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# Xi: Build a united, prosperous new Xizang

Region marks its 60th founding anniversary

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President Xi Jinping has emphasized prioritizing efforts to maintain political stability, social harmony, ethnic solidarity and amity among religions in the Xizang autonomous region, ahead of a grand gathering in celebration of the region's 60th founding anniversary to be held on Thursday.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, arrived in Lhasa, the regional capital, earlier on Wednesday, as he led a central delegation to attend activities marking the anniversary.

Upon his arrival, he was greeted by a cheering crowd dancing to joyful rhythms at the airport and local people lined up along the streets.

It was the first time in the history of the Party and the country that a leader visited Xizang on its founding anniversary in the capacities of general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, Chinese president and chairman of the CMC.

The trip came four years after Xi, in the same capacities, visited the region in 2021 for the 70th anniversary of its peaceful liberation, also the first time in the history of the Party and the country.

It is considered as a reflection of the great attention attached by Xi and the CPC Central Committee to Xizang, as well as their deep care for officials and people of all ethnic groups in the region.

Speaking at a meeting with local authorities on Wednesday afternoon, Xi highlighted Xizang's four major tasks of ensuring stability, facilitating development, protecting the eco-environment and strengthening the borders. The region should strive to build a modern socialist new Xizang that is united, prosperous, civilized, harmonious and beautiful, he said.



President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, waves to waiting crowds after arriving on Wednesday at Lhasa, the Xizang autonomous region, ahead of a grand gathering on Thursday to celebrate the region's 60th founding anniversary. XINHUA



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**Left and right:** President Xi and the central delegation are welcomed by local people lining the streets of Lhasa and a cheering crowd at the airport on Wednesday. XINHUA AND FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

Xi spoke highly of the remarkable achievements made in Xizang's economic and social development over the

past 60 years and extended sincere greetings and heartfelt wishes to the people of all ethnic groups in Xizang on behalf



of the CPC Central Committee. To build Xizang into a model region for ethnic solidarity and progress, Xi said that efforts

should be made to popularize national common language and characters, strengthen exchanges, communication and integration

among all ethnic groups, and encourage two-way economic, cultural and personnel flows between Xizang and other parts of the country.

He also stressed advancing the adaptation of Tibetan Buddhism to the socialist society according to the guideline of adapting religion to China's realities and handling religious affairs in line with the law.

Situated on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and known as the "roof of the world", Xizang has an average altitude of over 4,000 meters above sea level.

Xi said the region should leverage its plateau-specific advantages to develop agriculture and animal husbandry as well as clean energy, while steadily advancing resource processing and actively promoting the integration of culture and tourism.

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## V-Day parade to unveil advanced weapons

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A number of the Chinese military's advanced weapons are set to be unveiled at the upcoming V-Day parade on Sept 3, representing the latest achievements in the armed forces' modernization efforts, according to a senior military official.

Major General Wu Zeke, a senior officer from the Central Military Commission's Joint Staff Department and deputy director of the Office of the Leading Group for the Military Parade, told a news conference in Beijing on Wednesday that all of the hardware to be displayed has been domestically developed and built, and has been in active service.

"It will be a comprehensive debut of our new-generation weaponry since the National Day parade in October 2019," he said.

China will stage a grand military parade on Sept 3 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression



(1931-45) and the World Anti-Fascist War. This will be the country's 19th military parade since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949 and the second V-Day parade.

During the first part of the parade, troops — members of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Armed Police Force, as well as China's militia and reserve service — will line up in formations along Chang'an Avenue in Beijing, and they will be reviewed by President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

The second part of the 70-minute celebration event will consist of shows of flags, processions of troops and ground-based hardware, and a flyby of aircraft.

The majority of hardware to be shown at the parade

will be new models, ranging from main battle tanks to fighter jets, Wu said.

Unmanned platforms, counter-drone equipment and cyberspace operations apparatus will also be highlighted, including new types of combat drones, directed-energy weapons and electronic jamming instruments, he said.

Wu added that to display the PLA's strategic deterrence prowess, a group of new hypersonic, missile-defense and intercontinental ballistic missiles will be displayed at the parade.

"These weapons feature a high level of information and automation capabilities and represent our efforts to adapt to the development trends of science, technology and modern warfare, and will show our strength that will win future wars," Wu said.

He added that a total of 45 marching soldier units, land weaponry groups and aircraft squadrons are set to take part in the parade.

Many military units involved in the event have a long history that can be traced back to the Chinese People's

War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, he said.

Another aspect of the parade is that it will be the first time for the Aerospace Force, Cyberspace Force, Information Support Force and Joint Logistics Support Force to take part, Wu noted.

Major General Xu Guizhong, an official of the PLA Central Theater Command and deputy head of the command's parade organizing headquarters, said that organizers have been using the parade training to enhance troops' fighting spirit, hone their operational skills, and help them become familiar with new weapons.

"We have used a positioning service based on China's Beidou Navigation Satellite System and intelligent assessment tools to facilitate the troops' training, and that has proved very useful and efficient," Xu said.

Commanders have asked troops to make full use of this precious opportunity to strengthen their awareness and capabilities regarding joint operations, according to Xu.

## FOREIGN INFLUENCERS ARRIVE TO TURN FOCUS ON CULTURE, CREATIVITY

Video-makers connect with real people, tell genuine stories, open markets

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**S**enegalese-Italian influencer Khaby Lama — the "Silent Comedy King" — has over 162 million followers on his TikTok account. The 25-year-old, whose real name is Serigne Khabane Lama, shot to fame with his expressive mute reactions to overly complicated life hacks.

He is one of the world's most popular online personalities, but it's in China, a country



known for its vibrant digital culture, that his rise has been especially meteoric.

His Chinese fans call him *wuyu ge*, or speechless brother.

On July 31, Lama officially joined Weibo, one of the most popular social media platforms in China.

"You might not know my name, but I'm guessing you've

definitely used my reaction memes," he posted on Weibo. "I am super excited to be official here on Weibo! I've heard Chinese netizens are the masters of creativity and humor, so let's have some fun!"

Within 24 hours, he garnered more than 100,000 followers on Weibo. Lama also launched accounts on other Chinese social media platforms, including RedNote and Kuaishou, which received warm feedback from his local fans.

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