Weibo launches online video editing program

Social media giant Weibo rolled out an online video editing program Friday.

Jian.weibo.com is a partnership with video platform miaopai.com and video subtitle and translation service provider easub.com. It features video editing tools and release channels. It is currently only available to media organizations and video production companies, according to a statement from Weibo.

The move aims to facilitate short video content production and communication on new media platforms like Weibo, which boasted about 340 million monthly active users as of the end of March and has witnessed soaring popularity of short-videos on its platform.

The program also has a large pool of video clips, the statement said.

China's short video market had about 153 million users in 2016, which is expected to grow 58.2 percent in 2017 to reach 242 million users, according to a report from domestic data analysis provider iMedia Research.

China continues yellow alert for storm

The national observatory renewed its yellow storm alert Saturday morning as it expects heavy rain to continue sweeping across the country's eastern and southern regions.

From Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday, parts of Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Hunan and Guizhou provinces will experience storms, with up to 140 millimeters of rain, the National Meteorological Center said.

The center warned that some of the above mentioned regions will likely see severe weather, such as thunder or hail, predicting hourly precipitation of up to 60 millimeters, or even over 80 millimeters per hour in some areas.

Local authorities should take emergency measures, suspend outdoor activities and guard against potential disasters including mountain floods and landslides, it said.

China has a four-tier color-coded weather warning system, with red representing the most severe warning, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

A level-four emergency response was initiated by China Meteorological Administration Friday evening, the lowest in the country's four-grade

3 detained for industrial waste water discharge

Three suspects are in custody after industrial waste water containing 180 times the maximum safe level of zinc was discharged directly into a river in east China's Zhejiang Province.

The three, detained on Wednesday, will be charged with polluting the environment, according to an environmental official in the city of Linhai Saturday.

A plant manufacturing tools for auto repair was found to be dumping unprocessed waste water into a waterway 50 meters away during an inspection in Linhai.

The inspectors said the waste water was a byproduct of metal polishing and surface treatment.

Excessive levels of zinc, bronze and nickel were detected in the water, and the zinc level was more than 180 times over the maximum allowed amount, said the official.

Police arrested the factory owner and two managers.H Like other parts of the country, Linhai City this year initiated the "river chief" system, with leading officials being the major responsible people in addressing water pollution.

Those convicted of polluting the environment can be sent to prison for up to seven years.

Heavy rain leaves 2 dead, 1 missing in Chongqinq

Torrential rain from Thursday to Friday has left two people dead and another missing in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, authorities said Saturday.

More than 108,000 residents of the districts of Hechuan, Beibei, Yubei and

Tongliang were affected, with over 1,300 of them evacuated, the municipal flood control and disaster relief headquarters said in a statement.

More than 100 houses were destroyed and 5,200 hectares of crops were damaged, said the statement.

The municipal weather center issued a yellow alert for heavy rain 11 p.m. Friday, forecasting over 50 mm of rainfall on average in many parts of the municipality on Saturday.

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<u>Chinese central government appoints</u> new commissioner to HK

BEIJING, June 10 (Xinhua) — The Chinese central government has appointed Xie Feng as commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, replacing Song Zhe, according to a decision announced on Saturday.

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