China, Thailand to boost cross-border trade, e-commerce

BY XINHUA

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LMC Special Fund to Thailand

China offered 1.7 million U.S. dollars from the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) Special Fund to Thailand in April to boost cross-border economy and trade, business exchange and e-commerce.

The Chinese Ambassador to Thailand Lyu Jian and Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, Sontirat Sontijirawong signed the cooperation agreement on the LMC Special Fund projects in April.

China initiated the LMC Special Fund during the first LMC Leaders’ meeting in Sanya of China’s southern Hainan province in March 2016 with the aim of supporting the small and medium-sized cooperation projects put forward by the six Lancang-Mekong countries.

The six Lancang-Mekong countries include China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Lyu said during the signing ceremony, “Our six countries have launched a joint programme to build an LMC special fund. This is a very significant move and a very important step to boost our cross-border development.”

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The Guinness World Records named the Samahita terraced fields in southeast Yunnan’s Honghe County the biggest contiguous Hani terraced fields in China. The Honghe County is under the jurisdiction of Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture. The magnificent and renowned Hani terraced fields were inscribed into the list of UNESCO world cultural heritage sites in 2013. Dubbed a model of agriculture civilization, the Honghe Hani terraced fields represent an integrated agriculture system that has evolved over centuries.

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At the kickoff ceremony for the 2018 Yunnan Province Intellectual Property Publicity Week, it was announced that since 2008, Yunnan has actively promoted the implementation of its intellectual property strategy, resulting in a significant increase in intellectual property creation, protection, application, and service capabilities increasing significantly.

The province’s intellectual property business has entered a new development period.

In 2017, there were 28,695 patent applications in the province and 233 trademarks were authorized. The number of invention patents per 10,000 population is 2.2, showing that the quality of invention patent and protection improvement was steadily improved.

According to the head of the Yunnan Provincial Intellectual Property Office, the number of patent applications and authorizations in Yunnan has maintained a good growth trend since the implementation of its intelligent property strategy. The number of applications has grown significantly.

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The number of applications has grown significantly. 8 percent, and the authorized number has increased at an average annual rate of 23 percent. The average growth rate is 25 percent, the quantity and quality of patents have increased significantly; the number of valid registered trademarks has increased sixfold; well-known Chinese trademarks have increased 15-fold; famous Yunnan trademarks have nearly doubled; geographical indication marks have increased 13-fold, and enterprises have registered over 100 thousand trademark applications through the Yunnan trademark office.

As of 2017, the total number of registered trademarks in Yunnan has reached to nearly 100,000, with ranking 18th in the country. The number of products protected by geographical indications reached 49, ranking 20th in the country. The cumulative number of new varieties of plants released by high-end modern agriculture such as flowers increased by 8.6 times over 10 years, and the number of newly authorized plant varieties ranked third in the country.