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China's top10 moments of 2013

The approaching New Year gives us pause to look back at the controversies, conflicts and catastrophes that made up our newscasts. But of course it wasn't all bad news -- there were also advances, achievements and amusing moments. We end this special broadcast to revisit those moments in the past year.

China's top10 moments of 2013.

Mar. 14:

Leadership transition: China's new leaders take power as Xi Jinping is elected President by the National People's Congress.

Mar.

First lady of fashion: During President Xi Jinping's state visits, his wife Peng Liyuan, impresses with her fashion sense.

Apr.

H7N9 outbreak: A new strand of bird flu breaks out. By the end of the year, the death toll from the virus stood at 45.

Apr. 20

Ya'an earthquake: A 7.0-magnitude earthquake leaves 196 dead and at least 11,800 injured.

May 14

Rubber duck: Deflated after a long day of exhibition at Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor. Time for a power nap!

June 15

A crushing defeat: Chinese National Football Team is thrashed 5-1 by Thailand during a friendly match.

July 26

Baking in the sun: A scorching summer in most parts of China, with Shanghai sizzling as temperatures reach an all-time high of 40.6 degrees Celsius.

Aug. 22

Bo Xilai on trial: The trial of disgraced Chinese politician Bo Xilai begins at the Jinan Intermediate People's Court.

Nov. 22

Qingdao pipeline blast: 62 people are killed after a leaking pipeline explodes... prompting a nationwide inspection of oil and gaz pipelines.

All year long smog: Dense air pollution smothers China throughout the year, despite the government's best efforts to clean the skies.