Among the themes that emerged from the recent meeting, three stood out: a strong rea

China’s Techno-Dictatorship

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improve domestic demand; and an accelerated push in the race for

professionalism and self strength. … has become the primary mission of all di

China’s Leninist dictatorship; a drive to improve

The leadership’s view is that China cannot do without a strong edge in science and

While the aim of bolstering Chinese demand and China’s push to develop advanced

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e ruling Communist Party has just officialigned up with the technology and

improve domestic demand, potentially increasing the world’s export to China. Scienti

To be sure, Chinese commitment to investment in science and technology will bene

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progress in China also will have positive spillovers around the world. Yet, the recent

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plenum also made clear that the Party is

Covid-19 was testament to the “superiority of the system.” For global leaders who interact

China’s Minister of Science and Technology, Wang Zhigang, “Technological autonomy

According to Han, this was necessary because of the “visible increase in the instability and

National Development and Reform Commission, likewise emphasized that a major

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In the meantime, the 4th plenum decision also suggests that China is pushing for a

run large trade surpluses and the world will not reap much more marginal bene

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As previously discussed, China’s push toward a Techno-Dictatorship is driven by a

With a slow-down of the world’s second largest economy — and a rising superpower — is of

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