

20th CPC NATIONAL CONGRESS

Editor's note: To mark the convening of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, China Daily has selected 10 sets of photo stories that illustrate various aspects of the country's development during the past decade. The photos, posters and videos showcase the achievements and experiences of the Party's cause, and the country under Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. This is the ninth in the series.



A bonfire party featuring the culture of the Yi ethnic group is held at a theme park in Liupanshui city, Guizhou province. PHOTOS BY WANG JING / CHINA DAILY

Rural vitalization drives city's success

Local residents also benefit from reforms in the countryside

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Established on Dec 18, 1978, Liupanshui is a young city in the southwestern province of Guizhou. Home to many ethnic groups, it has grown along with the deepening of the country's reform and opening-up policy.

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in 2012, Liupanshui has made use of its rich natural resources, turned its "clear waters and lush mountains"

into local people's "invaluable assets" and brought them happy lives.

By developing agriculture, featuring the cultivation of cash crops and the expansion of rural tourism, the city has transformed its economic structure in the countryside.

Holding torch festivals at villages of the Yi people, promoting paintings inspired by the traditional Miao embroidery and organizing cliff climbing on karst hills, the city has vitalized its rural areas and helped poor people shake off poverty.

Now, Liupanshui is known for its pleasant weather, rich folk culture and beautiful countryside, and has become a popular tourist attraction.

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A tourist takes part in the bamboo dance at the theme park in Liupanshui.



From left: Intangible cultural heritage inheritors work on a traditional Miao embroidery. Performers from the Miao and Bouyei ethnic groups stage a song and dance show at the theme park. A tourist takes photos of souvenirs made from dry leaves.



From left: Visitors experience cliff walking at the Yuezhao Health Valley Scenic Area in Liupanshui. Women of the Miao ethnic group display their distinctive hairstyle.

