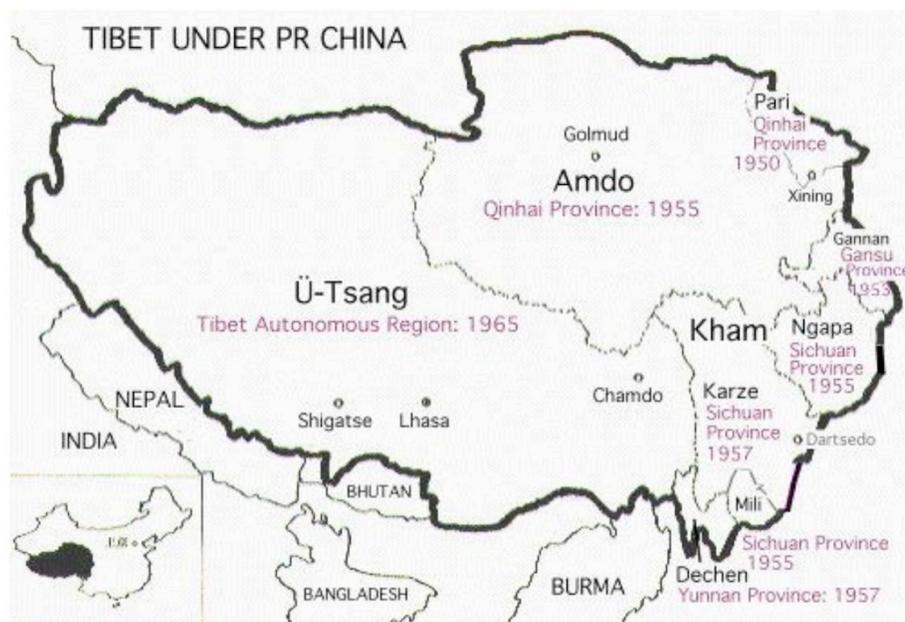
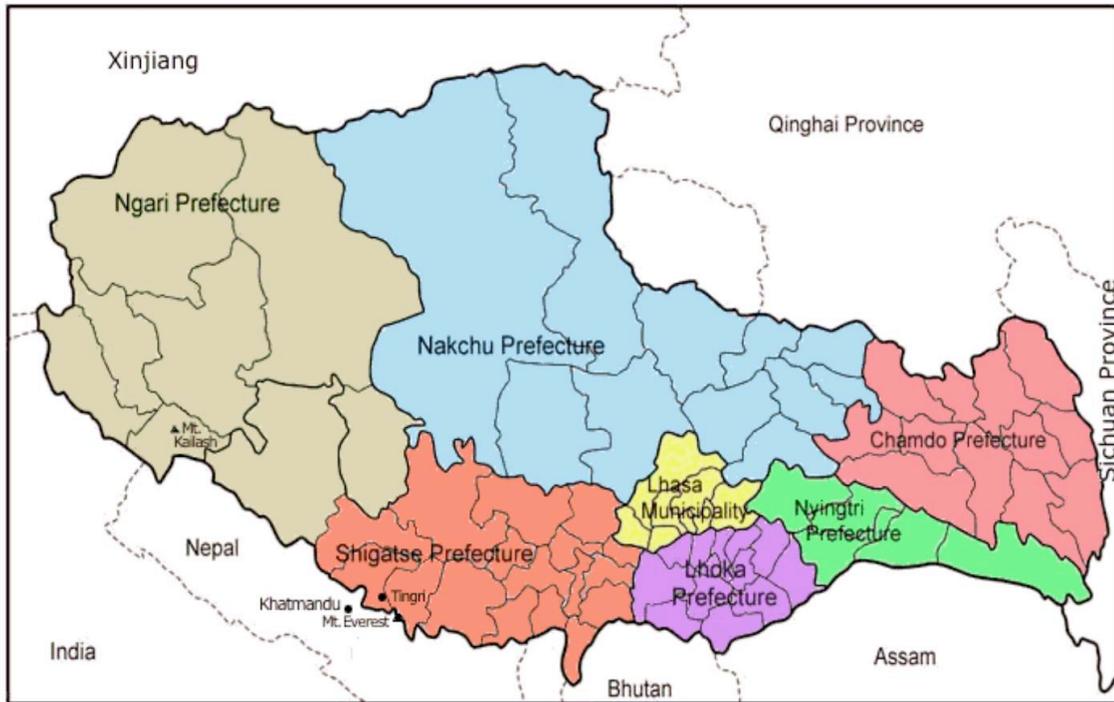




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TAR NEWS

TAR Party Secretary visits Kindergarten

June 01, 2018

On International Children's Day on May 31, TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie visited a Bilingual kindergarten in Chengguan district of Lhasa. Posters highlighting the contrast between "old and new Tibet" were pasted in the corridors of the school. TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie advised the children to understand the trust and loyalty of the Party and to remember Chinese President Xi Jinping's message of safeguarding the motherland's unity.

Training Course for Lhasa's Budget Performance

June 05, 2018

A training class for enhancing efficiency in Lhasa's budget performance began in Lhasa on June 4. Well-known experts were invited, including a Professor from Beijing's Information Science and Technology University who gave a lecture on financial performance and management. The Training was especially to strengthen the budgetary performance of the Central Party's special funds. All departments have been mandated to achieve an overall budget performance target of over 300,000 Yuan by end of the fiscal year 2019. The Lhasa Municipal Government has also established a mechanism to assess nine key livelihood policies and major projects in Lhasa.

Tibet University Takes Measures to Promote Teachers' Teaching Skills

June 05, 2018

Since March 2018, the Tibet University has launched a large number of military training activities for teachers. To oversee the progress of this training, a group comprising "excellent teachers with high moral character, excellent professional skills, and strong educational and teaching abilities" was constituted. According to the arrangement, Tibet University has organized departments to further study the State Council's "Opinions on Comprehensively Deepening the Reform of the Teaching Staff in the New Era", "National Standards for Undergraduate Teaching Quality", "Undergraduate Professional Certification Standards" and "Tibetan College Teacher's Classroom Basic Requirements" etc. In order to

ensure that military training activities progress steadily and effectively, the school has established a college weekly report system, an activity of office inspection system, and a contact school principal guidance system to strengthen supervision of large military training activities. The University is mandated to submit a "Weekly Report on the Teaching Skills of Teachers in Tibet University. Two leadership groups and inspection teams were also set up.

Wang Chunhuan Inspects the Works of Institute of Religious Studies, TASS

June 11, 2018

Wang Chunhuan, Vice President of the Tibetan Academy of Social Science (TASS), visited the Institute of Religious Studies to inspect related work. She checked the current scientific research work, the talents of the researchers and, the actual research on religious traditions and utility.

She said:

- Apart from investigating and researching, it is important for TASS to handle the relationship between traditional research and realistic research, where the traditional research should serve the purpose of present reality.
- To have correct research orientation, Marxism should guide the scientific research; Xi's thought and his religious ideology should guide the present research work of Tibetan religion and realities. It should promote religion to adapt to the socialist society.
- She recommended that all religious institutions regularly carry out ideological and theoretical learning. And
- She emphasized that all the researchers should perform 'one post with two duties', to construct a party's working style and clean government and then aim for promotion and political correctness.

The current Director and Vice Director of the Institute of Religious Studies are: Director Bu Buqi and Vice Director Xiang Zhiduojie.

Yeshe Phuntsok (Yixi Pingcuo) Presides over Meeting of Social Security Unit

June 6, 2018

Yeshe Phuntsok, the Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region of Social Science Department (Tibet's Director General of Regional Development) presided over a meeting to finalise the work schedule of the Social Security Unit. He said that 'since this is the year of beginning of the implementation of the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the CPC and 40th anniversary of the reform and opening up, it is a crucial year for the successful completion of a well-to-do society and implementation of 13th five year plan'.

Yeshe Phuntsok emphasized that all the cadres and cadres of social science should be well armed with strong theoretical basis, be armed with 'Xi's socialist ideology with Chinese characteristics in the new era', and organize proper theoretical research and interpretation. They must observe and strictly follow the rules and disciplines such as the reporting system. To be able to work with one mind and one place, everyone should be united and cooperate each other. The meeting was attended by Social Science Academic Work Office and Liaison Coordination office.

A Team of TAR's Leader Visited Northwestern University for Nationalities

June 6, 2018

A 5-member team from the TAR United Front Work Department (UFWD) visited Northwestern Universities for Nationalities on May 27. The team is headed by Qu Ze, member of the Party Committee and Deputy Director of the TAR's Regional Civilian Party Committee and other members are Liu Yan, Deputy Director of Administrative and Legislative Affairs of the TAR; Deputy Director of Department of Religion, TAR; Don Hongren, Deputy Director of Policy and Regulations and; the heads of UFWD like the leader of Student Work Department.

The School Party Secretary, Deng Guangyu welcomed them on behalf of the school and chaired a symposium for them. According to Qu Ze, the purpose of their visit is to survey the academic research work of the Northwest Minzu University in ethnic and religious studies to form operable policy measures. He invited the school's experts to visit TAR for better research and investigation and improve the theory and practice of ethnic and religious work and also participate in major research projects. Discussions and exchanges were largely on religious affairs management.

TAR Stability Maintenance Conference

June 02, 2018

The TAR Regional Stability Command held a video Conference on June 1, where Ding Ye, Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee and Chief Commander of the TAR Stability Command spoke. Zhuang Yan, Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee and Chief Commander of TAR Peacekeeping Command presided over the meeting.

Ding Ying pointed out the need to:

- i) strengthen the overall preventive measures and control mechanism of the society, pay close attention on ‘key’ targets and personnel and to provide security services for all kinds of religious activities;
- ii) strengthen convenience police stations, ensure stability and harmony;
- iii) strengthen Cyber security measures, security in university and college campuses and in schools; and
- iv) resolutely adhere to the rule of law, resolve contradictions and disputes at the grassroot levels and also emphasise unifying ideological understanding.

TAR PSB’s work deployment for Household registration system

June 01, 2018

A meeting was convened by the TAR Public Security Bureau led by the Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee and Director TAR PSB Liu Jiang and Deputy Director TAR PSB Lobsang Tendar, to discuss reforms to the household registration system, accelerate the process of the household registration system, delegate responsibilities, to promote a ‘good image’ of the police forces to the public and to increase supervision and inspection tours. The meeting was video-conferenced to all county level PSB agencies and township police stations.

Loyalty Education Classes in Lhasa

June 01, 2018

The TAR PSB organized a ‘loyalty education campaign’ for all public security agencies on May 31. Ma Jun, member of TAR PSB, Standing Member of Lhasa Municipal Party Committee and Secretary of

Lhasa Political and Law Committee, delivered a speech while Zhao Toa Deputy Mayor and Director of Lhasa Municipal PSB presided over the meeting. Ma Jun pointed out that 'loyalty education' is fundamental for the establishment of an effective local public security bureau as he believed it guides the general police force to consolidate common ideals and beliefs, enhances cohesion, helps combat illegal activities and promotes creative ways and means in the working of PSB. He directed that PSB and Security Policemen of all department levels should conscientiously study and understand the significance of the 'loyalty education' month. Officials of PSB, heads of counties, political workers and police representatives attended the meeting.

(Comment: Every June is observed as 'Loyalty Education Month' in TAR. This was started two years ago.)

China trains Tibetan monks and nuns to train fellow-monastics to be loyal subjects

June 06, 2018

Between May 31 and June 2, a workshop was held in Lhasa for Buddhist monks and nuns tasked with training their fellow monks and nuns to be loyal subjects of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese state. . The trainees were tasked with spreading government policies and strengthening the political beliefs of monks and nuns. ' The Buddhist 'facilitators', as the trainees are called, were asked to be reliable in politics and take a clear-cut and firm stance. They are required to follow "four standards" which include being reliable in politics; being profound in religious knowledge; being convincing in morality; and playing an active role at critical moments. The participants, who were described as active or young monks and nuns in temples willing to learn and share with others, are now required to hold educational activities as their major political mission on a long-term basis.

Xiong Kunxin, a Professor at Beijing's Minzu University of China, said "Buddhist temples play a key role in Tibet's stability. The facilitators spread the latest religious and political policies and spirit from the central government to monks and nuns, leading them to advocate socialist development with Chinese characteristics." He added that Buddhist 'facilitators' preaching policies to monks and nuns would be more effective than via third-party lectures or directly by the central government since they have a better understanding of the thoughts and habits of their own group.

The Tibet Daily disclosed that following the 19th Party Congress in October 2017, more than 20,000 Party cadres in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) were sent to local villages, and 7,000 to ‘temples’ to ‘preach’ the ‘spirit’ of the 19th Party Congress to Buddhist monks, nuns, students and farmers. It said also that the ‘facilitators’ were chosen for their firm political stance and competence and “were selected from Party cadres, grassroots farmers or herders, teachers, temple officials and patriotic religious personnel.” The Tibet Daily report asserted, “Tibet is the key to national security and the frontline of the anti-secession struggle. The report of the 19th National Congress calls for the acceleration of border area development and to ensure its security.” Emphasising the importance of the ‘facilitator project’, the Tibet Daily report said more than 260 representatives of ‘facilitators’ in TAR were taught in April 2017, how to better promote the idea when launching “patriotism-themed” education activities. More than 100 ‘leading facilitators’ also received intense training.

Mongolian monks finish studies in China's top Tibetan Buddhism college

June 05, 2018

The graduation ceremony of the training class for Mongolian monks at the High-level Tibetan Buddhism College of China was held at Xihuang Temple in Beijing on June 1. Ten monks from the Sain Nomun Monastery in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia completed their eight-month course.

According to the college, seven of the monks received novice rings in Xihuang Temple. The college expects that “they would continue to advance their studies and improve their Buddhist attainments, carrying on the Buddhist traditions of compassion and altruism, and being compassionate towards all beings.” The college hoped they would become friendly ambassadors between China and Mongolia, promoting cultural exchanges between the two countries and, after returning home they would share what they have learned, seen, and felt while studying in China with their family, friends, and other Buddhist followers.

Tibet To Build Three New Airports

09, June 2018

The Civil Aviation System Support Conference for the construction and development of airports in Tibet was held in Lhasa on June 8, 2018. The conference officially launched the build "3+1" assistance

projects to further promote construction of Tibet's civil aviation airports. Secretary of the Civil Aviation Administration Feng Zhenglin and TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie attended the meeting and delivered speeches. Chairman of TAR People's Government, Qi Zhalha gave a speech while Dong Zhiyi, Deputy Director of the Civil Aviation Administration, presided over the meeting. Ding Yexian, Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee, Zhuang Yan, Executive Vice Chairman of TAR, relevant ministries and commissions of the Central Government and the State, relevant units of the Tibet Autonomous Region, relevant departments of the Civil Aviation Administration, relevant directly-affiliated enterprises and institutions of the Civil Aviation Administration, and airport companies attended the meeting.

Following the conference, the Tibet Autonomous Region and Civil Aviation Administration of China jointly announced the decision to open three new regional airports and construct the second runway project at the Lhasa Gongkar Airport. The new airport projects are Lhuntse Airport in Lhokha, Dingri Airport in Shigatse and Purang Airport in Ngari Prefecture. These airports are all over 3,900 meters above sea level. Construction is targeted to commence in 2019. After completion of these airports there will be a total of eight airports in TAR.

The Capital Airport Group is responsible for construction of the Lhuntse Airport, Shanghai Airport Group is responsible for construction of Dingri Airport, and the West Airport Group is responsible for the construction of Purang Airport and the Civil Aviation Southwest Administration Bureau will aid the construction of the second runway project at Gongkar Airport.

Feng Zhenglin said that Tibet's work is related to the overall work and national strategy. He said it stands on a political level and people must fully understand the great significance of accelerating the development of Tibet's civil aviation airport in serving the nation's economic and social development strategy and serving the full construction of a well-to-do society in Tibet. He stressed that taking the entire industry's efforts to promote development of Tibet's civil aviation airport construction is not only a serious task for the CAAC party group to study but also to fully implement the Central Government's strategy for Tibet's civil aviation.

Feng Zhenglin emphasized that reconstruction of the airport is a complex systems project and must be scientifically organized to ensure the successful completion of construction goals and tasks. To strengthen organizational leadership, all aid-building units must assume their main responsibilities, pay close attention to the preparatory work of the project, and advance implementation in an orderly manner.

Wu Yingjie said that since the 18th Party Congress, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Civil Aviation Administration and other central and national ministries and commissions have always supported the development of civil aviation in Tibet as a major political task. He said civil aviation in Tibet has entered a rapid developmental track and played an important role in promoting exchanges between Tibet and the mainland, as well as the rest of the world. It has made important contributions to enhancing national unity, “consolidating the southwest frontier defense” and promoting the long-term development and stability of Tibet.

The representatives of the civil aviation aid agencies reported on the progress of ‘aid construction’ and stated that they will further improve their political position, accelerate the task, and ensure successful completion of construction goals and tasks. The same afternoon Feng Zhenglin and his entourage traveled to the Jiaojiao Aviation Base in Chengguan District of Lhasa to inspect operation of the Lhasa Snow Eagle Navigation Company.

(Comment: TAR has 5 civil airports in Lhasa Gongkar, Chamdo Bangda, Nyingtri Minling, Ngari Gunsa and Shigatse Peace, with a total of 86 routes. The three newly-built regional airports are all above 4,000 meters above sea level. Site selections of all three regional airports have been completed and planning of the second runway project at Gongga Airport in Lhasa has been completed. Construction on the four projects is expected to start in 2019 and the effort is to put them into use by 2021.)

Massive Cloud seeding venture in Tibet

‘Interesting Engineering’ & ‘Future Direction’ (March 27 & May 23 respectively)

Interesting Engineering reported on March 27, 2018 that China is planning to implement a large-scale weather-changing project to ensure a consistent rain supply in the Tibetan Plateau.

If successful the system will increase the water supply by five to 10 billion cubic meters a year. President of China's Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, Lei Fanpei said the project “[Modifying the weather in Tibet] is a critical innovation to solve China’s water shortage problem. It will make an important contribution not only to China’s development and world prosperity, but also the well being of the entire human race.” The system will involve creating a network of solid fuel burning chambers that produce silver iodide, a compound with a structure much like ice that can be used in cloud seeding. The system has the potential to increase rainfall in the region by up to 10 billion cubic meters a

year. Tens of thousands of the small burning chambers will be installed across the Tibetan Plateau in an attempt to increase rainfall in an area three times as big as Spain (620,000 square miles). The burning chambers have been designed by space scientists who needed to find a way to efficiently burn the high-density solid fuel in the oxygen-scarce environment at an altitude of over 5,000 meters (16,400 feet). The current design of the chambers is so precise that it can reportedly burn for months without maintenance and emits only vapors and carbon dioxide, which allows them to be used even in environmentally sensitive areas. The system has been developed as part of a defence project by China's state-owned Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation. The United States and Russia have all reportedly developed weather changing technology to possibly hinder opposition in times of warfare. The Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation recently signed an agreement with the Tsinghua University and Qinghai province to install the weather modification system on a large scale.

(Comment: The project will have immense direct consequences for India. It will very soon sharply reduce water flows in the Ganga, Brahmaputra and other glacier-fed rivers that originate in Tibet as the rains will lead to warmer temperatures and accelerate retreat of the glaciers. There will increased danger of flash floods and landslides in the region apart from disturbing the delicate ecological balance.)

NYINGTRI NEWS (Ch:LINZHI)

TAR Party Secretary in Nyingtri

04, June 2018

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie has visited Kongpo Gyamda county and Minling county in Nyingtri City from June 2 to inspect grass roots party building and progress of the construction of 'border well-off villages'.

Zeng Wanming, Member of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee of TAR and Minister of TAR Party Organization Department and Ma Shengchang, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of TAR People's Congress and Secretary of the Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee, accompanied the investigation team.

Wu Yingjie first visited the start-up State-owned Assets Investment Management Co., Ltd. Jade Village Construction Material Town to inspect the "double-creation" work and grass-root party building work. At the State-owned Assets Investment Management Co., Ltd., he emphasized that “the officials must correctly handle relationship between employment of college graduates and their employment in the market, that they must fully implement preferential policies for the “double creation” policy of TAR, encourage more college graduates to return to their hometowns, and encourage them to participate in the rural revitalization.”

At Kongpo Gyamda’s Jade Village Construction Material Centre, he listened to Sonam Yangchen Secretary of the Party’s Branch where she claimed the collective economy has increased the incomes of 124 households in the villages. The Secretary said “these achievements lies essentially in the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping as the core”. Wu Yingjie spoke on the importance of creating awareness about the Chinese nation’s community, strengthening exchanges with all ethnic groups through participation in tourism, business, and other forms and taking a clear-cut stand against splittism, and unwaveringly safeguarding national unity and social stability.

He then visited Dekyi Dronsar village of Lilong Town in Minling County and inspected construction of border well-off villages. Dekyi Dronsar village itself was established as a border village. Villagers were relocated from Chamdo more than a decade ago. Wu Yingjie said if there is no new socialist Tibet without the Communist Party, there will be no happy life for everyone. He added “General Secretary Xi Jinping is very concerned about the people of all ethnic groups in Tibet and thus has formulated a series of special preferential policies for everyone. I hope that you will always remember the kindness of the party and bear in mind that General Secretary Xi Jinping's "to be the guardian of the sacred land, the builder of the happy homeland" message.”

The TAR Party Secretary’s last stop was the “Supermarket” at the Dongcuo Community Neighborhood Committee in Minling town. He examined community medical care, convenience services, and party building work.

Comment: In accordance with the Central Government's "Strategic Planning for Rural Revitalization (2018-2022)" and the "Guiding Opinion on the Three-Year Action for Winning Poverty Alleviation and Tackling Poverty," the CCP has pledged to continue to work hard on implementing differentiated policies, adhering to poverty alleviation initiatives, and vigorously implementing the rural revitalization strategy based on the themes of “Holy Land Guardians and Builders of Happy Homes” and accelerating

construction of well-off borders villages with Yumai as the breakthrough point. It has also pledged to enhance the sense of well-being of all ethnic groups.)

Nyingtri PSB's crackdown on corruption and illegal activities

June 01, 2018

The Nyingtri Public Security Bureau conducted an anti-corruption crackdown on 'black and evil forces', illegal organizations and corruption in the city. Casino owners, players and gamblers were arrested. Three players were caught on the spot, 11 persons involved with gambling were caught along with 21 million yuans and majhong tables and one off road SUV were seized.

Guangdong Provincial Party and Government Delegation Visits Counterpart Support Work in Tibet

05 June 2018

From June 3 - 4, the Secretary of the Guangdong Provincial Party Committee Li Xi and Deputy Secretary of the Guangdong Provincial Party Committee and Governor Ma Xingrui led a delegation from Guangdong Province to Nyingchi to inspect works supported by them in Nyingtri. TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie and Deputy Secretary of the District Party Committee and Chairman Qi Zhalha accompanied the visitors. The delegation went to see the border defence villages of Bamdrong Village in Minling County, in Buji Township, Drakyeb (Bayi) District and the Yuelin Industrial Park, the Nyingchi First High School, and People's Hospital of Nyingtri "to learn more about economic and social development of Nyingtri and progress of its counterpart support works." They also went to the eighth batch of Guangdong Province Tibet aid teams' lodge and met the cadres.

During the inspection, a symposium on counterpart support work was held where Li Xi, on behalf of the Guangdong Provincial Party Committee and the provincial government, thanked Tibet for its great support for Guangdong's work over the years and said "aiding Tibet is an important political task that the Party Central Committee has given to Guangdong." Li Xi emphasized that it is necessary to focus on poverty alleviation and make every effort to help Nyingtri and Chamdo fulfill the task of eliminating poverty as scheduled and promote new and greater achievements in counterpart support works.

Li Xi emphasized that the Guangdong Provincial Task Force on Assistance to Tibet should always stress the string of politics, firmly establish the "four consciousness'", and "four self-confidence," and work for the unification of the motherland, national unity, and social stability. He added that the 'Tibet aid' cadres should consciously accept the leadership of the local Party committees and governments and should learn from the Tibetan cadres.

Wu Yingjie thanked Li Xi and the Guangdong officials on behalf of the regional party committee, the government, and the people of all ethnic groups in the region for their long-term concern and support for works in Tibet. He said that Tibet, as a special frontier ethnic minority area, has always received special care and attention from the Party Central Committee. Since the party's 18th Congress, General Secretary Xi Jinping personally steered and arranged various tasks for Tibet's development and stability, raising the strategic importance of Tibet in the overall work of the party.

Leaders of Guangdong Province delegation team Ren Xuefeng, Wang Weizhong, Lin Shaochun, Zou Ming, Jiang Ling, Zeng Zhiquan, Ye Zhenqin, Party Secretary of China Southern Airlines Group Wang Changshun, and Zeng Wanming and Ma Shengchang, leaders of TAR, participated in the event.

Wu Yingjie inspects Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway and Dagpo Hydropower Projects in Nyingtri and Lhokha

06 June 2018

From June 4 to 6, TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie went to Nangzong County, Nyingtri and Sangri County in Lhokha, to inspect construction of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway line and also the planning and construction of the Dagpo Hydropower Project.

Zeng Wanming, Member of Standing Committee of TAR Party Committee and Minister of TAR Party Organization, Ma Shengchang, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of TAR People's Congress and Secretary of the Linzhi Municipal Party Committee and Xu Chengcang, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the TAR People's Congress and Party Secretary of Lhokha City accompanied him. .

On June 4, Wu Yingjie went to the over 8,000 meters long Jiang Mugla tunnel to inspect the excavation work. From there he drove to the first construction site of third department of the Lhasa-Nyingtri

Railway Engineering Headquarters located in Nyal Village of Dongkar Township in Nangzong County. He took a ‘close look’ at the schematic drawing of the Lhasa-Nyingtri Railway and the aerial video of the entire Railway, and listened to the workers about the progress in construction of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway. According to the person in charge of the Lhasa-Nyingchtri Railway Construction Headquarters, the majority of railway workers have overcome problems such as lack of oxygen in highland construction, harsh construction environment, and complex geological conditions. By the end of May 2018, the entire railway line had spent a total of 19.225 billion yuan, accounting for 55.96% of the planned budget.

Wu Yingjie pointed out that the Lhasa-Nyingtri Railway is another “sky road” after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway and the Lhasa-Shigatse Railway, and is a road of unity, development, and happiness. He added “the construction of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway once again fully demonstrated that the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as its core attached great importance to the work of Tibet and cares for the people of all ethnic groups in Tibet.”

(Comment: The Lhasa-Nyingtri Railway has a total length of 435.48 km of which 403.144 km is new construction. The ratio of bridge to tunnel is 74.66%. The Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway Zangmo Bridge in Lhokha is a key landmark project of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway. The bridge stretches over the Yarlong Tsangpo and uses a 430m long concrete steel pipe arch with a height of 112 meters. It is the largest steel tubular arch bridge in the world after its completion. The specialty of the bridge is reported to be that it used high-strength all weather steel which does not require painting. It is the first real-time coating-free all weather steel bridge in China. More than half of the steel-pipe-arch erecting of the bridge has been done and the bridge is expected to be completed by the end of September.)

Sangri cross-river Bridge under construction on Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway

During his visit at the planning and construction of the Dagpo Hydropower Project at Dagpo branch of Hua Tibet Energy Co., Ltd., Wu Yingjie received a briefing. He learned that the company actively took on social responsibility and achieved remarkable results in assisting the ‘poor’ in the village, donating funds for education, developing industries, and attracting employment. Wu Yingjie pointed out that it is necessary to correctly handle the relationship between the development of Tibetan enterprises and the increase of income for local farmers and herdsman. The Party Secretary pointed out that “accurate poverty alleviation and employment of local graduates and college graduates will play a further role in

making the people in the project areas feel the gratitude of the party, the warmth of the large family of the motherland, and the superiority of the socialist system.”

After the inspection, Wu Yingjie pointed out that Tibet is rich in water resources and is the energy base of the "West to East Power Transmission.” Wu Yingjie emphasized that all departments at all levels must thoroughly implement the spirit of socialist ideology with Chinese characteristics and the 2nd and 3rd Plenary Sessions of the 19th Party Congress, and the 6th Central Tibet Working Forum. He also emphasized implementation of the important instructions of the General Secretary to steadily steer an important strategic thinking, strengthen national unity, and build a beautiful Tibet, as well as the spirit of the reply from General Secretary Xi Jinping to the people of Yumai Township of Lhuntse County.

(Comment: The Dagpo Hydropower Station is a key central government project supporting the development of Tibet during the “12th Five-Year Plan” period. The total investment is approximately of 14.339 billion yuan.)

SHIGATSE NEWS (Ch: XIGAZE)

Shigatse PSB launched Commander training

May 17, 2018

The Public Security Bureau of Shigatse held a special training session for commanders from May 15-20. The training was to lay a foundation for effective grass-root training and to understand the shortcomings of grass-root education and training. After the training, the commanders are expected to use their spare time and train civilian police of PSB. The Training focused on basic queuing, interrogative procedures and password codings.

Shigatse City People's Congress Inspection Team Visit Yadong County to inspect the “One Law, One Measure” law enforcement work

31 May 2018

From May 28 to 29, a Law Enforcement Inspection Team headed by Wang Zemin, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the Shigatse Municipal People’s Congress, went to Drokmo (Ch:Yadong) County to check on the implementation of the “Forest Law of the People's Republic of China”.

Drokmo County People's Congress Standing Committee led the law enforcement inspection and reportage.

On the morning of May 29, a briefing on the work of Drokmo County was held in the party and government office building. The meeting was presided over by Passang Tsering, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the County People's Congress. Zhang Jun, Member of the County Standing Committee and Deputy Governor of the County, reported on the implementation of the “one-law-one-method” in the County, and listed the difficulties and problems in the current workforce.

Wang Zemin made a speech and proposed four requirements for Yadong County to carry out the next “one-law-one-method” study and implementation. He enumerated these as: (i) to further increase the learning and propaganda of “one-law-one-method” and innovate propaganda forms to enhance the effectiveness of “one-law-one-method”; (ii) further strengthen management of forestry administration and bring into full play its proper role; (iii) continuously promote economic development of the forestry industry; and (iv) further standardize forest law enforcement-related works and ensure that all the Forest laws are implemented.

TAR Investigation Team visits Namling County

30 May 2018

On May 26, Chairman of the TAR Ethnic, Religious and Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee accompanied by a nine-member research team including the TAR Deputy Directors of the Ethnic, Religious and Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee, Datse and Phurbu Tsering and the Director of the Standing Committee of Shigatse City People's Congress Wang Zemin went to Namling County of Shigatse. The delegation went to conduct special research on ethnic and religious work in the county. Deputy Secretary of the County's Party Committee and Deputy County Governor Samdrup Wangyal, Party Secretary of the Standing Committee of the County People's Congress and Director Dorjee, Deputy County Governor Nyidol accompanied the investigation team, along with relevant officials of departments of the county.

From May 26 to 27, the team conducted in-depth investigations in Emma Township, Dujia Township, Dujia Township Central Elementary School, Gaden Choeku ling Monastery,

Administrative Committee, Jidong Brassware Processing Plant, Chidong Temple Qidu Committee, etc. They questioned implementation of the newly revised Regulations on Religious Affairs, the management of religious affairs, the inheritance and protection of intangible cultural heritage, and the integration of ethnic exchanges. The team conducted in-depth discussions and exchanges with ‘non-material cultural successors’, religious patriots, county escorts, responsible comrades of departments and townships and school teachers and studied the difficulties and problems faced in the work. They discussed ethnic and religious harmony, national unity, and offered suggestions on Inheritance and Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The team reiterated, “National unity and religious harmony is the most important mass work in Tibet and that they must further strengthen ethnic solidarity and make every effort to maintain social stability.”

CCTV's Foreign Language Channel reporters in Kyirong

31, May 2018

CCTV's Foreign Language Channel reporters visited Kyirong County in Shigatse to report on the “One Belt and One Road” initiative, development of the largest land port in Tibet, and progress of border trade.

The team went to Kyirong Port, border trade shops, and catering service lines, and conducted interviews on the construction of the Kyirong Port after the earthquake, the operation of the port in the border trade areas etc.

The head of the Kyirong County Border Management Committee and head of the Kyirong Customs office explained in detail how the Kyirong Port's “One Belt and One Road” strategy will play a role in the South Asian land route.

PSB of Amdo County of Nagchu Won Labour Day award

May 28, 2018

TAR Public Security's branch in Amdo County of Nagchu prefecture won the National Labour Award on May 1st on International Labour day. The Public Security Branch was built in 1960 and responsible for maintaining social and political stability including combating illegal crimes. The award was given on the ground that “the Public Security Bureau Officials of the county despite harsh temperatures as low as

-30 degrees Celsius has shown patience, commitment and loyalty to the party.” In the past, Amdo County PSB won ‘the best National PSB’, Traffic police brigade and ‘ National Collective Unity award.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF TIBET

New Resettlement Town Opened in Gojo District

May 31 2018

A new resettlement town has been opened in Gojo district, Chamdo prefecture. 3-4 storeyed and 20 metres tall row houses with the special indigenous look of an ancient Tibet fortress have been built. . The houses have no windows but only a hole on each floor.

Some studies claim that these kinds of resettlements are to have easy control and facilitate low cost surveillance.

Belt and Road Buddhist Culture Exhibition Held in Beijing

May 31 2018

On the eighth day of lunar calendar (May 22), the Buddhist Association of China celebrated the Buddha’s birthday at the Lingguang Temple in Beijing.

As part of celebrations, they conducted two sets of photo exhibitions: one as “Buddhist Association of China Foreign Exchange photo exhibition and the other as “Belt and Road Buddhist Culture photo exhibition”. The Belt and Road exhibition had photos and texts projecting the historical achievements and foreign exchanges of China’s Buddhism and Buddhist culture in the countries and regions along the ‘Belt and Road’.

CONIFA gives a wildcard entry to Team Tibet

June 2, 2018

A Tibetan Team participated in this year’s CONIFA -- alternative world cup for football for regions or ethnic minorities who are fighting for their independent states -- prompting several brands who wanted to provide sponsorship in the six figures to urge removal of the Tibetan team due to fear of Chinese

reaction. However, the organizers did not withdraw its wildcard entry to Tibet.

The Team Tibet, which received a special audience from His Holiness the Dalai Lama before leaving Dharmasala, played against three teams but couldn't qualify for the Group A.

16th Patriotic Re-education Training for the Representatives of Tibetan Buddhism

June 1, 2018

The 16th Patriotic education training for the representatives of Tibetan Buddhism was held from May 26 to June 5, 2018. The training was organized by the Yunnan United Front Work Department at the Provincial Institute of Socialism.

The 11-day training consisted of three different ways of teaching: special teaching, individual self-study, and on-site teaching. Organizers said it is meant to enhance the awareness of law, patriotism and love of education. This is also an effort to strengthen the awareness of the five identifications and the Chinese community.

Invited participants were leading cadres, experts and scholars engaged in and studying ethnic, religious and Tibetan works to systematically teach Xi's socialist ideology with Chinese characteristics in the new era, the spirit of 19th Party Congress and works and policies of national, provincial, ethnic, religious and Tibetan Buddhism.

This is an effort to improve the overall quality of delegates by making them aware of new amendments to the 'Regulations on Religious Affairs' and strengthen their ideological education of the party's guiding principles. The re-education also aims to encourage Tibetan Buddhist practitioners to actively adapt themselves to the socialist society and inspire them to unite and lead the religious masses into the new era of enthusiasm for building socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Prior to commencing training, an examination on the 'Theme of Tibetan Buddhism and Socialist Society adaption' was held. A total of 54 people were selected as winners for participating in this training. After training in Yunnan, the participants will visit Beijing, Tianjin, Heibei and some other places for on-site-teaching.

Pema Gyaltsen Arrested from Lanzhou

capital of Ottawa on June 12. Dr Lobsang Sangay said “We are here to say that you have been with us for a long time, bear with us for a little longer.” The North America representative Ngodup Dorjee and Tibetan parliamentarians Mingyur Dorjee, Tenpa Yarphel, Pema Chagzoetsang, Dhondup Tashi, Namgyal Dolkar and Tsewang Rigzin also attended the event.

Lobsang Sangay addressed the Canadian Parliament’s Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development the same day. He claimed that in contrast to the delegation from the so-called ‘Tibet Autonomous Region’ (TAR), the delegation led by him represents the true aspirations of the Tibetan people.

Sweden jails man for spying on exiled Tibetans for China

49-year-old Dorjee Gyantsan has been found guilty of spying on Tibetan refugees in Sweden on behalf of China. The Södertörn district court, near Stockholm, said in its verdict that Dorjee Gyantsan had "carried out an extensive operation that put people of Tibetan origin in Sweden and their families in Tibet at significant risk".It sentenced him to 22 months in prison.

The court found that Dorjee Gyantsan repeatedly met a Chinese intelligence officer in Poland, as well as having telephone contact, to pass on information about Sweden's Tibetan community.

The espionage took place from July 2015 to February 2017, when he was arrested.

At the time of his arrest, Dorjee Gyantsan had just returned from a trip to Warsaw and was carrying \$6,000 in cash.

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