Serbia upgraded their ties to China. It is the first leg of Xi’s three-country tour, which included Poland and Uzbekistan. It was announced that Serbia will be the first country to establish a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with China. Serbia is expected to play a larger role in China’s Belt and Road Initiative.

President Xi Jinping’s visit to Serbia and Poland was significant in terms of deepening economic and cultural relations. The visit included several key agreements, including a protocol on spatial and cultural cooperation, a certificate of the Silk Road Forum for cooperation, and an agreement to establish a China-Uzbekistan alliance. These agreements are expected to promote economic growth and cultural exchange between the two countries.

The visit also included a high-level meeting between China, Central and Eastern European countries. The two sides agreed to work together to promote economic development, cooperation in various fields, and to further enhance the two countries' comprehensive strategic partnership.

The visit was seen as a key component of China’s Belt and Road Initiative, which aims to promote economic development and cooperation between China and other countries along the route. The initiative has been widely recognized as a major contribution to global economic development and cooperation.

In conclusion, President Xi Jinping’s visit to Serbia and Poland was a significant step in promoting economic and cultural relations between China and the countries involved. The agreements reached during the visit are expected to contribute to the further strengthening of China’s comprehensive strategic partnership with these countries.
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He encouraged scientists and technicians to respond to the country’s major strategic demands, to strive to advance research in core technologies and to move up to the world’s scientific and technological “high ground.”

“Core technologies and cutting-edge industries are important in creating new engines for economic growth,” noted Zhang Linglei, a researcher with the Chongqing Academy of Sciences.

He also called for strengthened consultation for decision making and high-level S&T think-tanks.

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The economic dialogue was hosted by Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang and U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew. The two sides exchanged views on key economic issues including strengthening economic policy cooperation, promoting open trade and investment, fostering financial stability and reform, and enhancing global cooperation and economic governance.

One of the issues is the ongoing Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) negotiations. The BIT has been under consultation since 2008 and has gone through more than 20 rounds of negotiations. During the dialogue, the two sides agreed to further promote the BIT, including exchange improved “negative lists” offers by mid-2016.
Guo Kai is a wheel loader driver in Qingdao City of east China's Shandong Province. He gained national fame after appearing in two TV shows in August last year and January this year. In them, he successfully used an igniter tied to a wheel loader to open fireworks hung seven meters above ground. He also created a Guinness world record by using a wheel loader to open 30 beer bottles in one minute.

It seems Guo has a special talent for opening a huge machine, but the talent isn’t 6 feet from rotten. Behind the striking skills are dedication, perseverance and hard work.

Guo was born in 1985 in a rural area of Shandong Province. His father fell ill when he was 16. To make ends meet, he gave up school and left home to find work in big cities. Sadly, although he worked 13 to 14 hours every day, he earned little because of lack of education and professional skills, making him feel very discouraged.

His life changed in 2004, however, when he read a story in a newspaper about Xu Zhongzhuo, a model worker in the Qingdao Port who turned his blue-collared post into an outstanding performance. The story renewed Guo’s ambitions for success.

In 2005, Guo became a wheel loader driver at Qingdao Port, responsible for loading and unloading ore from ships. To get familiar with the operation of the huge machine, but this talent isn’t just for himself, however. In recent years, he has trained around 100 apprentices. To fire the young people’s enthusiasm, he even created a 3D animation for teaching and learning with his co-workers.

Such dedicated efforts have earned Guo many accolades. Over the past few years, he has been awarded more than 30 honorary titles, including Best Young Worker of China and Most Skillful Young Worker in China. What’s more, he was nominated as a candidate for the title of National Outstanding Party Member in 2015. That's because he managed to patent more than 60 inventions that gained five state-level patents. All of these inventions are widely used in the Qingdao Port now.

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As Guo became increasingly adept, he turned his focus to other links in the chain of work. As a loader driver at Qingdao Port, Guo noticed that most of the lubrication check devices that could save more than 300,000 yuan ($45,660) in lubricant expenditure every year. Besides, he cooperated with co-worker Qiao Lun to produce more than 60 inventions that gained five state-level patents. All of these inventions are widely used in the Qingdao Port now.

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