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China-Trinidad and Tobago cultural relations expanding

The cultural relations between China and Trinidad and Tobago have grown by leaps andbounds in recent years, with an increasing number of exchange visits by art groups and morediversified forms of performances, China's Ministry of Culture said.

Wuju, a kind of opera in Jinhua, East China's Zhejiang province, is one of the favorites of thepeople of Trinidad and Tobago.

In March, China's Ministry of Culture sent the Wuju Opera Troupe of Zhejiang to perform at theQueen's Hall in Port of Spain.

Yan Lixin, director of the troupe, said their performances were highly praised by LincolnDouglas, the country's Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism.

"Douglas said he was so lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy the splendid Chinese localopera," Yan said. "He had a meeting to attend on the night of the show, but he enjoyed the Wuju show so much that he left reluctantly at the last minute before the meeting started."

The troupe was not the first Chinese art group to perform in the island country.

According to China's Ministry of Culture, art exchanges have been carried out since the twocountries established diplomatic relations in 1974, and in the past, China's acrobatics wascommonly seen in Trinidad and Tobago.

In January 2005, China signed a cultural agreement with Trinidad and Tobago to enhanceartistic and cultural exchanges between the two countries.

The two countries agreed to encourage and support direct contact and cooperation betweengovernmental and non-governmental institutions, organizations and people in fields such astheater, music, dance and other artistic groups.

Artistic and cultural exchanges will continue, the Ministry of Culture said.

Yang Le, a 31-year-old folk singer from People's Culture Center in Luohu district, Shenzhen, Guangdong province, went to Trinidad and Tobago with other Shenzhen folk musicians and dancers in May 2012.

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Their first performance in the country was given in the national center for the performing arts, where all the 1,200 seats were sold out. "When the curtain went down at the end of theperformance, we got a standing ovation," Yang said.

Zhang Chonggao, director of Weifang Kite Fair Office of Shandong province, shared the goodmemories he had when he and his colleagues exhibited Weifang traditional kites in Trinidadand Tobago.

held in Trinidad and Tobago in November 2012. In a stadium, Zhangand his colleagues showed people how to fly the traditional Weifang kites.
"Many people, grown-ups, children and even government officials were attracted to fly the kitestogether with us," Zhang said. "The activity went on for a whole afternoon, and we all had fun."
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