



Yunnan global trading upgrading by cross-border logistics

With the establishment of cross-border logistics companies in Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and the construction of cross-border cold chain logistics trade network for aquatic products accelerated, cross-border logistics construction is weaving a trade network between China (Yunnan) and foreign countries, which makes "purchasing and selling globally" a reality.

Expanding international routes

Yunnan's products, such as metal frames and foods depart from Kunming and appear on the markets of many European countries within 18 to 22 days, meanwhile European mechanical products and flower planting materials travel about 10,000 kilometers to Yunnan by the train. As an active implementer of the Belt and Road initiative, the China-Europe freight train has connected Kunming with European and Asian cities, shortened freight times and reduced logistics costs.

"In the first quarter of this year, the China-Europe

trains shipped 113T containers, a total of 1,210 tons of goods worth 21 million yuan," said Chen Jiankun, Deputy General Manager of Yunnan Intercontinental Logistics Co., Ltd. Last year, China-Europe freight trains shipped a total of 526T containers, which weighed approximately 5,727 tons and were worth 70 million yuan. It is reported that the China-Europe freight trains depart from the Wangjiaying West Railway Station in Kunming and travel across the border via the Alataw Pass. There are three main routes: Kunming to Nuremberg in Germany, Kunming to Lodz in Poland, and Kunming to



Workers are sorting out items in Logistic Company, Yunnan. (File Photo)

Tilburg in the Netherlands. In addition, there are eight branch routes. All the routes basically cover Eastern Europe, Western Europe

and Southern Europe have essentially been achieved.

Building a smart platform

As long as you down-

load the app, you can find the vehicle owner, and independently post the information about the goods that need to be transported. Also, you can easily find the origin and destination and other information. This app "Hongxing Lucky" relies on a cross-border logistics big data information platform and is equipped with seven languages including Chinese, English, Burmese, Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, and Cambodian. The number of registered domestic and foreign vehicles is now close to 20,000, and a cross-border logistics big data center has also been established in Yunnan's border city Ruili.

"For a Burmese driver

who drives a truckload of goods to China, if his backhaul is empty, the cost will increase. Aimless waiting at the port will require him to spend on food and accommodation," said Niu Ning, board director of Yunnan Hongxing Alliance Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd. Hongxing lucky cross-border logistics big data information platform integrates functions such as GPS positioning, GPRS communication, and vector real-time monitoring. It can provide functions such as vehicle monitoring and location query, dispatch, mileage statistics, path analysis and route presetting.

(Han Chengyuan and Liu Ziyu)

Agritainment helps village beat poverty



A beautiful flower base in Huadaorenjia, Xundian Hui and Yi Autonomous County of Kunming City, Yunnan Province (Online Photo)

late March, in Zhuyuan Village Committee of Tangdian town of Xundian Hui and Yi Autonomous County of Kunming City, Yunnan Province, Huadaorenjia Rural Tourism Base was in green cluster surrounded by begonia, red peach and roses

in full bloom. Li Xingcui, who works there, was busy beckoning guests coming from afar.

Zhuyuan Village Committee Huadaorenjia is located on the Jiaozi Snow Mountain Tour Line in the town of Tangdian. Making use of its superior geo-

graphical position, 738.31 mu of land was transferred to grow rose, begonia, and red peach to make a beautiful flower base. Over 150 people from 45 poor households were hired to work for Huadaorenjia Agritainment and the Flower Base. Skills were developed for poverty alleviation so that they can work on farm and work for the Agritainment as well. Among the poverty-stricken households, more than a hundred people have gotten out of poverty and get rich.

Huadaorenjia provides tourists with special experience. In addition to buying local products, tourists can enjoy their time with their families there. The farmhouses are in triangular shape, like two hands putting together, implicating a happy family. In the unique farmhouse, people can experience home-style pastoral life. The chicken is home-raised, rice is home-

grown, and the food ingredients are original ecology. It is real rural tourism.

Special products of Zhuyuan Village, like local eggs, rice, homemade honey, bracken picked up on the mountain, have become popular items for tourists in the city and benefit nearby farmers. Some farmers can earn more than 200 yuan a day.

In recent years, combining poverty alleviation with its advantages in ecology, Tangdian Town focuses on developing rural tourism for planning and construction, and actively promotes the construction of transportation, water conservancy, communications and other infrastructure, and creates "one village one product, one village one rhyme, one village one scene" to comprehensively improve the rural living environment.

(Yunnan Poverty Alleviation Hotline)



J-10C begins combat duty

File photo shows a J-10C fighter jet in a training. China's new multi-role fighter jet J-10C began combat duty on April 16th, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) air force announced. It is China's third-generation supersonic fighter and made its debut when the PLA marked its 90th anniversary in July 2017 at Zhurihe military training base in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Equipped with an advanced avionics system and various airborne weapons, the domestically-developed fighter has airstrike capabilities within medium and close range and is capable of precisely striking land and maritime targets.

(Xinhua/Xi Bobo)

17th Chinese Bridge Indian regional competition held in New Delhi



The participants of the 17th "Chinese Bridge" in India. (Online Photo)

On the 16th of April, the 17th Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students India Regional Competition was held in New Delhi. Students from prestigious universities such as Nehru University, Mumbai University, Vellore University, and Tagore International University participated in the competition. Luo Zhao-hui, the Chinese Ambassador to India, Professor Chandra, a distinguished academician from India, chairman of the Nehru Memorial Museum and a renowned linguist, attended the award ceremony.

"Chinese Bridge" is organized by the Chinese Hanban. It has become an important platform and well-known brand for foreign students to learn Chinese and understand China. Luo Zhao-hui said that both China and India are currently deepening reform

and opening up, and with a background of globalization and economic integration, they have conducted all-round cooperation and exchanges. There are 42 flights per week between the two countries. More than 20,000 Indian students are studying in China and more than 800 Chinese companies are doing business in India. It is very promising to learn each other's language.

India Region competition was intensely contested through written examinations, proposition speeches, improvisations, and talent shows. Manhuan from Tagore International University and Ma Long from Mumbai University won the championship and runner-up. They will represent India by going to China to participate in the final of the Chinese Bridge World College Chinese Contest.

(Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of India)

Yunnan gears up for the 5th China-South Asia Expo

Preparatory and organizational work surrounding the 5th China-South Asia Expo, and the 25th China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair, were carried out in a firm and orderly manner, Yunnan governor Ruan Chengfa said on April 10.

Ruan made his comments during a teleconference held in Yunnan's capital city, Kunming. The call was broadcast

live to sub-venues across the province. "At present, preparations for the expo have entered the sprint-to-the-finish phase," said Ruan

To make this year's expo a greater success, the governor made a four-point proposal at the meeting. First, he suggested, operators must adopt novel ideas, operational methods and accepted conference modes. By doing so, he

explained, the expo will be more professional, market-oriented and full of smart digital services.

The second proposal is to show Yunnan's sincerity and opening up to the world by doing a good job in terms of international customs clearances, expo layout, reception and volunteering. Ruan's third idea is to make the expo better serve Yunnan's socio-economic development

while identifying overseas commodities and services that could conduce mutual benefits to Yunnan-based companies and industries.

The governor also called for enhancing the influence of the exhibition.

The expo is intended to help Yunnan become a new pivot in China's opening up to South and Southeast Asia.

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While popularizing yoga in China, Yunnan is presenting Tai Chi to the world

In a bid to make more people know about the traditional Chinese martial art Tai Chi, Yunnan Minzu University and its domestic and foreign counterparts jointly unveiled the International University Association for Tai Chi, Tai Chi Institute, and International Academy for Tai Chi recently.

On March 30, Yunnan Minzu University, together with its counterparts both at home and abroad, unveiled three Tai Chi organizations, including the International University Association for Tai Chi, Tai Chi Institute, and International Academy for Tai Chi. According to Yunnan Minzu University, the move is in a bid to pro-



Tai Chi learners are practicing together at Yunnan Minzu University. (Photo by Chen Chuangye)

mote Tai Chi, while also making the education of this traditional Chinese martial art more standardized and international.

At the unveiling ceremony, one thousand

masters and learners from Yunnan Minzu University, Myanmar Wushu Federation and other organizations practiced Tai Chi together. Involving slow and graceful moves,

the practice of Tai Chi has been passed down in China for thousands of years. According to statistics, Tai Chi has been spread to more than one hundred foreign countries.

The establishment of the three organizations has made Yunnan Minzu University a place where Chinese Tai Chi meets Indian Yoga.

In June 2015, India's first overseas yoga institute—India-China Yoga College—was established at Yunnan Minzu University. Now a growing number of Chinese yoga lovers and Indian masters have gathered in Kunming, making the city a hot place for Indian yoga.

(Han Chengyuan)

A forward-look on the future of China-India relations



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(Chen Deming, former minister of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce)

A high-level panel of Chinese and Indian experts at Boao to explore the way forward for two giant Asian economies.

There was a strong overall feeling of optimism based on the potential gains from further cooperation, and the sensible approach to finding a way forward so far exhibited by both governments.

Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons Ltd., had several suggestions for progress. "I think what Mr. Modi and the leadership in China have done in recent times, of truly wanting to come together is a wonderful first move.... We should see it through. We should encourage joint ventures in India. We should look at real trade other than minerals and raw materials."

Speaking of the great complementarity of the Chinese and Indian economies, Long Yongtu, formerly of China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, said: "I believe a sense of threat between the two countries is more a misconception rather than a reality."

Ajit Ranade, president and chief economist of India's Aditya Birla Group, echoed that sentiment, saying that the Doklam standoff was well-managed by the two governments despite being amplified by social media. Further, he said, "I believe this is a relationship with a huge potential upside—huge."

And Chen Deming, formerly with the Ministry of Commerce, said common interest would prevail. "The state leaders of both countries will base their discussions on the fundamental interests of the two countries and the Belt and Road Initiative to showcase their products."

The consensus was that the sheer size of both countries' economies and populations would be the ultimate determining factor of the relationship, provided both were wise enough to avoid lesser distractions.

(CGTN)

Sun Bird Mother wins best original music award

The 15th Universe Multicultural Film Festival recently ended in Los Angeles, USA. The music, *Sun Bird Mother*, created by the Xichou County of Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture won the Best Original Film Music Award.

Over 1,000 films from 43 countries were registered to participate in the Festival. The eight-minute film "Sun Bird Mother - Dance Spirit" and the original music, *Sun Bird Mother*, submitted by Xichong County were both selected. *Sun Bird Mother*

was awarded the best original film song award by the committee.

Xichou County is rich in ethnic culture. Manlong Hualuo Hulusheng dance and Tanggu Village Female Sun Mountain Worship ceremony have been included on the national intangible cultural heritage protection list. According to expert research, The Female Sun Festival of Zhuang people originated from a matriarchal society and has a history of thousands of years.

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Foreign talents push the development of non-ferrous metals

Yunnan Precious Metals New Material Holding Group Co., Ltd. has actively promoted foreign cooperation and imported foreign experts, and has successfully brought in a number of foreign high-end talents in recent years.

Based on the development of high-end semiconductor and integrated circuit manufacturing equipment and processes, Yunnan Precious Metals Group has established a core technology system and developed a technology with independent intellectual property rights by importing foreign experts. Through the establishment of a joint venture with DSM, an international precious metals company, foreign experts from DSM are brought in to achieve new breakthroughs in the recovery and utilization of precious metals secondary resources. By importing for-

eign expertise, new breakthroughs have been made by the Precious Metals Group in the research and development of new materials, production technology, and project management.

In 2014, Yunnan Precious Metals Group set up a special target group to conduct production technology research, and hired American expert Anan Nodart to build a core technology system for the preparation of high-end nickel-platinum targets. Through independent innovation, the Group developed key preparation technologies and test platforms with independent intellectual property rights. The group hired Harold Carl, an Australian expert, as the commercial director of the international market to promote its business in mainstream OEMs to increase customer resources.

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