

China

"My Sansui Duck paid the study of my grand son"



Mr. Hu Liangde is 73 years old. He lives in the picturesque village of Pingcheng, situated along the border of the Qionghui River in the eastern province of Guizhou, China.

For a living, he keeps Sansui duck. *"Sansui duck is a famous local breed,"* says Mr Hu, *"I take good care of them and make sure they don't get lost."*

His income is entirely based on the selling of duck eggs and ducks. *"I can make 40 000 yuan net per year"*.

The benefits Mr Hu has used to repair his own old house; and perhaps more importantly, they have allowed him to support his grandson: *"I have financed his complete school study"*.

Mr Hu Liangde at the waterstream where he feeds the Sansi ducks: *"Looking at them can make me happy"*.



Mr. Yuan Jialu is a farmer belonging to the Dong minority. Living in the same mountainous area as Mr Hu, he has been feeding ducks for over 30 years. Besides 132 Sansui duck, Mr Yuan also keeps six pigs and takes care of a small paddy and a pear tree field – altogether not larger than half a hectare.

His main earnings come from the ducks. Mr Yuan explains: *"126 female ducks can produce 31 200 eggs, for which I can get over 20 000 yuan per year."* With this money, he has been able to pay the university studies of his two sons.

Mr Yuan: *"Sansui ducks have brought good luck to me and will follow me my whole life."*



Mr Yuan Jialu proudly showing his ducks.

We would like to thank Mr. Hu Liangde and Mr. Yuan Jialu for this interview.