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China proposes on shared future for Lancang-Mekong nations

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on January 10 called on five nations living on the Lancang-Mekong River to consolidate political will and deepen economic ties to promote regional peace and sustainable development.

China is willing to work with others to strengthen the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) as China benefits from regional stability and its neighbors are beneficiaries of China's economic vitality, Li said at the second LMC leaders' meeting held in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.

With a theme of "Our River of Peace and Sustainable Development", the meeting brings leaders of China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam to the table, discussing issues such as connectivity, water management and industrial production capacity.

The LMC mechanism

2nd MLC Leaders' Meeting Phnom Penh 2018

Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Leaders' River of Peace and Sustainable Development



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (3rd L) attends the second Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) leaders' meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, January 10, 2018. (Xinhua photo)

has produced better-than-expected progress over the past two years as the countries moved forward with

the principle of equality, inclusiveness and put development as a priority.

With progress and results

delivered daily, monthly and annually, a truly remarkable LMC speed has been created, and a defin-

ing LMC culture featuring equality, sincerity, mutual assistance and kinship has been established, Li said.

The Chinese premier made five proposals to secure shared future for the LMC countries as he said he believed they will become the biggest and earliest beneficiaries of China's development.

He called for stronger coordination among countries along the Lancang-Mekong River on water resource management, accommodating each other's concern, and properly handling the relations between economic development and environmental protection.

In his speech, Li also urged to map out a five-year action plan for water resource cooperation, enhance emergency management on droughts and floods, carry out joint research on water resource and climate change, and improve water quality monitoring system.

Further Reading:

On a sideline of the second LMC leaders' meeting, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met specially with Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith.

Li stressed that China will maintain cooperation with Laos to bring more benefits to the two countries.

The China-Laos relations are progressing smoothly based on the spirit of good neighbors, good friends, good comrades and good partners, Li said.

Li added Chinese President Xi Jinping's successful visit to Laos in November last year injected new impetus to China-Laos comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

The two countries should focus on the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Laos economic corridor, ensure smooth construction of the China-Laos railway and enhance interconnectivity, said Li, adding the two countries should maintain sound coordination.

(Xinhua)

CONNECTIVITY

Yunnan quickens upgrade of rail facility

On January 7, upgrading works of the Dali Railway Station in west Yunnan were launched, and the works are expected to be finished within 2018. By then, the newly-upgraded Guangtong-Dali railway will be put into service.

With the upgrading of rail projects in the province, Dali will become the second hub in railway connectivity of the province, according to a Yunnan Daily report on January 8.

Second only to the Kunmingnan Railway Station, the Dali Railway Station will link up Kunming in the east, Lijiang and Shangri-La in its northwest, as well as Lincang and Ruili in the southwest.

As part of the Kunming-Dali railway, the 175km

Guangtong-Dali railway has been upgraded to 200km/h in speed, and the time of the Kunming-Dali train trip will be shortened to two hours from the current six hours.

At the Kunmingnan Railway Station, 16 new facial recognition machines were recently installed at the west and north entrances, providing easier ticket checking for passengers.

To reach the trains, passengers simply need to insert their ticket, along with a second-generation ID card into a checking machine, and face the camera for a few seconds. As long as all the information matches, the gate will open, and passengers can then take their tickets and ID cards back.

(Yunnan Daily)



Upgrading works of the Dali Railway Station in west Yunnan are launched on January 7. (Photo by Hu Xiaorong)

EXPO

More than 80 countries, regions to participate in China-South Asia Expo

The fifth China-South Asia Expo will be held from June 12 to 18 at Kunming Dianchi International Convention and Exhibition Center, and more than 80 countries and regions are expected to participate in the event in 2018.

This year's expo will cover 190,000 square meters. This space includes pavilions dedicated to tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, new materials, food and fashion, electrical and mechanical products, biopharmaceuticals and big health,

cultural and creative products, wood art, and the opening ceremony. Other halls will be dedicated to the theme and the guest of honour countries, as well as South and Southeast Asia nations and other overseas countries and regions.

Dozens of activities are set to be organized during the China-South Asia Expo, including the China-South Asia Business Forum, the China-Southeast Asia Business Forum, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation and GMS Economic Corridor Week, the

China-South and Southeast Asia Think Tank Forum, the China-South and Southeast Asia Technology Transfer and Innovation Cooperation Conference, the China-South and Southeast Asia Art Week, and others.

Exhibits must be transported to Kunming before May 30, 2018, and designated freight operators will handle commodities inspection, customs clearance and others. Kunming has hosted four sessions of the expo in the past years.

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PEOPLE

From peasant boy to Olympic equestrian

It is hard to associate equestrian achievements with a peasant boy, but Li Mingkun, a young man from Yunnan province, is now one of six members of China's national dressage equestrian team, which is currently attempting to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In 1988, Li Mingkun was born in the rural area of Mouding County in Yunnan Province. Upon graduation from Yunnan Sports Vocational and Technical College in 2011, Li Mingkun was recommended to Xingyao

Group, a Yunnan-based horse racing training and breeding enterprise.

At Xingyao Group, his job was to take care of the horses in the stables of the equestrian club. He soon stood out from his workmates and became one of the group's first equestrian team members, then a horse trainer and finally an equestrian competitor. He did not change his diligence despite such a smooth rise. He still worked longer hours than others and spent much more time with the horses. In the process, his equestrian

skills improved by leaps and bounds.

In August 2013, he won both individual and group championships at the first ever Yunnan Provincial Equestrian Invitational. After that, his personality, quality and talent were recognised by many coaches. He travelled to Shenzhen, Shaanxi and Beijing for further study. Later, he was sent to France, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Austria to hone his equestrian skills.

By Liu Chang

NEIGHBOUR

China, Laos set up lab for renewable energy study

China and Laos have inaugurated a joint lab for study of renewable energy in Lao capital Vientiane, according to the Chinese Embassy in Laos on January 10.

The lab was jointly built by China's Yunnan Normal University and Lao Ministry of Science and Technology's Renewable Energy and New Material Research Institute with sponsorship of China's Ministry of Science and Technology in facility and talent training.

The inauguration ceremony was held Tuesday with the attendance of Chinese Ambassador to Laos Wang Wentian, Lao Minister of Science and Technology Boviengkham Vongdara, President of Yunnan Normal University Jiang Yongwen, among others.

After the ceremony, the Chinese ambassador to Laos and Lao minister of science and technology exchanged views on new cooperative measures.

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