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Kyrgyzstani, Ethiopian runners win SCO Kunming marathon

Kyrgyzstani runner Adilet Kyshtabekov, and Ethiopian Yidao Yilma Gurara, each won men's races at the 2017 SCO Kunming International Marathon held December 31 on the shores of Kunming's Dianchi Lake.

In the men's full marathon, Kyshtabekov finished first in two hours, 23 minutes and 20 seconds, followed by Chinese runners Yang Shao-hui and Chen Guojun. Gurara took the men's title for half marathon at 1:06:50.

In the women's full marathon, first place went to Chinese runner Zheng Wenrong, who finished with a time of 2:50:41. Yunnan runner Zhang Deshun secured the women's title in the half marathon at 1:15:21.

During the races, volunteers, medical workers and security guards stood ready to provide runners with any needed support services.

Around 16,000 people from 27 countries participated in the international marathon,

which was kicked off by SCO secretary-general Rashid Ali-mov.

This year the event has two slogans, "Becoming dearer, closer, and more harmonious in the City of Eternal Spring" and "Chasing dreams to new heights in Colourful Yunnan." Varied races based on distance are arranged in the event, including full marathon, half marathon, five-kilometre and two-kilometre races.

The SCO Marathon is a mass-scale cultural and sports event organised by the SCO Secretariat in co-operation with the government of Yunnan Province and the city of Kunming. Additional support was supplied by partner companies and volunteers.

The event is aimed at popularising sports and promoting healthy lifestyles, as well as the principles of equitable and mutually respectful sports competition.

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CONNECTIVITY

One year on, Yunnan bullet trains serve 12 million passengers

December 28, 2017 marks the first anniversary of the opening of Yunnan's high-speed railways (HSR). In the past year, Yunnan HSR trains have served 12.02 million passengers. Now, 72 pairs of HSR trains run between Yunnan and other Chinese provinces.

To mark the one-year anniversary, a new type of high-speed bullet train between Kunming and Shanghai named "Fuxing" – meaning rejuvenation – went into operation on the same day, connecting Kunmingnan Railway Station with Shanghai's



A Fuxing bullet train leaves the Kunmingnan Railway Station.

Photo by Hu Xiaorong

Hongqiao Railway Station.

China's Fuxing bullet trains were unveiled in June this year and are capable of a top speed of 400 kilometres

per hour. The Fuxing train officially ran at 350 kilometres per hour on the Beijing-Shanghai line September 21.

Fuxing was designed and

manufactured by the China Railway Corporation. China holds the complete intellectual property rights.

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Yunnan security company opens office in Laos

Yunnan Jindun Security Group opened a branch office in Vientiane, capital of Laos, on December 22.

"So far Chinese businessmen have set up more than 30,000 companies outside of China," said Lu Jinjing, executive chairman of the Association for the

Promotion of Industrial Development between Yunnan and Southeast and South Asia.

Lu added that security is a top concern for many companies when it comes to conducting business overseas.

Under the Belt and Road

Initiative, an increasing number of Chinese enterprises have been going global to participate in overseas investment and projects.

Established in 2010, Yunnan Jindun Security Group provides security services to around 1,200 clients, with its business stations scattered

across the province.

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Lancang-Mekong institute to benefit six countries

Profile: The Lancang-Mekong International Vocational Institute (LMIVI) is located at the Wanding Economic Development Zone in Ruili. The city sits on the border in west Yunnan's Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture. Jointly built by Yunnan Minzu University and the People's Government of Ruili City, LMIVI is a public vocational college able to offer undergraduate programmes provided by Yunnan Minzu University.

A foundation-stone laying and construction ceremony for the Lancang-Mekong International Vocational Institute was held in west Yunnan's border city of Ruili on December 17, 2017.

The beginning of LMIVI construction is an important achievement for Yunnan, a leading province in the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC). The institute represents a new chapter in vocational educational cooperation among



Construction ceremony for the Lancang-Mekong International Vocational Institute

Photo provided to Yunnan Daily

the six Lancang-Mekong countries.

Why should we build such an institute? Mi Mi Aung, vice-president of Yangan University of Foreign Languages in Myanmar, explains: "In today's world, the development of a country depends more on the quality of its students than on the abundance of its natural resources and economic prosperity."

According to Saykham

Phanthavong, Party secretary and president of Pakpasak Technical College in Vientiane, cooperation in vocational education has everything to do with the common development of individuals in the Mekong region.

Promoting the development of vocational education and related cooperation is the common aspirations of the six countries making up the Lancang-Mekong region. They are Laos,

Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and China. It is with this in mind that Yunnan Minzu University established LMIVI in December 2016, with support by the Chinese Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the government of Yunnan.

"Vocational education enables ordinary people to make a difference, while enriching everyone and boosting local industry. Building LMIVI will allow

countries in the region to benefit from China's education experience, cultivate graduates with technical skills, and promote the integrated development of education, culture and industry across the six nations," Said Chen Luyan, Party secretary of Yunnan Minzu University.

The phrase "1+6+6+N" is frequently mentioned by LMIVI management. In this phrase, "1" refers to one Lancang-Mekong vocational education base and alliance, while the first "6" means that LMIVI is guided by the governments of the six involved countries. The second "6" represents the first-class colleges and universities in the six involved countries which will help create LMIVI, while the third "6" indicates that LMIVI's board of directors should come from all six countries. "N" stands for the unlimited number of LMIVI's partners from industries, enterprises, universities, research institutes and others.

Voices: Myanmar is vigorously developing vocational education, as it is essential for a country to reduce poverty and boost growth. The establishment of LMIVI will not only promote communication between the six countries, but will also provide good opportunities for students from the Mekong region to learn new vocational skills.

---U Soe Paing, consul general of Myanmar in Kunming

Construction of LMIVI is very important and will help countries in the Lancang-Mekong region better respond to the problems caused by globalization. Laos lacks the highly-skilled workers. And it also needs to be better linked to the region and integrated into the international community. Therefore, vocational education is crucial to Laos and other Mekong countries.

---Khamphone Vongsanty, consul general of Laos in Kunming

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