

Friendship Activities in Brief

Second International Paper-Cut Art Festival Held

Jointly sponsored by the CPAFFC, the Chinese Folk Literature and Art Association (CFLAA) and the Huhhot Municipal People's Government, and undertaken by the Horinger County People's Government, the Chinese Paper-Cutting Society under the CFLAA and the East-West Artists Association of America (EAA), the Second International Paper-Cut Art Festival was held in Horinger County of Inner Mongolia from August 15 to 18, 2006.

The main contents of the art festival included the opening ceremony and the International Paper-Cut Exhibition, introduction of the organization and guidance, general investigation, artistic creation, teaching and learning, preservation and development of the traditional paper-cut art in Horinger,

the First International Forum on Paper-Cut Art and issuing the *Horinger Declaration on Preserving and Developing Paper-Cut Art*.

The 200 plus pieces of exhibits and over 30 theses submitted to the forum are chosen from more than 1,100 pieces of candidate paper-cut works and over 100 theses contributed by paper-cut artists and organizations of more than 10 countries including China (Hong Kong and Taiwan included), the U.S., Germany, Britain, France, Switzerland, Russia, Japan, Israel and Vietnam. The festival selected 3 winners of Special Award, 10 winners of Gold Award, 20 winners of Silver Award, 30 winners of Bronze Award and a number of winners of Fine Work Award. (Sun Kang)

Leaders of Vaud-Shaanxi Association and Connaissance de Chine de Lausanne Visit China

At the invitation of the CPAFFC, President René Pfiffer and Secretary General Gérald Bérout of the Vaud-Shaanxi Association of Switzerland, and President Piguet Danielle and Treasurer Alain Roy

of the Connaissance de Chine de Lausanne visited Beijing, Harbin, Shenyang and Dalian from September 4 to 11, 2006. They paid visits to the Nestle (China) Ltd. ventured by Swiss in Harbin, the Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing

Corporation and Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Company, the Shenyang Heavy Machinery Group Co., Ltd., the Dalian University of Foreign Languages and the Dalian Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone.

Delegation of Iran-China Friendship Society Visits China

At the invitation of the CPAFFC, Ahad Mohammadi, president of the Iran-China Friendship Society (ICFS), led the ICFS delegation to pay a friendly visit to Beijing and Chongqing from September 14 to 21, 2006. CPAFFC Presi-

dent Chen Haosu met with and entertained the delegation. Vice President Wang Yunze had a work meeting with them, discussing future cooperation plans in the fields of economy and trade, culture, tourism and local governments, and signed a memo-