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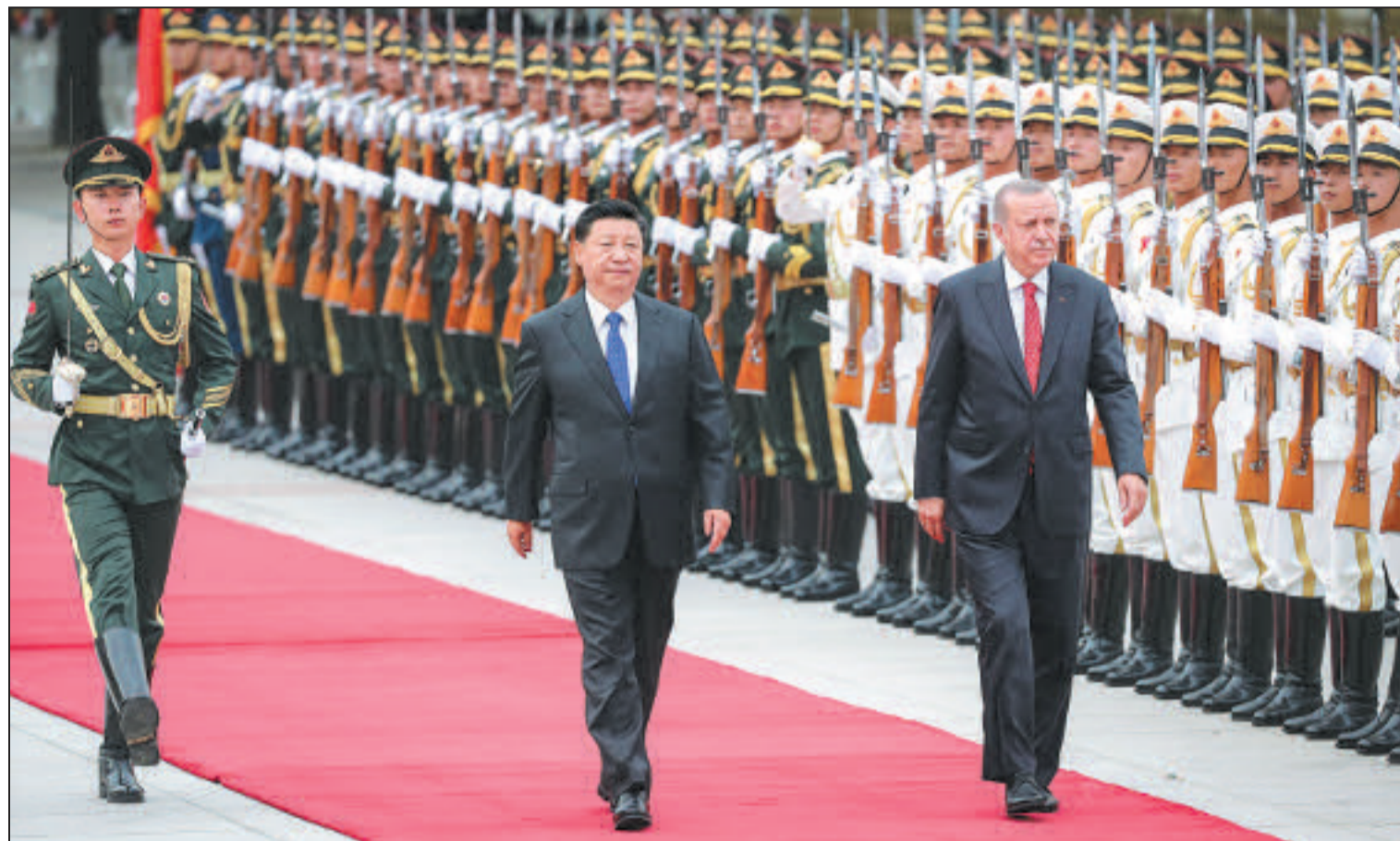
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President Xi Jinping holds a welcoming ceremony for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday. KUANG LINHUA / CHINA DAILY

Xi calls for accelerating new energy vehicle tech

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China upholds a development path that is green, low carbon and sustainable, and it hopes to work with the international community to accelerate innovation in new energy vehicle technologies as well as the development of related industries, President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

He made the remark in a congratulatory message sent to the 2019 World New Energy Vehicle Congress held on Tuesday in Boao, Hainan province.

Xi said the new energy vehicle industry's development is speeding up as a new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation is arising.

This has not only injected strong new momentum into the economic growth of different countries but also will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, tackle climate change and improve the global environment, Xi said.

China started its new energy vehicle initiative in 2009 and has since made remarkable progress in the segment comprising electric cars, plug-in hybrids and fuel cell vehicles.

The nation overtook the United States as the largest market for such vehicles in 2015, and China's new energy vehicle-maker BYD and battery-maker CATL have become the largest of their kind worldwide.

China now has around 3.5 million new energy vehicles on its roads, more than half of the world's total, and the figure is expected to reach 5 million by the end of 2020, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Xin Guobin, vice-minister of industry and information technology, said the ministry is working on a long-term development plan for the segment from 2021 to 2035. He also called for industry experts from China and abroad to contribute their ideas.

Chen Zhixin, president of China's largest carmaker, SAIC Motor, said sound and stable government policies are essential for the sector's long-term development and to consolidate China's advantages in the field.

Volkswagen AG CEO Hebert Diess said China's leading position in new energy vehicles is thanks in particular to the authorities' clear road map to electric mobility.

"We want to expand our presence through local partnerships and increased research and development work in the country," Diess said.

BMW AG has set up its second-largest research and development network in China. It focuses on such aspects as new energy vehicles and autonomous driving.

"It will grow fast because we are shifting gears from 'Creation in China for China' toward 'Creation in China, for China and for the world,'" said Klaus Froehlich, BMW board member responsible for development.

China is also exploring developments in related industries to push the frontiers of the new energy vehicle segment.

One day ahead of the congress, the National Development and Reform Commission issued an action guideline on developing energy storage technology.

The top economic planner called for efforts to further improve energy storage facilities and promote charging-while-parking technology in order to build a solid foundation for energy storage using new energy vehicle batteries.

Lin Boqiang, head of the China Institute for Studies in Energy Policy at Xiamen University, said energy storage will be at the center of development related to renewable energy because it improves the stability of the power grid. That is especially important to reduce the cost of new energy vehicles while increasing their safety, Lin said.

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Trust highlighted in Turkey ties

President underlines two-way cooperation, strategic coordination

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China and Turkey should enhance mutual strategic trust and respect each other's core interests and major concerns on such issues as sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

Xi made the remark while meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Previously, Xi hosted a welcoming ceremony for Erdogan.

Erdogan said that Turkey firmly supports the one-China policy, and that it is a fact that the people of all ethnicities in Xinjiang are leading a happy life amid China's development and prosperity. Turkey will not

allow anybody to sow dissension among the two countries, he said.

Noting that both China and Turkey are important emerging markets and developing countries, Xi said it is of great significance for them to enhance strategic cooperation.

The two countries also should strengthen strategic coordination, consolidate the political foundation of the China-Turkey strategic cooperation and cooperative relationship, and ensure that the bilateral relations always operate on a healthy and stable track, Xi said.

China appreciates that Erdogan has reaffirmed his commitment many times to not allow any forces to carry out anti-Chinese or separatist activities in Turkey, Xi said.

China attaches great importance to

Turkey's stance of supporting China's fight against terrorism, Xi said, adding that China would like to enhance their anti-terrorism cooperation.

Xi said the two sides should enhance connection of development strategies and deepen practical cooperation. Hailing Turkey as an important partner for jointly building the Belt and Road, Xi said that China would like to speed up connecting the Belt and Road with Turkey's Middle Corridor plan, and promote the cooperation in areas including trade, investment, science, energy, infrastructure and major projects.

The two countries should also enhance cooperation on small and medium-sized projects to bring real benefits for more enterprises and people of both nations, Xi said.

China and Turkey should jointly maintain multilateralism and international justice, safeguard the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at the core, safeguard the interests of developing nations and jointly build a new type of international relations with the characteristics of mutual respect, justice and win-win cooperation, Xi said.

Erdogan said that the Turkey-China friendship, which dates back to the ancient Silk Road, is now further consolidated. Turkey firmly opposes extremism, and it would like to enhance mutual political trust with China and strengthen security cooperation, he said.

Turkey firmly supports the building of the Belt and Road, and it would like to enhance cooperation with China in such areas as trade, investment and infrastructure, he said.

Violence of attack on HK legislative chamber condemned

Radical protesters in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region have attracted a barrage of criticism and condemnation after they stormed and vandalized the city's legislative chamber on Monday night.

The central government and the Hong Kong community jointly denounced on Tuesday the violence and vandalism by masked protesters targeting Hong Kong's legislature.

The Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council issued a statement on Tuesday expressing its firm support for the Hong Kong SAR government and the police in upholding the rule of law and holding the lawbreakers accountable in accordance with law.

The Legislative Council was attacked on the day Hong Kong was celebrating its return to the motherland 22 years ago, the statement said. It said the attackers trampled the city's rule of law, disrupted Hong Kong's social



Glass doors stand shattered on Tuesday at Hong Kong's Legislative Council, a day after protesters broke into the building and temporarily occupied council chambers. Repairing the damage is estimated to cost HK\$50 million.

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order and damaged Hong Kong's fundamental interests.

"The violent behavior is in blatant defiance of the bottom line of 'one country, two systems,'" the office's statement said.

The Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR said in a statement: "Such savage acts were an outright provocation and trampling of the city's rule of law, which has gravely sabotaged Hong Kong's social sta-

bility and cannot be tolerated."

That office also expressed its firm support for the SAR government in dealing with the violence in accordance with the law, safeguarding the rule of law and social order and maintaining the city's prosperity and stability in concert with sectors of the Hong Kong community.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong SAR joined the condemnation of violent protesters and blasted the "double standard" of foreign governments for using human rights and freedom as an

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Li unveils moves to broaden market access

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Premier Li Keqiang reaffirmed China's commitment to expand opening-up to foreign investment on Tuesday as he announced a string of measures to broaden market access, including measures to scrap limits for financial companies one year earlier than planned.

"China will become increasingly open, transparent and predictable to foreign investment, and its overall trade investment will be better and better," Li said.

He spoke at the opening ceremony of the World Economic Forum's three-day Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2019, also known as Summer Davos, taking place in Dalian, Liaoning province, through Wednesday.

China will allow full foreign ownership of securities firms, futures businesses and life insurance companies by 2020 — a year earlier than was scheduled, the premier said.

The country will also broaden market access for foreign investment in sectors such as value-added telecommunications services and transportation, he added.

Li also pledged support for foreign investment in electronics, equipment manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and new materials, and its movement to middle and western regions, with favorable conditions to be offered for equipment imports, corporate taxes and land supplies.

Foreign institutions will be offered treatment equal to that of domestic companies in credit references, credit ratings and payments, and two-way opening-up in the securities market will be expanded, he said.

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CHARITY HITS A HOME RUN

Boys from impoverished backgrounds learn baseball skills at camp in Beijing

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It's a bright May afternoon in suburban Beijing. As the sun blazes down on a dozen or so young boys in baseball uniforms jogging around a compact field of artificial turf, their coach barks out instructions.

"Come on! Two minutes left! No stopping!" yells Zhang Jinxin, perched on a cracked stool on the sidelines.

The boys look up at the coach as they wipe beads of sweat from their faces. But they keep running.

After the sprints comes basic instruction on throwing, catching and hitting the baseball. Zhang



divides the boys into small groups, and there's a palpable sense of excitement as the youngsters test their skills in the sport, which has long been known as "the great American pastime".

This is the everyday routine at the charity baseball camp — named Power Baseball Angels Charitable Baseball Camp — which endows orphans and impoverished children with dreams and courage.

Located in northern Beijing's

Changping district, the camp is surrounded by the rubble of demolished buildings. Cars and trucks come and go on adjacent roads, and dust billows over the low walls and floats down onto the small training ground.

Two rows of bungalows and the oblong training ground are the whole world for the children, most of whom come from broken homes. The camp has a canteen with a TV, a study lounge with long tables and bookcases, several bedrooms for staff members of the charity, and a laundry room. The boys sleep in several dormitory-like rooms crammed with three or four bunk beds.

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