Prof. William Logan, from the Alfred Deakin Research Institute, visited the Research School of Ethnic Minority Studies, Yunnan University, on 12th October, 2013. Prof. Logan discussed future research cooperation with Prof. He Ming, Director of the Research School, and his colleagues. Both parties explored how to conduct research jointly on cultural heritage in Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar, and promote the study of intangible heritage in China and ASEAN countries. Both parties agreed to exchange researchers, to host student fieldwork on short-term basis, and to organize joint international conferences in the future.

This year, visitors to the Research School of Ethnic Minority Studies, Yunnan University, offered seminars and lectures on campus, and shared their academic experiences with students. Dr. Hans Steinmuller (Ph.D, London School of Economics), from the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle, Germany); Prof. Shi Chuanggang (Ph.D, Stanford) from the University of Florida, Dr. Liz Billard from the University of Adelaide are among these visitors.

Recently, six professors and one Ph.D candidate from the Research School of Ethnic Minority Studies attended the National Annual Conference of Ethnology and Anthropology in Chengdu. They presented their papers and actively participated in the discussion and sharing with other conference participants.
In October, the Research School of Ethnic Minority Studies organized the 13th International Conference on Chinese Food Culture, in cooperation with the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Food Culture, the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism, the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, and the Institute of Ancient Tea-Horse Road Culture of Yunnan University. This Conference is held every two years by many institutes from different countries. This year, the theme of the conference was “Food and Tourism”. Overseas participants included researchers from Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand. The previous conference held in China was celebrated ten years ago in Chengdu, Sichuan.