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TECHNOLOGY

YNBY leads in technological innovation output

Li Sha

Yunnan Baiyao (YNBY) Group Company was recently recognised by the China Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine as one of Top 10 Chinese Traditional Pharmaceutical Companies of Technological Innovation Output.

In recent years, technological innovation has become a strong driving force for the development of Yunnan Baiyao. So far, YNBY has established a natural medicine industry chain based on Good Agricultural Practice (GAP), Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Supply Practice (GSP). In addition, it has set up four national technology platforms, one national technology centre and two national laboratories. These efforts have ensured YNBY's leading position in China's pharmaceutical industry in terms of technological innovation ability.

COOPERATION

2016 First joint patrol of the Mekong completed

Yang Jing and Zhao Jiabi

On January 29, China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand concluded the first joint patrol of the Mekong this year, marking the completion of the 42nd joint law enforcement action by the law enforcement bodies of the four countries.

The joint action lasted four days and three nights. Given the drastically changing water level, torrential rapids and frequent accidents such as stranding, collision and falling overboard in the Mekong drainage basin in recent days, the four sides carried out targeted emergency drills and rescue exercises in the waters near Ban Xieng Kok. These efforts effectively improved all sides' ability to make rapid responses, coordinate actions and jointly handle emergency situations.

In the process of joint patrol, the law enforcement personnel travelled 512 kilometres in 35 hours, inspected 16 ships and more than 1,030 tons of goods, interviewed 35 ship crewmembers and people living along the Mekong and issued 107 police-civilian contact cards to people of the four countries.

STORY



Bounliep Houngvongsone (middle), Lao Consul General in Kunming, shares his story on the Consul General New Year Storytelling Concert 2016. **Photo by Yu Jiangning**

Bounliep Houngvongsone: I witness increasing exchanges between Laos and China

Zhang Ruogu

On the evening of January 22, the "I have a date with Yunnan" Consul General New Year Storytelling Concert 2016 was held in Kunming. The event related the experiences of foreign consuls general in Yunnan and China, as well as cultural exchanges between China and other countries. On the occasion, Lao Consul General in Kunming, Bounliep Houngvongsone, also shared his story about China and Yunnan.

For Mr. Bounliep Houngvongsone, the year 2015 was the third year of his tenure as Lao Consul General in Kunming. Over the past three years, he has promoted exchanges between the two countries. Last year, the China-Laos brotherhood entered a new stage. The China-Laos Mohan-Boten Cross-Border Economic

Cooperation Zone Common General Plan was signed in the presence of state leaders of both countries and more and more Chinese enterprises have invested in Laos.

When Yunnan Provincial Party Secretary, Li Jiheng, visited Laos in November 2015, he brought with him the Lao version of *A Bite of China* (a food documentary series), translated by the International Channel of Yunnan Radio and Television Station to the Lao Deputy Premier Somsavat Lengsavad and Lao government departments as gifts. In May 2015, Chen Hao, governor of Yunnan Province, paid a goodwill visit to Laos and witnessed the launching of Laos State Television's programs entitled *Chinese Animation*, *Chinese Theatre* and *Chinese Farms*. In particular, the Chinese classic cartoon movie *Monkey King* was introduced to the Lao

audience on the Lao National Day, and the Laotian-speaking *Monkey King* fascinated many children.

In December 2015, the China • Yunnan (English) news special, co-founded by Yunnan Daily Press Group and Laos' *Vientiane Times* debuted in Vientiane. The news special introduces Lao readers to developments and changes in China, especially Yunnan, and has built a new cultural bridge for cooperation between the two countries.

With the deepening of the Yunnan-Laos friendship, the life of Bounliep Houngvongsone has changed. He practices the Tao of incense, learns to write Spring Festival couplets and has fallen in love with Chinese culture. Today, the floating incense smoke often adds a Chinese touch to the Lao Consulate General in Kunming.

TOURISM

Folk inns: A window on Yunnan

Hu Simei

"Travelling in Yunnan, especially in Dali, Lijiang and Shangri-la, you must stay at folk inns to experience local characteristics," said Miss Li from Guangzhou. Today, staying at folk inns has become an essential experience for tourists coming to Yunnan.

As a window on Yunnan's local characteristics, folk inns are seen everywhere around popular tourist destinations such as Dali, Lijiang, Shangri-La, Tengchong and Xishuangbanna. Currently, there are thousands of folk inns in the province, including about 3,000 in Lijiang (over 2,000 alone in Lijiang's Old Town), 3,800 in Dali, 300 in Xishuangbanna and 300 in Tengchong.

These folk inns are of unique architectural styles and are beautifully decorated. They often make headlines in media and magazines. Some have even become well-known for appearing in TV series. Folk inns and rural tourism are forming a new model of tourist experience. In Yunnan, folk inns of different grades cater to the needs of different tourists with a wide range of rates. Feature folk inns are available for reservation online.

In late 2015, the State Council of China proposed for the first time "to actively develop folk inns, short-stay apartments, long-stay apartments and other minute branch industries,"

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promising multi-dimensional policy support to such life services. "The state policy explicitly proposed to develop folk inns. It will have a positive effect on the development of folk inns in Yunnan in 2016," said Fan Dehua, president of the Yunnan College of Tourism.

"By December 2015, Xiamen, Zhejiang, Dali and Lijiang have done a good job in developing folk inns. In particular, Dali and Lijiang, both in Yunnan, have developed a mature business model," said Yang Hongzhong, president of the Dali Folk Inn Association.

"Yunnan boasts favourable conditions for developing folk inns. Well-operated folk inns are usually located in ancient buildings within cities and counties with profound history and culture. Many places in Yunnan integrate history, culture and natural beauty. We should make the best of these unique advantages to increase the value-added aspects of our folk inns," said Fan Dehua.

TRADE

30 tons of Lao fragrant rice entered China by Mohan port

Yao Bing and Li Huaiyan

According to the Mengla Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, 30 tons of Lao fragrant rice entered China by Mohan port. This is the first time that the Lao fragrant rice has been exported to China by a land port in the form of general trade.

Last December, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of China announced the second batch of ports of entry and inspection for grain imports. Yunnan's Ruili, Wanding, Tianbao, Mohan and some other ports found their way onto the list.

According to the Yunnan Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, the designation and operation of ports of entry for grain imports has widened these ports' opening-up, expanded their scope of business and established a platform for the development of grain imports.



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LIFE

Kunmingers celebrate the Year of the Monkey

Spring Festival is the most important traditional festival for Chinese people. As the Year of the Monkey approached, supermarkets and shopping streets in Kunming were immersed in a festival atmosphere. The photo shows an elderly Kunminger buying luck symbols and couplets to greet the lunar new year at a Wal-Mart.

Photo by Yang Zheng

