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Desertification and Its Prevention

The ecosystem of deserts is often compared to the spleen of the earth because it is responsible for fostering primary earth. Desertification, especially land sandification, is a global environmental issue. The ecosystem of deserts is extremely fragile compared with other ones, and once it is damaged, it can hardly be restored. To prevent desertification is to remedy the loss and degradation of ecosystem function caused by human activities through the man-ecosystem interactions.

Chinese Experiences in Desertification Control: A Contribution to the World

For 68 years since the foundation of the P.R.C., China has waged an arduous war against desert encroachment, and has won a miracle victory in the battles against sands. China now leads the world in zero growth of deserts with the historical achievement that its people can finally live with much less intimidating sand, in harmony. It actively shares its experiences and know-hows in this regard with the international community by offering training and seminars, contributing to global desertification control.

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Finding Traces in Wolong

Wolong, a dimly visible imprint in the annals of history and a place of complicate natural environment, is a corridor of wild life, where wild fauna and flora come together. It is also the first-ever nature reserve of giant panda in China. Here many ethnic people like Tibetans, Qiang people and Hui people have lived in harmony with Han people. They interact with each other and together foster a unique Wolong culture on this land, where a number of relic special and endemic species continue to prosper.

Meixi Tribe of Taiwan: Beneath the Beautiful Tranquility Lie Wildness and Toughness

Sediq, who belongs to Meixi Tribe in Nanfeng Village, Nantou County, Taiwan, is a branch of Gaoshan People. Sediqs have their own religious belief and traditional customs like hunting, weaving, face-tattoo, music, languages, folk songs and dancing. They use natural dyeing materials and wear red clothes, a very upbeat nationality with born optimism. With the rising tribe tourism, it has resumed its traditional sacrificing ceremonies, which are held annually or in sowing season or in harvest. It has also rebuilt the traditional barns and half-carved residences, which are on the verge of going extinction.

44 文化采撷 | Cultural Highlights

Wild Flowers on Qinghai Plateau

The blossoming primrose flower heralds the coming of the spring in Qinghai. Where there is a flower, there will be singing birds. Rosy corydalis and astragalus, which are blossoming in the stone cracks or by the cliffs, are billowing in the wind.

Qiyun Mountain: A Famous Mountain of Taoism

Qiyun Mountain is a long-standing reputed mountain in southern An' hui. Tang Xianzu, a famous playwright (Chinese Shakespeare), in his poem once lauded it as a dream place on par with Mountian Huang. As a historically famed mountain of Taoism, once called White High Mountain (Baiyue) in ancient China, it is also blessed with Danxia geomorphic spectacles, and the best cliff inscriptions and stone inscriptions in southern China, all of which mirror profound Taoism culture. A 480-year-old plum tree here is the telling example of its deep Taoist roots.

58 美丽乡村 | Beautiful Countryside

A Glimpse of Baishou Town, a Village of Longevity

Baishou Town of Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, is a famous "longevity village" in China. Since ancient times, the town has been insulated from major floods and droughts, a shelter of a large number of long-living people. A giant rocket face in a cave here is inscribed with the same Chinese word of the most calligraphic styles, the word "longevity" written in 100 styles. Therefore, it is lauded as an encyclopedia of Chinese Calligraphy by domestic and international historians. The town boasts the best-preserved Yongningzhou ancient city, which was built in the Ming Dynasty some 500 years ago, and a courier route from the Tang Dynasty. These historic relics are all testimony to its profound history and the past prosperity.

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Bamboo and Rattan: A Beautiful View of Global Eco Culture—The 20th Anniversary of INBAR' s Establishment

On November 6th, 2017, the minister-level summit of South-South cooperation and the green development of bamboo and rattan was held in Beijing, as one of activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of INBAR' s establishment. Chinese president Xi Jinping wrote a congratulation letter and the president of Ethiopia made a speech to thank INBAR for supporting his country to develop bamboo charcoal, increase the income of local farmers and improve the rural livelihood. During the event, Brazil has officially become the 43rd INBAR member nation. For 20 years, INBAR has been committed to promoting global development of bamboo and rattan, yielding fruitful results.

76 理论视点 | Theoretical Views

Giant Panda and Chinese Character

This article explores the connection between the giant panda and Chinese traditional culture. It compares the Chinese character with the personalities of the giant panda and believes that the cute animal is the figurative reflection of the character of Chinese people. It digs deep into the unique panda culture exclusive to China and popular in the world. Against the multi-polarization and grim global economy, pandas can show the world the Chinese wisdom and the confidence of the Chinese people to build a community of shared destiny.

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Moscow, the Love of Forest in the City of Forest—The 14th International Forestry Contest for Youth

The 14th International Forestry Contest for Youth was held in Moscow. Invited by the organizers, China Eco-Culture Association in partner with the Center of International Exchanges Center of SFA headed a delegation to Moscow and claimed awards. The delegates through this event came to realize the importance for school kids to step out their schools and feel, explore, understand and research mother nature, which benefits their critical thinking as well. The Chinese delegation were deeply impressed by the ardent love of Moscow people towards forest and also by the beautiful city of forest.

94 古树史话 | Story of Trees

Chionese tamarisk (rose willow): A Tenacious Plant

Chionese tamarisk, commonly known as rose willow, has scale-like leaves, similar to those of cypress trees but only smaller, with thinner branches. Every spring and summer it can bloom for several times, hence nicknamed three-spring willow. In the remote and bleak places, rose willow stands out every year, like a hero of the plant family, for its great tenacity and strong belief.