



Advisers align wisdom and strength

Role in supporting the modernization drive solidified

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National political advisers were urged to align their wisdom and strength with the nation's central tasks, ensuring that their consultative efforts provide robust support for the country's modernization drive, as the fourth session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the country's top political advisory body, concluded on Wednesday at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, and other leaders attended the closing meeting.

Wang Huning, chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, emphasized in his speech at the closing meeting that the CPPCC must identify the focus areas to align its efforts with the overall development of the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30).

He called on members to conduct forward-looking research on major economic and social issues to provide weighty and practical suggestions, while reinforcing the principle of the CPPCC for the people.

Wang further highlighted the importance of building consensus through the united front mechanism to resolve contradictions and gather positive energy from the Chinese people both at home and abroad.

After the closing meeting, national political advisers expressed their commitment to fulfilling their duties across various sectors to support the new five-year plan.

Chen Xu, a CPPCC National Committee member and president of the China Public Diplomacy Association, said that the session has clearly outlined the development path for the 15th Five-Year Plan period.

Currently spearheading prepara-



Members of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference pose on Wednesday in front of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing after the closing meeting of the fourth session of the 14th CPPCC National Committee.

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Wang Huning, China's top political adviser, delivers a speech at the meeting. HUANG JINGWEN / XINHUA

tions for the 33rd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, which is scheduled for November, Chen emphasized the importance of people-to-people diplomacy.

"Against the backdrop of profound global shifts and China's rapid development, it is essential for every member to work in unison to manage domestic affairs well while effectively telling China's stories to the world," Chen said.

Yan Qin, a CPPCC National Committee member from the environment and resources sector, said that there were extensive discussions during the session on the "Beautiful

China" initiative, covering topics ranging from resource protection to risk response. Yan suggested launching a unified national standard on carbon accounting, which is a critical priority for the 15th Five-Year Plan period, calling it the key to understanding the baseline data essential for carbon trading and ecological value realization.

She also lauded the draft environmental code, which was submitted for deliberation at this year's session of the 14th National People's Congress, the country's top legislature.

Yan said the draft is a historical milestone that reflects the practical implementation of China's ecological

civilization theories and the harmony between humanity and nature.

The closing meeting of the session also approved a series of key documents, including a resolution on the work report of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee and a resolution on the report on the handling of proposals since the previous session.

Advisers also approved a report on the examination of new proposals and a political resolution of the fourth session of the 14th CPPCC National Committee.

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Xizang aims to better preserve ethnic culture

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Efforts to preserve the language and culture of ethnic groups with relatively small populations in the Xizang autonomous region have been stepped up in recent years to ensure these can be passed down to the younger generation, said deputies to China's top legislature.

Tashi Gyaltzen, who is the only deputy to the 14th National People's Congress from the Lhoba ethnic group in the Doyu Lhoba ethnic autonomous township, said the group has a spoken language but no script, so members have to pass down their cultural heritage orally.

Inside "The local government funds the hiring of teachers to offer Lhoba language courses in schools. Also, villages in the township regularly host Lhoba language night classes, during which the elders eagerly teach and the young people actively participate," he said.

There are about 4,300 Lhoba people in China, making the ethnic group one of the smallest among the country's 56 ethnic groups in terms of population.

Tashi Gyaltzen, who has been focusing on the preservation of the Lhoba language and culture as an NPC deputy, formally submitted a proposal in 2019 during the annual session of the 13th NPC for strengthening the protection of the Lhoba heritage. Over the past two years, the county-level government has invested more than 8 million yuan (\$1.2 million) to revive and protect the Lhoba people's language, history, traditional crafts, songs, dances, clothing styles and distinctive dwellings, said the NPC deputy.

Following expansion and renovation, the Lhoba Ethnic History Museum in the township has become a window for showcasing the rich culture and heritage of the ethnic group, he said.

The museum covers a range of subjects — from the origin of the ethnic group's name and migration history to its agricultural traditions and handicraft heritage, including weaving and dyeing items of clothing, which he said allows visitors to experience the Lhoba way of life.

"However, we do not want the Lhoba culture to remain confined to museums. Our goal is to promote our ethnic clothing, music, customs and traditions, integrating these into our young people's daily lives," Tashi Gyaltzen said.

The draft law on promoting ethnic unity and progress, which was submitted to the ongoing fourth session of the 14th NPC, underscores the promotion and protection of ethnic languages.

It says that the State respects and guarantees the learning and use of ethnic languages and scripts, promotes their "standardization, normalization and informatization", and supports the protection, compilation, research and utilization of ancient books of minority groups.

Norbu Yangzom, an NPC deputy from Metog county in Xizang's Nyingchi, said that with the promotion of the culture of the local Monba ethnic group, the county has become a popular tourist destination.

Metog currently has a permanent population of about 15,300 people.

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TWO SESSIONS ENDORSEMENT ADDS ZEST TO HUAJUHONG SALES

The unique ability of Huazhou citrus to soothe sore throats, dispel irritating coughs — and even cure hangovers — helps it find a legion of new fans

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Imagine a fruit with a taste that's a complex blend of bitter, pungent, sour and astringent notes. Sounds unappetizing, right? But this is *huajuhong*, a unique fruit from Guangdong province that's rapidly transitioning from a traditional Chinese medicine staple to a sought-after health product, thanks to a little help from some unexpected endorsements.

The story of *huajuhong*'s recent surge in popularity begins at the annual meetings of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, known as the two sessions. Hua Chunying, vice-minister of foreign affairs, praised the fruit's throat-soothing properties during a meeting with Guangdong deputies to the NPC on Saturday. "I just ate two in a row. It is the most comfortable throat-soothing product I've ever tried," Hua said.

She praised it for being "very fragrant, with a unique aroma". Hua's remarks quickly triggered a chain reaction in the consumer market. Online retailer JD Health reported that searches for the key-

Huajuhong, a unique fruit from Guangdong province
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word *huajuhong* surged after the event, with sales soaring more than threefold year-on-year.

Deep-processed health products, such as Huazhou Juhong drinks and throat lozenges, have become highly sought-after, with some even selling out. JD Health

is now working with producers to increase supply and meet the growing demand.

Huajuhong, which is scientifically known as the dried outer peel of *Citrus grandis Tomentosa*, is a visually striking fruit. When young, it's a greenish-blue orb covered in white hairs. As it matures, it transforms into a lemon-yellow or golden fruit, with a thick peel and visible hairs. Locals recommend "knocking it" before use to release its aroma, resulting in a smoother, sweeter brew.

Beyond its unique flavor profile and appearance, *huajuhong* is traditionally valued for its medicinal properties, including relieving phlegm and coughs, soothing the throat — and even alleviating hangovers. It was listed under the protection of national geographical indication products in 2006.

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A staff member from the exit-entry administration of the Shanghai public security bureau presents a mainland travel permit to a Taiwan compatriot (left) on Tuesday upon her arrival at Shanghai Pudong International Airport. More than 70 Taiwan compatriots who were stranded in the Middle East returned to Taiwan via Shanghai on Tuesday, marking the largest group of Taiwan passengers to do so since tensions in the Mideast worsened in late February. FANG ZHE / XINHUA

China steps up diplomatic push for peace in Mideast

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China has intensified diplomatic efforts to help defuse tensions surrounding Iran by strengthening communication with relevant parties and dispatching a special envoy to the region, at a time when preventing a wider regional spillover has become increasingly urgent.

Over the past 10 days, Foreign Minister Wang Yi has held 11 phone calls with his counterparts from Russia, Oman, Iran, France, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Pakistan — countries that are either directly involved in the conflict, neighboring

Gulf states or major powers.

At a news briefing on Wednesday in Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said that from the outset of the conflict, China had called for a ceasefire, a return to dialogue and negotiations, and a political solution.

Inside Guo said that, as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and a sincere friend of Middle Eastern countries, China will continue working for peace, speaking up for fairness and justice, and strengthening communication.

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