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曹操的卞皇后生卒年份明確 一直有爭議云云那太新鮮了

自河南安陽「發現」曹操墓的消息傳來，我在本欄曾發言三次，包括質疑多項，指謬若干，諒邀讀者青睞。

據一月十五日消息，「曹操墓」中兩具女性遺骸的歲數，與卞后歲數相差太遠的（原定為死時二十多歲）不變，而與卞后歲數相差較近的（原定為四十多歲）則修改為五十多歲。

可是，只要你讀過《三國志》，而能看遍陳壽正文和裴松之注文所引幾十種魏晉史書的材料，

你會發現，武宣卞皇后只有一個生卒年份——生於漢桓帝延熹三年（公元一六〇年）十二月，卒於魏明帝太和四年（公元二三〇年）五月。所以，其生卒年份，一千七百多年來，一直毫無爭議。

稍懂當時歷史都會明白，不論為卞后「增壽」還是「減壽」，都無法掩蓋墓中出現「金玉珠寶」等物同曹操遺令的矛盾，也無法掩蓋陵寢高大（加上這些違禁品）同發掘者強調所謂「薄葬」的矛盾。

容若

通識新世代

放眼天下

US unwilling to see cross-Taiwan-Strait integration Editorial

The Obama-mania sweeping China following the US president's visit to the country are yet to cool down entirely, and people are still obsessed with both sides' commitment to "mutually respect each other's core interests and ensure the stable development of Sino-US relations".

Chinese people always place high value on a keeping promise. There are also such Chinese sayings as "Do not do onto others what you don't want to be done onto yourself" and "One must repay a favor many fold".

Over past one year or so, dialogue and exchange between the two sides across the Taiwan Strait have become increasingly frequent, and their economic and trade relations become increasingly intimate. Cross-Strait relations have stepped into a benign, interactive track.

In contemporary international relations, there is nothing but permanent interest. "Interest above anything else" is a core value of the United States, and "seeking (America's) maximum interest" is the permanent pursuit of the United States.

It must be clearly seen that the US is the largest outside factor of the Taiwan issue. The foundation of the US policy toward Taiwan is to "maintain the status quo (on the Taiwan Strait), that is, to permanently keep the two sides in a status of "neither (Taiwan) independence nor reunification, neither in war nor in peace".

Cross-Strait exchange, integration and development in broader scope in fact have put the US in an embarrassment of being marginalised. From this perspective, it is not hard to understand why, in a time when cross-Strait interaction becomes increasingly active, the US has to repeatedly stress on its own interests and the importance of Taiwan-US military cooperation.

US arms sales to Taiwan are not just an issue of exporting weapons, but the most certain evidence of Washington's maintaining its "objective existence" on the Taiwan Strait, and its most effective means to achieve its Asia-Pacific strategy.

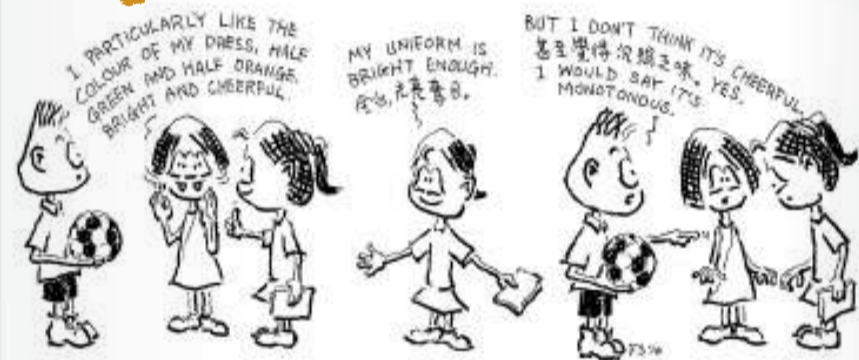
Facing up to the US provocation, China has announced its counter-measures including, for the first time, enacting sanctions against American companies that are involved in the arms sale to Taiwan. A saying has it that "one must hit a snake where its tender spot is."

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WORDS AND USAGE :

- 1 Mania (noun) - Great enthusiasm or desire; crave. Examples: 1. She has a mania for dancing and going to parties. 2. Beatle-mania swept Britain in the 1960s. 2 Cool down, cool sth down (phrasal verb) - To become or make something become cooler.

五星級英文



My Father's New Clothes (4)

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Once, a man claimed to be the ex-CEO of an international fashion house told me that even at the end of the last century, he was moving the firm's production from China to Eastern Europe, to countries like Bulgaria.

I had been to Bulgaria, people there managed to keep alive a tradition. In fact in some parts of Eastern Europe, the traditions were so alive that I did not feel I was in Communist countries when I first set foot on them - so different from the PRC.

Before the communist took over, many people worked as tailors in China, in big cities like Shanghai and Canton (Guangzhou). There were endless demands for fine tailor-made clothes. My father started his apprenticeship as a tailor in a shop in Canton.

In order to get some ideas about what sort of clothes I should buy for my father, I studied the clothes of the local people in Norwich. Many of them wore overcoats made of water-resistant materials, with stitches on the surface to keep the lining in places and to enrich the texture.

It seemed that their coats had been worn for years. They were not formal suits but looked neat. I found such overcoats in one shop and was told that they would be too hot for the weather in Hong Kong. Also they were not cheerful.

Over the past few years, I have started buying brighter clothes for my parents. I believe, if elderly citizens are given smart and suitable clothing free, the amount saved from their health care services might be more than enough to cover the expenditure for their clothes.

兩岸邁向大融合 美不甘當旁觀者

社評

美國總統訪華掀起的一股「奧巴馬熱」尚未完全冷卻，雙方作出的「尊重彼此核心利益，確保中美關係穩定發展」承諾言猶在耳。

中國人歷來重「誠信」，講「己所不欲，勿施於人」、「滴水之恩當湧泉相報」。用中國人的邏輯思維是無論如何也理解不了美國這種「背信棄義」的做法。

過去一年多以來，台海兩岸對話往來頻繁，經貿關係日趨密切，兩岸關係步入良性互動軌道。而美國政府也曾多次表示，海峽兩岸的和平「符合美國利益」，並期待雙方建立更加積極、穩定的關係。

當今國際關係中，只有永恆的利益。「利益至上」是美國的核心價值。「謀取最大利益」是美國永恆的追求，為達到這一終極目標，什麼道德、倫理都只是手段。

應該清醒認識到，台灣問題最大的外部因素就是美國。美國提供大批高新武器，包括F-16A/B戰鬥機。



2009年美國總統奧巴馬（左）首度訪華時，會晤國家主席胡錦濤

對台政策的基本點是「維持現狀」，即永遠維持兩岸「不獨不統、不戰不和」的基本格局。美國不願意看到兩岸因「台獨」引發衝突，同樣也不願意看到兩岸結束對峙，走向融合。

兩岸關係的大交流、大融合、大發展實際上已把美國置於一種被邊緣化的尷尬境地。因此也就不難理解，在兩岸頻繁互動的情況下，美國時時刻刻在多次強調自己的利益和台美軍事合作的重要性。

對台軍售並不是簡單的武器出口問題，而是華盛頓在兩岸間保持「客觀存在」的最有力證明，也是美實現其亞太戰略的最有效手段。

面對美國的挑釁，中國宣布了一系列反制措施，並首次對參與售台武器的美國公司實施制裁。俗話說，打蛇要打在七寸上。當利益「損害」大於利益「獲取」時，才能稱得上「有效反制」。

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近30年美對台軍售逾300億美元

通識記憶體

美國政府宣布同意向台灣出售軍備，是奧巴馬政府上任後首次出售武器給台灣，當中包括60架黑鷹直升機、114枚愛國者導彈、兩艘鸚鵡級掃雷艦，以及魚叉反艦導彈和其他防衛通訊設備。

針對美國對台灣出售武器，中國即時作出暫停中美兩軍計劃的互訪安排，推遲中美兩軍部分交往項目，並推遲雙方近期舉行的中美副部長級戰略安全、軍控與防擴散等磋商。

從1979年中美建交以後的近20年間，美對台軍售總值超過200億美元；此後10年間尤其是2001年小布什上台後，美國對台軍售無論在數量、武器性能質量上，都呈現加強之勢。

世「數」社經

中國調控有度振興經濟成典範

全球金融海嘯後，中國雖受影響，卻能迅速翻身，箇中原因，並不複雜。眾所周知，各國為求盡快令經濟復蘇，最快的方法是由政府牽頭，以策略性注資，搞活及刺激經濟；中國也是沿用這個方程式，只是以較深層次而為之。

中國正值經濟發展起飛階段，從農業到工業的蛻變經驗帶來均衡的發展力量，改革開放30年的工業化模式已足夠推動新一輪的經濟效益，潛在極高的增長率，只要政府的政策配合，有充裕的資金支持，加上持續穩定的社會及經濟環境，焉會有後顧之憂。

中國在金融海嘯不能獨善其身，慶幸跟歐美自由經濟體系方向不同，可即時推行適度的應對政策，在獨有的經濟體系之下，捨短取長，靈活運用，衍生了另一個更有效率的經濟體系。

2009年的中國經濟發展經驗，正好在國際經濟舞台上提供新的典範。

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