



Yili horses Photo by Li Wei

Horses race in rain

By Jessie Fan

About 50 of *Changjiang Weekly's* foreign and Chinese readers watched four fiercely contested horse races during the Xinjiang Horse Day on June 10 at Orient Lucky City. They obtained free tickets through *Changjiang Weekly's* public WeChat account.

Despite rainy conditions, race goers enjoyed the excitement of the day. Almost half of the horses were from Yili which is famous for breeding high-quality race-horses in Xinjiang.

Dhaneshwar Shah, an Indian experimental artist and research scholar at Wuhan University of Technology, was one of the race goers. He told the reporter that he mostly painted animal forms. "With the opportunity to see these beautiful animals close up, the horse racing was a very inspirational experience for me."



Shah drawing Yili horses
Photo provided by Shah

The horse has long been regarded as a noble animal by the Chinese, and horse racing a great pastime and sport. During the Zhou Dynasty (4th century B.C.), Xinjiang horses were very popular on the Silk Road for trade. Shah said, "when I saw the horses racing,

I suddenly remembered the famous ancient Chinese painter Han Gan, who presented horses as a symbol of power, grace, beauty, nobility, and strength, so this was a great chance to see these dynamic horses who have provided me the same feelings."



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Activity Notice

Invitation to Zhiyin Cruise live show on the Yangtze River

On June 21, 2017, *Changjiang Weekly* and Zhiyin Cruise will invite five expatriates living in Wuhan to enjoy an immersive live show and tour the Yangtze River at night.

The Zhiyin Cruise live show is the first multidimensional immersive live show on the Yangtze River. Setting out from the Wufu Tourist Wharf in Hankou, and heading toward the Wuhan Yangtze River Bridge, the Zhiyin Cruise sails past downtown areas along the Yangtze and Han rivers, before turning from under the Wuhan Yangtze River Second Bridge.

Passengers will walk along a trestle connecting the dock with the ship. It is set up like a busy bazaar. There, patrons will find wonton stands, an old stone mill, an old newsstand, rickshaws, bubble cars, and street vendors selling handcrafts such as paper-cuts and local embroideries. Travellers will feel as if they have been transported to the life and times of the old Hankou wharf.

During the trip, local historians and literature experts will introduce the history of Wuhan.

Urban design major students / experts, or people who are familiar with the central axis plan of London, Paris, New York, or Washington will be given first preference, as we require participants to input their suggestions on Wuhan's Changjiang Axis plan based upon their personal experiences.

Schedule:

Time: Event starts at 6:10 P.M. on June 21

Venue: Zhiyin wharf at Hankou Riverside Park. Please send your name, gender, nationality, occupation, and phone number to changjiangweekly@126.com to register.

Free dental check-ups for expatriates

By Sue Liu

The second free oral and dental check-ups for expatriates living in Wuhan started on June 9. This event was co-organized by the Wuhan Foreign Affairs Office and Wuhan First

Stomatological Hospital.

Opened in 2015, Wuhan First Stomatological Hospital offers English speaking services, and received more than 100 foreign patients in 2016. Thirty foreigners have

registered to experience their free check-ups this year.

Andy, a 23-year-old English teacher from the U.S., said the hospital makes it easy for English speakers like him to get dental care.