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Residents repair a road damaged by flooding in Sanfang, a township in Liuzhou, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, on Saturday after the region was hit by heavy rain. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

# South braced for more floods

Firefighters and soldiers save 70 trapped by water and evacuate 300 as houses collapse and losses top \$8.2m

By HUO YAN and HENA in Guilin, Guangxi

Heavy rain was set to batter southern China again on Sunday following a brief respite, forecasters said.

The rain and occasional thunderstorms were forecast to hit parts of Guizhou, Hunan and Guangdong provinces, the National Meteorological Center said.

Heavy downpours battered parts of Zhejiang, Fujian, Jiangxi and Guangdong provinces and the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region on Friday and Saturday. At least four people in Guangxi were killed in rain-related accidents.

Torrential rain on Friday and at the weekend in Guilin in Guangxi

caused rivers in the city to surge.

On the lower reaches of the Lijiang River's Yangshuo and Pingde sections, the water was 2.24 meters and 3 meters above the warning levels.

The local meteorological department said the rainfall was the heaviest seen in the area this year.

"The rain began to fall at 6 am on Friday and within an hour the water level in our community was 30 to 40 centimeters," said a local resident.

On the Yangshuo section of the Lijiang River, the previously clear water has become muddy, with a large number of branches and leaves floating on the surface.

The local maritime department is seeking temporary berths for tourists' boats.

To ensure tourists' safety, a bamboo raft sailing service was canceled. Some boat services on the Lijiang River were also closed, Guilin Maritime Bureau said.

After strong rainfall hit the upper reaches of the river, 42 students and teachers in Tengfei Primary School in Guilin were trapped by flooding. Firefighters carried the students to safety on their shoulders.

In Gongcheng county, a villager trapped in the middle of the river who was clinging to a tree was saved by firefighters who arrived by boat.

In Lingchuan county, many sections of the road from Chaotian to Dajing were flooded. Three people, including a 7-month-old baby, were trapped in a car. Police and residents made a temporary boardwalk to take them to safety.

Other counties in Guilin, including Lingchuan, Yangshuo and Yong-

fu, reported similar cases, with firefighters and soldiers helping to save trapped residents.

Since Friday afternoon, 350 firefighters and soldiers have been mobilized in Guilin. They have saved more than 70 people trapped in urban areas and helped to evacuate about 300 residents.

Guilin Civil Affairs Bureau said flooding was reported in seven counties and two districts in Guilin that are home to 51 million people.

About 2,400 people were transferred during emergencies, 148 houses in rural areas collapsed and some fields were flooded. Direct losses were reported to be 41.5 million yuan (\$8.2 million).

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EDUCATION

# Students are eager to volunteer, says report

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Chinese college students want to do volunteer work and would not hesitate to help "elderly people who fall over in the street", according to a report released on Saturday.

The Report on the Development of Ideological and Political Education of Chinese College Students 2014 said 91.7 percent of Chinese college students are willing to take part in voluntary work including environmental protection, teaching in remote villages and earthquake relief. And 83.1 percent actually do volunteer work every year.

The report, by Wuhan University in Hubei province, is based on research from 30 universities across China. Wuhan University has published the report, sponsored by the Ministry of Education, annually since 2012.

The question of what is the right thing to do when an old person falls over in the street has been debated since an incident in 2006 when a man called Peng Yu helped an old woman who fell over in Nanjing, Jiangsu province.

The woman later alleged that she was knocked down by Peng and asked him to compensate 40 percent of her medical costs after Peng escorted her to a hospital.

However, the report found that 91.6 percent of students who were surveyed said they would help an elderly person in these circumstances.

This issue came back into the news on May 14 when social media reported that a 74-year-old woman had to ask for help by saying, "I have health insurance" after she fell over in a subway station in Shenyang, Liaoning province.

Shen Zhuanghai, director of the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences at Wuhan University, said the report showed that

university students have inherited the "Lei Feng spirit", named after a young People's Liberation Army soldier who died in 1962 and has since become an icon of selfless service and devotion.

Shen said it has been found that students help each other as well as having a strong sense of social responsibility.

Li Ruixue, 19, a student at Beijing University of Chemical Technology, said she would ask professionals to help an elderly person up from a fall, rather than do so herself, because she lacks medical experience.

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of college students surveyed are willing to take part in voluntary work in China; 83.1 percent actually do volunteer work every year

"I think the enthusiasm of college students to volunteer partly comes from university credit requirements, when voluntary work helps toward your final marks. It is not totally driven from the heart to help others," said Li, from Shaanxi province.

"But I would like to try more, like the volunteers who help passengers at railway stations. I think their work is quite meaningful."

Tao Chuanjin, director of the Research Center of Philanthropy and Social Enterprise at Beijing Normal University, also said people should not be too optimistic about the enthusiasm of college students to do volunteer work.

"Instead of questioning college students' capabilities and the consistency of the voluntary work they do, I think we should be encouraging more college students into voluntary work," said Tao.

"The next step would be helping them to be more professional in helping others by forming non-governmental organizations or offering training."

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