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## BELT AND ROAD

### Laotian doctors benefit from cross-border medical cooperation

In recent years, as cross-border medical cooperative efforts between Xishuangbanna People's Hospital and Laos have continued to grow, more and more Laotian people are benefiting from the programme. Even Laotian medical workers themselves have improved their skills through short-term training sessions.

Shoneslivong is a Laotian doctor who has participated in one such training session. "We were not only taught theoretic-

cal knowledge, but also learned to operate with the guidance of our instructors. I learned Chinese physiotherapy methods and for the first time I saw moxibustion techniques. They are amazing and work well," he said.

To help train undergraduate medical students for hospitals in five provinces in northern Laos, Xishuangbanna People's Hospital and Kunming University of Science and Technology jointly enrolled 20 Laotian students

in 2015. Khamdy Sintham was one of those students, and received financial support from the China-Laos medical cooperation project.

"I'm so happy to be able to study in China. Here I can learn advanced medical technologies. But more importantly, I can watch the teachers operate before trying with my own hands. This is the most valuable experience," said Khamdy Sintham.

From 2014 till now, Xishuangbanna People's

Hospital has trained 144 Laotian students and doctors in seven groups. Those students have come from eight separate medical institutions in Vientiane and seven provinces in northern Laos. Each training session lasted one to three months.

In addition, over ten workshops on hospital management and medical technology have been held, and more than 400 Laotian trainees have participated in them.

(Yao Chengcheng)

## EXPO

### LMC expo to open in Kunming

The 2018 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) Exposition will be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province in late November, said a news release on September 25.

Based on the first two sessions of the Lancang-Mekong sub-regional commodity exposition in the past years, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation expo focuses on regional cooperation in economy and culture, under the theme of "share river, share development."

As part of the efforts of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) mechanism, the expo aims to showcase products from the six Lancang-Mekong countries, as well as products from Japan, South Korea, and some Africa and European countries and regions.

More than 2,500 standard booths will be set up in seven pavilions, with an area of 50,000 square metres. And the Dianchi Forum for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation 2018 will be concurrently held during the expo.

The expo organizers include China Chamber of International Commerce, Kunming Municipal People's Government, China Council for Promotion of International Trade (Yunnan Sub-Council), Yunnan Metropolitan Construction Investment Company, and others.

(Yunnangateway.com)

## CONNECTIVITY

### First two-kilometre tunnel on Chinese side of China-Laos railway completed



Photo by Hu Xiaorong

According to the China Railway 25<sup>th</sup> Bureau Group, No. 2 Shanggang

Tunnel on the Yuxi-Mohan Railway was completed on September 16. It is the

first single-track tunnel of more than two kilometres on the Chinese section of the China-Laos Railway.

No. 2 Shanggang Tunnel is located in Mengla County in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture. It is a single-track tunnel with a total length of 2,195 metres. It runs through an area of low mountains and undulating terrain. The Project Department strictly complied with the design specifications and completed the tunnel as scheduled. (Hu Xiaorong)

## INHERITOR

### Larong Xiaoba endows black pottery with life

In Nishi Township of northwest Yunnan's Shangri-La, Larong Xiaoba has been familiar with black pottery since his childhood. Two years ago, he returned to the village after graduating from the Yunnan Minzu University as a major in Tibetan Language and Literature. He followed his father's steps and worked for the home business. Now, he can do all the 38 types of black pottery.

Larong showed the visitors his black-pottery wares one by one, coupled with detailed instructions on the craft.

To finish a black-pottery cup, ten plus tools and seven steps within two weeks are needed. As for making a black-pottery pot, it is necessary to have more tools and go through more steps.

Larong Xiaoba's mastery in the clay art is largely attributed to his family influence. However, the university graduate will not limit himself to the traditional black-pottery field of his forefathers. Based on the craft, he wants to try something new.

This summer, Larong's home-bred business saw dozens of tourists from home and abroad every day. They came to visit and

experience the craft, and some even kneaded their own original clay wares. They generally stay for hours, or half a day at most.

Now black pottery is a lifestyle in Nixi Township. Of the 170 plus households of villagers in the Tangdui village, over 140 are engaged in black-pottery making. The 3,000-year cultural heritage has come back to life.

(Zhang Ruogu)



Larong Xiaoba is making black pottery.

Photo by Li Wenjun

## ECO

### Rescue of injured wild elephant

[Editor's note] Today, as the number of wild elephants continues to decrease across the world, wild Asian elephants have found a long-lost paradise in Southwest China. Because of this, their numbers are rebounding and growing. The rescue of Asian elephants is ongoing in China. In this issue and the next two issues, we will relate stories of how wild Asian elephants are protected in China.

At the Asian Elephants Breeding and Rescue Centre in the Wild Elephant Valley in Xishuangbanna, southwest China's Yunnan Province, the female elephant Ranran is already 2.2 meters tall and weighs more than two tonnes. A long scar on her left hind leg still reminds people of the misfortune that befell her.

On July 7, 2005, Ranran was found injured in a river near the Wild Elephant Valley. Her left hind leg was firmly caught in a trap. The injured part of her leg had already

festered and was covered with maggots. The calf's life was at stake.

Soon, a rescue team composed of wild elephant experts and medical workers arrived at the scene. After driving away other elephants, the rescuers quickly dressed her injury before sending her to a local station for rescuing wild elephants.

Thirteen years have passed in a blink of an eye. Today, Ranran has recovered from her injury, though her left hind leg still gives her problem when she walks.

In 2008, three years after the rescue of Ranran, the Asian Elephants Breeding and Rescue Centre was set up in the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve. The Centre also serves as China's only research base focusing on the rescue and breeding of Asian elephants. Since its inception, the Centre has rescued 13 wild Asian elephants and bred five babies. (Xinhua)

## CULTURE

### Gouding King's banquet returns to Guangnan



Music performance is a highlight of the banquet.

Photo by Huang Xinghong

On September 19, the opening day of the 2018 World Rice Culture Tourism Festival, a banquet for the Gouding King was held in Guangnan in southwest China's Yunnan Province. A total of 115 special courses were presented, reminding tourists from all over the world of the glory of the Gouding Kingdom.

Located in Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture in the southeast of Yunnan Province, Guangnan County has a 2,000-year history. Its county seat, the site of the splendid Gouding culture, was founded more than 700 years ago. The banquet for the Gouding

King, Wu Bo, as a distillation of Guangnan's culinary culture. It has been passed down to the modern day and has developed with the times.

On the opening day of the festival, more than 30 local chefs prepared 115 local specialties. These included Qihua balls, Yantang dumplings, Dalian pancakes and deep-fried pancakes. Even reading the menu can arouse one's appetite.



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