



OBOR

Monthly Publications Update



Eighth Session





How Singapore can gain from One Belt, One Road initiative (30th August)

Home Affairs and Law Minister K. Shanmugam spoke about the One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative, an effort by China to recreate the Silk Road through infrastructure projects that connect Asia, Europe and Africa. He discussed the implications of the initiative for geopolitics and Singapore in his talk at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

“The figures show that we are already benefiting significantly from the opportunities offered by the BRI. China's investments in Singapore alone amount to about one-third of its total investments in Belt and Road countries. Singapore's investments in China accounted for 85 per cent of total inbound investments from Belt and Road countries.”

Source Link <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/how-spore-can-gain-from-one-belt-one-road-initiative>





China banks 'raising billions' to fund Belt and Road push (23rd August)

China's largest state-owned commercial banks are said to be raising tens of billions of dollars to fund the country's Belt and Road investment push, bolstering Beijing's ambitions as private capital pulls back.

China Construction Bank (CCB), the country's second-biggest bank by assets, was raising at least 100 billion yuan (\$20.5 billion) for a fund to specifically finance such investments.

Bank of China (BOC), another major state bank, aimed to raise around 20 billion yuan for a similar fund

The other two of China's "big four" banks - **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and Agricultural Bank of China** - are considering similar fund-raising plans

Source Link

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ccb-fundraising/exclusive-chinas-big-four-banks-raise-billions-for-belt-and-road-deals-sources-idUSKCN1B20ER/>



China's Belt and Road acquisitions surge despite outbound capital crackdown (16th August)

Mergers and acquisitions by Chinese companies in countries that are part of the Belt and Road initiative are soaring, even as Beijing cracks down on China's acquisitive conglomerates to restrict capital outflows.

Chinese acquisitions in the 68 countries officially linked to President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy totalled \$33 billion, surpassing the \$31 billion tally for all of 2016.

Source <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/business/chinas-belt-and-road-acquisitions-surge-despite-outbound-capital-crackdown/articleshow/60079773.cms>



Chinese universities climb world rankings as University of Tokyo slips to lowest position ever

Three Asian universities made the top 30 for the first time in an influential ranking of the world's top 1,000 institutions

China's **Peking University** climbed two spots to tie at No. 27 and **Tsinghua University** jumped five spots to reach No. 30, according to the **Times Higher Education World University Rankings**.

“The rise of China in this year’s table is remarkable and demonstrates the way the global higher education landscape is changing,” Phil Baty, editorial director for global rankings at Times Higher Education, said in a statement

He added that East Asian nations will need to work hard to stay competitive as China “soars to join the global elite.”

Source Link https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/09/05/national/chinese-universities-climb-world-rankings-university-tokyo-slips-lowest-position-ever/?utm_source=Daily+News+Updates&utm_campaign=21429d1015-Sunday_email_updates06_09_2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c5a6080d40-21429d1015-333358553#.Wa9TemRSJGw



1) **Afghanistan Reconnected: Renewed Opportunities Under China's Belt and Road Initiative (Report on a event)**

The EastWest Institute (EWI), the National Institute of Strategic Communication at Peking University (NISC), the Centre for China & Globalization (CCG), and the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC) convened on June 15-16 an international symposium entitled “Afghanistan Reconnected’: Renewed Opportunities Under China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)” in collaboration with the Embassy of Afghanistan to China, Kabul University and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).



Source Link https://www.eastwest.ngo/idea/afghanistan-reconnected-renewed-opportunities-under-china%E2%80%99s-belt-and-road-initiative?dm_i=439P,2D1,192VV,400,1



Afghanistan Reconnected: Renewed Opportunities Under China's Belt and Road Initiative (Report on a event)

The event focused on how China's new outgoing economic strategy can provide benefits for Afghanistan's stability, security and prosperity in a regional context. To this end, it aimed to build trust between political and business contacts among countries (India, Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan) with significant interests in the future stability of the country as well as to develop policy recommendations for regional economic cooperation.

Source Link https://www.eastwest.ngo/idea/afghanistan-reconnected-renewed-opportunities-under-china%E2%80%99s-belt-and-road-initiative?dm_i=439P,2D1,192VV,4O0,1



REPORT: How much trade transits the South China Sea?

Report by “China Power” Project of CSIS

In broad terms, ChinaPower examines five interrelated categories of Chinese power: military, economic, technological, social, and international image. Since Chinese power cannot be evaluated in a vacuum, each element of power is compared with other relevant countries.

- Nearly 40 percent of China's total trade in 2016 transited through the South China Sea.
- 64.1% of China's maritime trade transited the South China Sea in 2016.



Source Link: <https://chinapower.csis.org/much-trade-transits-south-china-sea/>





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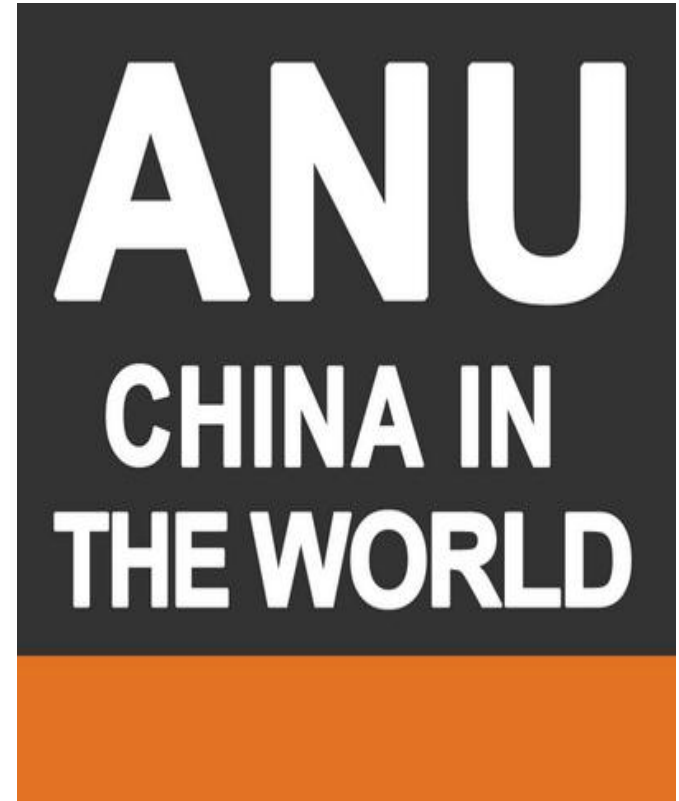




THE CHINA STORY

The China Story Project is a web-based account of contemporary China created by the Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW) at the Australian National University in Canberra, which has the most significant concentration of dedicated Chinese Studies expertise and is the publisher of the leading Chinese Studies journals in Australia.

Source Link <https://www.thechinastory.org/>





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Yearbook, an annual themed overview of China that can be read online, downloaded chapter by chapter or in book form, or read in Kindle format.

Thinking China, which provides short accounts of leading thinkers, scholars and opinion-makers in the Chinese-speaking world (under **Key Intellectuals**), and essays and critical commentary on key ideas and topical issues in Chinese intellectual life and political culture (under **Currents of Thought**)

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THE CHINA STORY

Reading into the Past is a selection of relevant English-language materials originally published in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, republished to contextualise critical issues of the present.

Keywords, which covers two types of vocabulary, provides: (i) short accounts of key terms in Chinese culture and scholarship; (ii) critical perspectives on terms and issues that are integral to public and media discussion in the contemporary Chinese-speaking world.

Australia-China Story, a resource for the study of the bilateral relationship.

Journal, publications from The China Story Project (2011-2016)

Archive, Chinese-language material relevant to the Research Themes of CIW, the Yearbook and the Lexicon (2011-2016).

Source Link <https://www.thechinastory.org/about-the-china-story/>





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East Asian History

<http://www.eastasianhistory.org/>

Made in China

<http://www.chinoiresie.info/made-in-china-quarterly/>

The China Journal

<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/toc/tcj/current>

Source Link **<https://www.thechinastory.org/about-the-china-story/>**





ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Military and Security Developments
Involving the People's Republic of China 2017

Office of the Secretary of Defense

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https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/2017_China_Military_Power_Report.PD



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