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TAR NEWS

TAR Party Secretary meets First Vice President of CCP Central Socialist College,

TAR Party Secretary, Wang Junzheng recently met Jilin, the First Vice President of the CCP Central Socialist Academy in Lhasa. Other TAR leaders viz. Yan Jinhai Chairman of the TAR People's Government; Sonam Nyima, Minister of the TAR United Front Work Department (TAR UFWD); Gong Huicai, Member of TAR Standing Committee and Secretary-General of the TAR Party Committee and Secretary of the Working Committee of the TAR's Directly Affiliated Institutions; and Xu Zhitao, Vice Chairman, Party Group Member, and Press Spokesperson of the TAR People's Government, and Deputy Director of the TAR UFWD., attended.

TAR Party Wang Junzheng stressed the importance of united front work and the implementation of Xi Jinping's thoughts on this front. He stressed efforts to build a strong "communal sense of the Chinese nation", sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism, and called on the CCP Central Socialist Academy to continue its support, leveraging its expertise and resources to provide "valuable guidance and training of the TAR United Front work."

Jilin reiterated the CCP Central Socialist Academy's commitment to strengthening collaboration with Tibet, enhancing research and training on national consciousness, and playing an important role in fostering and training talent.

Strategic Directions for National Unity and Progress Model Area

August 03, 2024

On August 2, Liu Jiang, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and Secretary of the Political and Legal Committee of TAR presided over a meeting of the special group dedicated to the creation of a model area for national unity and progress in the TAR. During the meeting, Liu

Jiang emphasized the importance of fully implementing Xi Jinping's "significant" thoughts on ethnic work, especially in Tibet. He stressed the need to enhance the institutional mechanisms for building a "strong communal sense of the Chinese nation." The meeting aimed to reinforce the working system and mechanisms needed to advance the creation of the model area and outlined the key tasks for the remainder of the year. Liu Jiang highlighted that studying and implementing the spirit of the Third Plenary Session is a critical political task. He called for all member units of the special group to support the core principles of the "Two Establishments" and "Two Maintenances," ensuring a deep understanding of Xi Jinping's "important speeches." The meeting put particular emphasis on adhering to the central theme of building a strong communal sense of the Chinese nation.

Liu Jiang urged that this task should be a strategic priority and should permeate all aspects of economic and social development in the TAR. He called for comprehensive planning and integration of efforts in areas such as stability maintenance, ethnic and religious affairs, and ideological development.

Sonam Nyima, Head of the TAR UFWD, inspects Drepung and Sera monasteries to oversee stability maintenance during the Shoton Buddhist exhibition

August 05, 2024

On August 4, Sonam Nyima, member of the Standing Committee of the TAR Party Committee and Minister of the United Front Work Department (UFWD) inspected the Drepung and Sera monasteries to oversee the implementation of various measures aimed at maintaining stability and ensuring the smooth operation of the Buddhist exhibition activities associated with the Shoton festival.

Sonam Nyima stressed the need to enhance ideological awareness, strengthen responsibilities, and refine work plans to ensure effective prevention and control measures to maintain stability and harmony.

TAR Party Secretary meets China’s Minister of Human Resources and Social Security in Lhasa

August 09, 2024

On August 8, Lhasa became the focal point of high-level discussions on (regional) development and employment strategies. TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng met Wang Xiaoping, Minister of China’s Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security. Yan Jinhai, Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee and Chairman of TAR People’s Government attended the discussion.

Speaking on behalf of the TAR Party Committee and the TAR People’s Government, Wang Junzheng extended a warm welcome to Wang Xiaoping and her delegation. He expressed gratitude for the Ministry’s long-standing support and briefly outlined Tibet’s recent economic and social progress. Highlighting the importance placed on Tibet by China’s central leadership, Wang Junzheng noted that since the 18th Party Congress, the CCP led by Xi Jinping, has prioritized Tibet’s stability, development, ecological preservation, and border security which he said has shaped the strategic framework for Tibet's governance in the new era.

He further called for targeted strategies to enhance Tibet’s social security system, improve employment mechanisms for college graduates, and boost residents' incomes.

In her response, Wang Xiaoping provided insights into the ongoing inspection and research efforts. She commended the TAR’s adherence to Xi Jinping’s directives and the successful implementation of key strategic objectives. She acknowledged the TAR’s emphasis on livelihood improvements and its efforts to integrate employment with border governance and stability. She pledged the Ministry’s continued support, focusing on employment promotion, entrepreneurship, talent development, and skilled personnel training to “bolster Tibet’s long-term security and high-quality growth.”

The discussions concluded with the formal signing of a strategic cooperation agreement between Wang Xiaoping and Yan Jinhai.

China's Ethnic Affairs Commission Director inspects the TAR

August 11, 2024

Pan Yue, Deputy Minister of China's United Front Work Department (UFWD) and Director of the State Ethnic Affairs Commission, led an inspection team to Tibet on August 8 - 9. Their visit included attending a key symposium on ethnic affairs in the region, which was attended by top TAR leaders including TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng, Chairman of TAR People's Government Yan Jinhai and Secretary of the TAR Political and Legal Committee Liu Jiang.

During the symposium, Pan Yue stressed Tibet's strategic importance in China's broader ethnic work. He stressed the need to align with the directives from the Third Plenary Session of the CCP CC and Xi Jinping's instructions on ethnic affairs and Tibet. Pan Yue called for reinforcing a communal sense of the Chinese nation in Tibet, promoting ethnic cohesion, and advancing border prosperity. He emphasized enhancing cooperation between eastern and western regions and supporting reforms that foster ethnic integration.

The Team led by Pan Yue inspected TAR's propaganda, cultural, and education departments and museum exhibitions during their visit.

TAR marks the 30th Anniversary of the Paired Assistance to Tibet Programme

August 16, 2024

On August 15, the TAR marked the 30th anniversary of the 'Paired-Assistance to Tibet Programme' and held an investment promotion event. At the event, 18 new investment projects were signed worth 10.407 billion yuan. The projects signed include sectors such as clean energy, agriculture, green industries, modern services, education, and medicine. Reportedly, in 2021, the TAR introduced "Several Provisions on Preferential Policies for Investment Promotion," to attract investment. Key aspects of these policies include:

- i) **Reduced Tax Rate:** Enterprises operating in sectors that the TAR supports will benefit from a significantly lower corporate income tax rate of 15%, compared to the standard rate. A strategic move to attract and make doing business in the TAR more appealing to Chinese investors

Lower Loan Interest Rates: Businesses seeking loans from financial institutions in the TAR will find the average interest rate 2 percentage points below the “national” benchmark, a concession intended to reduce the cost of borrowing and encourage business expansion.

- ii) Accelerated Listing Process: Chinese Companies planning to list on the Tibetan Stock Exchange or the New Third Board will experience a streamlined process. The "immediate review upon application and immediate issuance upon approval" policy aims to reduce bureaucratic delays, expediting the listing process and enhancing market access.

Wang Youhua, Party Secretary and Director of the TAR Investment Promotion Bureau highlighted that TAR currently has 392 investment projects with a total estimated value of 94.47 billion yuan. Among the notable agreements, Dongfang Electric signed a deal to develop wind power in Chamdo in eastern Tibet. This project will establish a new wind power manufacturing plant with a total investment of 300 million yuan.

Meeting held to promote “100 Enterprises Connecting 100 Villages” Initiative

August 19, 2024

On August 16, the TAR hosted a work promotion meeting for the "100 Enterprises Connecting 100 Villages" initiative. The event was attended by among others, Fang Guanghua, member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC and Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce; Sonam Nyima, Minister of the TAR United Front Work Department (UFWD); Dorjee Tsedup, Vice Chairman of TAR PPCC; and Li Weidou, Vice Chairman of Jilin Provincial PPCC.

Sonam Nyima urged the Federation of Industry and Commerce to ensure effective service delivery, assign dedicated personnel to oversee projects, and resolve any issues promptly. He also called for increased media engagement to highlight successful initiatives and encourage more Tibetan private enterprises to participate.

Fang Guanghua stated that the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce’s commitment to assisting Tibet is a key political task. He emphasised the importance of balancing local needs with enterprise capabilities and integrating external support with local motivation. He stressed the need to promote a unified national identity, support the development of unique local

industries, train rural workers, and enhance collaboration between villages and enterprises. Fang Guanghua called for improved communication mechanisms to ensure the effective implementation of the "100 Enterprises Connecting 100 Villages" initiative.

Communiqué of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Tenth Committee TAR Party

August 15, 2024

The Sixth Plenary Session of the 10th TAR Party Committee was held in Lhasa on August 13, 2024.

61 members of the TAR Party Committee and 9 alternate members attended the plenary session. Representatives from TAR to the 20th Party Congress, who were not members or alternate members of the TAR Party Committee, members of the Standing Committee of the TAR Commission for Discipline Inspection, members of the Supervisory Commission, and responsible officials from concerned departments attended the meeting.

TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng presented the work report on the TAR. The plenary session reviewed and approved the "Implementation Opinions of the TAR on Implementing the Decision of the CCP Central Committee on Further Comprehensively Deepening Reforms and Promoting Chinese-style Modernization". Wang Junzheng explained the "Implementation Opinions (Draft for Discussion)" to the plenary session.

Briefly, the sixth plenary session of the 10th TAR Party Committee stressed the following:

- i) to advance reform, Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the "Three Represents," and the Scientific Outlook on Development must be followed;
- ii) to enhance the national security system and capabilities, strengthen anti-secession/separatist and stability measures, improve public security and social governance, foster a communal sense of the Chinese nation, regulate religious affairs, and refine united front work to ensure long-term social stability and peace;
- iii) To improve the mechanism for joint efforts of the Party, government, military, police and people to govern and stabilize the border areas, improve the national defense mobilization system, improve the adjustment and reform of border strengthening policies, improve the border infrastructure construction mechanism, and accelerate the construction of border areas;

- iv) To accelerate the development of border areas, speed up the filling of gaps in border infrastructure, continue to promote the gathering of population in border areas, continuously improve the overall management and control level of border areas, and ensure border consolidation and border security
- v) To deepen the comprehensive reform of the education, science and technology system, deepen the reform of the talent development system and mechanism, improve the population development support and service system, focus on improving the quality of the population, promote people's cohesion, and strengthen talent training

The plenary session reviewed current issues and challenges, the need to increase responsibility and urgency and achieve annual economic and social development goals. It highlighted the importance of planning for the "15th Five-Year Plan" and preparing for the 60th anniversary of the TAR.

The Plenary session also made new arrangements for the TAR to focus on creating a national demonstration zone for border consolidation, border development and people's prosperity action and stressed border areas as the "First line of defence" for national security and territorial integrity and the need to continuously strengthen the people's sense of duty to protect and secure the border. This involves speeding up the development of border areas and building a strong foundation for defence. In this context, the phrase "If the border is prosperous, the frontier will be stable; if the border residents are rich, the border defence will be solid" was emphasised.

The Plenary session further stated that under the leadership of the TAR Party Committee, the whole of TAR should adhere to the simultaneous garrisoning, and deployment of troops and people's security. The need to improve mechanisms for the joint efforts of the party, government, military, police and civilians to govern and stabilize the border, improve the adjustment and reform of the border-strengthening policy and accelerate the construction of border areas was stressed at the meeting. It stated that internal and external connectivity support capacity of the infrastructure in the border areas is not strong enough, and that accelerating the filling of shortcomings of the border infrastructure is, therefore, important.

It was stressed that the construction of major projects in the border areas should fully consider the needs of national defence, increase the construction of "smart border defence", and strengthen the construction of the border protection team, quoting "Only if the people live at the border, the border will be stable." It added it is important to implement preferential housing policies in border areas and accelerate the layout of education and medical systems, implement the full coverage project of heating in border towns, counties and schools, improve the public service supply capacity in border areas, and attract more people to settle in border areas.

TAR Party Secretary meets delegation from Shandong University

August 20, 2024

TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng met a delegation from Shandong University in Lhasa on August 18. The delegation was led by Ren Youqun, Secretary of the Party Committee of Shandong University, and Li Shucui, the University's President and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

Wang Junzheng thanked them for their ongoing support for Tibet and highlighted the "central role of Tibet in national policy, particularly since the 18th Party Congress. Wang Junzheng emphasized the importance of addressing the "four major issues" identified by Xi Jinping—stability, development, ecology, and border strengthening -- as part of the Party's strategic governance of Tibet. He praised Shandong University for its contributions to Tibet's development through its expertise in technology, scientific research, and talent cultivation.

Wang Junzheng called for deeper cooperation between Shandong University and Tibet University. He urged both institutions to leverage their strengths and resources to advance scientific research, enhance discipline construction, and support the development of Tibet's economy and society. He also called for increased talent exchanges and for more students to engage with Tibet's development.

In response, Ren Youqun and Li Shucui pledged to "focus on Tibet's needs, strengthen collaboration in major projects, scientific innovation, and talent training, and contribute to building a modern and prosperous Tibet."

NYINGTRI (CH: LINZHI)

Nyingtri Official visits troops and retired soldiers on behalf of Party Secretary

August 01, 2024

The Mayor of Nyingtri, Bata, representing Party Secretary Ao Liuquan, visited the stationed troops to extend holiday greetings and express gratitude to both active and retired soldiers on the eve of China's 97th Army Day (August 1). The visit was part of the city's effort to honour and support its military personnel.

During his visit, Bata emphasized the need to implement the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Party Congress and align with Xi Jinping's thoughts on strengthening the military. He highlighted the importance of understanding the "Two Establishments," enhancing the "Four Consciousnesses," and upholding the "Two Maintenances" as crucial for contributing to Nyingtri's stability and development.

Bata personally shook hands with soldiers and engaged in detailed conversations about their lives and duties. He praised the garrison for its commitment to local economic development, disaster relief, and stability maintenance, noting its significant role in promoting peace and progress in the region.

Bata urged the troops to continue their support for local development and to uphold the traditions of the People's Army. He assured them that the Nyingtri Municipal Government would continue to support the military's efforts and strengthen the unity between the military and local communities.

Additionally, Bata visited 91-year-old army veteran Basang, who has a distinguished service record, including participation in counterinsurgency battles, "Self-Defense attack against India in 1962", and received multiple merit awards. Bata personally inquired about Basang's health and well-being, pledging that the government would provide ongoing support and regular services to veterans.

Nyingtri and FAW Toyota Sales Co., Ltd. hold promotion meeting

August 06, 2024

On August 5, Nyingtri (Ch: Linzhi) and FAW (First Automotive Works) Toyota Sales Co., Ltd. held a meeting to discuss cooperation. The meeting was chaired by Yuzhen, Deputy Mayor and Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee member. The meeting featured presentations on Nyingtri's industry development and discussions on cooperation. Yuzhen highlighted Toyota's strong presence in Nyingtri and potential for growth, emphasizing the city's favourable investment climate and commitment to improving the business environment.

Dong Xiuhui from FAW Toyota pledged to enhance industrial cooperation, leveraging their technological and talent advantages, and investing in R&D and talent training. Yuzhen pointed out that the proportion of Toyota brands, especially models such as Prado, Land Cruiser, and Corolla, in the number of motor vehicles in Nyingtri has always been at the forefront and added, "Nyingtri is not only a market full of potential and opportunities for FAW Toyota, but also at a stage where it can fully demonstrate its brand charm and technical strength." He added that Nyingtri will continue to optimize the business environment, adhere to the working idea of "attracting, retaining, and developing well", create a government service environment with high efficiency, excellent service, and less trouble, and come up with the most preferential policies, the most optimized services, and the richest resources to fully support enterprises to settle in Nyingtri, take root in Nyingtri, and integrate into Nyingtri.

(Comment: Nyingtri is one of the most important and strategic geographies of Tibet for China. All high-level Chinese leaders' visits to Tibet, including Xi Jinping, start from Nyingtri. China's first bullet train in Tibet operates from Lhasa to Nyingtri. Kongpo, in Nyingtri is also a major attraction for wealthy Chinese businessmen who have built luxurious vacation villas and houses. Nyingtri borders India's Arunachal Pradesh, which China claims.)

Foshan Youth Exchange Group Embarks on Cultural Journey to Metok Dzong of Tibet

August 06, 2024

On August 5, 2024, the "Join Hands in Secret Realm, Dancing in Border Town" parent-child study group from Foshan set off for Metok (Ch:Mutuo) Dzong of Nyingtri. This initiative, organized by the Medog County (Foshan) Working Group of the 10th Guangdong Provincial

Aid Tibet Team and the Foshan Youth Cultural Palace, with support from the Metok County's Communist Youth League, Metok County Education Bureau, and Metok County Culture and Tourism Bureau, aims at deepening cultural exchanges between Foshan and Metok.

The six-day tour features 13 Foshan families, including parents and teenagers, who will immerse themselves in the rural beauty of Metok. The itinerary includes learning about local agricultural practices, visiting the Metok Menluo Historical and Cultural Heritage Museum and the Patriotic Border Strengthening Education Base, and engaging in artistic exchanges with the Metok County Art Troupe.

Li Xiongfei, Director of the dance department at Foshan Youth Cultural Palace, expressed the hope that the trip will provide Foshan's youth with a richer understanding of Metok's customs, traditional culture, and folk dances. He anticipates that the experience will foster lasting friendships and strengthen national unity.

Field Meeting on Plateau Village Development Held in Nyingtri

August 07, 2024

On August 5 and 6, Nyingtri (Ch: Linzhi) hosted a regional on-site meeting focused on the development of "harmonious and beautiful plateau villages." The meeting was attended by Tsering Phuntsok, Vice Chairman of the TAR People's Government and Deputy Leader of the Rural Work Leading Group of the TAR Party Committee.

Tsering Phuntsok emphasized the importance of following directives from the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CCP CC and Xi Jinping's guidance on rural development. He stressed that advancing the construction of picturesque plateau villages is essential for comprehensive rural revitalization. Tsering Phuntsok outlined a systematic, people-centered approach that integrates planning, resources, and urban-rural connections.

(Comment: *This indicates that TAR plans to build new border villages under the garb of a rural revitalization project.)*

Nyingtri Tourism Department conducts a rectification campaign in the cultural and tourism market

August 09, 2024

Starting August 5, Nyingtri's Culture and Tourism Bureau, in collaboration with various departments, launched a special rectification campaign to "enhance management and services in the cultural and tourism market." The campaign targets tourist attractions, hotels, internet cafes, game halls, and entertainment venues, and focusses on verifying business licenses, fire safety, food hygiene, production safety, and the implementation of safety systems.

During the campaign, 15 business premises were inspected and 14 issues were detected. Six of these premises were instructed to immediately address their problems and complete the necessary corrections within a specified timeframe.

Metok Dzong Hosts Expert Lecture in 'Strong Border Academy' Series'

August 13, 2024

Nyingtri's Metok Dzong continued its 2024 "Strong Border Academy" series with a lecture on August 13, marking the seventh event of the year and the twelfth overall. The session invited Wang Jingqian a Professor from Ludong University's School of Law, who is also a postdoctoral fellow and doctoral supervisor.

Wang Jingqian's lecture, titled "The Logic and Practice of the Development of Social Work since the Establishment of the Central Social Work Department," was attended by over 160 local officials including County/Dzong leaders, heads of various department units, local party and government members, and Social Work Department cadres. Before the lecture, Yang Peng, a member of the county party committee and head of the Organization Department, appointed Professor Wang as a "Consultant for High-Quality Development of Social Work in Metok County."

In his presentation, Professor Wang offered a comprehensive analysis of the differences between professional and party-oriented social work, the evolution of social work systems, the

role of party leadership, and future changes expected after establishment of the Social Work Department.

Nyingtri Military Summer Camp Engages Local Youth

August 14 2024

The Nyingtri Military Sub-district of the Tibet Military Region recently hosted a summer camp for local teenagers and military children. The camp, themed "Young Eagle Spreads Wings, Strengthening the Country with Me," welcomed 70 participants for a week of national defense and military training.

During the seven days, youth participating in the event received national defense education, patriotic education, collectivism education and 'China's fine traditional culture' education. They also learned basic military skills such as formation and tactical movements, and were familiarised with various types of light weapons including rifles and mortars.

LHOKA (CH: SHANNAN)

Executive Vice Chairman of TAR People's Government inspects Lhoka

August 8, 2024

From July 30 to August 2, Ren Wei, Standing Member of TAR Party Committee and Executive Vice Chairman of TAR People's Government, went to Nedong (Ch: Naidong) Dzong, Gonggar Dzong, Tsona (Ch: Cuona), Lhodrak (Ch: Lhozhag) Dzong and Nagarze (Ch: Langkazi) Dzong of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) and inspected the progress in construction of transportation projects, grassroots emergency management and cultivation of characteristic industries and new urbanization construction. During the inspection, Ren Wei met project construction managers, company leaders, grassroots cadres and people to oversee the implementation of the "spirit" third Plenary Session of the 20th Party Congress.

At the transportation project planning and construction site, Ren Wei stressed the need to accelerate construction of the "14th Five-Year Plan" projects, scientifically plan the "15th Five-Year Plan" key projects, continuously improve Tibet's three-dimensional transportation network, and enhance transportation security capabilities.

Ren Wei also inspected the development of industries, border villages and the operation of the Pumchu centralized heating and oxygen supply project and met the people and officers and soldiers of the troops stationed on the border.

SHIGATSE (CH: RIKAZE)

Kyirong Dzong Party Committee reports the work of village cadres

July 30, 2024

The Kyirong (Ch: Jilong/Gyirong) Dzong/County Party Committee reported recently that the village work teams/cadres in Kyirong carried out various forms of lectures on the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CCP CC which created “an upsurge of study, publicity and implementation at the grassroots level, and gathered strong forces to further comprehensively deepen reform and solidly promote the comprehensive revitalization of the countryside.” A total of 245 publicity and propaganda activities have been carried out till now and 48 special study sessions of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CCP Central Committee have been held “educating” 2,267 people.

The village work team/cadres of Ru Village in Gongdang Town had actively communicated and coordinated with the head of the Daqiao Bureau project department to employ 29 farmers and herdsmen in the village. In addition, the village cadres organized night schools for the Tibetans to master and use the Chinese language.

Khangmar Border Police Launches Summer Security Campaign

August 2024

The Khangmar Border Police Station in Shigatse has launched (WHEN???) an intensive summer security campaign, targeting five main areas: crime fighting, prevention, management, control, and public awareness. As part of the campaign, there is increased patrolling of key industries and potential security hotspots, policemen were trained in legal procedures and emergency responses to handle any situation effectively.

The station has conducted over 200 safety checks in businesses and public spaces, identifying and addressing risks.

NGARI (CH: ALI)

President of the Shaanxi Provincial High People’s Court and delegation visits Ngari

August 06, 2024

From July 29 to August 5, Han Deyang, President of the Shaanxi Provincial High People's Court, and his team visited various courts in Ngari (Ch: Ali) and held a symposium on August 4, 2024.

The symposium stressed Shaanxi’s commitment to bolstering communication, talent development, and infrastructure support for the Ngari Court. The team also highlighted the importance of adhering to recent aid directives and ensuring the effective use of funds. In support of these efforts, the Shaanxi Higher People’s Court donated 1 million yuan to the Ngari Intermediate Court.

Tsochen Dzong’s New Solar Energy Project Nears Completion

August 08, 2024

Tsochen (Ch: Cuoqen) County/Dzong of Ngari is working on a new solar energy project, which started in 2023 with an investment of 150 million yuan. The project uses the area's rich sunlight to create clean energy. The local Development and Reform Commission has reportedly “been very involved, helping with planning, land use, and ensuring everything runs smoothly.” So far, 40% of the project is complete, with over 25 million yuan invested. They aim to connect the project to the power grid by the end of September.

Ngari Party Secretary conducts inspections in Purang

August 19, 2024

Duan Hai, Party Secretary of Ngari (Ch: Ali) inspected Hor, Purang and Baga Towns in Purang (Ch: Pulan) from August 15-18, to oversee the reopening of the traditional border trade points between Tibet and Nepal, the progress in the construction of key projects, and development of

the cultural tourism industry in these regions. Since the reopening of the trade points on July 15, 2024, a total of 67 merchants have participated in the trade achieving an import and export trade volume of 2.08 million yuan.

At the Lhalongla border trade point, Duan Hai was briefed in detail about the infrastructure construction, functional layout, and import and export trade of the border trade point. Duan Hai pointed out that the resumption and opening of the traditional border trade points between China and Nepal has provided greater space for further enhancing the well-being of the border people of Tibet and Nepal and promoting bilateral economic and trade exchanges. He said it is necessary to take the reopening of traditional border trade points as a new starting point, actively integrate into the "Belt and Road" strategy, accelerate infrastructure construction, and further expand high-level opening up. It is necessary to actively cultivate and expand market players, stimulate market vitality, promote the development of a "channel economy" to an "industrial economy", and promote the quality and efficiency of the border trade logistics industry.

When investigating the urban planning and construction management work of Purang, the restoration, governance and protection project of the Mapcha Khabab town (En: Peacock River) City section, and the municipal bridge construction project, Duan Hai listened and examined the work report and went to the on-site office to solve the existing difficulties and problems.

The Party Secretary of Ngari Duan Hai, stressed the importance of constructing a "Border Tourism Demonstration Village" in Duoyou Village, in Purang County and the Talqin International Tourism Characteristic Town.

Li Ping, Vice Chairman of the Ngari PPCC and Party Secretary of the Purang County Party Committee accompanied Duan Hai for the inspection.

(Note: Duoyu village is about 200-250 km away from the LAC via G318. According to a report on CIVILS DAIL. Around 40 Chinese yaks ventured into Indian Territory in the "Demchok" area of eastern Ladakh and are currently under the control of the local villagers.)

NAGCHU (CH: NAGQU)

Wind Storage Project starts in Nagchu

August 01, 2024

The world's highest-altitude integrated wind-storage project, the Jetso 100-megawatt integrated wind power and energy storage project, officially started in Nagchu (Ch: Nagqu), Tibet, on July 31,. The project is located in the Semye (Ch: Seni) District of Nagchu in northern Tibet. It is planned to build 18 wind turbines with a single unit capacity of 5.6 megawatts, with a total installed capacity of 100 megawatts. The synchronous energy storage system can output 80,000 kWh of electricity for four consecutive hours. The project, total investment for which is 666 million yuan, is scheduled for completion and operation by the end of 2025. Once completed, it is expected to save around 72,000 tons of standard coal and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 196,000 tons per year.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE OF TAR

Completion Ceremony Marks New Beginning for Youruo New Village

August 12, 2024

On August 10, Youruo New Village in Seke Town, Serta Dزونg, Sichuan Province, celebrated the completion of its new housing project. 240 new houses were built. Zhang Yong, leader of the 'paired assistance team' from Chengdu's Wenjiang District, highlighted the project's role in "revitalizing the area and improving residents' quality of life."

Zhang Yong, leader of the seventh team of Wenjiang District, Chengdu City, to provide paired assistance to Seda County, told reporters that selection of the Youruoxincun housing construction project for funding and assistance is in the hope of improving the living conditions and quality of life of farmers and herdsmen, injecting new vitality and impetus into urban-rural integration and rural revitalization,

Qinghai Oilfield Begins Regular Jet Fuel Shipments to Tibet

August 13, 2024

On August 10, Qinghai Oilfield completed the first railway shipment of No. 3 jet fuel from the Golmud Refinery to TAR, reportedly marking the start of regular aviation fuel supplies to the region. This move aims to address long-standing issues with high transportation costs and supply difficulties, as previous aviation fuel was sourced from Lanzhou and Yumen, which were less efficient. The Golmud Refinery, located at 2,850 meters in the Qaidam Basin, has a refining capacity of 1.5 million tons of crude oil annually.

EXILE TIBETAN NEWS

Dalai Lama attends first public engagement post-surgery in New York

August 16, 2024

His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited the Dalai Lama Library and Learning Center in Ithaca, New York, where he took part in a consecration ceremony on August 16, 2024. This event marks his first public appearance since undergoing knee surgery. Hundreds of Tibetans welcomed the octogenarian leader at the Buddhist center.

The Dalai Lama will attend two long-life prayer ceremonies before returning to India following his recent knee surgery in the United States. The first ceremony will be held in New York on August 22, 2024. The event marks the conclusion of his stay in the United States. The Dalai Lama will travel to Switzerland where he is scheduled to attend a long-life prayer offering in Zurich on August 25. The event is organized by the Tibetan Community of Switzerland and Liechtenstein. During this event, the Dalai Lama will also give short teachings to the Tibetan Community and then depart for India on August 26.

According to the official website of the 89-year-old spiritual leader of Tibet, two long-life prayer ceremonies are scheduled for September. The first will be held on September 6th, as requested by the Monpa Community of Arunachal Pradesh. The second ceremony will take place at the Main Tibetan Temple at the request of the Tibetan Women's Association, Ex-Students of CST Dalhousie, and Lhasa Districts on September 18. Additionally, two teachings are also planned for September 12-13 and September 30 and October 1.