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Medical teams train doctors, improve treatment in Tibet

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Tibetan doctor Siju Lhamo is grateful for medics from Aid-Tibet, who have helped her to become a more talented doctor.

Working as a Tibetan medicinal doctor in the Barkor Community Health Service Center, Siju Lhamo was familiar with providing prescriptions using Tibetan medicine, but she felt helpless while handling emergency cases because she had not received that training.

"I was taught and felt thrilled about the knowledge on emergency rescue," said Siju Lhamo.

The Aid-Tibet medical aid program in the Tibet autonomous region has trained medical staff and improved treatment since it was launched in 2015.

According to the region's health commission, the program, with help from eight major hospitals in Beijing and another 65 from around China, has assisted Tibet's eight key hospitals in increasing their medical treatment.

Because of the program, over 2,000 local medical professionals, including Siju Lhamo, have improved their skills over the past five years. Further, nearly 400 severe diseases can now be treated in the region's hospitals, which saved thousands of lives.

In addition, 164 departments have been added to the region's key hospitals, including departments specializing in cardiovascular disease, gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics and orthopedics.

Yan Li'e, head nurse of the West Campus of China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing, has been an Aid-Tibet supporter for two years in the Barkor Community Health Service Center of Lhasa, together with 15 other Aid-Tibet medical workers.

"I am proud and pleased to have worked in Tibet and to see the improvements and achievements," she said.

"I think it's very important to have good communication with the local staff from the beginning. By knowing each other better, we can have an idea of what they need, and then we will know what we can do for them."

Yan said that over the past two years, the medical team has pro-

vided 190 training sessions for local staff, far beyond the target set by the National Health Commission.

Of all the training, Yan said, emergency rescue was the most crucial and impressive.

"The knowledge of emergency rescue in narrow streets is important, so all the center's 25 workers were required to get instruction and participate in drills," she said.

Local medics also had the opportunity to train in other provinces — Siju Lhamo, for example, was dispatched by her center to study for more than a month at the China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing in 2019.

"I was taught about cardiac color ultrasound and the countermeasures for flu and new infectious diseases. The opportunity to study in Beijing aroused my learning about fields other than traditional Tibetan medicine," she said.

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The Aid-Tibet medical team also donated a lot of medical equipment to the center, covering tests in echocardiography and fetal heart monitoring.

Over the past two years, the Aid-Tibet medical team has gained many friends in the surrounding communities by making home visits.

"Every time we visit Tsamla, a senior Tibetan woman who is very friendly, she gives us Tibetan butter tea and candies," Yan said.

"I don't know quite how to describe the relationship, except to say that this is what we call real love."



Slight relocation

An old residence is being moved in Wuhan, Hubei province, on Wednesday. The building, built in the 1930s by patriotic entrepreneur He Yifu, is facing increasing risks of deterioration due to a Yangtze River tunnel nearby, as well as fire hazards due to limited space. The building is being moved 2 centimeters per minute this week. The site will be cleaned, and then the house will be moved 30 meters more in July.

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Focus on food security pays off

81.5 billion yuan investment has been used to improve grain quality and sales

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China has put a lot of effort into boosting food security by improving grain production and quality over the past five years, which has helped ensure people's daily necessities amid the COVID-19 epidemic.

Since 2017, an investment of 81.5 billion yuan (\$12.6 billion) has been channeled to various State-level projects for food security supervision, grain quality improvement and services for grain marketing and sales, according to a statement on Tuesday by the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration.

"Some local governments and companies have also contributed their wisdom to speed up the improvement of food security," Qian Yi, director of the administration's planning and construction department, said at a news conference on Tuesday in Beijing.

Funan county in Anhui province has developed a new way of growing wheat that since 2018 that has given farmers means to manage their crops from the production stage to sales. As a result, about 20,000 hectares are being used in the production of high-quality wheat.

"In 2020, Funan also started its flour production line, which will be able to manufacture 300,000 metric tons of flour a year when finished. It's an important step to build an industrial chain and is of great help to consolidate the poverty alleviation work in the countryside," he said.

He added that Funan's production model and experience were promoted in 64 former poverty-stricken counties nationwide last year, increasing high-quality grain by about 70,000 metric tons and benefiting more than 800,000 households.

With grain production and quality steadily rising, the grain market

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operations are also stable.

Through last year until Jan 5 of this year, about 110 million tons of grains for the autumn season such as corn and beans were purchased by companies, a year-on-year increase of 5 million tons, according to the administration.

Grains stocks are also at a relatively high level, with some main provisions such as wheat and rice enough for one year of consumption, said the administration. Grain and oil products in big and medium-

sized cities can secure people's consumption for more than 20 days.

Some imported grains are supplementary to the domestic market. Figures from the General Administrative Customs show that from January to November last year, there were 7.49 million tons of wheat and 2.23 million tons of rice imported.

The administration said that it will strengthen efforts to improve food security by using technology and enhancing people's consciousness of cherishing food.

"We now have state-of-the-art technology for food reserves, and we are promoting the reduction of losses during processing through bio-based materials and ecological technologies," Fang Jin, the administration's office director, said at the news conference.

He said that the promotion of saving food and cherishing grains is also important.

"We hope that people can get the idea in their minds that it's an honor to treasure food, while wasting food is shameful," he said.

E-commerce lessons give inmates chance to succeed

HANGZHOU — Zheng Susu, an e-commerce lecturer for 15 years, is visibly confident when it comes to conducting her classes. However, she was caught by surprise and became anxious upon receiving an invitation to teach at a local prison.

In December 2017, Qiaosi Prison in Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province, sought to collaborate with Taobao University — an education unit under Chinese tech giant Alibaba, where Zheng works as a lecturer — to give lessons to the inmates.

The unique approach is aimed at teaching the inmates skills that can help them reintegrate into society. Before approaching Taobao University, the prison had already offered classes in auto repair and plumbing installation.

"We set up the courses so they can live a good life after returning to society," said Hu Di, an official with Qiaosi.

As the prison is in Hangzhou, where Alibaba is based and online

businesses are booming, Hu came up with the idea of asking Taobao University to offer relevant courses.

Huang Lei, head of the university, attached great importance to Hu's request. "We were asked to help inmates learn more about the internet, but then we realized that teaching them certain skills could help them gain more opportunities in the future," he said.

In January 2018, Taobao University worked out a curriculum and signed an agreement with Qiaosi Prison. Zheng was chosen to be among the first batch of lecturers.

"When I put away my mobile phone and walked through the iron gates, I felt I was in another world," Zheng recalled.

Since her students were of various age groups and educational backgrounds, Zheng started by explaining fundamental concepts such as QR codes. She said she never considered teaching as "cracking a hard nut".

"Our students are quite interested in outside information. They have very strong desires to learn," she said.

Learning about e-commerce can boost inmates' confidence and help them earn their own living when they leave prison, thereby contributing to a stable and harmonious society, said Yang Jianhua, head of the Zhejiang Academy of Social Sciences.

By Dec 10, over 2,500 inmates at Qiaosi Prison had taken the e-commerce classes, and some of them went on to work on online sales of agricultural products in their hometowns while others established internet companies.

A former inmate surnamed Zhou, who attended six sessions of the e-commerce course, founded a company that offers services related to e-commerce after leaving prison.

"The classes in the prison made me understand the changes that are happening in the outside world and inspired me a lot," said Zhou, who

served six years and nine months for illegally opening casinos.

After completing his prison term, Zhou continued to expand his knowledge by reading books and participating in offline training sessions, which allowed him to gain skills for effectively managing his company.

"The scariest thing about serving a sentence is abandoning yourself and the lack of a goal," said Zhou. "The training helped me find a new direction."

Huang, head of Taobao University, said it will forge further cooperation with drug rehabilitation centers, creating more job opportunities for people with special experiences.

"What we bring to them includes, but is not limited to, knowledge," he said. "Through these training classes, the inmates can regain their lost hopes."

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A Tibetan patient has her throat examined at the Barkor Community Health Service Center in Lhasa, Tibet, by Tao Yongkang, a Tibet-Aid physician from the China-Japan Friendship Hospital. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Briefly

TIANJIN 1 dead, 7 injured in plant explosion

One person was killed and seven others injured in a gas explosion at an auto parts plant in Tianjin on Thursday, local authorities said. The rescue operation ended at about 3:30 pm, and no people were found trapped in the plant, according to the fire department in the Tianjin Port bonded area. An investigation into the cause is underway.

BEIJING Online litigation service platform launched

The Supreme People's Court and the Ministry of Justice on Thursday launched an online litigation platform for lawyers. The platform provides 35 online litigation services,

which are also available on a mini-program on WeChat, according to a news conference. Users can file cases online, arrange for document delivery and authentication and participate in court trials online, according to the conference. Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 outbreak, the SPC mobilized courts at all levels to move services online last February.

HUBEI Ancient copper workshop discovered

Archaeologists have discovered a large copper workshop dating back to the Shang Dynasty (c.16th century-11th century BC) in Hubei province. The discovery of the Guoyuanzui relic site in the Huangpi district of Wuhan has offered a glimpse into the complete process of bronze making, from crafting molds

to melting alloy, that was practiced some 3,000 years ago, researchers said. Archaeologists started unearthing the site in 2019 and have so far revealed a 1,100-square-meter platform on which various steps in the bronze making process were carried out. Hu Gang, an archaeologist with the province's institute of cultural relics and archaeology, said they had found 15 stove foundations, over 200 pieces of crucibles and pottery molds and 105 stone and copper tools.

SHANGHAI New CPC memorial to be revealed on July 1

The Memorial for the Site of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China in Shanghai will be open to the public on July 1, when the CPC celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding, the

municipal government announced at a news briefing on Thursday. The renovation of the site and the construction of the memorial, which is being built next to the site where 13 Chinese delegates and two foreign delegates from the Communist International convened the First CPC National Congress in July 1921, will be completed by May. The memorial will then begin trial operations for two months before its official opening on July 1, said the municipal government. Hundreds of exhibits illustrating the history of the founding of the Party will be on display in the new memorial, which will feature an exhibition area of close to 4,000 square meters, almost quadruple that of the site that had been serving as a memorial itself since 1952.

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Paper maker



A villager air-dries pieces of paper newly made from tree bark in Danzhai, Guizhou province, on Thursday. Listed as a national intangible heritage, the traditional papermaking technique is still in use in the county in the production of folk art. The locals also showcase the skills during tourism activities to help make villagers' lives better. HUANG XIAOHAI / FOR CHINA DAILY