



Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev Visits China

In their first meeting since the new Chinese government took office in March, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang co-chaired the 18th regular meeting between the Chinese and Russian heads of government during Medvedev's official visit from October 22 to 23. The two sides agreed to strengthen coordination and cooperation on foreign policy, and jointly safeguard the purpose and principles of the UN Charter and international laws so as to promote mutual development and contribute to world peace. In the joint communiqué released after the meeting, they pledged to work with the Asia-Pacific countries to make concerted efforts to promote an open, transparent and equitable pattern of security and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region on the basis of international norms and recognition of the indivisibility of security and interests of different countries. The two sides signed 21 agreements, covering a broad range of issues such as trade, investment, energy and culture. China and Russia set the goal of bilateral trade reaching US \$200 billion in 2020. China-Russian relations stand at an unprecedented height, remarked Medvedev.



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Visits China

From October 22 to 24, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh paid an official visit to China. The two sides issued a joint statement on future development of Sino-Indian strategic and cooperative partnership. They signed an array of cooperative documents on border defense cooperation, cross-border river cooperation, promoting trade balance, strengthening infrastructure construction such as industrial zones and railways, establishing the first group of sister cities, holding a year of friendly exchange, and promoting the development of the BCIM (Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar) Economic Corridor.



Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag Visits China

As part of a series of visits from China's neighbors' heads of government, Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag paid an official visit from October 22 to 26. During his stay, the two sides signed a joint communiqué that outlined key areas of cooperation for the development of their strategic partnership in the medium and long term. The two countries pledged to strengthen coordination and cooperation under the UN framework and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, bolster communication and coordination on peace, security and development issues in Northeast Asia and maintain and reinforce the consultation mechanism between China, Mongolia and Russia. The national development banks of the two countries signed a cooperation framework agreement. The two countries also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on railway construction, a coal gasification project, and increasing the refined oil trade. Altankhuyag said Mongolia and China would improve their cooperation mechanisms and expand cooperation on infrastructure, mineral resources and finance so as to enrich the Mongolia-China strategic partnership.