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Xi's 'shared future' now a consensus

Chinese President Xi Jinping's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind has become an important international consensus echoed by many countries, organizations and political parties in the past year, according to international relations analysts.

As political leaders including US President Donald Trump are meeting in Davos, Switzerland, to discuss the future of the global economy and politics this week, the proposals raised by Xi during his Swiss trip a year ago remain a positive force to improve global governance



President Xi Jinping takes the podium on the first day of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan 17, 2017. **Xinhua photo**

systems, analysts said.

Xi said that by building

a community with a shared future for mankind, people's lives around the world can be improved, a view that still enlightens political and business leaders at this year's meeting.

On Jan 18, 2017, Xi made a keynote speech at the United Nations Office in Geneva titled *Work Together to Build a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind*, offering China's solutions to cope with global challenges.

"Building a community with a shared future is an exciting goal, and it requires efforts from generation after generation," Xi said. "China

is ready to work with all the other UN member states as well as international organizations and agencies to advance the great cause of building a community with a shared future for mankind."

The president's speech drew strong and positive feedback from the international community. A month later, the Chinese concept of building "a human community with shared destiny" was incorporated into a UN resolution for the first time at the 55th UN Commission for Social Development on Feb 11.

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TWO SESSIONS

Yunnan to focus on clean energy, green food and tourism

"Yunnan will strive to develop the world's first-class 'clean energy' and 'green food' industries, and aims to be a world-class 'destination for healthy life'. These are the three aces for Yunnan to play."

At the opening of the First Session of the 13th Yunnan Provincial People's Congress on January 25, the government work report outlined three ace industries Yunnan will focus on in the coming years. Each of the industries will reach a production value of hundreds of billions yuan.

In the ensuing week, the phrase "three aces" was heatedly debated by deputies of the First Session of the 13th Yunnan Provincial People's Congress, as well as by members of the First Session of the 12th Yunnan Provincial Committee of the CPPCC.

Ding Xingzhong, director of Yunnan Provincial Bureau of Energy, said clean energy will make up 42 percent of the province's energy total by 2020, with an installed capacity of 93 million kilowatts.

"Yunnan's annual production capacity of new energy

vehicles will reach 500,000, with 350 charge stations and 163,000 posts to be built across the province," added Yang Fusheng, director of Yunnan Provincial Industry and Information Technology Commission.

Wang Minzheng, director of Yunnan Provincial Department of Agriculture, specified the green food varieties involve tea, flowers, vegetables, TCM herbs, walnuts, fruit, coffee, edible fungus, and meat.

Yu Fan, director of Yunnan Provincial Tourism Development Commission, noted the province will continue to clean up tourism market with "zero tolerance". And based on the App of "Tour in Yunnan on the phone", Yunnan will develop smart tourism, offering easy and sound service to tourists.

"In the coming five to ten years, Yunnan plans to build up an international health and medicine town, which will serve as a world-class destination for healthy life and medical tourism." Li Malin, director of Yunnan Health and Family Planning Commission, said.

(Yunnan Net)

ECONOMY

86-megawatt Nam Phay hydro-project put into use

The US\$218 million Nam Phay hydropower project in the Lao province of Xaysomboun was officially put into operation on January 22.

"This project is an achievement by both countries, as well as by Norinco International and EDL. We will maintain good relations, increase cooperation and contribute to the economic development of Laos," said Wang Yitong, board chairman of the Norinco International Company of China, the project sponsor.

The success of the project will significantly contribute to the continued growth and development of the country's electricity industry, said Dr Khammany Inthirath, Lao minister of energy and mines.

He added the project will generate revenue, create jobs and enhance the livelihood of people living nearby.

Since the project first got underway in December 2013, the involved Chinese companies have meticulously organized their efforts. A 72-hour trial operation finished in May 2017, and the entire project was cleared for operations June 20, 2017.

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NEWS INPIC



As the Chinese Spring Festival is approaching, the rape flowers start to bloom in east Yunnan's Luoping County. This year, the area of rape flowers reaches 170,000 acres in the county, presenting seas of golden flowers for photographers. **Photo by Yunnan Daily**

PEOPLE

Lao interpreter's happy life at PowerChina

At the cascade hydropower project on the Nam Ou River, there is a handsome young Lao man working as an interpreter for PowerChina Resources Limited. His name is Alex.

Alex joined the Chinese company by chance. In 2013, PowerChina started work on the Nam Ou hydro-project in north Laos, as well as an investigation on resettlement options.

One day, the company's interpreter asked for leave, and it was very difficult for the Chinese resettlement workers to communicate with locals due to the language barrier.

Seeing the dilemma, Alex cut in and asked whether the Chinese workers could speak English. Then, he offered to interpret

English into Laotian. Because he is a local, villagers trusted him more, making communication much easier.

In the process, the Chinese workers noticed his language abilities and the company in turn offered him a position as an interpreter for the Nam Ou projects.

Alex was born in the village of Ban Hat Khip near the dam construction site. Partly due to poverty, he began to live and study at a local temple at the age of ten. He is diligent, clever and studious. Years later, Alex could read Buddhist scripture and had learned English as well.

As a translator, Alex needs to fully participate in the entire process of resettlement work. Due to poor communication in the res-

ervoir areas, he often stayed overnight in local villages, working together with Chinese resettlement workers.

Now, Alex has a beautiful wife and a three-year-old daughter. She is cute and smart. After the resettlement village was built, residents in the reservoir area moved into new and spacious houses much better than their previous shabby homes. Alex and his wife keep their new house clean, neat and warm.

"Working for ChinaPower increased my income and my friends admire me more now," said Alex. He now has a good job, a good mood, a happy family, and above all, a most-wanted life!

By Geng Xingqiang (China Electric Power News)

NEIGHBOR

Chinese consulate-general in Luang Prabang holds reception

The Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Luang Prabang held a Spring Festival, or Chinese lunar new year, reception on January 25.

"At present, China is Lao's second largest trading partner. From January to November 2017, the bilateral trade volume between China and Laos reached 2.6 billion U. dollars, up 27 percent over the same period last year," Chinese consul-general to Luang Prabang Li Baoguang said at the reception.

Noting the friendly ties between the two countries, Li said that China has helped build quite a few hydropower projects, hospitals, highways and schools in Laos, with the goal of increasing the wellbeing of local people.

Senior officials from the Lao provinces of Luang Prabang, Phongsali, Houaphan and Louang Namtha attended the function. Vietnamese diplomats, Chinese business representatives and teachers from Luang Prabang also attended.



A lion dancing at the reception **Photo/Consulate-General**



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