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Chinese president calls for poverty alleviation

Editor's note:

There is still poverty in most developing countries in the world. The achievements China has made in eradicating poverty will be a great encouragement to all developing countries. In the on-going 'Two Sessions' of China, getting rid of poverty is a high-frequency phrase.

Eradicating poverty is also a place for mutual learning between China and India. Starting from this issue, we will launch a series of "Eradicate Poverty" sections to introduce China's (Yunnan's) policy-making, progress, methods and stories in poverty eradication.

Chinese President Xi Jinping joined a panel discussion with the deputies from Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Xi called for more intensive and precise efforts to help villages with a large number of impoverished residents shake



Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, joins a panel discussion with the deputies from Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region at the first session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing, capital of China, March 5, 2018. (Xinhua/Xie Huanchi)

off poverty.

Efforts should focus on issues like industrial development, employment, infrastructure, public services, and healthcare. **The president said the poverty**

alleviation fight should be complemented with China's rural vitalization strategy to improve living conditions of farmers and herdsman.

Efforts should be made to encourage all ethnic

groups to watch out for and help each other and raise awareness of ethnic unity, so that all ethnic groups could be together "like seeds of a pomegranate," he said.

Further Reading:

China to lift over 10 mln people out of poverty in 2018

China will further reduce the poor rural population by over 10 million, including 2.8 million people who are to be relocated from inhospitable areas, Premier Li Keqiang delivers a government work report at the opening meeting of the first session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing on March 5.

Poverty alleviation efforts will be carried on through the development of local industries, education, and healthcare. Li said when delivering a government work report at the annual parliamentary session.

China will do more

to support areas affected by extreme poverty, and the central budget's newly enlarged poverty reduction funds and related transfer payments will be weighted toward these areas.

Li said that China will tailor measures to individuals and individual households to ensure that targeted poor populations, including elderly people, people with disabilities, and people with serious diseases, receive the assistance they need.

The premier promised targeted measures against corruption and misconduct in poverty alleviation.

(Xinhua)

Achievements of China's 'Two Sessions' are worth the wait

During the 'Two Sessions' time, China has aroused great attention from the international community. Overseas media widely believe that the outcome of the 'Two Sessions' is worth looking forward to.

Russia's Trend News Network believes that for those concerned about the China's economy, China's economic growth goals for the next five years have drawn a lot of attention. Under the guidance of high-quality development goals, how to build modern economic system and how to solve the economic, social and livelihood problems that have arisen from the process of development, the answers to these questions can be found in the report on the work of the Chinese government.

The South Korean media focus on new changes the 'Two Sessions' will bring to China's economy. **South Korea's Asian Economy reported that solving the problem of getting out of poverty, environmental pollution and economic risk control are important issues.** China will further step up its efforts to

solve the problems faced in economic development. At the same time, Cambodia's Khmer Daily reported that China's 'Two Sessions' this year have drawn special attention because 2018 is a crucial year for China's development. **Where are the breakthroughs in China's next step of reform? How to set a 'timetable' and a 'road map'? What are the new measures for reform and opening up? All are the expectations from the international community.**

An article published in Singapore's Lianhe Zaobao pointed out that, the number of 'super-rich' representatives and members in the CPC and CPPCC this year has declined, and the industries they are in also changed, which reflects the rapid development of enterprises and the changes in China's economic structure. **The emergence of internet enterprises and high-end manufacturing industries is related to China's increased regulation and control of real estate in recent years and the overall structural reform of the supply side.**

(Economic Daily)

China to take new measures to boost foreign investment

China will take a series of new measures this year to solicit more international investment, Ning Jizhe, deputy head of the National Development and Reform Commission, said during a press conference for the first session of the 13th National People's Congress.

China will greatly relax market access, promote investment facilitation and encourage foreign capital entry in more regions, said Ning.

The negative list approach to market entry, which states sectors and businesses that are off-limits to foreign investment, will be expanded nation-

wide.

China will fully open up its general manufacturing and substantially improve the opening level of the service sector, Ning said.

More favorable policies concerning capital transfer and land use, which are enjoyed by domestic investors, will be given to foreign firms when they invest in China's middle, western and northeastern regions, Ning said.

International direct investment in the Chinese mainland hit 131 billion U.S. dollars last year.

(Xinhua)

Group of 50 wild elephants spotted in Yunnan

A group of more than 50 wild Asian elephants have been spotted in a nature reserve in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Of the elephant group, seven were cubs, with the youngest only about two-weeks old, according to a wild Asian elephant observing group based in the Wild Elephant Valley in Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve.

They were spotted Saturday in the valley, which boasts sufficient water and plants and is a natural passage for a variety of animals.

Adult Asian elephants have just entered mating season and their peak period for births. Wild Asian elephants are often spotted



Recently, more wild elephants are observed in Xishuangbanna, southwest China's Yunnan Province (File Photo)

there, but it is rare to see them in such large numbers, according to the group.

Wild Asian elephants, with a population of about

300 in China, are under Class A protection. In China, they are mainly scattered in Yunnan.

With stronger environ-

mental and wildlife protection efforts, the number of wild Asian elephants in China has grown in recent years.

(China.org.cn)



Tourists are enjoying the scene of cherry blossoms at Yuantongshan Park in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, March 6, 2018. The cherry blossoms at Kunming's Yuantongshan Park are a popular spring attraction for locals and tourists alike.

(Photo by Xinhua/Lin Yiguang)

YN police help Indian students back to school

On the 27th of February, a thank-you-note, signed by 11 Indian students, was sent to the Exit-Entry Administration Division of Fuyuan County Police Station, Qujing City, Yunnan Province. These 11 Indian students are from Guizhou Medical University. On

February 24, they arrived in Kunming by plane from India and rented a car to go back to their school. When they arrived at the Qujing Fuyuan toll station, they were stuck there because of their disagreement on car rental with the driver.

The 11 Indian students

immediately sought help from the Highway Traffic Police on duty. In order to quickly understand the situation, the police communicated with them through mobile phone translation software and gestures.

Police officers let them to rest in the station while

verifying their identification. After that, the police promptly helped them contact a rental car company. At about 21:00, a bus arrived at the toll station entrance and they finally were able to embark on their road back to school.

(Zhao Gang)

CRM wins the bid to supply steel to China-Laos railway line



China Railway Materials Company Limited (CRM) was recently recognized as the steel-rail supplier of the China-Laos Railway.

This will include manufacturing sections of the 508-kilometre Chinese section of the line stretching from Yuxi to Mohan, as well as the 418-kilometre Lao section from Boten to Vientiane.

To be a good steel-rail supplier to the China-Laos line, CRM took Lao conditions on the ground into consideration. Based on its experience in Kenya, Argentina, Pakistan and Vietnam, the company selected a supply proposal focusing on easier access and lower costs among three proposed

options. The selected proposal was accepted and recognized by experts from both countries.

The China-Laos Railway is a landmark project for the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as a showcase of China's global railway-building efforts.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the project was held in December 2015, and construction of the entire route commenced in December 2016.

(Economic Information Daily)

First smart restroom appears at Kunming

The first smart restroom that is operated by "5A smart toilet management system" has started operation late February at the Kunming Expo Park. It is also the first smart restroom that can display occupancy information in Yunnan Province.

It is reported that the intelligent restroom is located at the Hundred Birds Park. It covers an area of 445 square meters, with conventional restrooms and a unisex restroom, equipped with lavatory handrails for the elderly and disabled, a barrier-free ramp, hanging hooks, hand dryers, baby care equipment and other facilities. The toilet combines internet with linked sensors, wireless communications, intelligent security and other advanced technology designed for

the city public toilets management system. On the electronic display board on the outside wall of the toilet, tourists can clearly see the distribution and occupation of the male, female and third toilet, as well as the toilet's daily use information and weather reports and air quality as well. The restroom also provides emergency call service. Help will be provided within one minute after pressing the call bell.

Using relevant mobile phone software or small programs, visitors can be guided to a nearby restroom by pressing a key button, and will also know the current availability, occupancy and air quality of the toilet. Complaints and suggestions can also be submitted for toilet problems. (Zhuhai)

YN launches integrated SPSS

The Yunnan Integrated Satellite Positioning Service System officially went into use the other day. Professional users and others authorized to utilize the network can use receiving equipment to achieve rapid positioning that is accurate to the centimetre and even the millimetre.

As a continuous operation reference station system based on satellite

positioning and digital communication technologies, the system is compatible with China's Beidou system, GPS technology from the United States, the Russian GLONASS system and other satellite navigation networks. It can provide high-precision and mid-precision navigation and positioning services for Yunnan province and its surrounding areas.

(Yunnan Daily)

'Asian Flower Capital' launches new tourism model



Dounan Flower Market becomes a new tourist center in the capital city Kunming of Yunnan (File Photo)

On the 18th of February, the reporter came to the Dounan Flower Market located in the Chenggong new district, and saw many visitors here. They were smiling like flowers and forming a picture of flowers welcoming the spring, permeated with a thick auspicious festival atmosphere.

Mr. Yang, from Chongqing, came here early with his family. They

learned about the Dounan Flower Market from the internet and wanted to see the pomp. They said that there are many varieties of flowers here that are inexpensive, sold by the kilo, beautiful and fragrant. They are overjoyed.

A flower business woman, Ms. Li, told the reporter that after the opening of the high-speed railway, more people come from other provinces to see

and buy flowers. During Spring Festival, most people were from Shanghai, Guangdong, Beijing and Chongqing. They normally choose to come to the flower market to buy some flowers when they are leaving Kunming. They also send flower pictures to their friends and help them to buy some, using this way to send their blessings in the spring.

Now Dounan is named a 'Flower Capital of Asia' and Dounan Flower Market has developed into the largest fresh cut flower market in China and even in Asia. Through the on-site auction, domestic and international flower businessmen share the "Dounan Flower Feast" with the world.

Data shows that over 80% of Yunnan's fresh cut flowers, and flowers from the surrounding provinces are being traded here, accounting for 70% of the

market share distributed over 80 large and medium-sized cities in China, exporting to 46 countries and regions. The trade volume, turnover, cash flow, people flow and exports of Dounan Flower Market have ranked first in China for more than 10 consecutive years. Every day ten thousand people come and trade, with a daily cash flow of about 10 million yuan, the peak season will reach 20 million yuan. It is worth mentioning that the opening of high-speed rail, the convenient subway lines and shorter distance to Kunming South Station, have accelerated the promotion of Dounan Flower Market to become a new tourist center. The 'Dounan new tourism model', namely, the process of flower appreciating, buying and tasting, and pomp viewing is forming gradually.

(Li Hongfeng)