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ELIMINATING POVERTY

Poverty-stricken village benefits from eco-conservation



A Gaobudeng villager harvests the walnut. **Online photo**

The Gaobudeng Village is located in Nujiang's Lanping County in northwest Yunnan. In the 1980s, the villagers were less aware of the importance of environmental protection, deforestation and mudslides were resulted.

At the beginning of the 1990s, the village forest was divided into two functional parts, one for preservation and forestation, the other for grazing and firewood. Two rangers had been hired to patrol the preservation areas. A

consensus was then reached among the villagers: **a good ecological environment is the key to poverty reduction and would bring concrete benefits.**

Now in the Gaobudeng, the walnut and prickly ash trees have grown into forests and begin to bear fruit. The villager also became richer and richer. Last year, the average per capita net income of villagers reached 6,000 yuan, about half of which came from the economic forest.

(People's Daily)

ECOLOGY

President vows battle against pollution

Chinese President Xi Jinping said the country will fight a good battle against pollution and push ecological civilization to a new level during a tone-setting meeting on environmental protection ending May 19.

China will push for coordination between economic and social development and ecological civilization, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military

Commission, said when addressing the two-day national conference.

Xi said the country will channel more energy into promoting ecological civilization and resolving environmental problems, backed by the political advantages of the centralized and unified leadership of the CPC and the socialist system, as well as the achievements made during the 40 years of reform and opening-up.

Building an ecological civilization is of funda-

mental importance for the sustainable development of the Chinese nation, Xi said, noting that a great deal of work has been done since the 18th CPC National Congress to bring profound and historical changes regarding ecological and environment protection.

China has started to conduct central environmental inspections, carried out guidelines to control air, water and soil pollution, published its own plans to realize the 2030 Agenda

for Sustainable Development, and is implementing a national plan to tackle the climate change.

The building of ecological civilization has entered a critical period, a period that requires more quality ecological goods to meet people's ever-growing demands for a beautiful environment, and a period when China is capable of addressing prominent ecological and environment issues, he said.

(Xinhua)

Cucurbit-flute festival and contest to start in Lianghe



A Lianghe band perform the cucurbit flute. **Photo provided to Yunnan Daily**

The 2018 China•Lianghe International Cucurbit-Flute Culture & Tourism Festival will be held in Lianghe County, southwest Yunnan's Dehong Prefecture, from August 8 to 20.

During the festival, cucurbit-flute masters from China and its neighboring countries will gather in the "home of cucurbit-flute (hulusi)" and a flute-playing competition will also be held concurrently.

Contestants will be

grouped as per their ages, involving 11 competition groups for children, teenagers, youths, the mid-aged, and seniors.

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