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China makes five proposals on securing shared future for Lancang-Mekong nations

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on January 10th 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 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.

2nd LMC 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, Jan. 10, 2018. Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Li Keqiang co-chaired the meeting, which also brought together Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Myanmar Vice President U Myint Swe.

With progress and results delivered daily, monthly and annually, a truly remarkable LMC speed has been created, and a defining 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.

China is willing to deepen cooperation with Lancang-Mekong countries in agricultural technology and build platforms for technology exchange, joint research as well as investment and trade cooperation, said the premier.

Meanwhile, Li called for upgrading human resource cooperation. China will offer short-term training and in-service education for 2,000 people in Lancang-Mekong countries and 100 four-year scholarships for undergraduates in 2018, he said.

(Xinhua)

Solid foundation for community of shared future for mankind

During the recent New Year season, there were many cultural exchanges and communications between Chinese and foreigners.

What is a cultural exchange? General Secretary Xi Jinping called the cultural exchange a foundation for Sino-Foreign relations. The more frequent exchanges between Chinese and foreign people, the more solid foundation of friendship will be established between the two countries resulting in more opportunities for practical cooperation. Xi Jinping's new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics has drawn a blueprint for all mankind, called a community with shared future for mankind. The first task to follow this magnificent blueprint is to build a deep and secure foundation. As long as people are interlinked and nations are compatible, it will be just within reach.

Cultural exchange is possible because of 'different and inclusive'. Civilizations have the value of exchange and mutual reference because of diversity. Because of equality it has the premise of exchange and mutual understanding; and because of tolerance it has the incentive for exchange and understanding. China is well versed in the traditional concepts of "get along with" and "Harmony" and putting it into practice for Chinese and foreign countries to learn from each other and share is a win-win situation.

People-to-people cultural exchange causes subtle change like the constant dripping of water on stone. We should expand cultural exchanges between China and foreign countries into people's daily life, to provide richer and better quality exchanges of public goods popular with the people. Through sustained

efforts over the long term, Chinese and foreign people will have more sense of gain.

Exchange and communication is a case of "trees planted by forefathers and allows later generations to enjoy the shade." We should expand communication and exchanges to students.

Young students "have similar tastes, are congenial and find it easy to talk each other, easily establishing friendships". The premise is to master the language of foreign friends. That is the key to open their hearts. Education is a link for young Chinese and foreign students to conduct exchanges and a bridge for them to have more communication and exchanges.

(Yu Ke, researcher, Institute of International and Comparative Education, Shanghai Normal University. Adapted from the People's Daily Overseas Edition.)

Yunnan Ruili: e-commerce promotes villagers trade



Logistic companies increasingly play important role in the border city like Ruili. (Photo by Liu Xiangyuan)

Liu Xiangyuan

We averagely handle over 900 parcels per day, and it was more during the "Double 12" shopping festival." In Yunnan Ruili Chase Company's Rookie Station, Yang Xuefeng was sorting goods with his coworkers. This batch of goods will be transported to each village service outlet after being sorted through the Rookie Post Logistics, and then distributed into the hands of farmers.

According to Yang Xuefeng, Ruili has fundamentally accepted rural express in villages. "Farmers can do online shopping at their homes," said Yang Xuefeng. The convenient online shopping is benefit from Ruili's countryside e-commerce network.

Yunnan Province Ruili Municipal Government signed a cooperation agreement with Alibaba on a Rural Taobao Project on July 29, 2016. In November 2016, Ruili Municipal E-Commerce Service Center and Rural Taobao Operation Center were completed and the Alibaba Rural Taobao Project started operation. In early 2017, a total of 28 sites were allocated by Taobao in 29 administrative villages, with a coverage rate of 95%.

"We introduced Alibaba Rural Taobao and laid the network." Wang Xialing from Ruili Industrial and Commerce Bureau E-Commerce Office said that the introduction of Rural Taobao provides logistics service at the village level. When the village sites are built, villagers are registered as individual self-employed households to carry out a variety of operations and run a number of businesses, and gradually improve the level of rural e-commerce service. With the steady growth of downward data, they look for agricultural products to promote and have begun to use e-commerce to increase their income.

Wang Xialing said, "Ruili Municipal E-Commerce Office organized e-commerce companies to go to each township to learn about their agricultural products. In the market season of each township's agricultural products, they conduct various online promotion activities and built an uploading system for agricultural products, to promote online sales." With the development of the e-commerce network, in the future more and more rural products will be sold on line to help the villagers increase their income.

6 Yunnan projects win national Award

Ji Zheng
Shi Ming

The 2017 National Science and Technology Progress Award was announced recently in Beijing, a total of six projects in Yunnan were awarded second prize, of which the primary completion project is one and participate in the project completion are five.

The key technology and application of crop

diversity pests and diseases control led by Zhu Youyong's team, academician of China Academy of Engineering and the Yunnan Agricultural University is the first complete unit. The five projects participating in it were: Identification and evaluation technology of edible fungus germplasm resources, establishment and application of nationwide monitoring technology system for

nitrogen and phosphorus non-point source pollution in farmland, key technologies for comprehensive development of traditional Chinese medicine SanQi and its industrialization application, establishment and promotion of key technologies for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of AIDS products, and innovative utilization of wild rice germplasm resources in China.



'Face scan' at Kunming Nan Station

Since the opening of Kunming Nan Railway Station, it has been constantly adapting new technologies to meet the development and the passenger's travel demand, and upgrading the facilitative measures in the station. Recently, the west and north entrances of the station have been equipped with 8 new self-serve facial recognition verification machines at each station. Passengers with tickets and ID can be face-scanned to access the station. Real-name verification efficiency and accuracy have been improved. (Li Qiuming)

19th CPC party congress introduced in India

A Chinese delegation has introduced the achievements of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to political communities in India. During the four-day visit, the delegation, headed by Meng Xiangfeng, deputy director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, met with lead-

ers of the ruling Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP), the opposition Congress party and other left-wing parties. The delegation briefed the Indian politicians and people from various communities in Delhi and Mumbai on the spirit of the 19th CPC party congress. The India side spoke highly of the achievements

and significance of the CPC congress, saying they were ready to join hands with China to further cooperation of mutual benefit, and promote healthy and steady development of bilateral ties, so as to contribute to peace, stability, development and prosperity in the region. (China.org.cn)

English website awards businesses in Kunming



15 categories of businesses are awarded by the English website users and its WeChat account users in Kunming, Yunnan (Photo by GoKunming)

Wang Shixue
Wang Huan

On the evening of January 11, GoKunming, a southwest China's most comprehensive English language website, threw a party to award the best local businesses in Kunming based on its online survey.

The Best of Kunming Awards was first started by GoKunming in 2006. The website was new that year, and the owners asked users to vote for their favorite businesses in several different categories. Eleven years

later, the public voting format remains much the same, but the awards show has grown in size and scope.

According to GoKunming CEO, Yereth Jansen, the awards are meant to honor outstanding locally owned and foreign-owned businesses, while also celebrating diversity in Kunming.

This year 40 percent increase votes were seen compared with last year. The growth in voting, said Jansen, shows that Kunming's foreign population is steadily increasing. "It isn't just that Kunming has more

foreigners, it's that dining, drinking and educational options - to name just a few - are growing.

The awards show recognized the winners in 15 categories including Chinese cuisine, cafe, nightclub, hotel, Mandarin school and so on. Also, voters on the website and WeChat voted separately for best Kunming attraction and best Yunnan tourist destination. The winners were the Western Hills and Tiger Leaping Gorge on the website, and Western Hills and Lijiang Old Town on WeChat.

Kunming to host 5th China-South Asia Expo

Xiong Yan
Chu Donghua

The fifth China-South Asia Expo will be held from June 12 to 18, 2017 at Kunming Dianchi International Convention and Exhibition Center, Yunnan Province, according to information released at an investment

conference in Kunming. This year's expo will cover 190,000 square meters with more than 80 countries and regions expected to join.

Varied pavilions will be set up, including the South Asia Pavilion, Southeast Asia Pavilion, Overseas Asia Pavilion, Tourism Pavilion, Cultural and Creative Indus-

try Pavilion. During the expo, the China-South Asia Business Forum, the China-Southeast Asia Business Forum, a think tank summit, art festivals and other forums will also be held.

Kunming has hosted four sessions of the expo in the past years.

Yunnan railway sub-center construction underway

Hu Xiaorong

On January 7, Yunnan Railway Sub-Center - the Guangtong-Dali railway Dali East station which is a new controlling

project and Dali Station yard reconstruction began. The Guangtong-Dali railway construction has entered a critical stage of sprint.

With the acceleration of

railway construction projects in Yunnan, Dali will become the second hub of Yunnan railway, connecting Kunming in different directions with Shangri-La, Lincang and Ruili.