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World Horticultural Expo 2019 in Beijing, Where Horticulture Blended into Nature to Touch the Soul

The World Horticultural Exposition 2019, hosted by the People's Republic of China, will embrace the visitors during 28 April and 7 October 2019 in the Yanqing District of Beijing. The central theme of the Expo is "Green Life and Beautiful Homeland", following the concept of "blending the horticulture into nature and touch the soul with nature". It is the dedication to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the New China and the forthcoming moderately prosperous society with the internationally and nationally best horticultural works.

Ecological and Cultural Value of Chinese Contemporary Bamboo Architectures

As early as 7,000 years ago, China began to use bamboo and other natural materials to build houses. Shang Ancient Village in Anhui, which has the history of over 1,000 years, skillfully employs the structures known as "six bamboo umbrellas" and "three groups of awnings" to construct a connected bamboo roof. Baoxi Township in Zhejiang makes the best use of local bamboos as the natural building materials for better adaptability and new usage, which vividly showcases the infinite probability of art improving the productivity of rural area. At the Expo 2019 Beijing, INBAR is ready to impress the vast audiences with the stunning bamboo architectures and bamboo landscape.

36 文明回眸 | Civilization Glimpse

Slender West Lake, Garden of Zen Surrounded with Lotus

Slender West Lake in Yangzhou is the garden of Zen combining the traditional Chinese landscape with the Buddhist concept. The architects there are the manifestation of both the delicate Southern garden style with the imposing Northern style, which are designed to match the imperial grandeur while rendering the poetic beauty in a small yard as if to reveal a whole new world with mere a tiny grain of sand. The famous scenic spots of the Slender West Lake, like "He Pu Xun Feng" in the Fragrance Yard, "White Pagoda in Cloud" in the Temple of Lotus and Lotus Bridge, are the model integrating natural beauty and humanistic beauty perfectly with the grand architects and ingenious design of lotus landscape.

Universal Values in Eco-friendly Traditional Chinese Gardens

The Summer Palace, Classic Gardens of Suzhou, and West Lake of Hangzhou are considered the outstanding representatives of traditional Chinese gardens. All the three, which are listed as world cultural heritage sites, incarnate the universal values of traditional Chinese ecological culture. This thesis selects the representative royal gardens, private gardens, temple gardens and public gardens, to expound their important role in inheriting urban culture, transferring the urban ecological civilization, nurturing the development of urban culture, and ensuring people's well-beings.

54 理论观点 | Theoretical Views

Landscaping Notions and Practices in Belt and Road Countries

The BRI spans across the three world landscaping systems to connect the landscaping cultures from various nations and regions. Chinese and Islamic Landscaping mirrors the longing for the paradise. Southeast Asian landscaping integrates nature and art in a perfect manner; European landscaping values symmetry and nature; African landscaping highlights the conservation of the nature; American and Australian landscaping absorbs foreign strength by getting rooted in the indigenous culture. All of the landscaping notions and practices mirror the craving for better life and better living environment.

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Bamboo Houses of Sidama People: A Symbol of Ancient Ethiopian Residence

Ethiopia is viewed as an important birthplace of human beings and the hometown of Lucy, the fabled "grandmother of humanity", and also one of the countries with bountiful bamboo resources. In the development course of Ethiopia, bamboo has played an important role. The time-honored bamboo houses built by the Sidama people not only bear testimony to the splendid Ethiopian civilization but also shelter the descendants of Lucy. Such bamboo huts have become a unique view in the countryside of the Great Rift Valley and a witness to the everlasting bond between bamboo and Ethiopians.

74 美丽乡村 | Beautiful Countryside

Xiban Village, A Happy Village living with Flowers

Xiban Village in Zhangpu County, Fujian Province, is a well-known village engaged in horticulture. Its success in industry transformation began with the project of 100-mile-flower-corridor, which has brought farmers into flower and agriculture expositions for more opportunities. The efficient linkage of large expositions, big markets and big platforms as well as the Innovative horticulture has shaped the flower and seedling gardens integrating seedling sale and eco-tourism, and paved the avenue to happiness for local flower-growing farmers.

Shushan Village, A Famous Spot in Waters and Hills

Shushan Village at the north foot of Taiyangshan National Forest Park has been an endearing scenic spot from ancient times. It boasts grotesque hills, huge rocks of strange shapes, ancient stone-carved couplets, famous green tea, crown-like pear and waxberry. For recent years, the village has tapped into and restored local cultural relics to develop eco-tourism and create a more livable homeland, in order to achieve the goal of the rural revitalization. It has become a leading village in the drive to build a beautiful countryside.

90 名花品鉴 | Famed Flower Appreciation

Chinese Ancient Poets on Peony: Appreciation and Analysis

International Competition on Peony in Beijing Expo 2019