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## Kunming branch line of Yunnan oil pipeline goes into operation

At seven o'clock pm on August 30, No. 0 diesel oil transmitted from Anning, the starting point of the Yunnan refined oil pipeline, arrived at Kunming. After 32 hours of 'travel', this achievement marked the completion of an important support project associated with the China-Myanmar crude oil pipeline and the Yunnan refinery and chemical plant.

The Kunming branch line of the Yunnan oil pipeline has a total length of 80.9 kilometres and is expected to transmit 1.68 million tons of refined oil every year.

The Yunnan refined oil pipeline includes three trunk lines and one branch line. Namely, they include the An-



Workers open the valve of the Kunming branch line. Xinhua photo

ning-Baoshan trunk line, the Anning-Mengzi trunk line, the Anning-Qujing trunk line and the Kunming branch line. The whole pipeline extends for nearly 1,000 kilometres and is capable of transmitting 7.21 million tons of refined oil annually. The three trunk lines

were first put into operation in late 2017. They have cumulatively transmitted about 1.13 million tons of various oil products.

Upon its completion, the Kunming branch line will provide high-quality gasoline and diesel for central

Yunnan while meeting more than 60 percent of kerosene demand from Kunming Changshui International Airport. In addition, the branch line will enrich oil distribution networks, promote the creation of a sales network and meet the province's demand for refined oil. It will benefit Sichuan Province and other surrounding areas as well.

The Sino-Myanmar oil and gas pipelines have also boosted the development of the Burmese petrochemical industry. They have satisfied Myanmar's domestic demand for energy, as Myanmar needs to import a large amount of diesel and gasoline every year. (Zhu Dan)

### BELT AND ROAD

## More companies choose to fly from Yunnan to the wider world

Recently, at Yunnan Airport Logistics Co., Ltd. in the Kunming Changshui International Airport (also called Kunming Airport), workers were busy loading truffles, flowers and electronic devices onto planes. "The truffles were picked up in the morning and transported to Kunming by air. This evening they will be served on tables in Bangkok or Tokyo." Sun Chao, a company executive tells reporters, while pointing at a 25-kilogram box. At present, about 3,000 boxes of truffles are transported on a daily basis, and the freight volume will be even larger in September and October.

Last year, the company completed a total of 216,500 inbound and outbound flights, an increase of ten percent year-on-year. It achieved a total cargo throughput of 281,300 tons, an increase of 13.47 percent year-on-year, and an international cargo throughput of 43,800 tons, an increase of 173.75 percent year-on-year. The growth is attributable to improved distribution functions at Kunming Airport and the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.

By 2017, Kunming Airport had opened 359 routes,

including 280 domestic, 76 international and three regional ones. Among all Chinese airports, Kunming Airport now operates flights to the largest number of cities of South and Southeast Asia. In the first half of 2018, these routes covered ten Southeast Asian countries and five South Asian countries, connecting Kunming with 35 different cities. In the same period, the airport handled about 178,400 flights, and achieved a passenger throughput of 23.31 million people, a cargo throughput of 212,300 tons. These statistics rose by 3.2 percent, 5.2 percent and 9.6 percent respectively.

Given the multiple advantages Yunnan possesses, more and more companies are choosing to fly from this province to the outside world. Currently, 15 civilian airports are in operation in the province. Yunnan Airport Group has increased its air routes from 316 in 2012 to 485 in 2017. Specifically, the number of domestic routes has increased from 272 to 403, and the number of routes to other countries and regions has increased from 44 to 82. (Liu Ziyu)

## Farmers remove rocks, build arable land

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.

"It has lost the basic conditions for survival," a foreign geological expert concluded after he did a field survey in the county. Stony desertification and poverty are like twin brothers, posing great challenges for local people. But things began to change in December 3, 1990 when grassroots CPC members like Wang Tingwei, Liu Dengrong in Muzhe Village of Xichou began to lead more than 300 villagers to bomb rocks and build arable lands.

In 105 days, they removed hundreds of truckloads of rocks and built over 600 mu (0.4 square kilometers) of cultivated land. That year, the villagers planted hybrid maize and got a yield four times more than that of the previous year.

The success in Muzhe is just an epitome of Xichou County's endeavor in tackling stone desertification and fighting poverty. According to statistics, more than 140 square kilometers of rocky desertification was treated in the county, and more than 100,000 mu (66.67 square kilometers) of cultivated lands were built. The county's land fertility index is now as high as 300 percent, and its forest coverage rate has increased to 53.3 percent. (Yunnan Daily)

### SPORTS

## Longling mountain bike race concludes



The 2018 China Longling Songshan Mountain Bike

Downhill International Invitational Tournament was held on August 30<sup>th</sup> in Longling County, Yunnan Province. Chinese cyclists Liang Jinlong and Chen Yingyan from Guangdong Province won championships in the elite group and women's group respectively.

After a day of competition, Liang Jinlong won the elite group championship with a time of 1 minute, 45 seconds, 714 milliseconds. Meanwhile, Chen Yingyan won the women's group

championship with a time of 2 minutes, 30 seconds, 581 milliseconds.

The tournament was divided into an invited elite group, an elite group, a popular group, a youth group and a women's group. All told, the race attracted nearly 100 cyclists from China, the Czech Republic, Canada and other countries and regions.

Longling County is located in western Yunnan Province, and the Yunnan-Myanmar Highway passes through it. (Xinhua)

### CONNECTIVITY

## China-Laos Railway in the eyes of Laotian worker

"The China-Laos Railway has given me new hopes. I think my future will be closely related to it," said a 24-year-old Laotian girl known as Ami among her Chinese colleagues.

An employee of Sino-hydro Bureau 14 Corporation Limited for two years, Ami now can speak simple Chinese.

"I've witnessed the

construction of the China-Laos Railway," said Ami proudly and happily. She is proud because she has made contributions to the construction of this railroad, and she is happy because its creation has helped her out of difficulties. Ami is a single mother with a three-year-old daughter. She now lives with her mother.

"My present salary is 1.5 million kip (about 1,200 yuan). I give my mother 200,000 kip to pay for food and I spend 500,000 kip buying sugar, milk and toys for my daughter. The remaining 800,000 kip is enough for my own expenditures," said Ami.

"I have learned to cook Chinese food, such as stuffed buns, steamed buns, jiaozi, fried pork with vegetables and black fungi dressed with sauce," said Ami, who helps at the project canteen. "My home is nearby the planned Kaxi Railway Station. When the railway is completed, there will be many customers near the station. I will open a restaurant there and the business will be good." (Xinhua)



Ami is cooking at the project canteen. (Xinhua)

### POVERTY ELIMINATION

## Month-long Yangbi walnut festival kicks off



The 2018 Yangbi Walnut Festival opened in Yangbi County, west Yunnan's Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture on September 1. The month-long festival aims to increase the popularity of local walnut industry and tourism.

During the festival, a variety of activities, including food tasting and specialties exhibitions will be held. Among them, the grandest one is the ritual worshipping walnut, during which people pray to the God of Walnut for a good harvest and a better life.

Located in the central part of Dali Prefecture, Yangbi County is dubbed the "hometown of walnuts in China". It

has a long history of walnut planting and is the country's biggest walnut trading hub. At present, about 71,333 hectares of walnut trees are planted in the county, with an annual output of about 50,000 tons of walnuts and the comprehensive output value of 1 billion yuan. Over 70% of local people have successfully been lifted out of poverty through the walnut industry. (Liu Rong, Chen Fei)



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