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Dear friends and colleagues,

I'm back from my travels, but a little bit worse for wear, so just links this week. Back with some witty commentary next week...

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PBSC Week in Review

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| Xi Jinping | Mar 31 | Xi met with President of the European Council Herman van Rompuy. |
| | | Xi met with President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz. |
| | Mar 30 | Xi places flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Belgium. |
| | | Xi meets King Philippe of Belgium. |
| | | Xi meets Prime Minister of Belgium Elio Di Rupo. |
| | | Xi arrived in Brussels. |
| | Mar 29 | Xi spoke at a banquet for Chinese and German business leaders. |
| | | Xi met with Hannelore Kraft, premier of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, in Dusseldorf. |
| | | <i>China to open consulate in Dusseldorf.</i> |
| | | Xi met with German Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economics and Energy Sigmar Gabriel. |
| | | Xi visited the port in Duisburg, Germany. |
| | | <i>Terminus for trans-Eurasian trains originating in Chongqing.</i> |

- Xi met with German sinologists.
- Xi watched a football match by Chinese children studying in Germany.
- Mar 28** Xi held talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.
China and Russia upgrade relations to comprehensive strategic partnership.
- Xi delivered a speech at the Korber Foundation, promised that China will continue to pursue peaceful development.
- Xi met with German President Joachim Gauck.
- Xi arrived in Berlin.
- Xi sends his congratulations on the beginning of China-Russia Youth Year of Friendship Exchanges.
- Mar 27** Xi held a second round of talks with French President Francois Hollande.
- Xi gave a speech commemorating 50 years of Sino-French relations.
Referencing Napoleon, calls China an "awakened lion", but a peaceful one.
- Xi visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.
- Xi visited UNESCO headquarters and delivered a speech.
- Xi met with French National Assembly Speaker Claude Bartolone.
- Xi met with French Senate President Jean-Pierre Bel.
- Mar 26** Xi holds talks with French president Francois Hollande.
- Xi visits the De Gaulle Foundation in Paris.
- Xi visits the former site of the Sino-French Institute in Lyon, France.
- Xi visits biotechnology firm BioMérieux.
- Mar 25** Xi arrives in Lyon, France.
- Xi met with British Prime Minister David Cameron.
- Xi attended the second day of the Nuclear Security Summit.
- Xi publishes an article in French newspaper Le Figaro.
Full text in English.

	Mar 24	Xi sends special envoy to Malaysia.
Li Keqiang	May 28	Li inspects the soil in Chifeng, Inner Mongolia. Li promotes government streamlining and transparency in Chifeng, Inner Mongolia.
	Mar 27	Li visited shantytowns in Chifeng, Inner Mongolia.
	Mar 26	Li went on an inspection tour Shenyang, Liaoning, chaired meeting on economic development. <i>Also visited Shenyang Yuanda Science and Technology Park and Hanhua Financial Holding Co.</i>
	Mar 25	Li chaired a State Council meeting.
	Mar 25	Zhang went to Shanghang County, Fujian to promote the second phase of the Mass Line Education Campaign.
Yu Zhengsheng	Mar 31	Yu met with Evgeny Velikhov, chairman of the Russian Public Council.
	Mar 26-30	Yu went on an inspection tour of Xinjiang.
	Mar 24	Yu went to Yuding County, Yunnan to promote the second phase of the Mass Line Education Campaign.
Liu Yunshan	Mar 28	Liu attended a symposium honoring former Procurator-General Yang Yichen.
	Mar 25	Liu met with village level cadres in Fengyang County, Anhui to promote the second phase of the Mass Line Education Campaign.
Wang Qishan	Mar 25	Wang went to Linyi, Shandong to promote the second phase of the Mass Line Education Campaign.
Zhang Gaoli	Mar 28	Zhang attended a ceremony in Shenyang, Liaoning to welcome back the repatriated remains of Chinese soldiers killed in the Korean War.
	Mar 26	Zhang went to Nong'an County, Jilin to promote the second phase of the Mass Line Education Campaign.

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