

The project of the 6th Kunming Forum on Educational Cooperation in  
South Asia and Southeast Asia——

Seminar on the Improvement and Innovation of Dyeing, Weaving and  
Embroidery Skills for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation in 2023 at  
Lancang-Mekong Intangible Heritage Workshop of  
Yunnan Minzu University

## Enrollment Brochure

### I. Project Background

To protect and inherit the national intangible cultural heritage and promote communications and cooperation in this field in the Lancang-Mekong River Basin, which is rich in intangible cultural resources, Yunnan Minzu University held a seminar on the improvement and innovation of the dyeing, weaving and embroidery skills at its Lancang-Mekong Intangible Heritage Workshop for the six countries in the Basin in 2023 with the special fund for cooperation with Asian countries of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

At the seminar, the participants firstly had exchanges of the ideas on the improvement of the embroidery, dyeing and weaving skills, and also on the establishment of the platform for the protection and inheritance of the traditional handicrafts of ethnic minorities in the six countries around the Basin. This is one of the projects of the 6th Kunming Forum on Educational Cooperation in South Asia and Southeast Asia held by Yunnan Provincial Department of Education.

## II. Introduction to Yunnan Minzu University

A key provincial-level university jointly established by the Ministry of Education, the State Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Yunnan Provincial People's Government, Yunnan Minzu University aims to train senior professionals of all ethnic groups. Founded on August 1st, 1951, with a history of 72 years, it is one of the earliest universities for nationalities in China. There are about 34,000 students in the university, including undergraduates, master students, doctoral students and international students. The university has developed complete disciplines and possessed distinctive school-running characteristics. It currently has 10 disciplinary branches, namely philosophy, economics, law, education, literature, history, science, engineering, management and art, with ethnology, sociology, national language and literature, and the language and culture of Southeast Asia and South Asia as the superior majors. Equal emphasis has been placed on the development of arts and sciences, and great progress has been made in the coordinated development of multiple disciplinary branches.

The university pays great attention to foreign cooperation and exchanges, serving as a window open to the outside world for Yunnan province as well as China. Since its founding, more than 100,000 people from over 80 states and regions, including political heavyweights such as Queen Elizabeth II, former US Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger, Norwegian King Harald V, and Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh, as well as experts, scholars and international friends, have visited the university and rated it highly.

## III. Organization and content of seminar

The seminar is scheduled to be held from October to November, 2023, lasting 10 days. The arrangements are as follows:

Stage one: Enrollment (from August 10 to September 20, 2023). Main content: project publicity, student selection and issuance of letters of invitation.

Stage two: preliminary preparation (from September 20 to November 10, 2023). Students go through entry formalities such as applying for passports and visas, and prepare a handicraft to be brought to the seminar for display. The handicraft can be a finished or semi-finished product, and students will learn to improve it under the guidance of experts during the seminar.

Stage three: Opening ceremony and centralized lectures at Yunnan Minzu University (from November 11 to November 14, 2023). Main courses: Integration of National Craft for the Revitalization of Rural Culture, Practice of the Art and Skills of Tie-dye, Design Thinking and Innovative Practice, Cultural Representation in Clothing Handicraft Art, Exhibition of Works of Inheritors of Dyeing, Weaving and Embroidery Crafts, and Visual Design of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Stage four: Practice of Zhuang embroidery, Yi costume handicraft and Miao batik handicraft at Wenshan University (from November 15, 2023 to November 17, 2023).

Stage five: Students communicating with tutors and experts for guidance and making a piece of dyeing, weaving or embroidery handicraft work (on November 18, 2023), which will be collected by "Lancang-Mekong Intangible Heritage Workshop" and the creators of the collected works will get a collection certificate.

Stage six: an exhibition of students' works to be held in Shenli Cultural Creativity Park, Kunming District, China (Yunnan) Pilot Free Trade Zone (on November 19, 2023).

#### IV. Teaching Staff

The teachers include China's national intangible culture heritage inheritors; renowned teachers from Academy of Fine Arts of Tsinghua University, Donghua University, Yunnan Arts University, Wenshan University, Guangxi Arts University, and Lancang-Mekong International Vocational Institute of Yunnan Minzu University; and masters of industrial arts.

#### V. Rules for Performance Evaluation

The performance evaluation is mainly based on the quality of students' schoolwork. The specific rules are as follows: attendance (20%); work made during the seminar (sketch, scheme, display, etc.) (30%); final work (30%); participation in exhibitions (20%). After passing the evaluation and examination, students will get the Course-Completion Certificate issued by Yunnan Minzu University.

#### VI. Student Selection

Based on the principles of openness, fairness and justice, we will recruit 20 students from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam through personal application, expert review and merit-based admission. These students should be craftsmen engaged in dyeing, weaving and embroidery industries or young and middle-aged (no more than 55 years old) artistic talents who have made certain achievements in dyeing, weaving and embroidery research. Leading craftsmen in the dyeing, weaving and embroidery industries, and craftsmen able to communicate with or even teach junior practitioners in the industries after training are preferred. Women craftsmen are preferred. Craftsmen suffering underlying diseases need to inform the organizer in advance to determine whether they are allowed to participate in the training or not.

## VII. Training Expenses

This project is subsidized by the special fund for cooperation with Asian countries of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, the sixth Kunming Forum on Education Cooperation in South Asia and Southeast Asia, and Wenshan University. The round-trip transportation expenses, accommodation expenses and tuition fees of the trainees during their training in China shall be borne by the project organizers, and the passport and visa application and handling fees shall be borne by students themselves.

## VIII. Registration Method

(1) Please fill in the registration form and send it as well as one of your representative works to [ynmdlmy@ymu.edu.cn](mailto:ynmdlmy@ymu.edu.cn) before September 10, 2023. Please note: It is recommended to fill in the electronic registration form. If the form is handwritten, please make sure your handwriting is clear.

(2) Students shall prepare materials for making finished or semi-finished dyeing, weaving and embroidery handicrafts before the training, which will be collected and exhibited as the project achievements.

(3) Please contact the Organizing Committee at [ynmdlmy@ymu.edu.cn](mailto:ynmdlmy@ymu.edu.cn) for registration consultation.

## Registration Form

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