

Speech by Chao YANG

Dear president.

I'm Chao YANG from China Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences(CUAES).

Recently, some reports from social media overseas in terms of China's ethnic policies are full of hatred and prejudice. As an ethnic minority in China, I behold such reports do not square with the truth.

I'm from Bai ethnic group in Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture in Yunnan province in China. My other family members have multiple ethnic identities like Bai, Yi, Tu, Lisu, and we live in harmony together. I have witnessed great changes in ethnic areas over the years. A kid in my neighborhood enjoyed the support from many policies including poverty alleviation policy, Dewdrop project, National Grant, etc, and was successfully admitted to

university. My friend from Mongolian ethnic group was accepted by Beijing University as PhD through Ethnic Minority High-level Backbone Personnel Cultivation Program.

During my field research in October this year, I learned a campaign called "I have a home in Xi'an" launched by Chanba No. 1 Middle School in Xi'an city, encouraging local families to give Tibetan kids an adoptive home in Xi'an. Villagers from Hui ethnic group in Hongsipu in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region relocate from mud hut to cement-built house, securing a stable income in a poverty alleviation plant. The herdsman in Wushen Banner in Nei Mongol said they moved to two-storey houses even ten years ago.

Cyber space shall not become a place out of law. Social media shall be employed to convey the truth, but not spread hatred, instigate malicious comments and endanger other countries' security. Thank you .