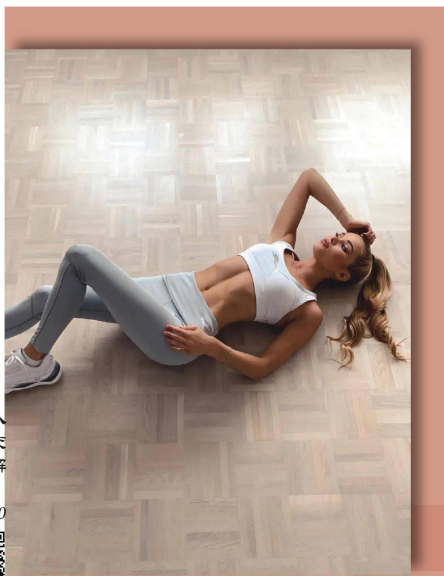
without having a particular goal or strategy in mind. Pamela simply shared her hobbies and interests, being mainly fitness, beauty, and fashion, with her followers and quickly grew her international following.

And today, Pamela, in her 20s, is not only a famous social media influencer(网红博主), but also an outstanding entrepreneur. Her passion for her career has inspired many young women and empowered them to do things they are really interested in. Pamela is an inspiration for young women who achieves her goals being passionate and hard-working.

Pamela was confused about her future when she was about to enter a new stage in her life. However, in the end, she chose to make herself happy and succeeded in sticking to it.

In 2017, in the speech with the theme of "The Power of Authenticity" held by TED, Pamela encouraged everyone to seize the opportunity to do what they like with enthusiasm. And she said something really inspiring in the speech. The most impressive ones are "Find a job you enjoy doing and you will never ever work a day in your life." "You can remember that Mark Twain basically told us that if we find something we love, we will never have the feeling of working in our life." and "I knew that if I did something with passion and with dedication, I would be able to build something great from there."

I believe that if we find the things we are really keen on, every one of us could accomplish them with enthusiasm.



Pamela

I major in biology, and I am very interested in neuroscience. 2020 is a thing of the past. In the last article I introduced three important discoveries to you, this time let's check another three!

Three Discoveries in Neuroscience in 2020

part 2

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“In order to find a cure for Parkinson's disease, researchers are exploring new ways to regenerate/replace dead neurons.”

转化胶质细胞治疗帕金森症

“Birds are smarter than we thought”

鸟类也有大脑皮层

“The man who can't see the numbers 2-9”

男子只能看到 0 和 1，像是活在二进制世界

In the June cover paper of Nature, Professor Fu Xiangdong's experimental team found that inhibiting the expression of PTB protein in astrocytes(星形胶质细胞) can transform them into functional neurons. This technology has been validated in the treatment of Parkinson's model mice. This study provides a promising strategy for cell replacement in vivo(活体), providing new possibilities for the treatment of neurological diseases.



Due to neurological diseases, "perception distortions"(感知扭曲) appear. No matter what form the numbers 2-9 appear in, in the eyes of a patient reported by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, they are all meaningless lines, but 0 and 1 just "escaped". The researcher believes that the patient's brain has no problem with digital information processing, but the nerve failure that returns visual awareness has caused him to suffer from a strange disease. Maybe there is a problem with its semantic memory(语义记忆) about 2-9.

The academic community has always been troubled by the contradictory view that "birds do not have a cerebral cortex(大脑皮层) but have advanced cognitive abilities". Two studies published in Science are expected to answer this question: Stacho's team has determined for the first time that the cortex of birds has a similar structure to that of mammals; Nieder's team has proposed that the cortex of birds has neurons that represent perception(感知能力), and this may be a sign of consciousness.



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