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**VOICE**

## The world agrees on community of shared future for mankind

Looking back on the major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in 2017, we can easily define a distinctive and consistent theme—building of a community of shared future for mankind.

Over the past year, China wrote a new chapter in history with the building of a community of shared future for mankind. First, we held the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, at which the building of a community of shared future for mankind was recognized as the common goal of all involved parties. Second, the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting was held for an in-depth discussion around the theme of “working together towards a community with a shared future for mankind and a better world: responsibilities of political parties”. Third, China established the South-South Human Rights Forum, which advocates development through cooperation, the promotion of human rights through devel-

opment and the building of a community of shared future for mankind. These new platforms will pool together both wisdom and strength to achieve common development goals through joint consultations.

In the past year, China took a big step forward to make the concept of a community of shared future for mankind take roots in neighbouring countries and regions. China strengthened connectivity and development cooperation with other countries and properly solved many major practical issues. Through these multilateral mechanisms, China enhanced strategic ties with the ASEAN states including Laos and Vietnam.

The concept of a community of shared future for mankind embodies the common values of the world. In 2017, China took solid actions to bring together global forces. In the future, China will continue to make real contributions to human society.

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**TRAVEL**

## Shangri-La, good place for bird watchers in winter



Black-necked cranes are seen at the Napahai Nature Reserve during the bird-watching festival. (Xinhua photo)

With the theme of “ecological Diqing, paradise of birds”, the second annual Shangri-La International Bird Watching Festival kicked off on December 13 in Yunnan province's Shangri-La.

A total of 17 teams participated in the competition, held at the Napahai Nature Reserve and the Songzanlin Monastery Scenic Area.

The event aimed to showcase Shangri-La's advantages

in the development of bird-watching ecotourism. More than 300 bird species in Shangri-La have been registered by China Birds Report.

In 2016, according to observational statistics, more than 20,000 migratory birds wintered in the Napahai wetlands, including 316 black-necked cranes, a species under state protection in China.

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## Xi Jinping: The Governance of China to be published in 16 countries

Well-known publishing houses from 16 countries recently signed memoranda in Beijing with China's Foreign Languages Press (FLP). They agreed to translate and publish the second volume of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China*.

The 16 countries are Italy, Poland, Ukraine, Albania,

Romania, Kenya, Tajikistan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

The second volume of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* explains the practices of the CPC Central Committee -- with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core -- in upholding and

developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in a new era. The book provides Chinese wisdom and solutions for developing a community with a shared future for mankind, as well as in promoting peace and development. It is authoritative reading for anyone studying and trying to grasp Xi Jinping's

thoughts on socialism with Chinese features in a new era, and the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress.

So far, the first volume of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* has sold 6.6 million copies in 24 languages around the world.

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**NEWS INPIC**

## Laos, Vietnam folks join ball throwing carnival in Yunnan



Performers dance in a ceremony during the 5th ball throwing carnival celebrated by people from China, Laos and Vietnam in Jiangcheng Hani and Yi Autonomous County of Pu'er City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, Dec. 30, 2017. (Xinhua photo)

**CONNECTIVITY**

## Lao expressway to stretch to China

The Vientiane-Vangvieng expressway to be extended to China will lift up a new face of transport system in Laos, state-run Lao News Agency (KPL) reported on January 3rd.

According to the KPL report, the Vientiane-Vangvieng expressway is part of the mega Laos-China Expressway Project, which will link the Lao capital Vientiane with Boten in Luang Namtha on the Laos-China border.

The Vientiane-Vangvieng expressway will stretch 113.5

km between Vientiane and Vangvieng district of Vientiane Province, some 110 km north of Vientiane.

At a cost of around \$1.3 billion, the four-lane highway will be built between Sikeuth in Naxaythong district in Vientiane and eastern Vangvieng from which the next phase of the Laos-China expressway project will be connected, said KPL.

The highway will run in parallel with the existing Road 13 North, and is designed to al-

low a max speed of 80 km per hour. Seven roundabouts will be built along the expressway along with two service areas and two rest areas. The service facilities will be equipped with gas stations, hotels, shops, restaurants and garages.

The project will be conducted as a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) project by Yunnan Construction Engineering Group from China. The construction of the expressway may take around three years.

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**LMC**

## Mekong countries set up joint law enforcement center

A joint law enforcement center, founded by countries along the Lancang-Mekong River, started operation December 28 in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

The Integrated Law Enforcement and Security Cooperation Center of Lancang-Mekong River is the first of its kind in the region, said a press release.

The first secretary-general Zheng Baigang is from China and his successors will be from the other five countries in the region by turns, the statement said.

The Lancang-Mekong River runs through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, and serves as a natural bond that links the six countries together.

The center will enhance coordination, share intelligence and organize joint operations among the six countries to contain cross-border crime, the statement said.

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## China, Laos sign agreement on Lancang-Mekong cooperation fund

Chinese Ambassador to Laos Wang Wentian and Lao Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khamphao Ernthavanh have signed an agreement on Lancang-Mekong cooperation fund for Lao projects in Vietiane.

In his speech at the signing ceremony January 2, Wang congratulated the successful application for Lao projects under Lancang-Mekong cooperation fund, saying this is another milestone in the Lancang-Mekong

cooperation framework. The Chinese side highly appreciates the enthusiastic participation of Lao side into the Lancang-Mekong cooperation framework, which has contributed greatly to the rapid development of the mechanism, Wang said.

China expects to work closely with Laos to promote the consensus reached, jointly design and implement the next cooperation plans. The ambas-

sador expresses his belief that under the active implementation of Laos and joint efforts of both sides, the Lancang-Mekong cooperation will gain more fruitful achievements in the future.

Khamphao, for her part, said that despite the short time since its commence, the Lancang-Mekong cooperation mechanism has made substantial progresses in various fields, reflecting that China attaches great importance

and actively engages in various work to promoting the implementation of the “Sanya Declaration,” especially in promotion of projects under Lancang-Mekong fund.

Laos has harvested tangible benefits from the Lancang-Mekong cooperation mechanism, including those in human resource development, infrastructure construction, public healthcare, and others.

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