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Chinese president vows tough battle against pollution

Chinese President Xi Jinping said the country will fight a good battle against pollution and push ecological civilization to a new level during a tone-setting meeting on environmental protection ending May 19.

China will push for coordination between economic and social development and ecological civilization, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, said when addressing the two-day national conference.

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Xi said the country will channel more energy into promoting ecological civilization and resolving environmental problems, backed by the political advantages of the centralized and unified leadership of the CPC and the socialist system, as well as the achievements made during the 40 years of reform and opening-up.

Building an ecological civilization is of fundamental importance for the sustainable development of the Chinese nation, Xi said, noting that a great deal of work has been

done since the 18th CPC National Congress to bring profound and historical changes regarding ecological and environment protection.

China has started to conduct central environmental inspections, carried out guidelines to control air, water and soil pollution, published its own plans to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and is implementing a national plan to tackle the climate change.

The building of ecological civilization has entered a critical

period, a period that requires more quality ecological goods to meet people's ever-growing demands for a beautiful environment, and a period when China is capable of addressing prominent ecological and environment issues, the President said.

With the Chinese economy transitioning from high-speed growth to high-quality development, Xi said there will be conventional and unconventional challenges and difficulties. "We must bite the bullet and overcome them," he said.

(Xinhua)

40th ANNIVERSARY OF REFORM AND OPENING UP

Foreign sci-tech talent starts business in Beijing

China's reform and opening-up drive, along with other efforts to promote entrepreneurship and innovation, is motivating many people, including foreigners, to start businesses in the country.

Five years ago, Forrest Fabian Jesse, a PhD student at Beijing Jiaotong University, decided to start a business in augmented reality (AR).

He had been doing AR research in New York before he came to China, and invented one of the world's first laser-based wearable AR system in 2001, the "portable road". He talked enthusiastically about AR technology.

"Using the phone to scan the environment, we have information of all the objects in the space and mark them in our system," said Jesse. "If a person wants to find something, he will 'remember' it in the system."

He expressed the hope that the technology will help improve the lives of older people and children.

"Beijing has taken the lead in some areas in supporting entrepreneurial projects," Jesse said.

Over the past few years, his team has received a lot of support from the administrative committee of Zhongguancun science park and Beijing Jiaotong University. (China Daily)

DISCOVERY

Indian bison spotted in south Yunnan

BY WANG SHIXUE

Images of a herd of Indian bison were captured by a ranger with his smart phone in the Naban River nature reserve in south Yunnan on May 17. With an estimated total of 10, the gaur group was the largest photographed by smart phones in the reserve.

Liu Xiaochang, the ranger, took the photos near the Da'an village of Mengsong Township in Menghai County, south Yunnan's Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture.

Data collected in 2013 and 2014 shows that the number of Indian bison in Xishuangbanna dropped to around 160 from around 605 in the 1980s. Since then, local protection efforts to the endangered species have increased.

The gaur, also called the Indian bison, is the largest extant bovine. The species is native to the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia and China's Yunnan Province. It has been listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List since 1986.

CHINA-SOUTH ASIA EXPO



First batch of overseas exhibits arrive in Kunming

On May 24, the first batch of overseas items to be exhibited during the coming 5th China-South Asia Expo were transported to Kunming Dianchi International Exhibition and Convention Center. These exhibits are from India and Pakistan, including wooden handicrafts, furniture, copper works and stone handicrafts. This year, in order to provide better services for foreign exhibitors and save cost for them, the Kunming Customs speed up custom clearance and lower related fees. They even set up an express window for relevant personnel and materials, implement a seven-day work system featuring a 24-hour customs clearance appointment system, and provide a temporary on-site supervised warehouse to better serve exhibitors and meet the requirements of customs supervision. Here, customs staff are inspecting the exhibits. Photo by Huang Zhechun

ELIMINATING POVERTY FOR COMMON PROSPERITY

Poverty-stricken village benefits from eco-conservation

Located in the core area of the world natural heritage—The Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas, Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture is known as a "pearl in the kingdom of animals and plants" and a "world gene bank" with rich forestry and ecological resources.

In the mountainous Gaobudeng Village located in Nujiang's Lanping County, concrete paths between the green trees lead to many new houses of local Lisu people.

In the 1980s, the mountain forests were delegated to households in Gaobudeng. At that time, because the villagers were less aware of the importance of environmental protection, deforestation and mudslides were resulted.

At the beginning of the 1990s, a mass village meeting was convened to solve the prominent ecological problem. The villagers then decided to divide the forest into two functional parts, one for preservation and forestation, the other for grazing and firewood. Two rangers

had been hired to patrol the preservation areas.

Their policy of "taking less and giving more" has nourished the mountains in the village. The deforestation had been effectively controlled. On the other hand, the program to return farmland to forest was also carried out. The mountains became verdant again with more and more wildlife, and mudslides were left in history. The Party secretary of the village Yu Jianlong concluded that the changes taking place over the years made it a consensus for the villagers: a good ecological environment is the foundation for poverty reduction and would bring concrete benefits.

Now in the Gaobudeng, the walnut and prickly ash trees have grown into forests and begin to bear fruit. The villager also became richer and richer. Last year, the average per capita net income of villagers reached 6,000 yuan, about half of which came from the economic forest.

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