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**FOCUS**

## Yunnan seeks cooperation at CIIE



Signing ceremony of Yunnan key industry investment cooperation and global procurement promotion during CIIE (Lei Tongsu)

During the second China International Import Expo (CIIE) held from November 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Shanghai, Yunnan province established and deepened exchanges and cooperation with old friends as well as new contacts, sharing the opportunities brought by the CIIE.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Yunnan held a key industry investment cooperation and global procurement promotion event at the CIIE, aiming to present its investment and business environment. The province signed a total of 20 agreements concerning investment,

financial cooperation and import procurement.

Chen Jiankun, deputy general manager of Yunnan Wangchen Transportation Co Ltd, said that he had not only acquired information about cutting-edge logistics technology and equipment, but also got a sense of domestic consumers' strong demand for high-quality fresh food and other goods. He believed that the modern cold chain logistics sector would enjoy an expanding market.

This year, the Yunnan Health Commission sent a special trading group to the

CIIE which consisted of representatives of 15 provincial-level hospitals and more than 150 medical institutions. They signed several purchase intention agreements with medical companies from the United States, the Netherlands, Germany and other countries. According to Wei Jia, director of the Second People's Hospital of Yunnan Province, his hospital placed several "large orders" at the CIIE. The latest medical information, technology and equipment will be of great help for future medical diagnosis, Wei said.

The CIIE is an innovative

event in the history of global trade, as well as a grand business gathering aimed at mutual benefit. This year's CIIE was particularly rewarding for Yunnan, and the overseas companies that have signed agreements with Yunnan are looking forward to increased cooperation with the province. The Costa Group (Australia) has established berry planting bases in the province's Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture and Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, they signed cooperation agreements with Yunnan concerning further projects. "Yunnan has broad prospects for agriculture," the president of Costa Group China said. He expressed his confidence in high-tech agricultural cooperation with the province. He said that the main advantages for developing agriculture are Yunnan's superior natural, cultural and economic conditions, as well as the strong policy support from the government.

(Han Chengyuan, Liu Ziyu)

**XI'S REMARKS**

*We must have a more open mindset and take more open steps, and work together to make the pie of the global market even bigger. We need to strengthen the mechanisms for sharing benefits globally, and explore new ways of international cooperation. The goal is to give more*

*impetus to economic globalization and remove impediments as much as we could.*

—Excerpt from keynote speech delivered by President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the second CIIE on November 5

**FRIENDSHIP**

### Chinese couple and their Lao father



Photo provided by You Mengping

I am You Mengping, director of the Lao Affairs and Training Department of the Centre of Thai Studies, Yunnan University. Unlike other Chinese people, my husband Yun Yi and I have a Lao father.

In 1997, Yun Yi acted as an engineer in building several hydropower stations under harsh geological conditions in the mountainous area of Xieng Khouang. In doing so he won the favour of the then governor Mr. Phoumy.

Then my husband was seriously injured in a car accident. In a coma, he was rushed to the hospital in a helicopter, at the request of Mr. Pumi to the Lao Ministry of Defence. Fortunately, my husband survived and has considered Mr.

Phoumy a father ever since.

I first met Mr. Phoumy in the summer of 2009, when he had retired and returned to his hometown. He struck me as an ordinary old man, not so tall and very amiable.

I like Mr. Phoumy best when he says, "That's easy! No problem!" He raises cattle, sheep, chickens, ducks, geese and fish on his farm. Since he is open to trying advanced breeding methods, his farm has grown in variety and number of livestock.

Today, because of our Lao father, my husband and I consider magical and beautiful Laos as our second homeland. We have long since fallen in love with this friendly country and its kind-hearted people.

(Yang Chengqun)

**VOICES**

The CIIE provides a good opportunity to promote the China (Yunnan) Pilot Free Trade Zone, which I believe will play an important role in developing a hub for South and Southeast Asia in the future. For companies, the biggest appeal of a pilot free trade zone lies in its favourable investment policy. I hope that the China (Yunnan) Pilot Free Trade Zone will continue to reduce costs for foreign-funded companies and help them to develop business in Yunnan.

—Yang Tianhua, president of ASEAN-China Commerce Association

**CONNECTIVITY**



### China-Laos railway tunnel construction continues to make breakthroughs

"It's through! It's through! We've bored another tunnel!" On the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup>, the construction site of the Ban Ka No. 1 tunnel in Laos was the venue of a celebration. The China Railway No. 8 Engineering Group (CREC-8) has bored through the tunnel 107 days earlier than scheduled, marking

another breakthrough in the construction of the China-Laos railway.

Previously, the Ban Ka No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 tunnels had been bored through one after another. The Ban Ka No. 1 tunnel, measuring 4,585 meters long, is listed as a high-risk and difficult project and a bottleneck for the China-Laos railway.

According to Peng Hebin, chief engineer in charge of the tunnel construction, a special team was set up to overcome the difficulties, and the management and the supervising unit ensured that every procedure was carried out properly. The joint efforts of the project department and the supervising unit have

guaranteed the safety, the quality and the progress of the tunnel construction.

The Lao section of the China-Laos railway runs from Boten in the North to Vientiane in the South. It has a total length of 414 kilometres, including 76 tunnels that cover 198 kilometres. (Xinhua)

**CULTURE**

### Yongzi go-pieces recognised as famous brand of Yunnan



Yongzi go-pieces exhibited during the second CIIE (Lei Tongsu)

Recently, Yunnan province announced a list of demonstration villages, leading

enterprises, famous brands and demonstration sub-districts that will engage in the

production and sales of ethnic folk arts and crafts. Baoshan Yongzi, a type of go-pieces, was recognised as a famous brand of ethnic folk arts and crafts in the province.

Baoshan Yongzi go-pieces date back to the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and are famous for their choice materials and unique craftsmanship. Yongzi go-pieces are the best go-pieces and considered a national treasure for their local characteristics and ethnic cultural connotations.

The Baoshan Yongzi Go

Institute opened to the public in September 2016, and has since hosted a series of go-related events. These include the China Go First Division League, the China-Japan-South Korea Senior Go Mixed Doubles, the China-Japan-South Korea Go Celebrity Tournament and the International Go Culture Summit Forum. Year on year, the institute receives over one million domestic and overseas go fans and tourists.

(Pu Meiling)

**EXCHANGE**

### Fourth seminar for Mekong media officials and journalists held



Closing ceremony of the seminar (Chen Chuangye)

The Fourth Seminar for Media Officials and Journalists from Mekong Countries was held from November 13 to 20 in Yunnan.

Themed "Understanding New China", the fourth seminar is hosted by Yunnan Daily Press Group and saw a participation of 16 media officials and journalists from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

During the eight-day stay in Yunnan, the participants conducted visits and attended lectures in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province and Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous

Prefecture in the southeast of the province.

Since last year, Yunnan Daily Press Group has held four sessions of the seminar for media officials and journalists from Mekong countries.

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