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CBZ

China approves the establishment of Kunming CBZ

Zhang Yanqun

The Chinese National Development and Reform Commission announced recently that China's State Council has approved to upgrade the export processing zones in Nanchang and Kunming to Comprehensive Bonded Zones (CBZ).

CBZ is special customs supervision zone that is set up at the approval of China's State Council in China. CBZ relies on virtual ports and function as bonded ports within a specific area. Integrating free trade, export processing, bonded logistics and functions of bonded ports, CBZ enjoys taxation and foreign exchange policies for bonded ports.

Kunming CBZ is the second of its kind in Yunnan following Honghe CBZ. It consists of Zone A and Zone B. Zone A, now in opera-

tion, is located in Kunming Export Processing Zone in Jingkai District and will cover an area of 0.58 square kilometres according to the plan. Zone B is in the vicinity of Kunming Changshui International Airport and expects to cover an area of 1.42 square kilometres. Zone A will focus on industries with the characteristics of Yunnan and neighbouring countries, such as resource-based industries, jewellery industry, biomedical and food industries, highlighting the functions of bonded processing and bonded logistics. Zone B will rely on Changshui Airport to develop international re-export trade, storage and processing industries, highlighting the functions of bonded trade, bonded services, bonded logistics, bonded processing and bonded exhibitions.

TOURISM



As one of Yunnan's first pilot ethnic-culture-themed farms, Manzhang Farm in Jinghong City, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture showcases a perfect combination of local cultural heritages and countryside tourism. The picture shows tourists learning to make Dai pottery. **Photo by Zhao Rubi**

SPORTS



The Third Red Bull Canoeing Challenge was held at Tiger-leaping Gorge in the upper stream of Yangtze River in northwestern Yunnan's Shangri-la County. Challengers from the China, US, Canada and France took part in the race. Tiger-Leaping Gorge is famous for its steep cliffs, narrowness and dangerous rapids. It is a popular tourist destination in China. **Photo by Wang Ying (Xinhua News Agency)**

AGRICULTURE

Yunnan Academy of Forestry scores major agricultural achievements

Chen Xinlong and Liu Yanqin

Cultivation of tropical timber species, ecological restoration and integrated control in mining wastelands, key technology research and industrialization of Yunnan canola. These are among the 11 latest agricultural, scientific and technological achievements presented by the Yunnan Academy of Forestry at the Yunnan Agricultural Science Innovation and Agricultural Achievements Promotion Conference.

In recent years, the Yunnan Academy of Forestry has achieved a series of results concerning in-depth research in woody oil plants, ecological management, special resources, and forest conservation. The Cultivation technologies

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surrounding medicinal raw materials from Yunnan Taxus has achieved fruitful results in terms of species research, resource protection and industrial development. Currently, ten quality natural Taxus forest zones, and three superior varieties have been identified. A full range of technologies on artificial cultivation of medicinal materials in Yunnan Taxus has been developed. The Academy has also addressed key technical issues regarding improved varietal cultivation, processing and

product development of Yunnan's oil tea industry. The Academy also helped to create a series of well-known tea oil brands, foster a number of national and provincial leading businesses, and establish an academician workstation which provides substantial scientific and technological support for the development of Yunnan's oil tea industry.

In addition, between 2011 and 2015, the Yunnan Academy of Forestry, focusing on its woody oil-bearing plant research, has successfully bred 30 superior woody oil plant varieties, registered ten patents and three copyrights (software and publication), and formulated five industrial and local standards. As of 2015, the planting area of woody oil plants in Yunnan totalled 3.26 million hectares.

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Yunnan sets up first "hybrid operating room"

Chen Xinlong

Recently, Yunnan set up a "hybrid operating room" in the First Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University in Chenggong District of Kunming.

Hybrid surgery, or composite surgery, is a cutting-edge cardiac survey technology developed in recent years. It combines the cardiac surgery with intracardiac intervention and imaging diagnosis on the same patient to achieve a synergistic effect. In addition, the patient does not need to be transferred between different operating rooms, avoiding repeated anaesthesia and greatly reducing surgical risks and postoperative complications. On October 12, 2015, the hospital performed the first "hybrid" operation on a child with a complex congenital heart disease known as "ventricular septal defect with patent ductus arteriosus."

INDUSTRY

KNAIP releases investment policy

Zhao Shuyong

Recently, Kunming National Advertising Industry Park (KNAIP) Phase II released the investment policy: Depending on their sizes, nature and qualifications, each resident enterprise can receive a reward of 50,000 to 1,000,000 yuan.

The investment policy mainly targets KNAIP Phase II. In terms of rents, the Park will grant each resident enterprise a monthly rental subsidy of 15-20 yuan per square meter based on their annual revenue, and the total subsidy can be as high as 200,000 yuan. Depending on their sizes, nature and qualifications, each resident enterprise can receive a reward of 50,000 to 1,000,000 yuan. Meanwhile, key cultural and creative projects and enterprises as well as professional and technical personnel can receive up to one million reward and 50 percent subsidized loans.

In addition, KNAIP will provide resident enterprises with comprehensive services through eight public service platforms, such as the cloud-wise service platform, the advertising culture and new media showcase centre, and so forth.

INTERCONNECTIVITY

Expressway to Southeast Asia

Hou Tingting and Xiong Ming

From March 3 to 8, Yunnan Daily's all-media reporting team made an in-depth interview trip to key highway construction sites, with the aim of updating Yunnan's highway development by telling stories about the changes highways have brought to the natives.

"Vehicles travelling through verdant forests, across Dai ethnic cultures, and through wild elephant habitats and bird sanctuaries" is a poetic depiction of the Xiaomengyang-Mohan Expressway, following its latest

facelift and expansion.

"In 2007, when the Kunming-Bangkok Highway was only halfway completed, I rented a refrigerated truck full of fruits, and headed to Thailand via Mohan," said Yang Zhaozhong, Chairman of Xishuangbanna Red Star Company. He is among the first people who tried road logistics on the Kunming-Bangkok Highway. Fruits and vegetables transported in his refrigerated truck were fresher than those transported by ships. He earned 50,000 yuan for this first trip. Since then, he has started his own trade business, and this year, his company's

trade volume has amounted to one billion yuan.

Yang's company launched a grain import business via Mohan this year. He believes that the latest highway expansion will reduce transportation times by about 1.5 hours. The facelift of this last stretch of the Kunming-Bangkok Highway within China will effectively tap the resource potential of the region and eventually translate such advantages into regional economic growth by virtue of interlinking road, railway and waterway networks in the region, as well as the ever increasing China-ASEAN trade and border trade.



Builders at the construction site of Xiaomo Highway. **Photo by Huang Zhechun**



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