



From an Affluent Society to a Happy Society: Vital Signs Promising a Change and the Impacts on Industries

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