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VOLUNTEERS

A day of international volunteers at the Expo

Li Hongfeng

During the China-South Asia Expo, a group of Chinese-and-Lao-speaking volunteers started their work at the Dianchi International Convention and Exhibition Center, providing voluntary services to exhibitors from Laos and other South Asian countries. Those who received their services expressed heartfelt appreciation.

These volunteers, mostly Lao students studying at Yunnan Technology and Business University, are the first group of international volunteers of the China-South Asia Expo.

A student, whose Chinese name is Balong said that they

got up at 4:30 every morning to take the bus to the exhibition center. After a long day's work, they returned to campus at six or seven in the evening. With great enthusiasm, the 17 student volunteers, divided into six groups, provided services for exhibitors from Laos, Pakistan and other countries. "In addition, we give guidance to visitors and check whether the exhibitors' booth layout meets relevant requirements," Balong introduced in detail.

Another Lao student Tiantian said with a big smile, "This is the first time for me to be part of such an event. It's one of the best things I've done here in China. I hope more of my countrymen know about the Expo and Yunnan."

BUSINESS

Enterprise alliance of GMS cross-border business platform founded

**Zhang Ruogu
Wang Jing**

GMS Cross-Border E-Commerce Cooperation Platform Dialogue was held in Kunming, during which the enterprise alliance for GMS cross-border e-commerce cooperation platform was established.

The alliance is a subsidiary of the GMS cross-border e-commerce cooperation center, a non-governmental, non-profit regional international cooperation organization formed by e-commerce & trade promotion agencies

and e-commerce businesses from the GMS members. The alliance aims at promoting the development of cross-border e-commerce in GMS countries, and to share consumption markets in the sub-region. It is going to launch a 7-language trading platform, a training and talent service platform and a virtual incubator for GMS cross-border e-commerce. The Alliance will provide a full range of cross-border e-commerce services and host the annual GMS cross-border e-commerce dialogue, to promote the development of sub-regional e-commerce.

CULTURE



Passionate drumbeats and dances, face-to-face forum, ethnic costume exhibition, as well as a series of other cultural activities attracted guests from home and abroad at the 2016 China-South & Southeast Asia Arts Weeks. The event fully displayed the charm of culture across Southwest China, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

Photo by Chen Fei

INNOVATION

Smarter manufacturing gaining momentum

Li Jihong

From tin ore to chemical products, from aluminum ingot to air batteries, from traditional medicine to biopharmaceuticals, the new headway of manufacturing industry in Yunnan is on display at the China-South Asia Expo. Visitors may have hands-on experience such as driving subway trains or controlling drones here to see how the local manufacturing industry takes off.

Yunnan Baiyao, the world-famous tradition Chinese medicine brand, has a booth of 150 square meters at the Expo, showcasing its past legends, as well as current innovations.

25 automated production lines perfectly embody the traditional, modern, healthy and organic elements of our time. The innovative spirit can be seen in each and every Yunnan Baiyao product. At the Yunnan Metallurgy Group exhibition booth, one may be amazed to see a piece of aluminum and a bottle of saline generating current that can power a daylight lamp for quite a while. That is how the new aluminum air battery works. Such world-changing technology proves to be a green energy bank for our time. Two aluminum mobile toilets also show the prospects of such technology.

Hongyun Honghe

Group boasts China's most advanced cigarette-producing technology. China Railway High-Tech Equipment Manufacturing Company occupies more than 80% of the country's share in large-scale railway maintenance equipment. Kunming Shipbuilding Group has cracked the most complicated electromechanical engineering challenge in modern airport construction and geological exploration by coming up with its smart luggage processing system. All such examples are sending a message to the world that Yunnan's manufacturing industry is becoming smarter.

BELT AND ROAD New cooperation between Yunnan and Laos launched

Chen Yunfen

Recently, Yunnan Agricultural Reclamation Management Bureau and the Laos National Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences signed a cooperation agreement on agricultural sciences and technology in Kunming. The two sides aim to promote cooperation in agricultural sciences and technology through developing R&D on tropical cash crops.

According to the agreement, the two sides will carry out research, experiments and exchanges in agricultural R&D related to rubber, Australian nuts, local fruits and other tropical crops. They will also work together to set up a China-Laos rubber science and technology cooperation center for multi-level technical training and personnel exchanges.

AQUATIC PRODUCTS Indigenous Fuxian Lake fish accredited by national geographical protection

**Jiang Guiyou
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Recently, the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture announced the first batch of 103 agricultural products of the 2016 national geographical indication protection list. Kanglang fish (*Schizothorax taliensis*) from Fuxian Lake is on the list, becoming the first aquatic products of Yunnan Province to enter the list.

Fuxian Lake, located in Yuxi city, is one of nine plateau lakes in Yunnan. The lake abounds in Kanglang fish, a unique native species of Yunnan. For a long time, the fish has been known as one of the four most famous fishes in Yunnan because of its delicious taste. Entering the national geographical indication protection list will further build its reputation.



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MEDIA

CSA Expo attracts domestic and foreign journalists



A television journalist covers the Expo at the exhibition center.

Photo by Yang Zheng

This year's China-South Asia Expo has attracted the attention of more than 1200 journalists from home and abroad. Through their words,

cameras and mobile phones, stories of this ever-growing event are told to the world.

Some 110 domestic media group, as well as

63 overseas reporters from around 50 media groups of 15 countries such as India, Nepal, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Japan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Thailand, covered the event. The 6th South and Southeast Asian Mainstream Yunnan Media Tour in Yunnan also kicked off concurrently. As the influence of the Expo continues to grow, the press of Southeast Asia and beyond has attached more attention to the Expo, telling stories about the common development between China, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

Khamphet Xayavong with Lao National Television said: "I'm honored to take part in the coverage of this year's China-South Asia Expo together with so many colleagues from Southeast Asia and South Asia. We will work together to tell people of every corner of the world what's going on here." Thu Thu Htet Lwin with Yangon Media Group said: "This is my first time to be in Yunnan and at the Expo. I saw Myanmar products here. I believe the Expo provides a good platform to promote and showcase specialty products of different parts

of the world." Zaw Ye Aung and San Wai Aung with Myanmar Skynet Television also expressed that the Expo is a platform for international trade and cultural exchanges conducive to promoting international cooperation and friendship. Khun Phirum with Cambodian National Television told reporters that, "This year's Expo is well prepared. The quality goods from different countries impressed me the most. Cambodian products may get better known to more through the exhibition. That's very effective promotion."

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