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#### **Economic Developments**

China: Initial progress made in reducing debt levels

China: FX reserves stay above \$3 trillion, rising for sixth straight month

Japan: H1 current account surplus sets new high after collapse of Lehman Brothers

South Korea: Per capita income would reach over \$29,000 this year and to go over \$30,000 threshold next year

South Korea: Economic recovery isn't solid, government to closely monitoring markets

South Korea: National Assembly officially considering amendments to the Labor Standards Act

Thailand: Unemployment rises to 476,000 in July

Thailand: Government Saving Bank to issue 90 billion baht deposit products

Vietnam: Chinese tourists to Vietnam up 51 percent in 7 months

Vietnam: Dairy firms allowed to set own retail prices

Indonesia: Plan to move capital from Jakarta

**Indonesia:** To begin mass production of electric cars in 2020

Indonesia: Google, Twitter to help Indonesian government fight negative content

Kazakhstan: GDP grows 4.2 percent in first six months of this year

India: Central bank cuts benchmark repo rate to 6 percent

Pakistan: Economy being under pressure by increased foreign debts

Germany: Industrial orders increase month-on-month in June

**E.U.:** To examine diesel emission

U.K.: Bank of England cuts growth forecast for this year

U.K.: Ready to pay up to \$47 billion to leave EU

U.S.: Add 209,000 jobs in July; unemployment falls to 4.3 percent

#### Trade & Investment

China: Foreign trade up 12.7 percent from a year earlier in July

China: See explosive growth in transport vehicle export to Africa

China becomes a major garment export destination for Bangladesh

Egypt: Exports up nearly 9 percent year-on-year in first half of 2017

## [Regional Cooperation]

BRICS economies have strong momentum with trade cooperation

China, Russia energy cooperation on fast track

ASEAN at 50: Emerge as global growth leader

**ASEAN** foreign ministers: China's economic growth continues to benefit the region

Nine China-Europe freight train services pass through China' largest port city open to Mongolia

### **[ Authoritative Forecasts ]**

United Nations Secretary-General: U.S. decision to withdraw from Paris Agreement a major disappointment

Report: Chinese leaders express strong willingness for opening to more foreign investment

Report: China's banks assets likely to grow by 10 percent in 2017-18

World Gold Council: Global gold demand declines by 10 percent year-on-year in Q2

Bank of England: Cut U.K. growth forecast for 2017 to 1.7 percent