

Why do these expats love Yunnan?

Beautiful China



Yi people in Yunnan Province worship fire and celebrate the Torch Festival every year to pray for a good harvest. This year, the festival fell on August 5. In central Yunnan's Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yi people danced and sang around fires (Photo from Xinhua)

where tourism is booming and where livable space is reserved for local ethnic groups. "Space is reasonably divided for production, living and ecology. In my opinion, these two old towns are models for developing eco-friendly tourism."

"So green!" U Myo Thu Hein, a Myanmar News Agency reporter, has visited Yunnan twice. "Green" is his deepest impression of Yunnan. "Traveling in Yunnan, the most common scenery is its green mountains." He and his colleagues pressed the shutter frequently and exclaimed from time to time because of the beautiful scenes.

"I had watched the movie *Ashima* five times before I came to Yunnan. My favorite place is Shilin," said Sunil Kumar Saroha, an Indian student studying at Kunming University of Science and Technology. Every weekend, he would invite his friends from different countries to Dianchi Lake by riding public-sharing bikes or taking subway to the Western Hills to watch sunrise.

"The real attraction of a city is its warm-hearted people and deep culture, which is exactly what I know in Yunnan," Shan Subi, a Cambodian student at Yunnan University, has made no secret of his love for Yunnan. "I envy Yunnan people. While enjoying beautiful scenery and pleasant climate, they wear Han clothes, sing folk songs and practice ethnic dances in groups." Shan Subi believes that such a city culture is simple, pure and warm, which is very touching.

Souliyo SENGNGAM, a *Vientiane Times* correspondent, made his first trip to Yunnan in June. He visited Zheha Village Mangtuan Natural Village, Mengding Town, Gengma Dai and Wa Autonomous County. In his eyes, it was a byword for beautiful countryside. Today, he still admires it. "Although there are only more than 800 people in Mangtuan Village, they have passed on the traditional hand-made papermaking skills from generation to generation for over 600 years. It is awesome."

Victims of the trade war emerge

Voice

Chinese consumers have not spoken out, but US blue-collar workers are beginning to worry. This seemingly puzzling scene is being staged in the context of the trade war provoked by the Trump administration. German cars have been among the first victims of Donald Trump's tariff policy: the victim on the surface is a German car company set up in the United States, and the potential victims are the employment opportunities of American auto workers.

On July 30th, Germany's BMW Motors increased the sales price of two of its sport utility vehicles, which are produced in the US and exported to China, by 4 percent and 7 percent respectively due to increased costs. It is not difficult to find the reasons for the increase in costs, as the price of globally-purchased parts for American-made BMWs has risen since the Trump administration launched a trade offensive against multiple countries and on multiple lines. At the same time, as one of the counter-measures against the United States, China began imposing a 25 percent increase on the newly-implemented 15 percent tariff on imported cars from the United States on July 6th. This amounts to a 40 percent tax. This means that the market share of name-brand cars with US origins will be reduced due to price increases.

When the White House fired the first shot in the trade war against its major trading partners by levying tariffs on steel and aluminum, many industry insiders noted that cars and electronic products would likely be the first to bear the brunt. This is because the world's largest automakers are heavyweight multinationals, with factories around the world.

The Financial Times has quoted a professional analyst as describing the impact of the trade war on the global automotive industry as a "perfect storm." "Perfect" in this case means a combination of factors that could yield a fatal blow to the global automotive industry. In meteorology, storms develop through changes in barometric pressure. To prevent US job losses, the White House is the only one with the ability to send the trade winds in the right direction to help create a barometric balance and prevent an automotive 'super storm.'

(Abridged from CRI)

Editor's Note:

Yunnan Ecological Environment Protection Conference was held in Kunming on July 23. At the Conference, the new situation and tasks of Yunnan's ecological civilization construction and ecological environment protection were analyzed and studied, and a comprehensive plan was made to build Yunnan into the most beautiful province in China. Yunnan is known as a kingdom of plant, a kingdom of animal, a kingdom of spice and a kingdom of non-ferrous metal with its biological species and endemic species both rank first in China. Yunnan's good ecological environment and natural resources are the treasures of China and the whole world. From this issue, let's see the opinions from people on build-

ing Yunnan into the most beautiful Province in China.

"Yunnan's most distinguished feature is its diverse ecological environment and pleasant climate that provide an opportunity for a sustainable green development." On July 22, when Wyatt Gordon, who is from the United States, heard that Yunnan would be built into the most beautiful province in China, he is totally in agreement with it. Gordon used to study at Beijing Foreign Language University and Yunnan Minzu University and now he teaches English in Kunming. He expressed his love for Yunnan by staying in Yunnan. While his staying, Gordon cares about the local ecological protection. He said, "I know quite a few examples of sustainable development. The secret behind them in common is a fear of the nature by local people." Gordon has been to the picturesque old town of Shaxi and Heijing,



A Brazilian student studied Dongba pictograph in Lijiang, northwest Yunnan and took photo with teacher (Photo by Wang Huan)

Beauty of Napa Lake wows visiting international students



International students took group photo in Napa Lake, Diqing Autonomous Prefecture in northwest Yunnan Province (Photo by Wang Huan)

"Wow! What a beautiful lake!" When the international students arrived at Napa Lake in northwest Yunnan's Diqing on July 19, they all were amazed by the beauty of the "Plateau Pearl". The visit to the lake was part of the Yunnan tour of "International Students Focus on China".

Hasan, a student from Bangladesh and a photography lover said that Napa Lake is the paradise for photo taking. "So much

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greenery, clear water, clean air and it helps clean my mind. There are also wild animals grazing."

Napa Lake was listed as the provincial-level nature reserve in 1984, with the goal of protecting rare and endangered winter migratory birds and other wild animals.

(Wang Huan)

National Geographic to hold Yunnan-themed photography exhibition

Communication

The National Geographic Colorful Yunnan Classic Photography Exhibition will be held in southwest China's Kunming city from August 11 to October 7.

Themed "Yesterday's World, Tomorrow's Vision", the exhibition will showcase more than 100 classic works of National Geographic.

Yunnan has always been a focus of National Geographic photographers over the past 100 years. Some of their photos record the wonders of this land and will be a highlight of this exhibition. In addition, four precious pieces of time-honored bronze wares from Yunnan will be exhibited, presenting the life in Yunnan of ancient times. (Li Xingquan)

Chinese-American writer inspired by true story of "Flying Tiger"

"World War Two... China... One cousin's courage, another's determination to help a wounded American pilot." Chinese-American writer Iris Yang's heart-wrenching story is now a hot sale in the United States.

Fresh from the print in June, Yang's English novel, *Wings of a Flying Tiger*, has been well received by readers and book reviewers.

"It is a heroic tale in which ordinary Chinese risked their lives to rescue and safeguard a downed American pilot in WWII in China," said Yang, adding that she based the book on

true experience of Tex Hill, the "Flying Tigers" member who was rescued by Chinese villagers.

The "Flying Tigers," or the American Volunteer Group (AVG), was a band of about 300 pilots and ground staff who volunteered to help China fight invading Japanese troops before the United States officially entered WWII.

The novel is framed in the summer of 1942, when Danny Hardy bails out of his fighter plane into a remote region of western China. With multiple injuries, malaria, and Japanese

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troops searching for him, the American pilot's odds of survival are slim.

Yang was born and raised in Wuhan, capital city of China's middle province Hubei, relocated to America in the 1980s for study, and settled down in North Carolina.

"I'm working on a story based on my grandmother. My grandma's life was a mix of triumphs and tragedies. I'll try my best to write it down," said Yang.

(Xinhua)

Extended Reading:

Yunnan has set up the Yunnan Flying Tigers Research Association and the Yunnan Flying Tigers Museum since 2007, and published a large number of research works on the Flying Tigers. At the same time, it established partnerships with American authorities and non-government organizations.

The Association goes to different places to excavate the remains of the flying tigers and discovered the largest cluster of relics in Chenggong, Kunming recently. It has hosted dozens of visiting flying tiger veterans and relatives and helped more than 200 of them find their relatives.

Sun Guansheng, President of the Association, said that they will make new contributions to deepening Sino-US nongovernmental exchanges and carrying on the friendship between China and the United States.

Car exhibition shows Yunnan's efforts in developing green energy industry

Industry

On August 5, the 3rd China (Kunming) Electric & New Energy Vehicles Exhibition was closed in Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan Province.

The exhibition saw a participation of 300 Chinese entrepreneurs and attracted more than 18,000 visitors. With its focus on new energy vehicles, it displayed passenger vehicles, special vehicles, commercial vehicles, logistics vehicles, the new application

of artificial intelligence and etc. Many of the products feature high horsepower, moderate energy consuming and large size, showing their producers' consideration of Yunnan's geographic conditions.

Earlier this year, Yunnan provincial government proposed to develop world-class green energy industry. The exhibition shows the province's endeavor to develop the industry. (compilation)



The exhibition attracted a large number of visitors every day in Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan Province (Photo by Yang Zheng)