



# CHINA • YUNNAN



## OLYMPICS

### Yunnan boxing to debut at the Olympics

**Qin Hao**

In late June, the global boxing consolation game for the Rio Olympic Games 2016 was held in Baku, Azerbaijan. Yunnan boxer Shan Jun took part in the 60-kilogram competition, representing the Chinese national boxing team. After winning four successive matches to reach the semi-finals, Shan secured himself a place at the Rio Olympics. This is the first time that a Yunnan boxer will compete at the Olympics. Shan said, "I will cherish this hard-earned chance and try my best at the Olympics!"

Shan Jun began his athletic career on the Yunnan Provincial boxing team in 2010. As an "especially hardworking" athlete, Shan stood out among his peers and in quick succession earned spots on the national youth team and national team. Shan Jun won the 2012 Chinese Youth Boxing Championship, the 2014 National Championship and the 2015 National Tournament. At the 2015 International



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**Shan Jun**, Yunnan boxer

Boxing Club League matches, Shan Jun was one of the most outstanding players on the Chinese team. However, failing to win the season championship deprived him of directly qualifying for the Rio Olympics.

In March 2016, Shan made his comeback at the Asia Pacific regional qualifications, but failed in the semi-finals again.

Never discouraged by his defeats, Shan picked himself up and decided to try his luck at the consolation games in Azerbaijan – reputedly against some of the most difficult competition. Out of a total of 45 participants, Shan won four matches in a row to reach the semi-finals as of June 24th, and thus successfully threading his way to the Rio Olympics.

## CULTURE



Recently, a delegation named "Chinese Culture, Colorful Yunnan" visited the Palace of Nations, the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), and staged a visual feast to the audience. **Photo by Xu Jinquan(Xinhua Agency)**

## BELT AND ROAD

### Fourth Nobel Economists Summit of China held in Kunming

**Chen Siwu**

The Fourth Nobel Economists Summit of China recently held in Kunming, under the theme of promoting innovative development of regional economies, and stressing regional cooperative opportunities between China, South Asia and Southeast Asia. Edmund Phelps and Eric Maskin, respectively the 2006 and 2007 Nobel laureates in economics, as well as more than 300 participants, including economists and well-known entrepreneurs from China, South Asia and

- Share insights on economic innovation
- Offer suggestions for China's economic cooperation with the South and Southeast Asian countries.

Southeast Asia, attended the summit.

Chen Hao, Governor of Yunnan Province, said that Yunnan is willing to join hands with South Asian and Southeast Asian countries in developing the BCIM and China-Indochina economic corridors. This can be accomplished by exploring new models for both the

Greater Mekong sub-regional economic cooperation, and the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, through coordinated technological and system innovations. Deepened pragmatic cooperation in various fields will also establish the sub-region as a community featuring political trust, economic and cultural integration, inclusive mutual interests, and a sense of shared fate and responsibility. It is hoped that the summit can build a platform for closer cooperation in order to promote mutually beneficial, win-win development for the sub-region and beyond.

## INTERCONNECTIVITY

### Kunming-Sydney direct flights to open

**Cao Jie**

Direct flights from Kunming to Sydney will be opened by the end of this year, becoming the fourth direct intercontinental flight route of the Kunming International Airport following the opening of direct flights to Paris, Vancouver (via Shanghai) and San Francisco (via Qingdao, planned). Data show that Kunming Airport had opened 284 routes as of 2015. Currently, there are 132 flights between Kunming and Southeast Asian and South Asian cities every week. The passenger throughput of the airport is expected to reach 70 million in 2020.

### South Asian and Southeast Asian regional logistics network to establish

**Yan Xiu'e**

"As of 2020, the growth value of Yunnan's logistics industry will reach 200 billion yuan, with an average annual growth rate of about 13 percent. The total social logistics costs will drop to account for less than 18 percent of the GDP." According to Yunnan Provincial Department of Commerce, Yunnan is set to establish an international logistics network to link Yunnan, the rest of China, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

By 2017, the growth value of logistics industry in Yunnan will reach 140 billion yuan. Over the following five years, Yunnan is going to build 20 logistics demonstration parks and 100 key logistics enterprises. At present, apart from fostering a number of key logistics enterprises, Yunnan has signed cooperation agreements with logistic giants such as Suning Group, SF Express and Guiyang Truck Logistics. Cooperation intentions have also been reached with Asia's largest logistics and real estate company ProLogis (China) Investment & Management Company.

## SCENERY



Tourists take selfie amid fields of sunflowers at Jinlinwan Town, which covers an area of 7,000 mu (467 hectares), recently in Qujing, southwest China's Yunnan Province.

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## SPRING CITY

### "Spring City" increasingly popular

**Zhang Yanqun**  
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Last month, Kunming was listed among top three summer resorts worldwide for the second time since 2015. The city later took the second place among the most livable cities in China according to a report released by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. During the China Summer Tourism Industry Summit 2016 opened in Changchun, Kunming was again selected as the Best City for Summer Tourism.

Over the past few months, Kunming has become a catchword for its cool summer climate and inviting natural conditions.

Kunming boasts pleasant climate and fresh air. According to Li Xiaopeng, Director of Kunming Meteorological Observatory, Kunming has an average annual temperature of 16.5, an average annual rainfall of 1450 mm and 278 frost-free days all year round. Located on a low latitude plateau with subtropical climate, Kunming is free from either scorching

summers or freezing winters, enjoying the reputation as "Spring City". A citizen who used to work as a tour guide said that every summer a lot of tourists choose Kunming as their tourist destination simply because of the cool climate here. A teacher of an international public school in Kunming said: "We have a number of international exchange programs. Our foreign friends and peers always say a lot about how beautiful and livable the city is in addition to our professional discussions."

## TEA CULTURE

### Lao students experience Pu'er tea culture

**Peng Yunshu**  
**Peng Jianming**

Recently, China's tea culture tour for overseas students was launched by the Mengla County Education Bureau at the starting point of the Ancient Tea and Horse Route in Yiwu Township. Twenty-four Lao students studying in Yunnan visited the Tea Culture Museum, as well as time-honoured tea shops, to learn the history of the route.

The students also visited local tea workshops, learning to pluck leaves and make tea. Under the guidance of local masters, they learned the basics of using tools and techniques, while also practicing tea etiquette. A Lao student said, "Through the tea culture tour, I now understand the unique charm of Chinese tea culture. My heart still lingers with the aftertaste of Pu'er tea."



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