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FRIENDSHIP

Lao President Bounnhang Vorachit meets with Li Jiheng

Qu Shuning

On May 5, the Lao delegation headed by Bounnhang Vorachit, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Lao President, met in Kunming with Li Jiheng, Secretary of the Yunnan Provincial CPC Committee.

On behalf of the provincial CPC committee and government, as well as the people of all ethnic groups in Yunnan, Li Jiheng extended a warm welcome to the delegation.

Bounnhang said that Laos and China are good neighbors, good friends, good comrades and good partners. Connected by rivers and mountains, Laos and Yunnan enjoy a longstanding friendship. Both sides have seen remarkable results in high-level exchanges, trade and cooperation.

In recent years, Yunnan and Laos have seen sound development and cooperation in various fields, as the Yunnan-North Laos Cooperation Mechanism constantly improves. Yunnan hopes that both sides can further their person-to-person exchanges, deepen friendly contacts and consolidate friendship by deepening pragmatic cooperation, advancing interconnectivity and facilitating the development of the Mohan-Boten Cross-Border Economic Cooperation Zone. Moreover, both sides wish to give fuller play to the role of Yunnan-North Laos Cooperation Mechanism in promoting trade and cooperation in tourism, agriculture, energy, transportation, education, technology and health. Li invited Bounnhang to attend the 4th China-South Asia Expo and the 24th Kunming Import and Export Fair in Kunming later this year.

During the visit, the Lao

delegation also met with other Chinese leaders and signed cooperation documents with Chinese counterparts, laying a solid foundation for cooperation between Laos and China, in particular Yunnan. The Lao side believes that with the improvement of transport infrastructure, as well as further exchanges and cooperation between Laos and Yunnan will be further expanded and upgraded. Laos will give full support to facilitate bilateral cooperation projects for common development. Laos is willing to actively participate in exhibition events hosted by Yunnan, such as China-South Asia Expo and Kunming Fair.



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FESTIVAL



Photo by Yereeth Jansen

Over the recent Labor Day weekend, Yunnan province's tiny town of Mojiang erupted with activity when it held its twelfth annual International Twins Festival. Billed as the largest gathering of its kind in Asia, the two-day event hosted more than 1,000 sets of twins, as well as over 190,000 curious tourists from across China. (Patrick Scally)

CSA EXPO

21,300 university students in Yunnan long to be expo volunteers

Xu Mengjie

On May 4, 240 Kunming local volunteers gathered at the Guandu Square to welcome the 4th expo.

Since recruitment of volunteer for the 4th China-South Asia Expo was launched on March 4, more

than 21,300 university students from 25 higher institutions in Yunnan have submitted their applications, according to personnel with Yunnan Provincial Youth League Committee.

2,500 volunteers will be selected out of the applicants to serve the 4th expo to be

held in Kunming on June 12-17, and the selection is based on their performance in the following training sessions which include etiquette, physical strength, and language proficiency.

In 2015, around 1900 volunteers from various walks of life served the 3rd expo.



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