

# PARTNERSHIP



Mr. QIN Guangrong (right 2), Yunnan Governor, paying an on-site inspection to XTBG

## Governors of Yunnan Province, inspect XTBG

Mr. QIN Guangrong, the Governor of Yunnan Province, inspected XTBG on July 8. His purpose was to check the achievements made in the second-phase tourism development. Prof. Dr. CHEN Jin, director of XTBG, reported the Master Plan of XTBG, general philosophy of building new living collections, species conservation and science popularization to the governor. He also reported the progress of on-going construction of the new research center. During the inspection tour, Governor QIN Guangrong visited the newly established Tropical Brilliant Flowers Garden and new Palm Garden. Satisfied with the high-level landscapes coming into being in such a short term, the Governor praised XTBG for its significant contributions to local development,



Prof. CHEN Jin (right front 1) reporting the progress of the third-phase knowledge innovation program, to Mr. QIN Guangrong (left front 3), Yunnan Governor



and its demonstration & promotion role in the new undertaking of tourism industry of Yunnan Province. He also encouraged XTBG to make sustained and even greater efforts in order to turn it into a first-class botanical garden of the world at an earlier date. The Governor also hopes the Menglun Township to have a harmonious development with XTBG.

Vice Governor of Yunnan Province LIU Ping paid an earlier inspection tour to XTBG on February 18. Accompanying the vice governor's field inspection tour, XTBG deputy director LI Hongwei mainly reported the master plan, construction of new garden areas, and the number of tourists received during the Spring Festival "Golden Week" holiday.

## MOU between XTBG and University of Hawaii renewed

Prof. Dr. Andrew G. HASHIMOTO, dean and director of College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA, visited XTBG during November 1-3. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the two sides. Prof. Dr. CHEN Jin, director of XTBG, met with Dr. Andrew G. HASHIMOTO and his companions. They had discussion on cooperation potentials and signed a memorandum of S&T cooperation. According to the MOU, exchanges between scientific personnel and students are to be enhanced in the future five years; joint research projects and academic meetings may be held; research materials, information, academic journals may be exchanged. Dr. Ching Yuan HU, associate dean of CATHR, gave an overall introduction and delivered a lecture titled "The Future of Agriculture". XTBG and the University of Hawaii have kept good cooperation ties for 20 more years. A memorandum of understanding had ever been signed 20 years ago and the two sides implemented cooperation very well. The renewed MOU in this November is to motivate more collaboration activities.



Dr. Ching Yuan HU is delivering a lecture



Dr. Andrew G. HASHIMOTO (left front) and Dr. CHEN Jin (right front) shaking hands to celebrate the signing of the MOU and their cooperation



## XTBG wins title of Advanced Collective for work in poverty alleviation

XTBG wins the title of Advanced Collective for work in poverty alleviation in Yunnan Province in the year of 2007. While enhancing work in scientific research, species preservation, public education and landscape optimization, XTBG has taken the responsibility of reducing poverty for the locality, especially for Mengla County over the past years. XTBG has provided technical support, established joint poverty alleviation fund with Mengla, and sent scientific personnel to manage development-oriented poverty alleviation programs. The contributions have been given positive recognition from local governments at different levels.



Certificate of Award

## XTBG staff members donate to help the people in Sichuan Quake

May 12, 2009 is a day of memory in China and the world, as we mourn for and remember the people who lost their lives in the earthquake, in Sichuan, SW China.

At XTBG, 727 staff members and their relatives made their voluntary contribution to help the people in Sichuan Quake and post-earthquake development. More than 75 thousand Yuan have been donated to Yunnan Red Cross.



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