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The first half of this year is rich in events. Here are the Olympics, the return of Crimea, and unpredictable events in Ukraine.

But even against this background, the visit of President V.V. Putin to the People's Republic of China.

We have a very mobile President, we are used to his numerous voyages and negotiations. But this visit to China had some special subtext, some unusual inner content. Of course, this was not a renewal of the once existing, completely unique fraternal relations, in the modern world this is simply impossible. Of course, there were some rough edges (let's just remember how long and tense the negotiations on gas were). Nevertheless, the general background of the visit, some special informality of the relations between the leaders of the two countries and, of course, the scale of the agreements signed made a huge impression all over the world.

Unfortunately, in the general context of the negotiations, this time no medical motives were sounded, which is a pity. Significant acceleration of contacts between our two countries in this area would be necessary. Chinese Traditional Medicine (TCM) is confidently gaining positions all over the world. At one time, Chinese scientists took patronage over Soviet doctors and over the course of several years trained a whole detachment of reflexology specialists, who in a short time achieved such success that reflexology became a medical specialty in our country. Unfortunately, other components of BMT still do not have medical citizenship in Russia. What's in the way? It is difficult to give an unambiguous answer, but in the state in which TCM "flourishes" in our country (phytotherapy with unregistered drugs, "circle" gymnastics classes, courses organized and conducted by individuals, not having the appropriate education, etc.), it is very much discredited. It is unacceptable.

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