



# CHINA • YUNNAN



## BELT AND ROAD

### Shanghai gears up for first CIIE

As the first **China International Import Expo (CIIE)** is less than one month away, the host city Shanghai has reached the final stage of its preparations, as products from all over the world have been arriving in the city.

Designed to be a world-class event on a par with the most renowned exhibitions in the world, the inaugural import expo combines country exhibitions, enterprise exhibitions and forums to promote

free trade and an open global economy.

According to the **China International Import Expo Bureau**, a total of **2,800 companies from the G20 member states**, as well as **50 countries and regions involved in the Belt and Road Initiative**, will participate in the expo. **Around 160,000 buyers from more than 80,000 domestic and overseas enterprises have also signed up for the event.**

In addition, **80 countries**

**and three international organizations have confirmed their participation in the event, said the bureau.**

Chinese companies are eyeing the great potential of boosting imports through the event. "During the expo, we expect to import at least 1,000 kinds of products and services that have not been sold in the domestic market," said Wang Zhe, Party secretary of China's commercial giant Suning Holdings Group. "In the

next three years, we plan to import goods worth 10 billion euros (\$11.5 billion)."

"The CIIE shows China's changing trade strategy and its resolve to fulfill its responsibility as a major country and achieve mutual benefits and win-win cooperation with all nations," said Zhao Beiwen, deputy head of the World Economy Institute of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

(Xinhua)

## AID

### Myanmar kids with CHD arrives in Kunming for treatment

Ten Myanmar children with congenital heart diseases (CHD) arrived in Kunming, capital city of southwest China's Yunnan province with their parents on October 10 to receive treatment in the Yunnan Fuwai Cardiovascular Hospital (YFCH). They are the second batch of Myanmar children with CHD to receive free treatment aided by the "Belt and Road•Paukpa" Saving CHD Children Action Plan.

When the children and their parents reached the Kunming Changshui International Airport, they were presented with flowers and cold-proof capes. Then the person in charge of YFCH introduced the action plan for them.

The plan is jointly sponsored by the China Charity Federation, Yunnan Provincial Federation and Yunnan Fuwai Cardiovascular Hospital. This September, the sponsors launched a screening on children with CHD in Myanmar. Among the 58 children, they selected 15 with more severe conditions for this batch.

Besides the ten children already in Kunming, the five left will arrive in Kunming as soon as they finish the procedures. Among them, the oldest is eleven years old and the youngest only two years old. The sponsors also hired interpreters to smooth the communication between doctors and children and their parents.

(By Cao Yunbo and Li Wenjun)

## CULTURE

### China's "Peacock Princess" recreates "Rite of Spring"



Photo by Zhou Can

The dance drama "Rite of Spring", produced by famous Chinese dancer Yang Liping, made its debut in Kunming, capital city of Yunnan province on October 11. After that, the show will be staged during

Shanghai International Art Festival and begin its international tour to London, Edinburgh, Melbourne.

"Rite of Spring" is a ballet and orchestral concert work by Russian composer Igor Stravinsky,

which is widely considered to be one of the most influential musical works of the 20th century. Based on the understanding of Chinese culture, Yang Liping's new version of "Rite of Spring" tries to present the western classics, the relationship between human and nature in an eastern poetic way.

Yang Liping was born in Yunnan and is the director of the famous performance art show "Dynamic Yunnan" and the dance drama "Spirit of Peacock". Many of her works enjoy great popularity both at home and abroad due to her ethereal beauty. Thus she is described by some foreign media as the "Peacock Princess of China".

## HSR

### High-speed rail brings about a happy life

[Editor's Note] During this year's National Day holiday, 1.065 million people travelled by high-speed rail in Yunnan province, a 97.6 percent increase of 526,000 passengers year on year. In this issue and next two, we will relate the great changes brought by the arrival of high-speed rail in the province.

"Since the Kunming-Chuxiong-Dali high-speed railway went into operation, I go back to Dali every weekend. I watch a movie and I'm home," a passenger surnamed Wang explained his 'tale of two cities' lifestyle when our reporter interviewed him October 7 on train D8690 from Dali to Kunming.

The Kunming-Chuxiong-Dali high-speed rail now operates 36.5 pairs of EMU trains on a daily basis and enjoys a seat occupancy rate of 98 percent. The railway has become the first choice for people living and working along it.



Passengers travel from Kunming to Dali.

Photo by Hu Xiaorong

A train ride from Dali to Kunming used to last six to seven hours. Now, the new railway has reduced that duration to two hours, bringing people a real sense of gain and well-being.

After the National Day holiday, Xiaosu and his fellow villagers in Qujing boarded a high-speed train bound for Guangzhou in the hope of finding jobs. "Now that we can travel by high-speed rail, many of us want to try our luck in bigger cities. We're willing to act because travelling

now takes less time and less money," Xiaosu said.

In Yunnan, continuously expanding and improving high-speed rail lines are bringing convenience and benefits to more and more people. With its great capacity and high speeds, these new railroads have become an important means of intercity public transport. They have also promoted such industries as education, healthcare, entertainment and tourism, as well as boosted the interaction of these industries between cities. (Hu Xiaorong)

## TOURISM

### Highlights of core functions of "Travel in Yunnan" app



Visitors experience facial recognition admission to scenic spot.

Photo by Wang Huan

"Travel in Yunnan" app is a digital platform integrating tourism resources of southwest China's Yunnan Province to better serve travelers to the province. On Oct. 2, the developer company released the highlights of the eight core functions of the app.

**Home page:** With the idea of promoting immersive and smart tourism, the home page of the app was divided into three levels (province, cities and scenic areas) to provide better experience before, during and after the visit.

**Facial recognition and smart guide:** To enter scenic spots more quickly, tourists just need to upload a selfie to the app, and they can enter scenic spots through facial recognition system within one second. They can also check and be navigated to scenic spots, hotels, restrooms, parking areas and restaurants through "Travel in Yunnan".

**Credit and complain system:** The app aims to give assistance to form a tourism credit system which combines evaluations from government, professional institutions and tourists. Dishonest enterprises will be kicked out from the app. Meanwhile, visitors can complain via means of online channel, voice message and call making and will be responded within 24 hours.

**Slow TV:** Tens of thousands of cameras

were installed in 90% of A-level scenic areas in 16 cities and prefectures. Travelers can view the real-time scenes before arriving.

**Routes recommendation:** The app can analyze hot destinations and interests of tourists to recommend various routes that fit the demands of different travelers.

**AI identification:** By scanning with the app, tourists can learn about 6,000 species of common flowers and scenes of 1,100 AAAA and AAAAA scenic areas across the province.

**Smart transportation:** For users who uploads their license plate numbers on the app, they can pass the toll station in a non-stopping way within 1,600 milliseconds. Besides, tourists can learn about the number of parking spots around scenic areas before arrival.

**Talents platform:** "Travel in Yunnan" app is also a platform to provide service for talents from tourism industry. The app plays a positive role in exchanging information and ideas, integrating resources, promoting tourism products and safeguarding rights and interests of individuals in tourism industry.



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