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Beijing, China's Capital and a Garden City that Inherits Hundreds of Years' Cultural Legacy

Beijing is a historical and cultural city that boasts 3,000-year history as a city, 800-year history as a capital, and cultural relics that dated 700,000 years ago. In this city, harmonious coexistence between human and nature has been a thread running through its urban construction, development, and evolution. Today, as Beijing is embracing a Chinese-style modernization, the wisdom of ecological culture is promoted, and its natural heritage protected. Beijing is striving to burnish the image of the beautiful and well-run garden capital, where the past meets the present.

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Technology Support for Optimizing the Value Realization Mechanism of Carbon Sink of Forestry Carbon Tickets and its Carbon Credit Offsetting

A research team of the Chinese Academy of Forestry conducted an in-depth analysis of collective forest areas, systematically examining the current status and existing problems of forestry carbon credits. They proposed a phased approach to establish and improve national-level methodologies, management standards, and a unified information management platform for forestry carbon credits. The proposal specifies application scenarios for forestry carbon credits, such as "forestry carbon credits + neutrality for non-controlled emission enterprises", "forestry carbon credits + neutrality at large and medium-sized events", "forestry carbon credits + neutrality for cultural and tourism activities", and "forestry carbon credits+ public tree-planting". All these applications will help realize the value of forestry carbon credits and carbon sinks.

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The Development History and System Construction of China's Urban Greening

An urban greening system is a prerequisite for the sustainable development of urban greening. By reviewing the history of urban greening regulations and comparing their current effectiveness, it is concluded that the main components of China's urban greening regulatory framework include guiding policies, laws and regulations, technical standards, and implementation plans. It is proposed that China should focus on improving the urban greening planning system, operations and management system, monitoring and evaluation system, support system, and incentive system. To improve the urban greening system, it is advised to improve both central and local legislation, as well as regulations of specific departments.

The Role and Significance of Urban Greening in Chinese-Style Modernization

Urban greening serves as a bedrock for urban development and plays a crucial role in promoting urban civilization in Chinese-style modernization. This article discusses the importance of urban greening from various dimensions, including its relationships with ecological conservation, the Beautiful China campaign, urban infrastructure, modern cities, and people's aspirations for a better life. By exploring the significance of urban greening in improving urban ecological environment, urban resilience, urban image, urban residents' physical and mental health, and urban civilization, the article aims to raise the public awareness of urban greening.

Interpretation of and Inspiration from International Theories on Urban Greening

International theories on urban greening provide theoretical framework and guidance for China's urban greening research and practice. This article explores major theories on sustainable development, biodiversity, ecosystem service, landscape ecology, restoration ecology, the Miyawaki Method for Recreating Forests (closer-to-nature forest), and public participation. It reviews the background, evolution, and core concepts of the theories, and discusses their strength and application in urban greening practices.

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Luo Village: An Amazing Village of Harmonious Human-Nature Coexistence

Nestled at the foot of Darong Mountain in southeastern Guangxi Province, Luo Village is a millennium-old village in Beiliu City's Minle Town. The village is home to many outstanding litterateurs, including Chen Zhu, a scholar and educator in the early 20th century. It enjoys a profound historical legacy, as it boasts ancient castles, opera stages, and watchtowers. Located in the south of the Five Ridges—a region renowned for its lychee culture, Luo Village has found 148 ancient lychee trees growing in its locality. The modern Luo Village, with rich historical culture and ecological wisdom, is driving development in its innovative and distinctive ecological industries. It has preserved the ancient legacy and boosted modern development, integrated culture with industrial growth, and fostered a harmonious relationship between people and nature.

Jiangtou Village: A Divine Place with a Deep Love for the Lotus Flower

Jiangtou Village is located in Qingshitang Town, Lingchuan County, Guilin, Guangxi Province. Its inception began in the Song Dynasty and the village took shape in the Yuan Dynasty. Among the many ancient villages in Guangxi, it holds several prestigious titles: the one with the most historical and cultural relics, the one with the best architecture, the one with the greatest variety of intricate carvings, the one with the largest number of notable figures, the one that is home to the greatest number of court officials and in particular, upright officials. In addition, generations of local villagers have embraced and promoted the Neo-Confucian philosophy of the Northern Song scholar Zhou Dunyi and his teachings on etiquette. Zhou's admiration for the lotus made the flower a beloved cultural symbol of the locality. The locality's ancient architectural complex from the Ming and Qing dynasties prominently features lotus elements, emanating a sense of poetry and history.

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The Mosuo People's Mountain Pilgrimage Festival: Time to Celebrate the Eco-Culture of the Plateau's Crown Jewel

Located at the junction of Sichuan and Yunnan provinces, Lugu Lake is a highland lake under key national protection. The Mosuo people regard Mount Gemu, by the shores of Lugu Lake, as a sacred mountain; for them, the Goddess Gemu personifies both the mountain deity and their protector. The Mountain Pilgrimage Festival, also known as Circling Gemu Mountain Festival, has passed down the simple ecological and environmental philosophy of "respecting nature" from generation to generation. The innovative "1+3" plan for the joint protection and governance of Lugu Lake by Sichuan and Yunnan provinces has established a pioneering cross-province and cross-department regulatory and emergency coordination mechanism. This action plan has proposed a holistic approach to the protection and governance of the mountains, waters, forests, fields, lakes, and grasslands within the Lugu Lake Basin, delivering a win-win outcome in both ecological protection and economic development.

My Tour in Xinjiang and My Poems Saluting the Homeland

I am a geologist, travelling extensively across the deserts (including the Gobi), oases, grasslands, lakes, and snow-capped mountains of Xinjiang. Oh, I love poetry, and my poems are dedicated to the homeland that has nurtured me.