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U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo concluded her four-day visit to [China](#) on August 30 and left [China](#) with optimism. The outside [world](#) generally believes that Raimondo’s actions came to ease the tense Sino-US relations, or pave the way for the APEC “Xi Calling Meeting” expected by the US in November.

However, the day before Raimondo left [China](#), Huawei launched the new Mate 60 Pro without warning. The technological breakthrough and geopolitical implications it symbolized may make Raimondo have mixed feelings.

The Huawei Mate 60 Pro new machine was originally scheduled to hold a press conference on September 12 to compete with the Apple iPhone 15. Now, without any leaks, the “raid” has been advanced to August 29. Many people in the mainland Internet public opinion field think that they are going for Raimondo, and the discussions about the aircraft on overseas social platforms are also quite heated.

The reason why Huawei’s new phone gives people a feeling of “surprise attack” on Raimondo may have its own origin.

On January 9, 2011, the then US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates visited [China](#). Similar to Raimondo this time, he set foot in [China](#) with a haughty attitude and in the name of “breaking the ice”. Just the day before he left [China](#) (January 11, 2011), [China](#) launched a high-level commissioning of the J-20 stealth fighter without warning. Many years later, Gates published his memoir “Duty” (Duty), and he did not forget to make a note of [China](#)’s “dismounting”.

Huawei Mate 60 Pro was sold before it was released, and customers who made reservations at the flagship store in Shanghai waited in long queues. The picture shows the Huawei flagship store on Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street in Shanghai on August 30, 2023. (VCG)

Regardless of whether Huawei’s release of the new phone this time really left a deep memory for Raimondo, behind Raimondo’s “optimistic” attitude, there is still a feeling of arrogance. She emphasized that “the measures taken by the [United States](#) are based on its national security. There is no room for debate or compromise. This is not the scope of discussion between the two parties.” Room for negotiation.

Before her visit to [China](#), the minister who put more than 200 Chinese companies on the US Department of Commerce’s “blacklist” pointed at Huawei in public and said: “The [United States](#) will never allow [China](#)’s Huawei to

continue to develop its own high-tech. The industrial line will take action, including commercial sanctions, when it is discovered that Huawei has upgraded its high [technology](#). The [United States](#) requires its allies to stop using Huawei [technology](#) devices, and Huawei has been sanctioned.”

Therefore, Huawei has published “A Letter to Huawei Users” at this moment, which really gives people a lot of room for association. You must know that Huawei is the first Chinese company to bear the brunt of the U.S. launching a “technological war” against [China](#).

Meng Wanzhou’s “house arrest” for three years is even more deeply felt by the Chinese people. On May 16, 2019, Huawei and its subsidiaries were included in the “Entity List” of export control by the then Trump (Donald Trump, Taiwan translation Trump) administration, which means that unapproved American companies are not allowed to sell products and The [technology](#) was given to Huawei, and Huawei was subsequently sanctioned by the [United States](#) for three consecutive rounds in 2020.

The Huawei Mate 60 series mobile phones use the self-developed Kirin chip 9000S. (VCG)

Among them, the most eye-catching thing is [China](#)’s chip manufacturing capabilities. Can it break the “stuck neck” of the [United States](#)? Although the official details of the Mate 60 Pro new machine have been released for the time being, according to actual measurements by netizens, its network speed has reached the same standard as 5G. This [news](#) makes many people very excited. A [photo](#) circulated on the Internet.

In the past, the Mate 40 used the Kirin 9000 chip manufactured by TSMC. Now the Mate 60 Pro is equipped with the Kirin 9000S chip with “CN” (Made in [China](#)) written in the place of origin, coupled with the self-developed Taishan CPU, and Hongmeng The operating

system, “The Return of Kylin” represents the following two major meanings:

1. This is the first mobile phone with completely independent intellectual property rights in China.
2. It expresses the failure of the US to comprehensively strangle and block China’s technology.

At the same time, Mate 60 Pro is also the first mobile phone equipped with satellite phone function. It adopts the second-generation Beidou satellite communication [technology](#), and has voice communication function and two-way transmission of short messages. Experts believe that this “piercing sky” technological innovation, “Although it is difficult for us to use it in our daily life, it will be a matter of life and death for those who live in the sea, in the desert, in the barren mountains, and in disaster areas.”

In May 2020, Huawei released the copywriting on multiple platforms, “There are no scars, how can the skin be rough, and the heroes have suffered a lot since ancient times” to cheer themselves up. IL-2 aircraft. (Weibo @HUAWEI [CHINA](#))

Many people on the Internet have found Huawei’s previous promotional slogans, such as “There are no scars, there is no rough skin, and heroes have suffered a lot since ancient times.” It was said at the meeting of the participants: “The light boat has passed the Ten Thousand Mountains”. Although these words have a taste of commercial competition to some extent, they

actually reflect the “Chinese road” that Huawei has seen all the way.

The People’s Republic of [China](#), which was only one year old in 1950, immediately faced the threat of the Korean War (known in Taiwan as the Korean War). Mao Zedong said, “One punch will prevent a hundred punches.” It took one month and two days a year to win the War to Resist US Aggression and Aid Korea. American scholars had to call it “the coldest winter”.

Today, under the circumstances that Western countries are generally pessimistic and bad-mouthing, including TSMC’s “Godfather” Zhang Zhongmou believes that “[China](#) will hardly become the global chip hegemony.” Instead, it forced [China](#) to once again achieve technological breakthroughs and industrial upgrading.

Looking back at the U.S. heavy-handed siege of Huawei and the heavy blow to contain [China](#) with chip [technology](#), this time Huawei released the new Mate 60 Pro, carefully studying its internal precision [technology](#) and its symbolic strategic significance, calling it another The victory of the “Resist US Aggression and Aid Korea” may not be an exaggeration at all.

Of course, [China](#) still has a long way to go on the difficult road of technological independence and innovation breakthroughs. This is not only a hurdle that [China](#) must overcome, but it is also a wake-up call for the West to reflect on “American supremacy.”

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