

Xi ascends to reviewing stand for military inspection

Chinese President Xi Jinping ascended to the reviewing stand at Zhurihe military training base in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on Sunday for the Army Day parade.

Xi is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC).

Fan Changlong, CMC vice chairman, announced beginning of the inspection.

The parade is held in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

China launches emergency response for dual typhoons

China Saturday launched a medium-level emergency response plan to brace for the upcoming dual typhoons.

The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters launched a level III emergency response plan for the two typhoons set to hit Taiwan and Fujian this weekend.

Nesat, the ninth typhoon this year, is expected to make landfall in Taiwan Saturday and might land in the form of a typhoon or strong tropical storm in Fujian early Sunday.

The tenth typhoon is expected to hit central and northern Fujian late Sunday or early Monday.

Downpours are forecast in eastern part of south China, east China and Shandong Province, and the biggest rainfall in Fujian could reach 500 millimeters.

China has a four-level emergency response mechanism to deal with droughts and floods, with the first-level to deal with the most serious cases and the fourth-level to prepare for the least serious cases.

Under a level III emergency response plan, the office must report to the State Council within two hours and send a work team to the disaster zone within 24 hours.

The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters urged local governments to prepare for the typhoons with timely warning, safety checks and effective flood drainage measures.

10 die, 1 missing in northwest China flood

Ten people died and another remained missing after a flood hit northwest China's Shaanxi Province, local authorities said Saturday.

Heavy rain hit Yulin City in northern Shaanxi from Tuesday night and caused floods in a number of areas.

More than 71,300 people were forced to evacuate, the provincial flood control headquarters said.

The disaster disrupted water and power supplies and telecommunications, destroyed infrastructure, and caused waterlogging in worst-hit Suide and Zizhou counties.

It has inflicted direct economic losses of nearly 1.7 billion yuan (\$250 million).

By Saturday, the provincial government has allocated 50 million yuan to fight the flood. Yulin flood control headquarters distributed 5,000 shovels, 30,000 plastic bags and 15 power generators. Bottled water, instant noodles, steamed buns and disinfectant were also distributed.

So far, water and power supplies have been resumed in most parts of the county seats of Suide and Zizhou.

In Suide, governmental workers and local residents have spent three days removing sludge as thick as one meter.

Sections of two railway lines that were damaged by the flood resumed traffic, after 190 trains services had been canceled.

On Thursday, China's second-longest river, the Yellow River, saw its first flood peak of the year.

The Yellow River Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters warned the provinces of Shanxi, Shaanxi, Henan and Shandong to be alert to the peak flow.

Shaolin Temple prepares 'Great Meeting'

The first "Great Meeting Open to All" will be held at the Shaolin Temple from July 29 to Aug 4 in Dengfeng, Henan province.



A kung fu practitioner smashes bricks using one hand in Luoyang, Henan province, early this Month. XU JUNWEN/CHINA DAILY

The 1,500-year-old temple will welcome kung fu masters and enthusiasts from home and abroad to share their skills and views on kung fu.

Shi Yongxin, the abbot of Shaolin Temple, came up with the idea of holding the "Great Meeting Open to All" in August 2016, said Zou Xiang, website manager for Shaolin Temple.

The meeting welcomes people of any social status and identity who will be treated equally through diverse forms of cultural exchanges, including Chan (Zen Buddhism), martial arts and medicine, Zou said.

The events date back to the late 4th century, according to historical records.

"Besides the martial arts, Chan and medicinal culture are regarded as the essence of Shaolin culture, and the contests involving the traditional 72 Shaolin kung fu arts can also be seen during the seven-day event," Zou said.

In addition, many foreign disciples are welcome to join in events such as the lamp transmission ceremony, and take part in the “Shaolin Temple and the Northern Buddhist” academic seminar.

[China holds grand gala for PLA 90th birthday celebration](#)

A grand gala was held in Beijing on Friday evening in celebration of the 90th birthday of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA).

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, state president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, and other senior leaders Li Keqiang, Zhang Dejiang, Yu Zhengsheng, Liu Yunshan, Wang Qishan and Zhang Gaoli joined about 3,000 people to watch the gala at the Great Hall of the People.

Aug. 1 this year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese armed forces.

Through singing, dancing and chorus, the gala depicted the history of the PLA, from a small and vulnerable army to a large and strong military force.

The performance showed solid achievements of the PLA on its path to a strong army under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core since the 18th CPC National Congress.

The gala also demonstrated the determination of the PLA to become a world-class army, for the realization of the country’s “two centenary goals” and the Chinese dream of national rejuvenation.

Shortly before the show began, Xi and other senior leaders met with representatives of veterans, retired comrades and military officers honored with the Order of Bayi, the country’s highest military award.