



Two Sessions

What are major media concerns for Yunnan?

On March 7, the Yunnan delegation attending the second session of the 13th National People's Congress met with 93 reporters from 48 domestic and international media outlets. A press conference was also held after the second session of the 13th

National People's Congress of Yunnan Province at the end of January. So what are the major media concerns for Yunnan in 2019? In this issue, we preview the most pressing questions and find their answers to provide you with a new perspective on our province.



Chen Hao, Secretary of CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee answers the questions from media (photo by Lei Tongsu)



Ruan Chengfa, Governor of Yunnan Province answers the questions from media (photo by Lei Tongsu)

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Spokesperson urges U.S. politicians to stop slandering China

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson recently refuted U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's remarks alleging that China is a threat to other countries, calling the remarks "unethical and unfair."

Pompeo said in a recent interview, "When China behaves using debt as a trap... when China engages in spying through its commercial state-owned enterprises, and presents risk through its technology systems... we want to make sure that countries know about it, know the risks, and then countries will make their own sovereign decisions."

When asked to comment on Pompeo's remarks at a routine press conference, FM spokesperson Geng Shuang said that China has always carried out cooperation with other developing countries on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, offering assistance within its capacity without any political strings attached.

Cooperation with and aid from China have helped these countries develop their economy and improved the livelihood of their people, and have been welcomed by them, he said.

Geng said that the China-related cooperation projects only accounted for a very small part of the debt of the related countries and regions, and no country has fallen into the so-called "debt trap" because of its cooperation with China.

"The Chinese side always demands its enterprises conduct economic cooperation in strict accordance with local laws and regulations," Geng said.

It is clear to all that the true intention of the U.S. side is to use every means to suppress Chinese enterprises, and maintain its dominance in economy and science and technology, he said.

(Xinhua)

Xinhua News Agency: From 2016 to 2018, Yunnan led the country in terms of economic growth. This reveals the strong momentum of the province's leap-forward development. So what are the highlights of Yunnan's leap-forward development over the past four years?

Chen Hao, Secretary of CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee: On his inspection tour of our province in January 2015, President Xi Jinping instructed Yunnan to "proactively serve and involve itself in the national development strategy, blaze a path of leap-forward development, strive to become a demonstration area for ethnic unity and progress, lead the vanguard in building an ecological civilization, as well as develop into a radiation centre for South Asia and Southeast Asia, and make special contributions to the Chinese Dream." In the past four years, we have achieved economic development by leaps and bounds.

We have further enhanced our comprehensive economic strength. From 2014 to 2018, the province's GDP increased from 1,286.567 billion yuan to 1,788.112 billion yuan, an average annual increase of 8.9 percent. Meanwhile, our economic output climbed from the 24th place up to 20th place in the country.

We have further promoted industrial transformation and upgrading. We have deepened supply-side structural reforms and made remarkable achieve-

ments in the eight key industries of biomedicine and health, tourism culture, electronic information, modern logistics, modern high-altitude agriculture, new materials, advanced equipment manufacturing, food and consumer goods manufacturing. We also maintain strong momentum in building our province into a world-class destination for the green energy, green food and healthy life sectors.

We have brought reforms and opening up to a new stage. From 2015 to 2018, we have cumulatively introduced 3,207.55 billion yuan from outside the province, and increased the number of the world's top 500 companies in our province to 114. We have continuously optimized our business environment, improved the order of the tourism market, and advanced the reform of our power grid system.

China Daily: How will Yunnan carry the tourism revolution through to the end? What new features will be added to project of "Yunnan at Your Fingertips"?

Ruan Chengfa, Governor of Yunnan Province: Through rigorous measures, we have achieved overwhelming momentum concerning the rectification and improvement of the order in our tourism market. In 2018, the national tourism complaint platform received 780 complaints from Yunnan, down by 53 percent year-on-year; a move that saw Yunnan go from sixth place to 21st place on the list of most complained-of provinces in the country. In the

same year, both the number of tourists to Yunnan province and the tourism revenue increased by more than 20 percent from the previous year. Next, we will further rectify and upgrade the tourism market to attract more overseas tourists with high-end, featured and smart services.

So far, we have achieved initial results concerning smart tourism. This is represented by "Yunnan at Your Fingertips" project. As part of the project, the smart phone app "Travel in Yunnan" has two ends. At the tourist end, we will further optimize the services and take the lead to accommodate the 5G network. Meanwhile, we will give priority to the government end this year. Only by improving government services can we ensure a rewarding tourist experience.

Science and Technology Daily: In this year's government work report, seizing the opportunity of digital economy to build "digital Yunnan" is a key task in 2019. Why does the province propose to build "digital Yunnan"? What are the basic conditions? And what is the goal?

Ruan Chengfa, Governor

(Yunnan Daily)

New Trend

Advanced technologies revitalize old town of Yunnan



The smart toilet in Lijiang, northwest Yunnan province (Online photo)

In a matter of seconds, Qian Yafen can easily locate the nearest vacant toilet on her cell phone.

"I downloaded an app, clicked 'find a restroom' and then they just came up, with pictures of nearby public restrooms, numbers of available toilets as well as maps showing how I could get there," Qian said.

She picked the nearest one and scanned a QR code on a tissue box after entering the restroom, which distributed free toilet paper.

"It's brilliant! It helps avoid

waste and solves my problem so quickly in a way that I'd never thought of," she said.

Qian is visiting the Old Town, a famous UNESCO World Heritage Site with an 800-year history in the city of Lijiang, Yunnan province, which attracted more than 14 million tourists last year.

All 30 public restrooms in the Old Town are two-story buildings with traditional characteristics of Naxi, the native ethnic group. Two LED screens hanging at the entrance of each restroom designate both the men's and wom-

en's room as well as a unisex room. The screens also display the real-time temperature, humidity, and the concentration of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia gas.

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Editor's Note:

The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past seven

decades, China has developed from a poor, weak country to the second largest economy in the world. Starting from this issue, we will publish a column

called "Remarkable 70 years" to help you understand the earth-shaking changes that have taken place in New China and China's southwest Yunnan province.

New recipes at Tibetan restaurants in Shangri-La

Traditionally, the Tibetans in Shangri-La, northwest Yunnan's Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, enjoyed the dishes of zanba (roasted qingke barley flour), Pipa pork, earthen hot pots, water-simmered cake, milk dregs, and barley porridge. Now, the new dishes in this area include crispy pork ribs, braised beef, black fungus in vinegar sauce, fried crown daisy and others. Of these,

the trendiest in Shangri-La is "yak sashimi," or thinly sliced yak-meat eaten raw. Thanks to the ancient trading route, Shangri-La has been a place of openness since ancient times. In recent years, such openness has been increasingly shown at the novel dishes in local Tibetan restaurants.

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A restaurant prepares Tibetan dishes for tourists, Diqing, Yunnan (Photo by Liu Ranyang)