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The implementing details for the “Thousand Talents Programme” of Yunnan Province were issued recently. Also known as the Yunnan Recruitment Program of Global Experts, the project is highly regarded by quite a few foreign experts working in Yunnan.

As a high-end talents introduction programme, the “Thousand Talents Programme” will undoubtedly provide job opportunities for international applicants while benefiting local companies and industries. This, in turn, will help the overall development of Yunnan, said Zeng Xianhua, general manager of Yuxi Zerun Biotechnology Company. Zeng comes from the United States. Beginning his work in Yunnan in 2016, Zeng Xianhua has been listed as a high-end foreign expert.

“Agriculture is of special importance to Yunnan. The “Thousand Talents Programme” identifies modern agriculture as a key development area, which will help blaze new fields of study for researchers and better put into practice their research achievements,” Li Dongxuan, an agricultural expert from South Korea, said he conducts rice research at Yunnan Agricultural University. He has been working in Yunnan for more than ten years and won various scientific awards given to foreign experts.

“The programme reflects strong talent awareness in Yunnan Province,” said Yang Hongyi. He taught at Bath Spa University in the United Kingdom for more than 20 years, and now works at Southwest Forestry University in Kunming. Yang believes that through the implementation of the “Thousand Talents Programme”, a new overseas talent development system will be created. At the same time, the programme will also have a positive impact on Yunnan in building innovative talent teams and optimizing the environment for future development.

By Han Chengyuan and Liu Ziyu (Yunnan Daily)

FOREIGNERS IN YUNNAN

Ksenia: Yunnan culture is part of my life

Having lived in Yunnan for three years, Kseniia Kseniia from Ukraine describes herself as an authentic Yunnan girl, despite not eating chili pepper. For her, the ethnic culture in Yunnan has become a part of her life.

Kseniia Kseniia is a graduate student majoring in tourism management in the Southwest Forestry University in Kunming, capital city of Yunnan Province. And she has her understanding to the province. “I think there is an invisible frame in studying tourism in Yunnan.” Through her study, Kseniia found that Yunnan is abundant in both natural and cultural resources.

When she visited Puzhehei in southeast Yunnan’s Wenshan Prefecture, it was the blooming season of lotus flowers and local people picked lotus flowers, leaves, seeds and stems to cook all kinds of dishes. “I never tried lotus before, so it was surprising to see that 90 percent of the dishes were made of lotus. It was a feast for eyes and mouth,” Kseniia said.

During her trips to west Yunnan’s Dehong Dai and Jinghong Autonomous Prefecture and south Yunnan’s Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, she learned paper cutting and elephant foot drum dance from the locals. And she was more than happy when she was invited to be a bridesmaid in an ethnic wedding ceremony. “I like the clothes of the Dai people. And the wedding gave me a deeper understanding of their customs,” she said.

“Now, Yunnan ethnic culture is not only my research interest, but also a very important part of my life,” Kseniia said.

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NEIGHBOUR

Tunneling on China-Laos railway goes smoothly

The construction of cross-border Friendship Tunnel on China-Laos railway is proceeding rapidly. China Railway No. 2 Group Co., Ltd, which is responsible for construction of the northernmost and southernmost sections of China-Laos railway, is boring the China-Laos Friendship Tunnel from each side.

The tunnel, with the total length of 9,595 meters, is divided into two parts, 1,770 meters in the Chinese side and 2,425 meters in the Lao side.

The entrance to the tunnel on the Lao side had been completely finished, and the workers were planting shrubs and flowers on some 50-meter-long side slopes, Wang said. “The construction is proceeding smoothly, with quality, safety, and time schedule of the work under control,” Wang said. “We have confidence in achieving a model project.” Wang said.

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