

Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

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Notice of the Ministry of Education on Approving the Official Establishment of Kunming University

To: The People's Government of Yunnan Province

We have received your letter "Request for Evaluation and Acceptance of the Preparatory Work for the Establishment of Kunming University" (Yun Zheng Han [2006] No. 103).

In accordance with the provisions of the Higher Education Law of the People's Republic of China and the Interim Provisions on the Establishment of Regular Undergraduate Institutions, and based on the evaluation results of the First Session of the Fifth Council of the National Committee for the Establishment of Higher Education Institutions, it has been decided, upon deliberation, to approve the establishment of Kunming University on the basis of merging Kunming Normal Junior College and Kunming University (formerly a junior college-level institution). The institution code for Kunming University is: 11393. Simultaneously, the former establishments of Kunming Normal Junior College and Kunming University (junior college-level) are hereby abolished.

The relevant matters are hereby notified as follows:

1. Kunming University is a regular institution of higher education at the undergraduate level. The university shall progressively transition to making undergraduate education its primary focus.
2. The university shall be placed under the leadership and administration of your Provincial Government, and shall operate under a management system jointly established by the province and the city of Kunming, with the municipal government of Kunming assuming primary administrative responsibility. The funds required for the development of the university shall be arranged and provided by your Provincial Government.
3. The total full-time student enrollment capacity of the university is provisionally set at 12,000 students.
4. In order to support the development of the university, the government-committed funding of 867 million yuan (RMB), to be generated from land replacement proceeds and fully allocated for the university's

construction and development before 2008, must be fully disbursed and put in place.

5. The addition of new undergraduate programs shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of our Ministry. Approval is hereby granted for the initial establishment of six (6) undergraduate programs, namely: Tourism Management, Civil Engineering, Financial Management, History, Biological Sciences, and English.
6. Our Ministry will conduct evaluations of the university's operations and educational quality at an appropriate time in the future.

It is hoped that your Provincial Government will strengthen its leadership over the university, increase investment, and continuously improve the quality of education, the level of scientific research, and the overall efficiency of school operations. In close alignment with the needs of local economic and social development, the university should reinforce its disciplinary and program development, with particular emphasis on strengthening teacher education. The cultivation and in-service training of primary and secondary school teachers shall be regarded as a primary mission of the university. The university should strive to become a qualified undergraduate institution as soon as possible, so as to make greater contributions to the economic construction and social development of Yunnan Province.

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