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FOCUS

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visits Yunnan

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Chen Hao, Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee, talked with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (Photo by Huang Zhechun)

Chen Hao, Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee, met with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

in Kunming on July 23. Chen Hao welcomed the delegation headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri

Sirindhorn and gave a briefing on the economic and social development of Yunnan province. He said that under the guidance of Xi Jinping's socialist ideology with Chinese characteristics in the new era, Yunnan had spared no effort in the fight against poverty and in building a moderately prosperous society in all aspects to ensure vigorous progress in economic and social development. The bilateral exchanges and cooperation have shown good momentum in trade, tourism, friendly cities, industry and culture with broad prospects for deepening cooperation.

Chen Hao said that Princess Sirindhorn had long been committed to promoting China-Thailand friendship and practical

cooperation and was a well-deserved ambassador of the Chinese people. He expressed the hope that the Princess would actively support and promote exchanges and cooperation in various fields for common development.

Princess Sirindhorn spoke highly of Yunnan's economic and social development, especially its achievements in industrial development. She said that Thailand and Yunnan had maintained friendly relations for a long time and they would continue to actively promote bilateral exchanges and cooperation and inject new impetus into the further development of bilateral friendly relations.

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BEAUTIFUL YUNNAN

Tourists praise the beauty of Yunnan

BY LIU ZIYU & SHU WEN

Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and Yunnan Provincial Government recently proposed to build Yunnan into the most beautiful province in China. This is a major decision made by Yunnan Province on ecological civilization and the spirit of the national eco-environment protection conference based on the reality and future development of Yunnan province.

In the heat of July, when many places in China have entered into "barbecue" mode, Yunnan's cool atmosphere attracts tourists from all over the country. They are intoxicated by Yunnan and look forward to its transformation as China's most beautiful province.

"As soon as I stepped into Tengchong, the fresh air, dense vegetation and clean river gave off the smell of the original ecology and caught my heart." At Tengchong Volcano National Geological Park, Xu Yingying, a tourist from Guizhou, excitedly pressed the shutter. According to Xu Yingying, only with good protection can the ecological beauty be continued. The integration of ecology and tourism can inject new vitality into the natural ecological protection so as to attract tourists from different places to share the beauty of Yunnan.

Clean streets, clear water

and neat greenery... this is the impression of a Shangxi tourist, Chang Wanqing and his family, on Dayao, Chuxiong Prefecture. "The white tower in the center of Daoyao contains profound cultural deposits and the ancient villages at the edge of the city also have a different flavor," said Chang Wanqing.

"This is completely different from what I expected from rural China." On July 23, Mia, a Jordanian student at Renmin University of China, visited Dongshan Villagers Group of Qingfu Village, Yongchun Town, Weixi Lisu Autonomous County with his friends. The relocated Lisu village overturned their impression of traditional Chinese countryside.

China has advanced targeted poverty alleviation since the end of 2015. By seizing this opportunity, the Dongshan Villagers Group completed building the residential houses, strengthening the infrastructure and the industrial layout in 14 months. "The house is well planned, the yard is full of birds and flowers, melons and fruits hanging from the branches," Mia said. Houses are built along the slopes with the layout of each courtyard reflecting its owner's preference. There are peonies running out of the fence and mosaics of succulent plants.

TALENT ATTRACTION

Yunnan allocates 50 million for young talents

BY LIN BIFENG

Recently, Yunnan allocated special subsidies to the first batch of 100 young talents under the "thousand talent plan" in Yunnan province. Each candidate receives the working and living allowance of 500,000 yuan and a total of 50 million yuan of special subsidy funds have been allocated.

As one of the seven programs of the "thousand talents plan" launched in Yunnan Province this year, the young talents program is a special plan for introducing high-level talents in Yunnan province, which aims to improve the talent competitiveness and promote the strategy of strengthening talents in the province. According to the plan, Yunnan will introduce and support 1,000 high-level young talents to meet the needs of the economic and social development of the whole province in about 5 years, and cultivate a group of innovative and entrepreneurial young people.

KEY WORDS TO UNDERSTAND CHINA

A responsible major country

A responsible major country means that as a country is getting stronger, it should take an active part in participating in global governance and make a significant contribution to the prosperity and stability of the world.

According to the Government Work Report, Premier Li Keqiang has pointed out that over the past five years, China has successfully hosted various diplomatic events at home like the first Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and attended major events including United Nations summits, playing a constructive role in addressing international and regional hotspot issues.

Premier Li has also pointed out that China's development is closely connected with that of all other countries.

(China.com.cn)

ECO RESERVATION

Landscape of Napa Lake wows visiting international students

BY WANG HUAN



International students visited Napa Lake in Diqing, northwest Yunnan (Photo by Wang Huan)

"Wow! What a beautiful lake!" When the international students arrived at Napa Lake in

northwest Yunnan's Diqing on July 19, they were all amazed by the beauty of the "Plateau Pearl".

The visit to the lake was part of the Yunnan tour of "International Students Focus on China".

Hasan, a student from Bangladesh and a photography lover said that Napa Lake is a paradise for photo taking. "So much greenery, clear water, clean air and it helps clean my mind. There are also wild animals grazing."

Napa Lake was listed as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1984, with the goal of protecting rare and endangered winter migratory birds and other wild animals.

During their tour in Yunnan, they also looked into the efforts of poverty alleviation in Yunnan.

ERADICATE POVERTY

Poverty-stricken villagers say goodbye to terrifying ropeways

On July 1, a new page was opened in the history of Yingge Village in northeast Yunnan's Qiaojia County as the newly-built Yingge Bridge was opened to traffic after more than 900 days of construction. But before that, the villagers had to rely on an iron cage running on cableways across the Jinshua River to the outside world.

The 260-meter-high and 470-meter-long cableway, dubbed "the highest cable car system in Asia" was built in 1999. For locals, it was perilous riding the cable car, but they didn't have any other choice. Fortunately,

the government built the Yingge Bridge, which is 385.5 meters long, and the iron cage came to its retirement. Now, the villagers have a safer means of transport. They are looking forward to changes which the bridge will bring to their hometown and life.

Accordingly, Yunnan will replace more than 100 cableways with sturdy bridges in the fight against poverty, which means more villagers will have safer means of transport. The construction of bridges is also expected to boost local economic growth and social development.

(Xinhua)



The newly-built Yingge Bridge in Qiaojia County, northeast Yunnan (Photo by Xinhua)

HSR

Sino-Laos railway project drives full steam ahead

Construction of the China-Laos railway is gathering steam, as a main bridge over the Mekong River has been completed, said executives of construction giant China Railway Engineering Corp.

The rail project, which will connect Southwest China with Laos by 2021, is part of the two countries' efforts to promote interconnectivity.

The rail line starts from the Mohan-Moten border area between the two countries, running over 414.33 kilometers, more than 62.7 percent of which will run over bridges and through tunnels. The construction of the bridges and tunnels is considered one of the decisive factors in whether the rail project will be built on schedule.

The project is not just a rail line, but represents the Lao people's faith in China. Zhou Xiaoxia, project manager of China Railway No 5 Engineering Group said.

"The quality of the railway represents the image of China. We need to apply the same high standards as we use for the bullet train to the China-Laos railway." Zhou said.

(China Daily)



The dahlias are in full bloom in Laoyuhe Park, Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan (Photo by Yang Zheng)

COMMUNICATION

'Chinese Bookshelf' launches in Bangkok

The 2018 Thailand "Chinese Bookshelf" Project officially opened in Thailand's largest Chinese bookshop franchise South American Bookstore on June 26. The event was sponsored by China's General Administration of Press and Publication and jointly implemented by China National Publications Import & Export (Group) Corporation affiliated to China Publishing Group and Thailand South American Co., Ltd.

Tan Yue, president of China Publishing Group, said in his speech that nearly one thousand kinds of excellent Chinese works in the first batch of Chinese books were displayed on the "Chinese Bookshelf" in Thailand. Covering political, economic and cultural contents, the books are in Chinese, English and Thai so that more Thai readers can gain a better understanding of the development

path and achievements of China, especially contemporary China.

Chen Yingshi, board chairman of the Thailand South American Co., Ltd., said that Thailand was the first country in Southeast Asia for the "Chinese Bookshelf" to be located. He believes that this was a very good start and would make new contributions to enhancing people-to-people and cultural exchanges between Thailand and China.

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, exchanges and cooperation between China and Thailand have been deepening in various fields. Over the past five years, five publishing houses affiliated to China Publishing Group including the People's Literature Publishing House, The Commercial Press and the Chung Wha Book Company, Ltd. have signed 75 cooperation projects with Thailand publishers.

(Compilation)