Symbols and Rituals: An Illustrated Introduction to the Civilizations of Guizhou’s Mountains

Guizhou Province, located in southwest China, is at the center of the South China Karst World Heritage site. This picturesque but ecologically fragile region has long been cut off from the outside world. Guizhou has over 5 million people living on less than $240 a year, but it is rich in ethnic diversity.

Guizhou is home to populations of the Han, Miao, Dong, Buyi, Yi, Shui, Yao and other 18 ethnic groups. Guizhou peoples of all ethnicities maintain community memories and artifacts of their and cultural heritage.

Since the mid-1990s, many international organizations have joined the Chinese government in becoming interested in preserving the cultural heritage of the area. All are trying to find the best way to maintain the unique beauty of this area while creating responsible and sustainable means of supporting the community.

Under the impact of the nationwide "economic revolution" can Guizhou create the perfect solution for improving lives while protecting traditional culture?

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