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## LATEST NEWS

### **Chinese company builds Brazil's new Antarctic base**

<https://macauhub.com.mo/2020/01/17/pt-empresa-da-china-constroi-nova-base-do-brasil-na-antarctica/>

*17 January 2020, Macauhub*

#### **Abstract:**

The vice-president of Brazil, Hamilton Mourão, on Wednesday inaugurated the new Brazilian scientific research base in Antarctica, built on the site of the one destroyed by a fire in 2012 due to a fuel spillage, reported the Brazilian press.

## **China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank won't create 'debt trap' for borrowers, chief says**

<https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3046063/china-backed-asian-infrastructure-investment-bank-wont-create>

*15 January 2020, South China Morning Post*

### **Abstract:**

President Jin Liqun says the bank's lending will help to cut the debt burden of borrowing countries, with membership having grown to 102 in four years; He also pledges transparency in bank operations and special efforts to address climate change by boosting green lending to support 'low carbon' development.

## **Brazil to Reject U.S. Pressure on Huawei 5G Bid, Minister Says**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-01-08/brazil-to-reject-u-s-pressure-on-huawei-5g-bid-minister-says>

*8 January 2020, Bloomberg*

### **Abstract:**

Science minister Pontes says decision to be based on merit; Auction for 5G network may now be pushed back until 2021.

## China remained Brazil's main trading partner in 2019

<https://macaohub.com.mo/2020/01/07/pt-china-manteve-se-como-o-principal-parceiro-comercial-do-brasil-em-2019/>

*7 January 2020, Macaohub*

### **Abstract:**

China remained the main trading partner of Brazil in 2019, with trade worth a total of US\$98.142 billion, almost the same as the US\$98.659 billion registered in 2018, a decline of 0.52%, according to official figures.

## **Brazil to overtake U.S. as leading soybean producer**

<https://www.world-grain.com/articles/13108-brazil-to-overtake-us-as-leading-soybean-producer>

*6 January 2020, World Grain*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil is expected to become the leading soybean producer worldwide surpassing the United States, according to a Dec. 27 Global Agricultural Information Network report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

## RECENT BACKGROUND

### Colombia beginning to take advantage of Chinese investments

<https://www.bnamericas.com/en/interviews/colombia-beginning-to-take-advantage-of-chinese-investments>

17 January 2020, BNamericas

#### Abstract:

“BNamericas spoke about the growth of China’s influence in Colombia with David Castrillón, a research professor at the faculty of finance, government and international relations at Colombia’s Universidad Externado and a member of the board of the Bogotá-based non-profit Colombia-China friendship association.”



## **Global economy likely to grow 2.5% in 2020, if risks kept at bay: UN**

[http://www.china.org.cn/business/2020-01/17/content\\_75622722.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/business/2020-01/17/content_75622722.htm)

*17 January 2020, China.org.cn*

### **Abstract:**

“The global growth of 2.5 percent in 2020 is possible, but a flare-up of trade tensions, financial turmoil, or an escalation of geopolitical tensions could derail a recovery, according to the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020, which was launched Thursday.”

## **New Gro Model Forecasts Brazil Soy Outlook, With an Eye on Global Trade**

<https://gro-intelligence.com/insights/articles/new-gro-model-forecasts-brazil-soy-outlook-with-an-eye-on-global-trade>

*17 January 2020, Gro Intelligence*

### **Abstract:**

“Gro Intelligence’s newest model is forecasting Brazilian soybean yields and production, outcomes that will have big implications for global trade flows in 2020 and especially for the new China-US trade deal.”

## China's role in Brazilian infrastructure projects not welcomed by everyone

<https://www.bnamericas.com/en/features/chinas-role-in-brazilian-infrastructure-projects-not-welcomed-by-everyone>

*16 January 2020, BNamericas*

### Abstract:

“While Brazil’s federal and state governments are enthusiastic about Chinese investors’ growing interest and participation in infrastructure projects across the nation, China’s active role in the segment is not welcomed by all, particularly providers of services and machinery.”

## **Was Trump's China trade war worth it?**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/01/15/was-trumps-china-trade-war-worth-it/>

*15 January 2020, The Washington Post*

### **Abstract:**

“As President Trump and China’s Vice Premier Liu He signed the “Phase One” trade agreement, everyone was asking: Was Trump’s trade war worth it?”

## **China, China, China is the market's focus, analyst says**

<https://www.agriculture.com/markets/analysis/china-china-china-is-the-markets-focus-analyst-says>

*14 January 2020, Successful Farming*

### **Abstract:**

“USDA keeps kicking the demand can down the road, despite China deal.”

## **Latin American and Caribbean economies to grow 1.8 percent in 2020**

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2020/01/latin-american-and-caribbean-economies-to-grow-1-8-percent-in-2020/>

*8 January 2020, Global Americans*

### **Abstract:**

“In its Global Economic Prospects report released January 8, the World Bank predicts the global economy will rise up to 2.5 percent in 2020 as investment and trade recover from last year’s slowdown. Amongst its predictions, advanced economies growth is anticipated to slip to 1.4 percent in 2020, while growth in emerging markets is set to accelerate to 4.1 percent.”