Chinese submersible Jiaolong dives to 6,699 meters in Mariana Trench

China's manned submersible Jiaolong descended to 6,699 meters in the Mariana Trench on Tuesday, recording images of two swimming snailfishes.

Tuesday's mission was Jiaolong's fourth dive in the trench this year.

The dive began at 7:03 a.m. local time and reached the planned depth at 10:21 a.m. where scientists worked for three hours and ten minutes.

Jiaolong collected samples of rock, sediment, deep-sea life and sea water in this dive, and recorded images of two swimming snailfishes.

"Research on snailfish, a typical deep-sea species, deepens our understanding on the evolution of deep-sea fishes and their environmental adaptation mechanism," said scientist Peng Xiaotong.

Jiaolong's first dive of this year in the world's deepest known trench took place on May 23, with Xinhua News Agency journalist Liu Shiping descending inside the submersible along with scientists to a depth of 4,811 meters. The second and third dives on May 25 and 27 reached depths of 6,300 meters and 6,544 meters respectively.

Ryanair Brexit warning shows risk of "no deal" for UK travellers

He also warned that Theresa May's plans to leave the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice would mean Britain will leave the Open Skies agreement which governs flights between the UK and Europe.

Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron said:

"This is the reality of Theresa May's extreme version of Brexit and insistence we could just crash out of the EU without a deal.

"Jobs could be lost, flights disrupted and British travellers' lives thrown into chaos, but Theresa May doesn't care.

"We will fight for a better deal on Europe and to give people a chance to reject a disastrous Brexit.

"The British people should be able to decide whether Theresa May's Brexit

deal is right for them, with the choice to remain in the EU if they don't like what's on offer."

<u>Labour launches Race and Faith</u> manifesto

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, will say today that 'Labour is the party of equality.' The Labour Party is launching its Race and Faith manifesto

at an event in Watford, outlining its commitment to racial equality and detailing how the Party's manifesto benefits BAME communities.

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, said:

"Labour is the Party of equality. We were built on the values of social justice, internationalism and human rights. Our values are rooted in the

fundamental truth that whatever your background, wherever you are from, you should have the means and opportunity to fulfil your potential.

"People continue to be treated unfairly due to their ethnicity or faith. The recent rise in hate crimes, including Anti-Semitic and Islamophobic attacks, underscores how far we still have to go. Labour will repair the damage done by the Conservative Government, which has sown the seeds of division in our communities.

"Only Labour can be trusted to unlock the talent of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people, who have been held back by the Conservatives. We will guarantee equality is at the heart of our programme for government.

"Labour will implement a comprehensive strategy for racial equality, one that effectively challenges the disadvantage many Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities suffer. We will work every day for a fairer society, where every person is enabled to get on in life, regardless of race, faith or ethnicity, to build a Britain that works for the many, not the few."

Heavy rain to sweep south, southwest China

Heavy rain will sweep parts of southwest and south China in the coming three

days, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said Tuesday.

Rainstorms will hit parts of Chongqing Municipality and the provinces of Guizhou, Hunan, Jiangxi, Fujian and Guangdong from Wednesday to Friday, with thunderstorms or hailstones in some areas, according to the NMC.

It also forecast downpours in the southeastern part of Tibet Autonomous Region from Tuesday to Wednesday under the influence of cyclone Mora.

The NMC warned of risks of urban waterlogging, mountain torrents and landslides in those regions.

From Saturday to next Wednesday, heavy rain will also be seen in the eastern part of northwest China as well as regions along the lower reaches of the Yellow River, the Huaihe River and the Yangtze River, according to the NMC.

<u>Archaeologists start digging in</u> <u>Xiongan New Area</u>

Cultural relics protection and archaeological work have been launched in the Xiongan New Area, a new economic zone near Beijing, the provincial government of Hebei said.

The archaeological team consists of several groups from the provincial, city and county levels and archaeologists from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the National Museum, the Palace Museum and the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage.

The three counties of Xiongxian, Rongcheng and Anxin in the area have a long history and are rich in cultural relics. The third national archaeological survey showed a total of 189 immovable cultural relics in the area.

According to the work plan, the archaeologists will complete 200 square kilometers of field investigation by July and produce a report by August for review and deliberation. A final report will be finished by the end of March, 2018.