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Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference and "Friendship Day" Event will be held in Guiyang in the southwestern province of Guizhou on September 8-9, 2024. The theme of the event is "Friendly Cooperation for Common Development and Prosperity," and discussions and exchanges have been planned around the two main topics of "Intensifying Economic and Trade Exchanges and Improving Cooperation Effectiveness" and "Strengthening People-to-People Exchanges and Promoting Mutual Understanding." Taking place at the same time will be "Guizhou's International Sister Cities at the China (Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages Expo" Featured Exhibition, Roadside Music Concert—Night of Friendship, "Friendship Day" Networking Activity along with other activities aimed at deepening understanding, fostering friendship, and strengthening cooperation.

Guizhou is an important inland transportation hub in Southwestern China and a key part of the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor. Connecting east and west by land and sea, it plays a significant role in China's Western Development Strategy. Guizhou is currently engaged in implementing a high-quality development strategy promoting new forms of industrialization, urbanization, agricultural modernization, and tourism in pursuit of greater opening-up to the outside world. As a result, unprecedented opportunities for development have begun to appear in Guizhou. The event promises to provide participants with an open, practical, and innovative platform for exchange and an opportunity to establish new connections, learn from one another, and promote mutually beneficial

cooperation transcending the confines of regional borders. Being held concurrently with the event to provide additional opportunities for participants to find new partners for economic, trade, and industrial collaboration is the 13th China (Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages Expo.

We cordially invite you to attend Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference and "Friendship Day" Event and look forward to meeting you in Guiyang and exploring new opportunities for friendship, cooperation, and development together!

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Attachment 1

Preliminary Plan for Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference and "Friendship Day" Event

I. Background

The Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province (Guizhou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries) and the Guiyang Municipal People's Government have planned Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference and "Friendship Day" Event to deepen mutual understanding, foster friendship, and strengthen cooperation between Guizhou Province and international sister cities, friendly regions, and friendship organizations. The theme of the event is "Friendly Cooperation for Common Development and Prosperity." Leaders, representatives, and entrepreneurs from international sister cities and friendly regions; representatives from foreign friendship organizations; international experts, scholars, entrepreneurs working in Guizhou and international students studying in Guizhou will be joined by representatives from the province's relevant departments, organizations, and industries. Participants will engage in exchanges and discussions around hot topics affecting cooperation and economic development. Taking place at the same time are a string of events that will include the "Guizhou's International Sister Cities at the China

(Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages Expo" Featured Exhibition, Roadside Music Concert—Night of Friendship, "Friendship Day" Networking Activity among other activities organized to promote new connections, opportunities to learn from one another, and mutually beneficial cooperation transcending the confines of regional borders.

II. Theme

Friendly Cooperation for Common Development and Prosperity

III. Date

September 8-9, 2024

IV. Venue for Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference

New World Guiyang Hotel (TBC)

V. Organizational Structure

(I) Sponsored by

Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province (Guizhou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries)

Guiyang Municipal People's Government

(II) Supported by

Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (TBC)

VI. Guests

Leaders of Guizhou Province; leaders of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

(TBC), leaders, representatives, and entrepreneurs from international sister cities and friendly regions; representatives from foreign friendship organizations; international experts, scholars, entrepreneurs working in Guizhou and international students studying in Guizhou; and representatives of the province's relevant departments, organizations, and industries.

VII. Main Activities

(I) Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference

The conference is divided into three main parts: Opening Remarks, Signing of Agreements, and Speeches.

1. Part I: Opening Remarks

Remarks will be made by provincial leaders from Guizhou, leaders of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (TBC), and foreign guests.

2. Part II: Signing of Agreements

Guizhou will sign exchange and cooperation agreements with representatives of international sister cities and friendly regions, foreign friendship organizations, and other relevant institutions.

3. Part III: Speeches

Provincial representatives from Guizhou; leaders, representatives, and entrepreneurs from international sister cities and friendly regions; representatives from foreign friendship organizations; and international experts, scholars,

and entrepreneurs in Guizhou will deliver keynote speeches related to the topics of "Intensifying Economic and Trade Exchanges and Improving Cooperation Effectiveness" and "Strengthening People-to-People Exchanges and Promoting Mutual Understanding."

(II) "Friendship Day" Series Activities

1. "Guizhou's International Sister Cities at the China (Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages Expo" Featured Exhibition

Planned as a platform for international sister cities and friendly regions to showcase their characteristic industries and products. Participating regions can exhibit posters, brochures, alcoholic beverages, and other featured products.

2. "Friendship Day" Networking Activity

Planned to facilitate exchange, communication, and cooperation between Guizhou Province and representatives from international sister cities, friendly regions, and foreign friendship organizations; international experts, scholars, entrepreneurs working in Guizhou and international students studying in Guizhou.

3. Roadside Music Concert—Night of Friendship

Taking the popular form of roadside music concerts, this event will incorporate cultural elements of Guizhou's international sister cities and friendly regions to treat participating representatives to the charm of Guiyang's urban

life and culture.

(III) Visits (TBC)

***Route 1:** A visit to the Exhibition Center of the National Big Data (Guizhou) Comprehensive Pilot Zone, relevant enterprises in Guizhou Province, and Maotai Town and Huamao Village in Zunyi City.*

***Route 2:** A visit to the Exhibition Center of the National Big Data (Guizhou) Comprehensive Pilot Zone, relevant enterprises in Guizhou Province, and "China's Eye of Heaven" Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope (FAST) in Qiannan Autonomous Prefecture.*

VIII. Cost Sharing Arrangement

Expenses (including dining, accommodation, transportation, and visits) will be covered for guests from international sister cities, friendly regions, and foreign friendship organizations during their four-day stay in Guizhou: ministry level guests with two accompanying persons, deputy ministry level guests with one accompanying person, mayors and deputy mayors with one accompanying person, representatives from friendly regions and foreign friendship organizations (one representative for each region or organization).

Attachment 2

*Preliminary Schedule for Guizhou's
International Sister Cities Exchange
Conference and "Friendship Day" Event*

September 8 (Sunday)

Sign-in

*Afternoon Meet with leaders of Guizhou Province and
attend the welcoming banquet*

Evening Roadside Music Concert—Night of Friendship

September 9 (Monday)

*Morning Opening Ceremony of the 13th China
(Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages
Expo*

*Opening Ceremony of the "Guizhou's
International Sister Cities at the China
(Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages
Expo" Featured Exhibition*

*14:00-17:00 Guizhou's International Sister Cities
Exchange Conference*

Part I: Opening Remarks

*Opening remarks by the leader of Guizhou
Province Opening remarks by the leader of*

*the Chinese People's Association for
Friendship with Foreign Countries (TBC)*

Opening remarks by foreign guests

Part II: Signing of Agreements

*Guizhou signs exchange and cooperation
agreements with representatives of
international sister cities, friendly regions,
foreign friendship organizations, and
relevant institutions.*

Tea break (15 mins)

Part III: Speeches

*Participants deliver keynote speeches
related*

*to the topics of "Intensifying Economic and
Trade Exchanges and Improving
Cooperation Effectiveness" or
"Strengthening People-to-People Exchanges
and Promoting Mutual Understanding."*

17:00-18:30

"Friendship Day" Networking Activity
*Guizhou Province facilitates exchange,
communication, and cooperation with
representatives from international sister
cities, friendly regions, and foreign
friendship organizations; and international*

experts, scholars, entrepreneurs working in Guizhou, and international students studying in Guizhou.

September 10 (Tuesday)

Morning *Visit the Exhibition Center of National Big Data (Guizhou) Comprehensive Pilot Zone and relevant enterprises in Guizhou Province*

Afternoon ***Route 1:*** *Visit Huamao Village and leave for Maotai Town in Zunyi City*
Route 2: *Leave for Qiannan Autonomous Prefecture*

September 11 (Wednesday)

Morning ***Route 1:*** *Visit Maotai Town in Zunyi City*
Route 2: *Visit to "China's Eye of Heaven" FAST telescope in Qiannan Autonomous Prefecture*

Afternoon *Departure of guests*

Attachment 3

Confirmation of Attendance

<i>Please select the activity to attend</i>
<i>Attend Guizhou's International Sister Cities Exchange Conference and "Friendship Day" Event:</i> <i>Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Deliver a speech: Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Topic of the speech:</i> <i>Intensifying Economic and Trade Exchanges and Improving Cooperation Effectiveness</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Strengthening People-to-People Exchanges and Promoting Mutual Understanding</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Attend "Guizhou's International Sister Cities at the China (Guizhou) International Alcoholic Beverages Expo" Featured Exhibition (Participating regions can exhibit posters, brochures, alcoholic beverages, and other featured products):</i> <i>Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Join the visits within Guizhou province:</i> <i>Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Select a Route:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Route 1: A visit to the Exhibition Center of the National</i>

Big Data (Guizhou) Comprehensive Pilot Zone, relevant enterprises in Guizhou Province and Maotai Town, Renhuai City and Huamao Village, Bozhou District, Zunyi City

- *Route 2: A visit to the Exhibition Center of the National Big Data (Guizhou) Comprehensive Pilot Zone, relevant enterprises in Guizhou Province, and "China's Eye of Heaven" FAST telescope in Qiannan Autonomous Prefecture*