

GUIZHOU

Sweet life for cadres

Libo county is encouraging cadres to leave their jobs temporarily to grow sugar cane, promising them they can keep their work titles and salaries while doing so. *The Beijing News* reports. A sugar mill set up by investors from Guangxi (廣西) closed down in 2008. The local government has revived the mill but the number of sugar growers in the county has dropped by three-quarters.

Officials charged

Ten officials from the province's road construction bureau, including its party secretary, are facing prosecution for accepting bribes, the *Legal Daily* reports. They are also accused of price-fixing in the bidding process and chaotic management, leading to frequent accidents on construction projects.

HEILONGJIANG

More ice please

People who collect ice are expected to be in high demand ahead of Harbin's (哈爾濱) annual ice festival and could make up to 300 yuan (HK\$366) per day, the *Harbin Daily* reports. The festival usually uses about 300,000 cubic metres of ice but demand this year is expected to increase to 410,000 cubic metres, creating jobs for 500 more people.

Tiger sanctuary

A China-Russia joint protection zone should be set up for endangered wild Siberian tigers, the *Harbin Daily* reports, quoting a professor from Northeast Forestry University. There are about 350 Siberian tigers on the Russian side of the border and 10 to 15 on the Chinese side. Human encroachment along the border has disturbed their habitat. Tigers normally range over about 500 square kilometres but cover longer distances during winter.

INNER MONGOLIA

Mine owner con

A 29-year-old woman in Ordos (鄂爾多斯) conned more than 20 millionaires and billionaires out of about 80 million yuan over two and a half years, *Xinhua* reports. The woman told them she was in the coal business, needed funds

Reformed character

Podi village chief Lu Junfeng, who was first elected in 2005 after leaving prison and setting up a business to help the community, has been recognised as an outstanding cadre.

SICHUAN

Evacuation success

A school in Jiangyou (江油) became the first on the mainland to take advantage of an earthquake evacuation warning on Tuesday night, when a 3.8-magnitude earthquake hit Wenchuan (汶川), the epicentre of the major Sichuan earthquake in 2008, *China News Service* reports. The school, 130 kilometres from Wenchuan, received a warning 36 seconds before a seismic wave triggered by the quake struck Jiangyou, giving students just enough time to gather in the playground before the ground shook.

Code among thieves

Burglars are marking potential targets in Chengdu (成都) with secret codes, *newssc.org* reports. A district police has begun handing out pamphlets listing 17 of the most commonly used symbols to warn residents, and has told them to immediately rub off such signs and go to the police if they see one. The symbols include "nobody lives here", "there's a dog", "single woman", "no need to bother", and "already robbed".

ZHEJIANG

Suspects to hand

Nanjing (南京) police have issued online wanted notices for six suspects that borrow ideas from the popular Three Kingdom card game, with the faces of the suspects printed on the cards, *China News Service* reports. The move has won praise online for helping residents remember the suspects' faces.

Label ring smashed

Two fake spirit packaging operations were smashed in Cangnan (蒼南) at the end of last month, with 13 manufacturing locations discovered and eight people arrested, *Zhejiang Online* reports. More than three million sets of fake labels for expensive spirits such as maotai were found. If they had been placed on bottles they could have netted

Anger as tobacco expert is honoured

Top doctor left fuming by academy's award to professor for his work on low-tar cigarettes

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More than 50 scientists joined the prestigious Chinese Academy of Engineering yesterday, with one new member coming in for criticism for his work on low-tar cigarettes.

Professor Xie Jianping (謝劍平), deputy director of China National Tobacco Corporation's Tobacco Research Institute, was one of 54 scientists given the honorary lifetime title of academician yesterday, according to a list on the academy's website.

Xie was recognised for his significant contribution to lowering the amount of tar in cigarettes, leading to the development of many low-tar, mild and light cigarette products in the mainland's state-controlled tobacco industry.

Dr Fang Shimin (方是民), a biologist by training and the most influential science critic on the mainland, said yesterday that the Academy's decision to appoint Xie would further mislead the public by giving them incorrect information about the hazards of smoking.

The harmful substances produced by a burning cigarette ranged from tiny particles to sophisticated chemicals, and tar was only one of them, Fang said.

He said Xie's membership of the academy could serve as a big advertisement for the tobacco industry and encourage more to smoke.

"People do not benefit from low-tar cigarettes. The only way to reduce the harm of cigarette is to quit smoking," Fang said.

Members of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the Chinese Academy of Sciences have attracted more public attention in recent years as they play an important role in China's economic development.

Academy members are required by government regulations to oversee the conception, design, construc-

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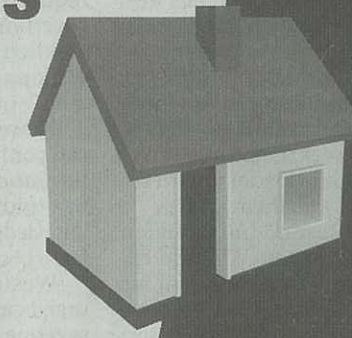
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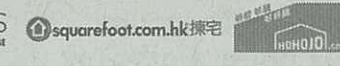
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