



KEY WORDS TO UNDERSTANDING CHINA

Book contributes China's solutions to global tests

BY WANG MINGJIE

It is all the more important for China to push globalization forward at a time when the world is becoming more unpredictable, a former prime minister of Italy said at the launch of the second volume of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China* in nine languages.

Speaking at the ceremony in London on April 11, Mario Monti said President Xi Jinping's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind is crucial now when the United States is resorting to unilateralism and protectionism.

"To have a national leader but also a global leader like President Xi Jinping presenting his vision for the very long term, exactly the opposite of facing unpredictability, is very important," he said. "I think it's normal that each national leader tries to pursue first the interest of his or her own country, but the problem is that we should be mature enough to understand that even the largest of the countries these days can't lead in a sustainable way, unless this is a part of the cohesive and harmonious growth of



The launch ceremony (Xinhua)

the international system." **Versions of Xi's book in traditional Chinese characters, English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Arabic and Portuguese were unveiled in the presence of 300 political, business, academic, and publishing industry leaders from 14 countries.** The new book follows the successful publication of the first volume, which was pro-

duced in 2014 and is available in 24 languages. As part of the launch, a seminar themed "China in the New Era" was held on the same day, offering a platform for scholars to discuss two key concepts proposed by Xi — Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Jiang Jianguo, minister of

the Chinese State Council Information Office, said the concepts contribute China's solutions to the issues facing the world. "We should have an open mind and seek common ground while shelving our differences, and work together to build a community with a shared future for mankind," he added. And global scholars and political leaders also praised the book and China's commitment to globalization at a time when the

West is turning inward.

Martin Jacques, author of *When China Rules the World*, said: "The West has kind of lost the plot and is blighted by decay and decline. The world needs a new vision and sense of direction. In a remarkable fashion, China has stepped forward with a new idea of the future. The concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind offered by China is fundamental to a world which is being transformed by globalization."

Nick Clegg, former deputy prime minister of the UK, said the role of China is of "axiomatic and fundamental importance", both to the future of China and the world, because a number of Western democracies are enduring a period of disruption and introversion.

Felipe Gonzalez, a former prime minister of Spain, said: "China is continuing to open up and is looking for shared interests. Globalization is a positive for the whole of mankind and I hope China can become a stabilizing force. We should have rules that are consented by all of us, so that building a community with a shared future for mankind can become a reality." (China Daily)

VOICE

Less tariffs, more imports: China's push for further globalization

Chinese President Xi Jinping told the Boao Forum for Asia that China will significantly lower import tariffs for vehicles and reduce import tariffs for some other products this year.

Xi's speech was highly valued by several experts, particularly his proposal to create a more attractive investment environment, reduce tariffs and expand imports.

Professor Liu Baocheng, lecturer at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, said Xi's speech is a regeneration of China's opening-up policy, and Xi is providing the world with new perspectives.

"All through the speech, China has delivered a message to the world that China has a commitment to the WTO," said Liu.

Laurence Brahm, founding director of Himalayan Consensus, told that he felt the speech indicates that China will take on more global leadership by continuing opening-up. He pointed out that China is well prepared to take on global leadership

because of its opening-up policy.

Brahm went on to assert that protectionism has again become a growing trend across the world. Brexit and US President Donald Trump's trade policies are a reflection of this trend.

China, however, is committed to maintain its goal of opening up to the world, and contributing to globalization, which is beneficial to mankind. Therefore, the global community is happy to see that China has taken on global leadership in the new era.

Wang Huiyao, president of the Center for China and Globalization asserts that globalization is beneficial to both China and the world. China will continue opening-up and push forward globalization by reducing tariffs and expanding imports. In a world where protectionism is becoming very popular, China has recognized that globalization will bring benefits to people across the world. People not only in China, but from other regions, are beneficiaries of globalization. (Abridged from CGTN)

EXCHANGE

Laotian and Bangladeshi training sessions kick off in Kunming

BY LIU ZIYU

The opening ceremonies for the 2018 Bangladesh Public Management Seminar and the 2018 Laos Primary and Secondary School Teachers Seminar, were recently held in Kunming. The seminars are sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and organized by the Yunnan International Economic and Technological Exchange Centre.

The two seminars represent this year's first two foreign-aid training programmes organized by the Yunnan International Economic and Technical Exchange Centre. A total of 48 officials from Bangladesh and Laos attended. The training programmes invited experts and scholars from the Chinese government, universities and educational professionals to explain the achievements of China's economic development, as well as elucidate the experiences gained in the field of educational public management and research. Experts and scholars also plan to interpret hot topics in related fields.

This year, 27 foreign aid training programmes will be sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, organized by the Yunnan International Economic and Technical Exchange Centre. The programmes are expected to train 631 participants.

Accordingly, the Yunnan International Economic and Technological Exchange Centre has trained 1,129 officials from 67 countries. The content of trainings covered economy and trade, infrastructure construction, agriculture, border inspection and finance.

HIGH-TECH



This year, Kunming Changshui International Airport introduced a group of Cruz robots. Standing at 1.2 metres tall and "dressed" in white skirts, the robots provide passengers with information, guided tourism options and other services. The Cruz robots are produced by UBTECH (Kunming) Robotics Corporation which has sold more than 10,000 automatons. They have now been deployed in China's new retail, government affairs halls, hotels, exhibition centres and other places. Photo by Zhang Tong

ERADICATE POVERTY & ACHIEVE COMMON PROSPERITY

Up and Out of Poverty goes digital in English and French

English and French editions of the book *Up and Out of Poverty* have been translated and published by the Chinese Foreign Language Press. Copies became available to Chinese and foreign readers in digital form on April 9 on Amazon.cn, Overdrive.com, Cnpreading.com, and Zhangyue.com.

Up and Out of Poverty is

authored by Chinese President Xi Jinping. It is a collection of 29 speeches and research reports Xi wrote when he served as secretary of the Ningde Prefectural Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) between 1988 and 1990. It also contains ten valuable photos. In the book's passages, Xi considers methods to shake off

poverty and promote economic development in east Fujian Province. He also proposes a series of systems, concepts, opinions and methods to address major social and economic problems. These ideas cover economic, political, cultural, social and ecological progress and Party building. The book is insightful, approachable and of

high theoretical value.

The paperback edition of the book *Up and Out of Poverty* was translated into English and French and published by the Foreign Language Press. Since its release in August 2017, the it has received extensive attention and praise from the international community. (Xinhua)

Poverty-stricken village finds key to prosperity



A Xinzhai villager picks coffee beans. Online photo

BY LI HENGQIANG

Although suitable for planting coffee, Xinzhai Village in western

Yunnan was once in deep poverty. Thanks to its advantageous natural conditions and the strong leadership of the local government, the village

now finds one key to prosperity and it is its position as the 'Number 1 Coffee Planting Village' in China. Located in Yunnan's Baoshan City, Xinzhai Village sits in the Lujiangba Valley near the banks of the Nu River. With copious amounts of sunshine and a long frost-free season, the Lujiangba Valley boasts good conditions for planting coffee and has been a main source of beans in Yunnan for some time. However, because of poor infrastructure and the lack of advanced coffee-planting methods, Xinzhai villagers were blocked from development in the past.

To promote the development of Xinzhai and lift poor people there out of poverty, the local government

has improved infrastructures and sent skilled coffee-planting technicians to the village. Now, everyone is growing the same variety of coffee using advanced planting and processing technology. It appears the villagers have found the key to becoming rich. Besides planting coffee, they have also blazed another development path — tourism. Locals are currently transforming the village into a tourist destination featuring local flavour. Now, there are various tourist spots, like the coffee museum and the coffee cultural plaza. Since 2015, the village has held several coffee-related festivals and sports events and has received an increasing number of tourists.

EXPO

Yunnan gears up for 5th China-South Asia Expo

BY WANG SHIXUE

Preparatory and organizational work surrounding the 5th China-South Asia Expo, and the 25th China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair, were carried out in a firm and orderly manner, Yunnan governor Ruan Chengfa said on April 10.

Ruan made his comments during a teleconference held in Yunnan's capital city, Kunming. The call was broadcast live to sub-venues across the province. "At present, preparations for the expo have entered the sprint-to-the-finish phase," said Ruan

To make this year's expo a greater success, the governor made a four-point proposal at the meeting. First, he suggested, operators must adopt novel ideas, operational methods and

accepted conference modes. By doing so, he explained, the expo will be more professional, market-oriented and full of smart digital services.

The second proposal is to show Yunnan's sincerity and opening up to the world by doing a good job in terms of international customs clearances, expo layout, reception and volunteering. Ruan's third idea is to make the expo better serve Yunnan's socio-economic development while identifying overseas commodities and services that could conduce mutual benefits to Yunnan-based companies and industries.

The governor also called for enhancing the influence of the exhibition. The expo is intended to help Yunnan become a new pivot point in China's opening up to the regions of South and Southeast Asia.

TOURISM

Lijiang on 'Best Destinations in China' list



Lijiang old town and the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (xinhua)

BY LI HENGQIANG

TripAdvisor, the travel planning and booking site, recently released Best Destinations in the World — Travellers' Choice Awards 2018. Lijiang became a winner of Best Destinations in China — Travellers' Choice Awards 2018 for the first time, ranking eighth on the list.

The 'Best Destinations in the World — Travellers' Choice Awards' are based on TripAdvisor users ratings and comments on hotels, restaurants and attractions. Booking sta-

tistics from the past 12 months also figured in the rankings. The list objectively reflects the popularity of major travel destinations around the world. Lijiang stands out from other destinations for its profound and diverse historical and cultural heritage, fascinating scenery and the in-depth experience it offers tourists.

The winners of Best Destinations in China — Travellers' Choice Awards 2018 are, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Macau, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Xi'an, Lijiang, Hangzhou and Suzhou.