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Yunnan improves railway network to accelerate linking to the world

The 29-year-old Li Zhao-gen has been working for 6 years as a train driver of China Railway Kunming Bureau Group Kunming locomotive depot Kunming West application workshop. He has driven the China-Europe train many times. With the joint efforts of his colleagues, Yunnan coffee, tea and mung beans, as well as Europe's apple juice, black currant juice and brandy made their way through China-Europe trains.

Li Zhao-gen said that there has been a clear sense of heavier rail freight traffic between Yunnan and foreign countries since 2016, especially since last year.

The Kunming Dong Station is like a heart of Yunnan railway and also a center for goods exchanges and distribution to South and Southeast Asia. The flow of traffic in and out of Yunnan is like blood

flowing here, that's why the safety and efficiency of transport organizations is particularly important.

In recent years, the demand of railway transportation has been increasing and requests higher standards of railway station's arranging and processing capacity. An uplink automated hump has been built at Kunming Dong Station and the freight train routes have been increased from 48 to 98, which can realize the delicacy marshalling of vehicles of various types of goods at different stations. Passenger trains from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou to and from Kunming via Shanghai-Kunming railway and Nanning-Kunming railway can bypass Kunming Dong Railway station and directly enter Kunming Railway Station to realize the diversion of passenger and cargo trains and reduce the travel time significantly.

The optimized operation mode of railway transportation is more efficient. This is the feeling of Chen Xianghua, a train inspector of China Railway Kunming Bureau Group North Kunming Section Kundong Application Workshop, which is a "4S maintenance factory" for trains. He said that freight train inspection used to be rely on eyes and hands. In 2010, testing failure dynamic system (TFDS) and remote centralized monitoring platform were put into use. In the new system, through high-speed rail camera, the image of trains in operation is transmitted to a room for inspectors to check and an outdoor inspection will be arranged for malfunctions found out in the image observation. This greatly reduced the time of freight maintenance.

Now, the main project of the China-Laos Inter-

national Channel, Yumo railway Yanhe station is basically completed, and other ancillary projects are in full swing. The station is expected to be put into operation within the year, which will be the first operational large freight station of the whole China-Laos railway. For the China-Vietnam railway, by taking advantage of its transportation capacity, Yunnan province innovatively developed four kinds of cross-border railway transportation products, namely meter-gauge direct transit, meter-gauge railway upgrading, container international transport and road and rail combined transport. The railway traffic volume of Hekou port has increased from 9,800 ton in 2013 to more than 3 million tons in 2017. The traffic volume keeps increasing this year as well. (Liu Ziyu)



The high-speed railway departures from Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan (Photo by Li Hengqiang)

The first over 2km single tunnel of China-Laos railway completed

The first over 2 km single line tunnel of the China-Laos Yumo railway was completed successfully on September 16, laying a solid foundation for the whole railway.

Shanggang No.2 Tunnel is located in Mengla County with 2,195 meters long. It is a single line tunnel with a designed speed at 160 km per hour. The tunnel is of low-mountain denudation

landform with the topography undulating and a maximum depth of 320 meters. Yumo railway construction is a piece of "hard bone" because large machinery is difficult to play a role in the narrow tunnel and slow and inefficiency excavation of the tunnel due to its geological complexity. A series of measures has been taken to "bite the hard bone" to ensure a steady progress of the railway building. (Hu Xiaorong)

India-China Business Seminar brings opportunities

The 8th India-China Business Seminar was held in Guiyang, Guizhou province on Sept. 10. Representatives for big data and infrastructure construction from India and China discussed investment opportunities in Guizhou, India.

A deepening cooperation between India and Guizhou has been observable in recent years. Guizhou has signed a series of cooperation agreements with India since 2015, promoting the establishment of a China-India IT Industrial Park in Guian New Area.

According to Gautam Bambawale, Indian ambassador to China, information technology and services in India took in \$164 billion last year, including an export value of \$120 billion.

Taking a leap of faith and hoping Guizhou would become China's primary

data center, India started the India-Guizhou Information Technology Corridor project this May, which reveals the close cooperation between IT companies in India and Guizhou. The project is expected to boost the global competitiveness of Guizhou companies.

India possesses the world's largest crude oil refinery, as well as abundant petroleum and diamond resources. Being the first area to receive petroleum, chemical, and petrochemical investment, Gujarat has a developing area of 453 square meters.

Gujarat is willing to provide business opportunities, preferential policies, and labor for foreign companies, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), said Mukesh Puri, principal secretary of Gujarat. (China Daily)

Yunnan cooperates with Alibaba to sell local products

The first Yunnan-Alibaba rural poverty-alleviation conference and green food brands summit was held in Kunming on September 14.

It is reported that Yunnan Province and Alibaba has jointly established 26 poverty alleviation stations so far, including 11 poverty counties. Initial results are achieved in cooperation on rural poverty alleviation by the two parties. During a project launched online on September 5 through 10, nearly 11 million yuan of Yunnan agricultural products were sold.

Through co-construction with local governments, Alibaba's rural poverty alleviation project has found more high-quality agricultural products with characteristics, promoted the development of the agricultural products and helped improved their quality and services. The project adopt-

ed a method of enterprises' free admission with the government endorsement by using Alibaba's online and offline resources.

Yunnan is one of the first provinces that set up online shops at Taobao for its rural products. Statistics showed that Ali set up 34 county-level and 1,426 village-level service centers in Yunnan, serving 3,526 administrative villages with nearly 6 million people. The average daily trade volume of the administrative villages is 23.3 orders with an average monthly income of over 3000 yuan for individual seller.

The agricultural products such as Yuanyang red rice, Zhefang tribute rice, Yongsheng pomegranate, Puer tea and Changning black tea have further established agricultural products brands in Yunnan and effectively increased the farmers' income. (Han Chengyuan)



Villagers in Southwest China's Yunnan Province held various activities to celebrate the harvest of the country's first Farmers' Harvest Festival, which falls on Sept. 23 this year. At the sour papaya planting base of Dahuotang Village, Zhenkang County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province, branches were covered with red papayas, and the joy of harvest filled the farmers' faces. The field of sour papaya in Mangbing Town is 208 mu. According to the previous harvest and current market prices, farmers will have a good profit this year. (Photo by Luo Rongchao)

Diqing inheritor (3): Larong Xiaoba draws in visitors with black pottery



Larong Xiaoba is making the cup of black pottery (Photo by Li Wenjun)

"Wow, it smells great!" In a Tibetan kitchen full of aroma, visitors were admiring the Nixi native chicken stewed in a black pottery pot. The delicacy is coupled with matsutakes picked from the mountains in the morning.

On the evening of August 27, a tourist group from afar paid a special visit to Nishi Township, 30 kilometers away from the government seat of Diqing's Shangri-La City in northwest Yunnan.

Larong has been familiar with black pottery since his childhood. 2 years ago, he returned to the village after graduating from the Yunnan Minzu University as a major in Tibetan Language and Literature. He followed his father's steps and worked for the home business. Now, he can do all the 38 steps.

Larong showed the visitors his black-pottery wares

one by one, coupled with detailed instructions on the craft.

To finish a black-pottery cup, ten plus tools and 7 steps within 2 weeks are needed. As for making a black-pottery pot, it is necessary to have more tools and go through more steps.

Larong Xiaoba's mastery in the clay art is largely attributed to his family influence. However, the university graduate will not limit himself to the traditional black-pottery field of his forefathers. Based on the craft, he wants to try something new.

Now black pottery is a lifestyle in Nixi Township. Of the 170 plus households of villagers in the Tangdai village, over 140 are engaged in black-pottery making. The 3,000-year cultural heritage has come back to life. (Zhang Ruogu, Xiong Yan, Chu Donghua)

Kunming-Haiphong int'l coach service in trial operation

Two coaches and three cars reached Kunming, Yunnan Province on September 18, after a 10-hour trip that started from the Vietnamese coastal city of Haiphong and covered

a distance of 780 kilometers.

On the morning of September 19, a reception was held at Kunming South Coach Station to welcome the passengers from afar. The trial

operation was jointly organized by transport authorities and businesses from China and Vietnam.

In recent years, Yunnan has seen closer connectivity

with the neighboring countries. So far, Yunnan has opened 28 international coach routes, including 19 China-Laos lines and 9 Sino-Vietnamese ones. (Yunnan Gateway)

Bangladeshi students appreciate the traditional culture of Yunnan

On September 10 to 12, 150 students of the 2018 Bangladeshi Youth Exchange Camp experienced traditional Chinese culture and admired the beautiful scenery in Jianshui County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province.

"We need to help each other."

"Wow! Did Confucius wear the same clothes as they do?" "Did Confucius live here?" On the morning of September 11, students visited the Confucius Temple in Jianshui. From the gate to the school, they kept on taking photos by their phones and cameras to record the architectural features and customs. They also raised a host of curious questions.

While visiting the Confucius temple, students listened to lectures on traditional Chinese culture and Guqin performance, learned about Chinese Confucian classics and experienced the making of

rubblings. "Chinese language is interesting. I like Chinese paintings and calligraphy." After learning Chinese etiquette, Bangladeshi student NurAli posed for a group photo with her friends.

In Jianshui, the students listened Jianshui minor, learned Jianshui dialect and visited Zhu's Garden.

"I bought two notebooks. One is for my 70-year-old aunt who is learning Chinese. One is for myself. There are some explanations of Chinese idioms in the notebook." Md. Ashiqur Rahman came from the North and South University in Bangladesh and bought two notebooks. The price of 100 yuan each was not cheap for him, but he felt it was worth it.

AHSANA NASREEN HOQUE ANGONA is a student of Dhaka University and was attracted by Jianshui pottery. "I am a student major in fine arts.



Bangladeshi student is making of rubbings in Yunnan (Photo by Guanxi Ruyi)

I am very interested in Chinese ink painting. I am learning Chinese on-line and hope I can study in China in the future."

The opening ceremony of the 2018 Bangladeshi Youth Exchange Camp was held at the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh on August 30. The exchange camp project was implemented by Yunnan University and the Con-

fucius Institute at North and South University in Bangladesh. The members of the exchange camp are outstanding students from Dhaka University, North and South University and Shandu Mariam Broadcasts Confucius Classroom, as well as those recommended by Bangladeshi government, military, business and media. (Guanxi Ruyi)

Kunming rated as China's best summer resort

Kunming has been ranked as the best summer resort for the 4th consecutive year in the annual report released by China Tourism Academy this year.

According to the statistics, 43 million holiday-makers visited the Yunnan provincial capital city from June to August. The number is 11.98 percent higher than that a year earlier. These visitors contributed some 60.9 billion yuan in revenue to the city, marking a 36.55 percent increase compared

with the same period last year.

The travelers showed great interest in the newly opened scenic spots and recreation facilities in Kunming, like the ecological wetland parks and hot springs. Based on the pleasant weather and ecological conditions, local travel agencies have carved out a niche, bringing recreational travel, family trip and high-end products to numerous tourists. (Wang Huan)



Tourists are playing dragon boat in Dianchi Lake, Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan (Photo by WangHuan)

Story of Xichou (4): Conquer the stony desertification for a better future

Editor's note: Located in southeast Yunnan's Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Xichou County covers an area of 1,506 square kilometers. However, 75.4% of its land belongs to the exposed and semi-naked karst mountainous areas. This makes Xichou one of the areas facing the most severe rocky desertification in China.

Luxuriant trees, bumper crops, livable environment... behind these impressions Xichou give us, there is a victory achieved by locals in the fight against stony desertification. In Sanguang Village, the barren mountains and land resulted in poverty in the past, posing challenges for local people such as difficulties for gorn-up female villagers to find wives. To conquer the stony desertification and twist the fate of the village, every household participated in the land reclamation. With

the help of drills, diggers, carrying poles and bamboo baskets, they removed the rocks and built new terraced fields. "We turned stony fields into arable land. And now my family can even rent some of them out," said Li Youneng, a local villager. Guided by the philosophy of that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets, Xichou people also focus on improving the eco-environment. Jianglong Village is an example. Through years of hard work, the locals have increased the forest coverage rate from 32% to 80.4% in the village. Better living environment leads to a better future. Xichou villagers can now earn their incomes through more ways such as raising pigs, developing transport business or working outside. As they are concerning more about the protection of environment, their villages have become more beautiful and prosperous. (Yunnan Daily)