TEXT: BEIJING, MAY 14 (XINHUA) -- HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S MAJOR BEIJING-BASED NEWSPAPERS:

PEOPLE'S DAILY (NATIONAL NEWSPAPER) (SUBHEAD)

-- CHINESE PRESIDENT YANG SHANGKUN HELD A GRAND CEREMONY TO WELCOME KYRGYZSTAN PRESIDENT ASKAR AKAYEV AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE IN BEIJING MONDAY.

-- THE PAPER CARRIED AN EDITORIAL HAILING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND SLOVENIA AND BETWEEN CHINA AND CROATIA.

-- CHINA'S REFORM AND OPEN POLICY HAS SPEEDED UP THE URBANIZATION IN RURAL AREAS. CHINA HAS MORE THAN 2,000 RURAL TOWNS, EACH OF WHICH GENERATES AN ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT VALUE TOPPING 100 MILLION YUAN.

-- QIAO SHI, MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA, HAS CALLED ON LOCALITIES AND PEOPLE TO DO A GOOD JOB IN PROTECTING PARTY AND STATE SECRETS.

-- DURING HIS RECENT INSPECTION TO GUIZHOU PROVINCE IN SOUTHWESTERN CHINA, SONG PING, MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA, ENCOURAGED LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ADHERE TO THE PARTY'S BASIC LINE AND SEEK THE PRESENT BENEFICIAL OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER
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EMANCIPATE THEIR MINDS AND IMPROVE THEIR WORK STYLE IN A BID TO SPEED UP THE REFORM AND OPEN POLICY AND BOOST ECONOMY.

CHINA DAILY (ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER) ((SUBHEAD))

-- CHINA HAS ALLOCATED A PREFERENTIAL POLICY TO BOOST TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- THE STATE COUNCIL IS URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENTS TO BETTER SERVE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- CHINA WILL RECEIVE A FOREIGN GRANT OF SOME 900,000 U.S. DOLLARS FOR A PILOT STRATEGY THAT INTEGRATES HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WITH FAMILY PLANNING IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS.

GUANGMING DAILY (NATIONAL NEWSPAPER) ((SUBHEAD))

-- XIAMEN, ONE OF CHINA'S SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN FUJIAN PROVINCE, HAS ENCOURAGED PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO RUN SCHOOLS WITH UNIQUE FEATURES.

-- CHINA HAS MADE PROGRESS IN THE STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

ECONOMIC INFORMATION DAILY (NATIONAL NEWSPAPER) ((SUBHEAD))

-- CHEN JINHUA, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMY, SAID THAT TO SHIFT ENTERPRISE OPERATIONAL MECHANISMS IS THIS YEAR'S PRIMARY TASK OF REFORM AND CALLED ON STATE ENTERPRISES TO CLOSELY LINK THEMSELVES WITH THE MARKET AND STRIVE TO PRODUCE MARKET-ORIENTED GOODS.

-- CHINA WILL LIMIT THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF SACCHARIN.

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