

EDUCATION

# Bazaar helps teachers in remote areas

### Embassies participate in charity event outside Bird's Nest hosted by foreign minister's wife

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The seventh Love Knows No Borders international charity bazaar opened outside National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in Beijing on Sunday. The event, with the theme "A Tribute to Rural Teachers in Yunnan", was hosted by Qian Wei, the wife of Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

"The funds raised will go to helping teachers working under harsh conditions at primary and secondary schools in Jinping and Malipo counties of Yunnan province," Qian said.

"Such assistance will help to ease the pressure on teachers working in remote, poor and mountainous areas and encourage them to continue their contribution to the cause of education for all."

More than 60 foreign embassies, representative offices of international organizations and companies from both home and abroad participated in the event.

"Many embassies in Beijing gather today at the National Stadium, which represents the spirit of the Olympics and harmony, to call for our entire society to offer compassion and support for social relief and welfare programs in poverty-stricken areas in China," Victor Sikon-

ina, Madagascar's ambassador to China, said at the opening ceremony.

"The charity sale is great in that it is attached to assisting education in disadvantaged, mountainous areas," said Filip Vandenbroeke, counselor for the economic section of the Belgian embassy.

The Belgian embassy's stall provided copies of *The Adventures of Tintin*, a comic series created by Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi in 1929. The series features Tintin, a young Belgian reporter exploring the world aided by his faithful fox terrier dog, Snowy.

The charity sale was also an occasion for cultural demonstrations and exchanges.

"Selling our artifacts and food is a way to introduce Chinese people to our culture," said Dhanushka Karunaratne, the third secretary for tea promotion with the Sri Lankan embassy.

"My kid grows up in Beijing and gets to experience different cultures today, but children in the poverty-stricken areas in Yunnan province don't," said Hua Ning, a Beijing resident.

"I believe that it is of great importance to break the circle of generations of poverty, so that children in different parts of the country can enjoy relatively equal access to education."



### Robo-lion

A small robot performs a lion dance during a robot competition at the University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, Anhui province, on Sunday. The annual event attracts many students. DOU NIU / FOR CHINA DAILY

### CRIME PREVENTION

# Sanya creates police unit to aid tourists

By HUANG YIMING and LIU XIAOLI in Sanya, Hainan

Sanya, a coastal resort city in Hainan province, has established a special police force targeting irregularities in the tourism industry.

The move came after a series of scandals elsewhere in China were exposed by the media during the National Day holiday from Oct 1 to 7.

A tourist's complaint of being overcharged for a seafood dinner at a restaurant in Qingdao, Shandong province, triggered public concerns.

The tourist was asked to pay 1,520 yuan (\$240) for a dish of prawns.

He had been assured by a waitress while ordering that the price was 38 yuan for the

dish, but was later told that the price was per prawn.

It was not an isolated case. Scandals have been reported from time to time in Sanya by media for the past decade, but tourists had nowhere to complain.

Over the years, this has resulted in a loss of trust, which has affected the resort's development.

The newly founded tourism police unit, the first of its kind in the country, will be in charge of tourists' security and safety.

The unit was first proposed in November last year by the Sanya government, which went on to form the team a month ago. Twenty-two tourist police officers now have responsibility for security and

maintaining order in the tourist sector in Sanya.

Tourists visiting Sanya can ask the police for help if they have been the victims of fraud, have discovered their guide is unlicensed, have been offered tickets to tourist attractions at black market prices or for other tourism-related crimes.

The team is in charge of supervision and inspection of security at tourist attractions, as well as providing suggestions for improvements.

More than 30 cases involving crimes against tourists have been investigated since the team formed, and officers have arrested 32 offenders. Thirty people have been punished with detention and paid a total of 5,000 yuan in fines in the past month.

The tourist police unit is also expected to help to establish a mechanism for institutions and businesses to work together in developing Sanya's tourist industry.

Yang Zhekun, professor of Hainan tourism research and director of the Hainan Tourism Research Institute of Hainan Career Technology College, said that the police team demonstrates the Sanya government's determination to build the city into an international tourist city.

It will help the city further improve tourism while benefiting tourists and setting an example for other tourist destinations, he said.

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### Briefly

#### BEIJING

### 10,000 companies launched per day

China sees more than 10,000 companies launched every day amid government support for entrepreneurship, a vice-minister said on Saturday. Most are small enterprises. Data was collected from March last year through the end of August this year, when about 6 million companies were registered, said Xin Guobin, vice-minister of Industry and Information Technology.

### Fugitive back from Malaysia

A Chinese corruption suspect who fled to Malaysia in 2012 has been repatriated to China, the top anti-graft body said on Sunday. Zhan Zaisheng was on a list released in April of the 100 most-wanted Chinese fugitives abroad. He was captured by Chinese police in Malaysia and was transferred home during the National Day holiday, said the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection.

#### YUNNAN

### 4 senior officials expelled by Party

Four senior officials have been expelled from the Communist Party of China for serious discipline violations in Yunnan province, said the provincial discipline watchdog. The four are Xie Xinsong, vice-mayor of Kunming; Cai Jianguhua, deputy head of the province's Investment and Cooperation Bureau; Chu Zhongzhi, Party chief of Dali; and Li Xiaoming, former head of the provincial Geological and Mining Bureau.

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