Test for applicants

Below are two examples of entries that could be sent to our [Neopol subscribers](https://triviumchina.com/neopol/). We’d like your help editing one of them!

* One entry is focused on politics, and the other has an economic focus – pick whichever entry you feel more comfortable editing.

**Straight up:** We know this is a hard task. You aren’t familiar with our writing style, and probably aren’t familiar with our Neopol subscription, either. No stress! We’re less interested in the final, edited piece, and more interested in how you approach the editing:

* Do you have an eye for detail when fact checking?
* Can you edit the language into readable prose?
* Do you approach the analysis critically?

Please edit the entry in a Word document using tracked changes, and leave comments explaining your thought process.

Tips:

* Trivium writing is informal, but should be clear, concise, and informative. The entry must be less than 200 words.
* The entry should tell the reader about the development, what this means, and what we expect to happen going forward.
* You can check out other Neopol entries [here](https://triviumchina.com/samples/?channels=neopol-updates).

**Option 1**

# **Touring Dongbei**

Xi Jinping places a great deal of importance on security.

From Tuesday to Thursday, Xi took a slew of central leaders to tour around the Jilin province in northwest China.

**The itinerary of his Jilin tour indicates Xi is most concerned with five types of security, namely:**

* National defense security
* Food security
* Ecological security
* Energy security
* Industrial security

**To bring his points home, Xi made stops at:**

* A forest farm in Mohe, Da Hinggan Ling, to stress ecological protection and natural resource reservation
* China's northern-most village in Linjiang county, to inspect on local tourism based on unique environmental scenes
* An agricultural county in Harbin, to [survey](https://triviumchina.com/2023/09/08/a-late-little-love/) the recent flood damage on local farming
* Harbin Engineering University, to emphasize on the importance of training the next generation of talents to achieve technological self-sufficiency

**Get smart:** Xi's local itinerary is never chosen at random - where he goes should give us great insights into areas Xi cares the most about.

**Get smarter:** Xi is obsessed with security at the moment, and this theme could provide serious hinderance to liberal economic policies that are aimed at stimulating short-term growth.

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**Option 2**

**No quick success**

**Despite** [**the economy in dire straits**](https://triviumchina.com/2023/07/17/open-and-shut-case/)**, the Party is telling officials to not go crazy about the GDP number.**

**On Monday, the Party published Cai Ki and Lee Ganjie’s speeches at** [**the June National Organizational Work Conference**](https://triviumchina.com/2023/07/17/open-and-shut-case/)**.**

**ICYDK:** Chai, as head of the Central Secretariat, is the Party’s top official overseeing organization work, while Li serves as head of the Organization Department.

**The key message:** The official KPI system needs to focus on “high-quality development.”

**Specifically, Chai exhorted officials to:**

* *“Insist on laying the foundation for long-term benefits”*
* *“Insist on pursuing effective quality improvement and reasonable growth”*
* *“Do not seek quick success and instant benefits, crave for things big and foreign, and engage in “face projects", data falsification, and waste of people and money.”*

**Li also warned that:***“Cadres without a correct concept of political achievements won’t be retained.”*

**Get smart:** The desire to not exacerbate structural problems has led Beijing to stick to supply-side economic support measures and withhold on large-scale stimulus.

**Get smarter:** The risk is that current support is insufficient and economic challenges, such as a shrinking property sector and damped consumption, continue to grow.

* At that point Beijing will be forced to make difficult choices.

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