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## **1 Belt and Road Initiative always in the Mind of Officials**

Over the period, “belt and road initiative” gets mentioned 29626 times. Note that there are 33597 articles in total in the observed departments in the period. It means that 88% of the articles published by relevant department over the period is about Belt and Road Initiative. It is evident that China does put a lot of emphasis on this initiative.

Of the total, European Union gets mentioned 1178 times. ASEAN gets mentioned 2850 times. Central Asia gets mentioned 21243 times. Seem that Central Asia gets most mentioned among the Belt and Road countries. It will be interesting to see how Russia may respond to the Chinese expansion in Central Asia, an Area in which Russia and the former Soviet Union hold great influence.

## 2 Intense Connection and Contact between Chinese and European Citizens

Of the 33937 articles published by Chinese government departments that have stakes in foreign relation, 1178 are about EU. And of these 1178 articles, tourism and culture accounts for the most number of articles, totaling 490. It shows that China-EU relation is not just about “belt and road” initiative or high level government visit. Instead individual and tourists have much more appearance as East-West contact. Below is a breakdown of hit rates of “EU” in various foreign relations government department.

Department	Number of Mentions.
National Railway Administration	1
China International Development Cooperation Agency	2
Central Party School of the Communist Party of China	3
China Securities Regulatory Commission	4
Overseas Chinese Affairs Office	6
The State Council Information Office	7
National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration	8
People’s Bank of China	19
National Energy Association	23
State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry	24
National Development and Reform Commission	29
Cyberspace Administration of China	35
Ministry of Natural Resources	55
The Development Research Center of the State Council	72
National Cultural Heritage Administration	101
Customs Department	104
Ministry of Culture and Tourism	490

### **3 US and China Mired in Trade War**

Over the period, USA gets mentioned 1242 times various Chinese government departments that are related for foreign relation. Of all the departments, Civil Aviation Administration of China gets the most mentions (360), followed by customs department (208) and China National Intellectual Property Administration (183). The results show the dominance of US-China trade war during the period, as customs and Intellectual Property Administration are all at the front line of international trade.

## **4 Some Disputes between US and China also Got Spread to China-ASEAN**

ASEAN gets 2850 mentions in various department during the period. The top three departments that have most ASEAN mentions are Civil Aviation Administration of China (1998 hits), Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission (459 hits), and China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (284 hits).

This shows that some issues that are argued between China and US are indeed global. Special attention should be paid on the high hits of keywords in cyber space security. It simply shows the global nature of cyber spying among big nations like China and smaller nations as members of ASEAN.

## 5 China is Building Relationship in US's Backyard i.e. Latin America

There are a whopping 23734 articles that have mentioned “Latin America” among Chinese departments that are responsible for foreign relation. In most cases China is interested in the raw materials and oil in the region. On the other hand the US also has strong presence in China's backyard i.e. ASEAN.

Of the 23734 articles, 1317 are about Brazil and 2814 are about Peru. They are undoubtedly the two nations most watched by China. Aside from importing oil from the region, analysis of the press release also shows that China is concerned with the cross-country cooperation in building bridges and railways in the region.

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