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Yunnan enterprise helps to improve Myanmar's crop quality

Yuntianhua Group in Yunnan Province is working together with Yunnan Agricultural University and Yezin Agricultural University in Myanmar to modernize Myanmar's agriculture.

Last October, an international training course on Quality Enhancement of Modern Agricultural Science and Technology in Myanmar, which was fully funded by Yuntianhua Group, was held at Yunnan Agricultural University and provided a solid half-month training

for 31 Myanmar students. Last November, a delegation of 21 teachers and students from Yunnan Agricultural University, funded by the Yuntianhua Group, took part in an agricultural knowledge exchange program held at Yezin Agricultural University in Myanmar.

Going forward, Yuntianhua Group will continue to work together with Yunnan Agricultural University and Yezin Agricultural University. (Li Jihong and Li Xiaoshi)

Yunnan trained 2000 medical foreign students

The Yunnan Provincial Health and Family Planning Commission has announced that to date, Yunnan University of TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) has trained more than 2,000 foreign medical students at all levels and has established Chinese medicine centers in Laos and Canada.

In 2015, Yunnan established the "Yunnan University of TCM—Laos Traditional Chinese Medicine Education and Training

Center" in Laos, and established the "Yunnan University of TCM—Canada Chinese Medicine Center" in Canada in the same year. In September 2016, the first Lancang-Mekong Traditional Medicine Academic Exchange Conference was successfully held. The "Lancang-Mekong River Traditional Medicine College" was established at Yunnan University of TCM.

(Yunnan Daily)

China, India pledge to boost trade, economic cooperation



Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan (R) shake hands with Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu on March 26, 2018

China and India pledged on March 26 to further enhance their trade and economic cooperation so as to build a new international economic order and safeguard the interests of developing countries.

Addressing the 11th meeting of China-India Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology, Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan said the trade volume between China

and India reached a record high of 84.4 billion U.S. dollars in 2017, up 20.3 percent from the previous year.

China has remained as India's largest trading partner, he added. Bilateral investment has also seen a steady increase, the minister said. The accumulated investment in India by Chinese enterprises amounted to over 8 billion U.S. dollars while India's investment in China rose

an average of 18.5 percent annually over the past three years.

The Chinese minister put forward a seven-point proposal to further develop the China-India trade and economic cooperation, including connecting development strategies, welcoming India's participation in the China International Import Expo (CIIE) to be held in November in Shanghai, enhancing bilateral trade and

investment, and boosting multilateral and regional economic cooperation.

Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu expressed willingness to jointly implement the consensus reached by leaders of both countries, and connect the development strategies of both sides and share the development experiences.

He said India will learn from China's experiences in setting up special economic zones and push forward the cooperation in industrial park projects.

India welcomes Chinese businesses to increase investment and boost their market share in India, said the Indian minister.

Prabhu said India supports the multilateral trading system and wishes to strengthen communication and coordination with China within the frameworks such as the World Trade Organization and RCEP, in a bid to maintain and boost the development of regional and global trade.

During Zhong's tour in India, businesses of both countries signed 101 trade agreements, with a total contract value of 2.368 billion U.S. dollars.

(Xinhua)

China's poverty reduction is 'on the right path'

This year, at China's Two Sessions (the annual meeting of the National People's Congress and the Chinese Peoples' Political Consultative Conference), poverty alleviation was one of the topics that attracted significant attention.

China has proposed the goal of poverty alleviation for the current poverty-stricken rural population by 2020. Despite the arduous task of getting rid of poverty, the international community believes that the Chinese government's goal is pragmatic and the plan is feasible. China's poverty reduction efforts are "taking the right path," and its achievements will inspire other countries to advance on the road to poverty reduction.

The "Indian Express" reported that the Chinese government is people-centered and has made remarkable achievements. It has succeeded in lifting tens of millions of people out of hunger and poverty, which many countries with similar experiences have failed to do.

Nabil Zaki, spokesman for the Egyptian National Unity Group Party, said that as China comprehensively deepens reforms, poverty reduction will become an

important breakthrough to improve people's living standard. At the same time, China's experience also has global significance. Many countries are studying and learning from China.

Sumuh Chapatayah, a senior researcher at the British Overseas Development Institute, said that the development of poverty reduction in China has two major advantages: the economy has maintained a relatively rapid growth rate, and poverty reduction measures can obtain sufficient funding; the political system is stable and conducive to the country's sustained and stable development and implementation of poverty reduction policies. China's poverty reduction has achieved tremendous success. Its experience has set a good example for other countries in the world.

Li Renliang, an expert on international issues at the National Development Administration School in Thailand, said that the achievements made in China's poverty reduction program fully embody the governing philosophy of "people-oriented". At the current speed, by 2020, China's absolute poverty will surely be the history.

(Xinhua)

Morchella brings income to villagers



Farmers are picking up the mature morchellas, Gongshan County, Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture (File Photo)

"I took the lead last year to try to grow 5 mu of morchella. I did not expect that the income would be

so impressive, more than 60,000 yuan." Zhao Yonghua, a large-scale Morchella grower in Nuozhang

Village, said with a smile.

Nuozhang Village is located in Cangyuan County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province and has a poverty-stricken population of 89 people. Last year, Nuozhang Village introduced a company and adjusted the agricultural industry structure by adopting the cooperative approach of the "corporate + village collective economic entity + farmers" and "party members + farmers" to help them increase their personal income, and increase their collective economic revenue. Growing morchella has achieved remarkable economic success.

Data reveals that

morchella contains at least 8 vitamins, so it has the reputation of "the best of all mushrooms."

There are 41 households with 168 growers in the village who have planted more than 80 mu of morchella, with an output of 3.51 tons of the fresh mushroom. Income has reached 960,000 yuan, of which 576,000 yuan belongs to the growers, 14,000 yuan on average for each household; with 30,000 belonging to the village.

Because of low cost, high efficiency, and quick return, the enthusiasm for growing morchella is very high in Nuozhang Village. "We tasted the sweetness. So, this year we want to

intensify our efforts to encourage all the poverty-stricken households and expand the cultivation of morchella to 200 mu. We expected that the output value will be 1.6 million yuan, so that more farmers will become richer," said Zhasi.

The company's technician and Nuozhang Village's coordinator are in charge of the harvested morchella. Each day, mushroom farmers harvest the fresh morchella and send them to a warehouse for packing and delivering to the Yunnan provincial capital, Kunming, the next morning.

(Li Chunlin and Xie Jin)

Yunnan starts 'genetic engineering' of rare metals

Yunnan Province recently announced that it will make use of its natural resources and industrial sector to implement a programme for the "genetic engineering" of rare and precious metals.

The province will build a national integrated innovation centre for the "genetic engineering of rare and precious metals." It will establish an industrial base for researching rare and precious metals and new materials such as tin, indium, titanium, germanium, aluminium and liquid metals. It will also build a number of industrial supply chains and set up an authoritative domestic database of rare and precious metals. Additionally, the province will create an integrated platform for high-throughput calculation, preparation, characterization, service and evaluation for this new industry.

The project will assemble more than ten colleges and universities and companies in Yunnan Province. These includ-

ing Sino-Precious Metals Holding Company Limited, Yunnan University and Kunming University of Science and Technology. They will be joined by dozens of other domestic universities and research teams including Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiaotong University. The project aims to build a new pattern of development for Yunnan's new materials industry by connecting "government, industry, universities, institutes and users".

(Shi Ming)

Yunnan launches train + shared car service



Shared car service helps travellers to reach destinations more efficiently (File Photo)

China Railway Kunming Bureau Group Co., Ltd. launched a "Train + Shared Car" service recently, which is the first for national railways, effectively solving the problem of "the last kilometer" for passengers.

Kunming Bureau Group Co., Ltd. and Yunnan Energy Investment Group jointly invested and allocated 40 vehicles at the Kunming and Kunming Nan Stations. Passengers need only to download the APP "12306" or APP "Kuntieyunxing" and upload their ID and driver's license on the corresponding page and pay a deposit to drive a shared car.

"Traveling this way is particularly convenient."

Traveler Lang Qingyi said, "I travel between Chengdu and Kunming by high-speed train every month for business, and the launch of the "train + shared car" makes my traveling more convenient."

According to the director of Kunming Bureau Group Le Dao Automobile Leasing Co., Ltd., passengers can get a rental car once they complete the paperwork at the service counter at the exit of the Kunming Nan Railway Station or Kunming Railway Station. When they finish using it, they can either choose to return the car to the train station, or park it for the company to pick up.

(Hu Xiaorong)

China's afforestation area ranks first globally

The forest coverage rate has increased to 21.66% from 8.6% in the early days of the founding of New China. The forested area has reached 208 million hectares, and the plantation area extends 69.33 million hectares, ranking first in the world.



In order to protect afforestation area, Yunnan forest ranger has to do the pest control regularly every year (File Photo)

promote forest restoration and sustainable development, improve the quality and stability of the ecosystem, and speed up the construction of an ecological security system based on forest and grass vegetation.

In recent years, benefit from the large-scale landscaping and afforestation in China and Vietnam, the rapid decline in the overall forest resources in the Asia-Pacific region

has been contained, but it still faces challenges such as over-exploitation of forests, declining quality, extensive operation and deforestation. In 2008, China initiated the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Forest Organization. In the past 10 years, the organization has been committed to promoting forest restoration and sustainable management in the Asia-Pacific region. It has developed into a

platform for experience review, and the promotion and demonstration of forest restoration in the Asia-Pacific region. It also provides a link for deepening exchanges and cooperation in regional forestry, and is an important partner for fostering the exchange and training of forestry professionals and the Belt and Road construction. (People's Daily Overseas edition/Gu Zhongyang)

Further Reading:

China strives for 26% forest coverage by 2035

"The national forestation campaign is an important task given to China's forestry industry in the new era and it is also an important measure for maintaining national ecological security." Zhang Jianlong, deputy director of the National Greening Committee and director of the State Forestry Administration, said in an interview recently.

Zhang Jianlong said that it is necessary to study and formulate guidance on large-scale land greening, and to scientifically and methodically guide all localities and departments to promote large-scale land greening, and strive to achieve a forest coverage rate of 23.04% by 2020 and 26% by 2035, reaching the world's average by middle of the century.

"First, we must expand the scale of afforestation and accelerate the implementation of major ecological restoration projects such as conceding the cultivated land to forests, governance of Beijing-Tianjin sandy desertification source, and management of desertification. We will rely on the Three-North Project to

build two new shelterbelt forest bases and carry out the construction of key precision sandy control counties. Second, we must implement a forest quality improvement project. We will focus the construction of a national reserve forest base, actively cultivate precious tree species and large diameter timber, and build a national reserve forest of 10 million mu. Third, we must innovate the national forestation mechanism of the country. We will explore multiple incentives, and to guide capital investment in various fields to cultivate a group of specialized enterprises engaged in ecological protection and restoration. Fourth, we must afforest around us. We will vigorously build forest cities, forest villages, forest parks, and country parks, promote urban and rural forestation, and strive to improve urban and rural ecology to optimize the living environment."

Zhang Jianlong said that the main areas of forestry are in rural areas and that the main employees are farmers. China will implement rural afforestation and beautification projects, striving to achieve 30% rural green coverage by 2020. (Xinhua/Liu Yangyang and Hou Xuejing)