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KEY WORDS TO UNDERSTANDING CHINA

Xi's discourses on mankind's shared future published

A book of discourses on upholding and advancing the building of a community with a shared future for mankind by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, has been published by Central Party Literature Press.

The book, which was compiled by the Party history and literature research institution of the CPC Central Committee, will be distributed across the country.

The book contains 85 discourses selected from documents including speeches and instructions given by Xi between Jan 28, 2013, when he chaired the third group study session of the political bureau of the 18th CPC Central Committee, and June 22 this year, when he made a speech at the Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, Xi, who is

also president, has put forward an array of discourses on building a community with a shared future for mankind from the perspective of the progress of human history and in line with the fundamental changes of the international landscape.

The vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, first proposed by Xi in 2013 and developed in later years, is a

crucial theoretical and practical innovation guiding major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics.

In February 2017, the vision was written for the first time into a resolution of the United Nations Security Council by unanimous vote, which displayed a consensus of the international community toward the significance and value of such a vision.

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TOURISM

Tencent CEO Pony Ma experiences 'Travel in Yunnan' app

Tencent CEO Pony Ma recently visited the Yunnan Minorities Village and experienced the 'Travel in Yunnan' applet firsthand.

Before arriving at the scenic spot, Pony Ma and his party began to run the applet on their phones so they could scan QR-codes on posters along the road. Pony Ma bought his ticket on the applet and uploaded a scan of his face. At the entrance gate, he was easily admitted through facial recognition technology.

Following the map on their mobile phones, Pony Ma and his party visited the Lisu village, where young women and men invited them to sample rice wine. After that, they moved on to a place where they drank aromatic Pu'er tea.

At 15:59, when the party came to the command centre, the 'Travel in Yunnan' comprehensive management platform had already issued a record of the complaint that was lodged only three minutes before. The problem had been reported to and dealt with by park personnel. Tencent technicians also demonstrated the construction of the Yunnan provincial big data centre, which connects data silos so that governmental departments can process customer complaints more effectively and efficiently.

With the app, tourists can experience facial recognition-based admissions, order tea online, make complaints, learn about attractions, identify plants, watch live broadcasts and locate restrooms. In less than an hour, the party fully experienced the convenience of using the applet.

(Wang Huan)

EVENT

Contestants build friendships on "Chinese Bridge"



The 11th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students concluded in Kunming, capital city of southwest China's Yunnan province on Oct 21. The competition serves as a bridge to promote cultural exchanges and friendship between China and other countries. (Liu Ziyu)

EXCHANGE

Two Laotian high schools find sister schools in Yunnan

Recently, Vientiane High School in Laos became sister schools with both No. 1 Middle School in Kunming and No. 4 Middle School in Mile County. Lieutou Chinese School, another high school in Vientiane, also established partnerships with the Yunnan Normal University Affiliated High School and Mile Qinglai School.

According to agreements signed in Kunming and Mile, the sister schools will exchange visits on a regular basis and learn from each other's strengths. Both sides hope to promote educational cooperation and exchanges between the two countries, as well as the continued development for both regions.

Over the next five years, according to the agreements, the four pairs of schools will share educational information and exchange visits by school



Students from the two countries make traditional Chinese food Jiaozi. Photo by Wu Ping

management, teachers and students on a regular basis. They agreed to promote educational exchanges and cooperation between junior and senior high schools, while also facilitating the growth and progress of young people on both sides.

This year, the two Laotian schools sent a group of 26 students to Yunnan province

to participate in the second Charming Yunnan China-Laos Youth Friendly Exchanges. The programme was sponsored by the Foreign Affairs Office of the Yunnan Provincial People's Government.

Currently, more than 5,000 Laotian students are studying in Yunnan province.

(Wu Ping)

HSR

High-speed rail creates development opportunities



An attendant in Bai ethnic costume is serving tea for passengers. Photo by Yang Zheng

[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.

After entering the era of high-speed rail, Yunnan is enjoying a greater geographical advantage as a frontier along the Belt and Road Initiative. The province is a gateway to South and Southeast Asia, a western transport hub on the Yangtze River Economic Belt and a centre for logistics distribution and cultural exchanges. High-speed rail has brought historic opportunities for the province's development by widening its sphere of influence and opportunity.

Fuyuan County, known as the province's eastern gate, is located at the junction of Guizhou, Yunnan and Guangxi provinces. Now, with the operation of the Shanghai-Kunming High-Speed Railway, Fuyuan enjoys easy access to the cities of Guiyang, Kunming and Nanning. This new connectivity is greatly boosting the county's economic development, promoting cultural exchanges and facilitating industrial structural upgrades.

The high-speed railway is helping to deliver new economic opportunities to the region. Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture expects to increase its appeal to industrial gradient transfers, introduce and cultivate more emerging industries and strengthen its critical

industrial clusters. Such circumstances are providing favourable conditions for the combination of internal and external factors, multilateral cooperation and further regional integration. The high-speed railway has put the prefecture in a better position to develop industries including electronic information, bio-pharmaceuticals, modern agriculture, cultural tourism, mineral processing and trade logistics.

Liu Baohua lives in the Puzhehei Scenic Area in Qiubei County, Wenshan Prefecture. His village used to be poor and backward, and villager income was once based almost solely on fishing and farming. Before 1993, the village's per capita annual income was a meagre 300 yuan. The high-speed rail has brought a large number of tourists to the village. Today, Liu Baohua guides tourists to scenic attractions on his horse cart every day. Additionally, many local people from the Zhuang and Miao ethnic groups run hotels and barbecue stalls, provide shuttle services or act as tour guides. Many villagers have shaken off poverty and are leading increasingly better lives.

From Dianchi Lake to Erhai Lake, from the red soil plateau to the blue ocean, the expanding railway network is changing Yunnan province deeply and broadly like never before.



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