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28 Thai students study high-speed rail technology

On March 8, the Guangxi Liuzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College held the opening ceremony for the first batch of 28 Thai international students. These Thai students came to study China's high-speed rail technology.

With the continuous deepening of cooperation between China and Thailand in the high-speed rail field, the Liuzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College connected with many Thai universities in order to resolve problem of lack of talent for local railways in Thailand.

Zhou Lan, Director of Academic Affairs Department of Liuzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College, stated that in 2015, they signed an inter-school cooperation agreement with the Thai Ayutthaya Institute of Business and Technology determining that the "1+1.5" cooperation method should be used to train international students. After studying in Thailand for one year and having qualified and obtained corresponding Chinese language level certificates, Thai students can come to China to study for one and a half years as long as they meet the visa requirements.

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"After all the studies in China and Thailand are completed, qualifying students will receive diplomas from universities in both China and Thailand. This project is welcomed by students in Thailand," said Zhou Lan.

The 28 international students will study high speed rail related majors, mainly including railway signal automation, railway engineering technology and so on.

20-year-old Sutama came from Sachaburi, Thailand. She just arrived at the Liuzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College to study and was very excited. She said that in the future, China-Thailand railway cooperation will become more in-depth and the Thai railway industry has a promising future. She wanted to study hard here and bring the related technology of high-speed rail development in China back to Thailand.

So far, the school has set up five "training classes for vocational teachers in rail transportation", and trained more than 70 Thai teachers. The cooperation between the college and Thailand in the field of rail transit is continuing to deepen

(Xinhua/Xia Jun)

'Silk Road' brings Chinese food to Indians

Today, Chinese food has become India's most popular foreign food, and Chinese restaurants are scattered all over India.

The origin of the name "Silk Road" was raised by the restaurant owner Sawyer. "My name is Sawyer Kumer. I graduated from the Chinese Department of Nehru University. I learned the story of Xuanzang at school and I know how he came to India from China. The path he took was the Silk Road. I hope that more people will know this path taken by Xuan Zang. Even more, I hope my restaurant will have a shop on every site along the Silk Road."

Not only is the name of the restaurant unique, but so is the decor. The diners can feel the strong Chinese influence no matter where they are in the restaurant. Due to its remarkable Chinese characteristics, the Silk Road Restaurant is recommended to Chinese tourists by many Indian tour guides. In addition to group meals, the Silk Road Restaurant also provides Chinese food delivery

to tour groups. After tasting the delicious food here, diners were full of praise.

In 2005, former Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited India. At that time, Sawyer was fortunate enough to be interviewed. Sawyer had a deep feeling: "In 2004, there are very few people speaking Chinese in India. However, numerous Chinese speakers are seen in India now. The relationship between the two countries is slowly getting better. From the point of view of trade and business, India now imports a large quantity of goods from China, and more and more Chinese companies have come to India. I realized that it is necessary to open a good Chinese Restaurant." Talking about plans for the future, Sawyer said with ambition: "This is my first restaurant. 'My hope is to be on the Silk Road where Xuan Zang's Master walks. Each site will have one of my restaurants. In the next ten years, I will open one hundred such restaurants!"

(CRI online)

Yunnan precious culture connects with Asia

In 2011, *Smile of Angkor*, a made-in-Yunnan tourism performance program was launched in Cambodia. It was the first program of the state-owned art troupe in China to perform in a foreign country. To date, it has been performed more than 2,000 times, with total income exceeding 200 million yuan. It was awarded the National Tourism Service Contribution Award by the Cambodian Government and was named "a typical example of Chinese culture 'going out' by China's Ministry of Culture. Chinese enterprise invested to set up a stage for Cambodian actors to perform, so that audiences from all over the world can appreciate the beauty of Cambodian culture. It can be said that it benefits others and is for all to share. "Sharing" is the key to the Belt and Road Initiative, following the principle of wide consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in building a community of shared future for mankind.

According to Tao Chun, deputy of the National People's Congress, Art Director of Yunnan Wentou Group and Chief Director of the program, *Smile of Angkor* reflects China's affinity by combining interaction with the local cultural environment. Yunnan is an important hub for Belt and Road



The show *Smile of Angkor* has drawn large attention from worldwide (Photo by Yang Zheng)



The kids studying in Chinese language school in Vientiane, Laos (Photo by Yang Zheng)

construction. Culture has an important role to be a frontier, stimulator, and hub as well as carrying an important mission. Only by strengthening cultural exchanges and cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road, can the Belt and Road Initiative take root and result in a fruitful outcome.

Li Guowei, successor of Li Dezhang, the founder of Yongzi, is a deputy

of the National People's Congress. He believes that the game "Weiqi" is Chinese quintessence, a crystallization of the Chinese nation's civilization and wisdom, and "Yongzi" is an important carrier and cultural treasure for carrying forward and passing on excellent Chinese traditional culture. It is our precious cultural resource and cultural brand. "As a cultural and sports brand

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon through blooming rapeseed flowers



The Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in Luoping, eastern Yunnan's Qujing City was held on March

10. About 8,000 runners experienced the joy of running through an ocean of flourishing rapeseed

flowers with music every step on the way.

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Series is one of the

world's largest running series, and the race in Luoping is its first race in China this year. It attracted about 8,000 runners from 35 countries and regions.

Unlike normal marathon tournaments, the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon features live band performances along the routes. Because Luoping is known for the splendid rapeseed flowers which bloom in spring, the route of Luoping marathon was specially designed so that runners could run through the field of rapeseed blossoms. Many runners said that they enjoyed the race as the wonderful combination of sea of flowers, music and marathon brought surprises.

(Wan Xueliang)

Read the miracle of China

China's "Two Sessions" are the most intensively policy planned platforms for the great nation of China each year. As an ambassador to China, I pay close attention to all the information released by the Two Sessions in China. I think that the Two Sessions are the best opportunity to read about the miracle of China.

As a good friend and important trading partner of China, Mexico has been paying close attention to the Two Sessions and the process of China's reform and development. We are particularly interested in the comprehensive deepening of the reform process that Chinese President Xi Jinping has promoted since 2013. China's glorious achievements have made it impressive to other countries.

I have been to Shanghai, Zhuhai, Nanjing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, as well as other cities. I inspected some rural areas along the Yangtze River. I have also taken several high-speed rail trains to experience the "China speed". As a witness to China's development, I sincerely admire its significant progress in comprehensively deepening reforms. China's reform, development and social progress are undoubtedly comprehensive, which is the consensus of many international observers. The road to expansively deepening reforms in China has established a model for

the majority of developing countries. Despite the fact that a road with Chinese characteristics cannot be duplicated, its national construction ideas and social governance methods can inspire the majority of Latin American countries to explore a development path that fits conditions in their own countries. **For example, in aspects such as reducing poverty and eradicating poverty, creating jobs, protecting the ecological environment, innovating industrial technology, and promoting urbanization, China's experience and practices are particularly worth learning.**

I have been pondering how China miraculously jumped from being a country with a large agricultural population to the second largest economy in the world. It has also led the world's economic growth for decades and continues to be at the forefront of a new generation of industrial technological revolutions. I think that to unlock the deep-seated secret of the Chinese miracle, the answer probably lies in the set of national governance policies and decision-making mechanisms of this great country. It consists of a ruling party that is good at long-term vision and centralized leadership.

(José Luis Bernal, Mexican ambassador to China, abridged from People's Daily)

China-made large aircraft C919 takes orders to 815



China-produced large passenger plane C919 was successfully launched in May, 2017 (Xinhua)

Wu Guanghui, chief designer of the Chinese-made C919, told reporters that 815 orders from 28 domestic and foreign purchasers have been received. In the future, more C929 will also be produced.

For the first aircraft, according to Wu Guanghui, water ballast has been used to simulate the impact of passengers seated in different positions on the aircraft's forward and aft sections in attempts to test load capacity. The plane's airspeed will also be tested, and stalling umbrellas will be fitted to the aircraft for the somewhat dangerous

stalling tests.

"Our application for an EASA Certificate of Airworthiness has been accepted, and we've made two airworthiness certification flights," he said. Wu Guanghui added that the large aircraft has also delivered an encouraging performance in terms of management and market. The company is being jointly reviewed by the Civil Aviation Administration of China and by European airworthiness authorities to ensure that the aircraft is in the best and safest state possible, he said.

(Xinhua/ Guo Jingdan)

Young man leads villagers to better life



Yuan Haibo likes reading newspapers to know more about the outside world (File Photo)

From a migrant worker to the outstanding manager of a Hong Kong company, and then to the deputy of the National People's Congress, Yuan Haibo, a young man from Yunnan born in

1991, is still learning and exploring. When the reporter met him in the residence site for the "two sessions" deputies, he was discussing with other delegates on how to follow the road to prosper

perity for his hometown.

Yuan Haibo was born in the hilly valley of Ciyang Town, Qujing City, Yunnan Province. To the east is Fuyuan County, the most impoverished county in Yunnan Province. The agricultural population of the town accounts for almost 99% of the total population.

The main industries in Cizhen are tobacco, vegetables, and silkworms. At present, a vegetable base for the Hong Kong region has been completed, and a highland characteristic agricultural industrial park is under construction. However, the silkworm industry has just begun.

"Several neighboring villages near my hometown are sericultural farmers. Af-

ter they raise the silkworm, they sell the silkworm cocoons." Haibo was excited, "If we process the silkworm cocoon into rough finished products and then sell it, there will undoubtedly be higher profits for the villagers."

Haibo told the reporter that he had a "magnificent" idea: to set up a cooperative and invite the villagers in neighboring villages to join in so that he can lead them out of poverty to pursue a better life.

Haibo said that there are 88 impoverished counties in Yunnan. There are many places like Ciyang Town in Yunnan. In addition to the policies and financial support provided by the government, if the

villagers can get out of the mountains, see the outside world and return to their hometowns, their ideas will surely change, and this will affect and change their style of life and production.

This idea is closely related to Yuan Haibo's experience. After graduating from high school in 2010, in order to ease the family's burden, Haibo packed his bag and went to Yiwu, the International Trade City in Zhejiang Province and got a job there as an international export salesman for a lock shop.

Because of the nature of his job, he had to deal with foreigners every day. Haibo began to learn English on the Internet and could speak English

fluently after practicing. At that time, Haibo was just 20 years old. He realized to get rich himself was not true riches, and he should help the folks in his hometown. After the Spring Festival in 2012, Haibo took a group of 7 friends and relatives to Yiwu and helped them find jobs.

In 2012, Haibo resigned from Yiwu Trade City to work for Boni Clothing Co. Ltd., a Hong Kong company in Suzhou. Due to his hard work and constant study, good communication skills and excellent interpersonal relationships, Haibo was promoted to workshop team leader half a year later.

(People.cn/ Liang Jun)

Xiaomi CEO: calls on brand globalization for private enterprises

Lei Jun, CEO of tech giant Xiaomi and a deputy to the 13th National People's Congress talks to journalists during the "two sessions" that in his suggestions to the top legislature this year, a Belt and Road integrated service platform should be established to support private enterprises going out. In addition, a Made in China brand ambassador should be set up to help private enterprises realize brand globali-

zation. Moreover, regarding how to develop China's design industry and improve the design level, he said, the country should set up national design promotion institutions and give priority to the development of industrial design. Professional design parks should be built in cities where the manufacturing industry developed rapidly.

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