

Chongqing to unveil world's longest glass skywalk



This photo shows the exhilarating skywalk. [Photo/China Daily]

A theme park in Wansheng, Southwest China's Chongqing, will unveil an 80-meter-long glass skywalk in one month, which could break the Guinness World Record.

The A-shaped sky corridor is three times longer than the Grand Canyon Skywalk in the United States.

With its stone forest, the Wansheng Ordovician Park boasts unique geographic landscape from the Ordovician Period.

The skywalk is currently undergoing a test run and hopefully will open to the public on May 1, according to the park manager.

"We are applying for a Guinness World Record as the longest glass skywalk in the world," said Tang Nan, the park manager.

Some tourists have already been attracted to the spot and experienced the walkway.

"So many people want to walk on it and there is always a long line," Tang said.

In May 2015, Longgang National Geological Park in Yunyang county, Chongqing, unveiled a 26.68-meter-long glass skywalk which was said to be the world's longest one at the time.

Online users in China read most books



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New data from German market research institute GfK has revealed that online users in China read the most amount of books daily.

The data, released in March, came from the company surveying more than 22,000 people aged 15 years and above in 17 countries.

China recorded the highest percentage, with 36 percent of the online users surveyed reading books on a daily basis. The nation's result was six percentage points higher than the average of all the surveyed countries.

The survey showed that among different age groups, teenagers aged 15 to 19 read the most. About half of those read almost every day, compared to 23 percent of online users aged 40 to 49.

The survey also revealed that higher income earners – the top 25 percent of earners within the market – were more likely to read, with 40 percent of whom

reading almost daily. In comparison, only 27 percent of the bottom quarter of income earners read everyday.

Women were also more likely to read books, with 38 percent of those surveyed reading almost every day, compared to 34 percent of their male counterparts.

[Xu Qin appointed acting governor of Hebei](#)

Xu Qin was appointed vice governor and acting governor of north China's Hebei province on Friday.

The decision was announced at a morning session of the standing committee of the provincial legislature, which also accepted the resignation of governor Zhang Qingwei.

Xu, who was born in 1961, graduated from the Beijing Institute of Technology with a major in optoelectronics, according to an introduction from the official website of the Hebei provincial government.

He had worked with the National Development and Reform Commission and earned a doctorate from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University before moving to south China's Shenzhen in 2008, where he served as the mayor from June 2010 to March 2017.

[Most Chinese provincial regions accomplish disciplinary inspection tasks](#)

Of China's more than 30 provincial localities, 27 have completed discipline inspections on the agencies they directly administer, the Communist Party of China's (CPC) disciplinary agency announced Friday.

CPC organizations and departments directly administered by the provincial level authorities were inspected, according to a report posted on the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) website.

The inspections focused on the implementation of central authority rules and regulations.

Inspectors in Hubei Province, central China, were despatched to 300 Party organizations and found 12,567 pieces of evidence that led to the investigation of 4,362 officials.

In Jilin Province, northeast China, inspectors reviewed the work of 242 Party organizations and found supporting evidence that linked 1,565 officials to violations.

The current CPC Central Committee will finish inspecting agencies directly under its administration before the end of the first half of the year.

All central and provincial level CPC committees are required to conduct inspections within their tenure of five years.

The remaining provincial regions are expected to complete their inspections before new provincial Party committees are elected, according to the CCDI.

Comparing it to “a physical examination” of the Party, the CCDI said inspection was a powerful weapon in the fight to resolve internal CPC problems.

Finding problems is both a major task and the appraisal standard for inspections, the CCDI said, adding that the inspection was by no means “a gust of wind.”

Autopsy to shed light on death of student



A dormitory building in Taifu Town Middle School [Photo/Shanghai Daily]

An autopsy is being conducted on a middle school student alleged to have fallen to his death on Saturday, with no evidence having been found so far to suggest he was physically abused, officials in Luzhou, Sichuan province, said

at a news conference on Thursday.

He Shaopeng, deputy mayor and public security bureau director of Luzhou, said the chest and belly of the student's body had been cut open and lacerations were found in his liver and spleen.

The publicity department of Luxian—a county under the administration of Luzhou—said on Wednesday that a 14-year-old male student of Taifu Middle School in Taifu town was found dead outside his dormitory building at about 6 a.m. on Saturday.

The department stated that local police did not think the boy had been murdered after initial investigations, but this caused public outcry, with many people suspecting that the boy was beaten to death by five other students who are children of local officials.

Mao Handong, a police officer with Luzhou public security bureau, said at the conference that none of the officials' children were proved to have been classmates with, or to have known of, the deceased student.

Lyu Yugang, director of the Ministry of Education's basic education department, said at a conference in Beijing on Thursday that he felt sorry for the death of the student and had requested education departments in Sichuan to assist local authorities in discovering the cause of the student's death and reporting to the ministry in a timely manner.

A video obtained by Lyu Qingfu, a reporter at Xinhua News Agency, showed the mother of the deceased student visiting a crematory and cutting clothes off her son's body to expose a large purple area on his back and wounds on both hands and elbows, suggesting that the boy might have been beaten to death.

People's Daily, the official newspaper of the Communist Party of China, said in an opinion piece on its WeChat account on Wednesday that local governments should release information in a timely and accurately manner in emergency situations.

"Timely and accurate information, as well as an authoritative and convincing autopsy report, will help clarify facts and dispel rumors," it said.