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Yunnan helps Hubei in epidemic relief

Editor's note: "When Wuhan wins the battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak, so will Hubei and China," said Chinese President Xi Jinping on February 10, when he conducted an inspection tour of Beijing and delivered instructions on the prevention and control of the COVID-19. At present, China has been mobilising high-quality resources from across the country and implementing the "Pairing-up support" policy to assist Hubei in combating the COVID-19 outbreak.

So far, Yunnan has sent more than 1,100 medical workers, in seven batches, to assist Hubei in the epidemic prevention and control.

Some of these wonderful people participated in the battle against the 2003 SARS outbreak, some joined in the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake relief, and others have a wealth of experience working in intensive care units. Apart from sending medical workers, the general public in Yunnan are also giving practical support to Hubei.

On February 10, nine trucks loaded with 270 tons of watermelons left Ruili for Xianning and Jingzhou in Hubei.

On February 11, a fleet of trucks loaded with 325 tons of potatoes, peas, oranges and tomatoes set off from Lijiang to Wuhan.

On February 12, several trucks loaded with 88 tons of high-quality vegetables departed from Kunming to Wuhan. On the same day, 204 tons of vegetables produced by the Yunnan Agricultural Reclamation Group departed for Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Changsha and other cities.

On February 12, after a journey of two days and two nights, a group of 16 trucks from Yunnan arrived in Wuhan. The trucks were transporting 267 tons of apples, potatoes, vegetables and brown sugar with a total worth of three million yuan (US$ 429,436) and were donated by northeast Yunnan's Zhaotong City.

It is reported that a total of 1,162 tons of Yunnan fruits and vegetables have been transported to central China's Hubei province in succession from February 12 to 20.

(Yunnan Daily)

"Pairing-up support" is a policy behavior in which an economically developed or strong party provides assistance to an economically underdeveloped or weak party. The main types are: disaster assistance, financial assistance, medical assistance and education assistance.

In China, it is a common that all sides come to help when one is struck by disaster, and the government often organises paring-up support to specific affected areas. The eastern provinces for example have assisted the country's western region in poverty alleviation and development. All provinces contributed to the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake relief.

These experiences have demonstrated the institutional advantages that enable the country to mobilise resources and to successfully manage large relief efforts.

XI'S REMARKS

The epidemic prevention and control is not only a health issue but comprehensive work which requires all-round support.

——From speech delivered by President Xi Jinping when presiding over a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee on February 3.

VOICE

India supports China in fight against COVID-19

India supports the Chinese government and people to go all out to fight against the novel coronavirus, and is fully confident that China will win the battle, Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said.

He made the remark in a phone conversation with State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Feb.14.

Jaishankar said India praises the transparency and responsible attitude that the Chinese side has shown in addressing the epidemic situation.

The Indian side proposed that the epidemic should be assessed in an objective and rational way and is opposed to adopting any measure that might complicate the issue, he said.

Jaishankar noted that the Chinese people are strong-minded and the more difficult the situation is, the more united they are.

His country is fully confident that China will absolutely win the battle against the virus at last, he added.

Wang thanked India's support, saying that China has adopted the most comprehensive and toughest measures to prevent the spread of the virus and many of them go far beyond the requirements in the International Health Regulations.

China's efforts are not only protecting the health of its own people, but also helping to maintain the health of the world's people, he said.

Wang also said that China disagrees with the measures adopted by individual countries that hype up tensions and even create panic.

Faced with transnational public health challenges in the age of globalization, countries should stay objective and rational, strengthen communications and coordination and play a constructive role individually, Wang said.

(By Mo Jingxi)

Benjamin Kuo from India learns Mahjong

Benjamin Kuo is a language teacher from India. He teaches at the Yunnan Normal University Business School. During the spring festival vacation when the coronavirus outbreaks, he spent most of the time reading and studying at home. It seems that his schedule is even tighter than before.

Benjamin's fiancee is from northern China. Recently, she has been teaching Benjamin how to make jiaozi and Chinese styled pork stew. "The jiaozi I make may not look nice, but I promise they are really tasty," says he.

And,he even learned how to play Mahjong this month.

"Mahjong is the best thing I've learned these days. I feel kind of addicted to it as a beginner, but I still don't understand why the Chinese can play it all day long!"

Instead of playing Mahjong, Benjamin said he prefers to take this chance to spend more time with his family.

"Seeing the people so united together, I firmly believe China is going to win this battle!" **(YDPG)**

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

China's Yunnan lifts 1.37 mln people out of poverty in 2019

About 1.37 million people bid farewell to poverty last year in southwest China's Yunnan Province, the local government said On Feb.10.

According to the provincial poverty alleviation conference, 3,005 villages were no longer labeled poor as of the end of 2019, and the average income of farmers in poverty-stricken areas rose from 2,744 yuan (392 U.S. dollars) in 2013 to 9,249 yuan last year.

The poverty headcount ratio in eight autonomous prefectures dropped to 0.86 percent last year from 10.58 percent in 2015.

The province is expected to achieve its goal of poverty alleviation in time, according to the meeting.

China has set a goal to eliminate extreme poverty by 2020. Over 10 million Chinese people shook off poverty every year since 2013. **(XINHUA)**

CULTURE

34-year-old Bai lady passes on the art of cloth tie

While winter sunshine shining in Wumafang, Ximen Street of the ancient city of Jianchuan, Yunnan province, seated in the deep lane was a 34 years old Bai embroidery lady named Zhang Sidai.

A piece of cloth and a few strands of thread come to life in her skillful hands, turning into a variety of tile cats, traditional twelve Chinese zodiac animals and colorful blue peacocks. The clothes and accessories made by Zhang Sidai are exquisite and popular with customers. According to Zhang, Jianchuan cloth tie handicraft was originally a small pendant worn by local children during the Dragon Boat Festival, with herbs such as mugwort leaves, which meant exorcise evil spirits and pray for blessings. With her love for cloth handicrafts, she inherits traditional skills while constantly innovating to produce products that meet the aesthetic needs of modern people. She also becomes an intangible cultural heritage inheritor of this craft at the county level.

"To make cloth tie three-dimensional effect, a few layers of cloth inside and outside and needles and threads all rely on a hand completely. In addition to a pair of skillful hands, you need to have a heart for it." Zhang Sidai spoke out the unique part of Jianchuan cloth tie. She said that for her, the cloth tie is not only homesickness in her childhood, but also the culture of Jianchuan. She wants to pass on this skill and let more people know and love the art of cloth tie.

(By Huang Xingneng)

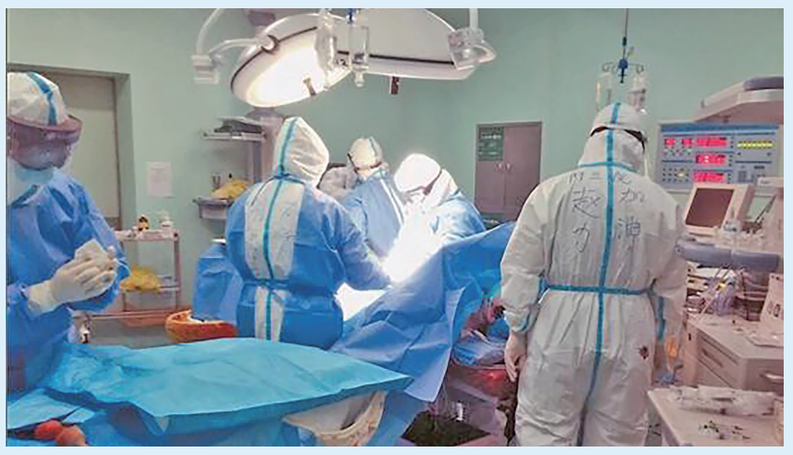
Further reading 1

China's 19 provinces support 16 cities and prefectures in Hubei

The National Health Commission of China has set up a pairing-up support mechanism for the medical treatment on the novel coronavirus pneumonia in Hubei province. At present, China's 19 provinces support 16 cities and prefectures in Hubei, and Yunnan support Xianning city of Hubei province. Picture shows that the Yunnan medical team celebrated birthday for a lady who is under treatment after hitting by COVID-19. **(Photo by Chen Fei)**

Further reading 2

New life brings new hope



On February 14, Zhao Li and Zhang Jing, an anaesthesiologist and an assistant anaesthesiologist from the Yunnan Cancer Hospital, assisted the Xianning First People's Hospital in Hubei in completing a caesarean section on a woman with COVID-19. When the newborn started to cry, all the medical staff at the spot smiled joyfully. New life brings new hope.

(Photo by Yang Zheng)

Belgium students stand up China

On the evening of February 11, the Confucius Institute at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium, and the Institute of Translation Studies jointly organized cultural exchange activities to fuel China's fight against the COVID-19. The picture shows some students displaying their paper-cut work.

Yunnan cured patients donate plasma to save more

Two recovered coronavirus patients in Yunnan province donated their blood plasma on Wednesday in an effort to save others.

Ms. Li, a 22-year-old Wuhan native, donated 400 millilitres of plasma at the Kunming Blood Center in the afternoon."I am lucky that my plasma can help save others," said Li, who was hospitalized in Kunming for 10 days and has just recovered from the pneumonia. Now, she is in good health thanks to sound care by local medics.

The other recovered COVID-19 patient surnamed Zeng donated 200 mls of plasma at 15:00 in Xishuangbanna Blood Center, having finished a physical checkup."I'm here to donate plasma with gratitude, for I was cured in the People's Hospital of Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture" said Zeng, wishing the disease will soon be resolved through joint efforts. **(YDPG)**

China resumes economic activities in fighting epidemic

A recent meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee stressed that during the prevention and control of the epidemic, efforts should be made to keep production and life stable and orderly.

In the face of epidemic, how enterprises restore production in scientific way, how employees return to work safely, and how government provide accurate policies and how to promote key projects……these issues are of vital importance to the performance of China's economy and affect the lives of many people.

Within a few days of resume work after the Spring Festival, more than 2 million enterprises organized online health information management, nearly 100 million people reported their health condition to their employers through the health clock- in function of Alidingding every day, and about 200 million people conducted online office and video conferences on the platform.

In China, where the mobile Internet is highly developed, online meetings and online offices are becoming a preference for many companies to resume production.

Focusing on epidemic prevention and promoting development at the same time is not only the goal for many enterprises' , but also envision a lot of enterprises with the new opportunities for economic transformation and upgrading.

"The mature application of 5G and industrial Internet technology makes it possible for factories to make production factors online more widely and deeply. At the same time, the accumulation of online data ensures the multi-dimension and continuity of industrial data, laying a foundation for realizing equipment optimization, quality analysis, supply chain scheduling optimization and other intellectualization based on big data and AI," said He Jun, CEO of Gechuang Dongzhi Technology Co. LTD.

Analysts generally agree that China's economy is now better structured with better risk tolerance and shows great resilience. In the future, as the outbreak is gradually brought under control, China's stable economic performance will become clearer.

In recent days, from the central government to local governments, relevant departments have introduced a series of targeted support measures, covering finance and social security, taxes and rents.Relevant experts analyzed that these measures will not only play an important role in overcoming the difficulties for small and medium-sized enterprises, but also further help related enterprises to speed up the pace of the construction of intelligent information technology, accelerate the pace of transformation and upgrading, and strengthen competitiveness.

Actively promote paperless process, optimize export tax refund (exemption) service, increase credit support, issue force majeure fact certificate and implement more preferential import tax policy……a number of targeted policies and measures to help enterprises create a sound business environment and facilitate foreign trade imports and exports.Experts pointed out that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pneumonia may cause a short-term impact on China's foreign trade, but it is unlikely to constitute a trend of impact, especially as a series of targeted policies and measures are constantly introduced and implemented, foreign trade imports and exports will receive more powerful support.

According to the latest data from 22 key provinces on February 10, the production recovery rate of face mask companies has exceeded 76%, while that of protective clothing companies is 77%. The recovery rate of grain production and processing companies under national monitoring is 94.6%, and that of coal mines is 57.8%. Electricity, natural gas and refined petroleum products are in sufficient supply, and the civil aviation, railway and water transportation network are operating normally.

(Comprehensive report)

On Feb. 15, the migrant workers from Qujing returns to Zhejiang province to work on the free and no-stop bus, fees are paid by the local government. Photo by YDPG

Further reading

Yunnan enterprises resume to work

In recent days, Yunnan key enterprises and key projects orderly resumed of work. Yunnan Construction and Investment Group, Yunnan Communications and Investment Group, China Copper, Kunming Steel Group and Yuntianhua Group actively organized production. As of February 13, the recovery rate of Yunnan's state-owned enterprises reached 70%, the recovery rate of some important basic industries was 88%, and the recovery rate of natural gas, electricity, fertilizer and water supply reached 100%.

By Feb.15, in Kunming City, Yuxi City, Baoshan City, Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture and Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, a number of enterprises above designated size and key enterprises resumed production. Among them, 445 industrial enterprises above designated size in Kunming resumed production, with a recovery rate of 46.5%. Among the 50 key industrial enterprises above designated size in Honghe Prefecture, 30 resumed production,with a recovery rate of 60%.