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Yunnan to attract international talents with increased opening up

10 foreign experts win this year's Yunnan friendship award



Yunnan governor Ruan Chengfa (second from left) shakes hand with foreign experts during the Yunnan Friendship Award Granting Ceremony. (Zhang Tong)

On October 21st the 4th Yunnan International Talent Exchange Conference (YITEC) opened in Kunming. Themed "Gathering Global Talents, Promoting Yunnan's Development", the conference attracted attendees from many countries and regions around

the world, and further activities related to the conference will be held in November and December.

The YITEC sought to recruit talents for the province's high-level socioeconomic development. In addition to the key conference activities,

a series of side events are being organized. These include the International Forum of Young Talents of Science and Technology of the South and Southeast Asian University Network and the 2019 International Forum on Biotechnology

and Translational Medicine. Kunming University of Science and Technology hosted the 2019 International Youth Scholar Forum and the Overseas Talent Recruitment Conference for Promoting the Establishment of World-class University and Disciplines. The province showed its recognition of outstanding talents in the 2019 High-end Talents Certificate Issuing Ceremony and the Yunnan Friendship Award Granting Ceremony.

This year, 10 experts from Thailand, Chile, the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia, Belgium and other countries won Yunnan Friendship Award—the top prize awarded by the provincial government to foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to Yunnan. Since its establishment in 1997, 17 award ceremonies have been held and 170 foreign experts have won the honour.

XI'S REMARKS

We will work to foster a positive environment in which everyone wants, strives, and is able to excel themselves, and can do full justice to their talents. With this, we aim to see that in every field the creativity of talent is given

great expression and their ingenuity and expertise flow freely.

—Excerpt from report delivered by Xi Jinping at the 19th CPC National Congress on October 18, 2017

ECO

Female rangers guard clear waters and lush mountains in Diqing

Bazhu, a mountain village in northwest Yunnan's Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, now has 98.2 percent of forest coverage. It is like an emerald, inlaid in the lush primeval forest, where truffles, gastrodia tubers and a lush undergrowth abound. Villagers have become rich through edible roses, honey, medicinal herbs and rural tourism.

The village's female rangers have been guarding the ecosystem for the last 15 years. "The clear waters and the lush mountains are our most valuable assets. To protect the environment is to protect our treasure trove," said He Guifang, one of the female rangers.

In 2004, He became a ranger, together with other women from 21 settlements in Bazhu. Fifteen years on,

cherishing the belief that human beings and nature should coexist in harmony, the female rangers have an irreplaceable role to play in the village's environmental protection.

When patrolling the forest, the female rangers are expected to stop illegal logging and the plundering of wildlife resources, clean up the streams, collect garbage, as well as introducing the importance of ecological protection to other villagers.

In recent years, the improving ecosystem in the village is attracting more and more tourists. The villagers have seen their incomes increase at a remarkable rate. Currently, the average household in Bazhu deposits more than 10,000 RMB (US\$1415) in the bank.

(Yang Hongcheng)

Extended Reading: Why Yunnan?

Geographical position: Yunnan is located in southwest China, bordering Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. The Belt and Road Initiative, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Mechanism, the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor and the China-Laos Economic Corridor are bringing new opportunities for development to the province.

Areas in urgent need

of talents: In its current development, Yunnan is stepping up efforts to introduce talent from the fields of natural sciences, engineering technology, humanities and social sciences, management and consulting.

Visa system: Yunnan has completed the implementation of the foreign talent visa system. Foreign talents can receive their confirmation of qualification

for the visa within five working days. They can apply for a multiple-entry visa, valid for 5 to 10 years, which allows them to stay in China for up to 180 days at a time. Their spouse and minor children can be issued multiple-entry visas of the same validity in corresponding categories.

Innovative services: High-end foreign talents working in Yunnan can not only enjoy a

favourable policy and financial support in training and scientific research, but also receive convenient assistance with housing, children's education, health care, social insurance and academic evaluation.

Other incentives: The province has continued to increase incentives for foreign talents, including the Yunnan Provincial Foreign Experts Caiyun Award.

EXCHANGE

Returned Lao students visit Yunnan

From October 18 to 23, a delegation of Lao students who studied in Yunnan province revisited Kunming, Lijiang and Dali. They got to experience the latest development and achievements in the province.

During a meeting in Kunming on October 18, the members of the delegation recalled their experiences of studying in Yunnan. They hope to further the friendship, cultural exchanges and economic and trade cooperation between the two countries, and contribute to the building of a community of shared future for the people of Laos and China.

To date, more than 6,000 Lao students have returned to their own country after finishing short-term training programmes and junior college, undergraduate, post-graduate or doctoral education in Yunnan. (Wu Ping)

BUSINESS

China moves up in business climate rank

China's business environment showed one of the strongest improvements worldwide in the 12 months ending May 1 thanks to its robust reform agenda, the World Bank Group said on October 24.

China's ranking in the World Bank Group's Doing Business 2020 study climbed to 31st place in terms of ease of doing business, up from 46th a year earlier and 78th in 2017, the bank said.

It was the second year that China joined the group of the world's top 10 most improved economies, mainly due to several business reforms, the report said.

"China has undertaken substantial efforts to improve the domestic business climate for small and medium-sized enterprises, maintaining an active pace of reforms," said Martin Raiser, World Bank country director for China.

"Laudable progress has been achieved on a number of Doing Business indicators, particularly in the area of construction permitting," Raiser said.

The report credited China with improving protections



Staff (left) gives instruction to a citizen in Hebei Province's Shenzhen City Administration Approval Bureau.

(Xinhua)

for investors, strengthening procedures for enforcing contracts and making trade easier with changes to customs administration and port infrastructure.

"Removing barriers facing entrepreneurs generates better jobs, more tax revenue and higher incomes, all of which are necessary to reduce poverty and raise living standards," World Bank Group President David Malpass said in a statement.

China has made strenuous efforts in recent years to improve its business environ-

ment. The Ministry of Finance, for example, has jointly worked with other government departments, as well as the Beijing and Shanghai municipal governments, to clarify specific reform targets and policies to improve the business environment in recent years.

More than 130 reform measures have been taken so far, such as the protection of investors and improvements in processing construction permits, the ministry said.

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HIGH-TECH

Test flight takes C919 closer to gaining prized airworthiness certification



(Xinhua)

The fifth test aircraft of the C919, China's first domestically manufactured narrow-body passenger jet, took part in a test flight in Shanghai on October 24, indicating it is on a faster track to gaining airworthiness certification before entering the market in 2021, industry experts said.

The code number of the fifth test jet is 105 and the last test jet of its kind, known as the 106 test aircraft, is expected to complete its first test flight by the end of the year.

The 105 test aircraft will mainly undertake test flights in special weather conditions such as high temperatures and extremely cold weather. In addition, it will take related tests on environmental control, power supply, fuselage liquid discharge and other subjects, said its manu-

facturer Commercial Aircraft Corp of China.

The first four C919 test jets—the 101, 102, 103 and 104—are undergoing more test flights, static tests, and other ground tests at several testing bases, including Yanliang district in Xi'an, Shaanxi province, Dongying in Shandong province, and Nanchang in Jiangxi province, COMAC said.

So far, 815 orders have been placed for the C919 from home and abroad.

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