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of its land is covered by forests. More than 70 percent has kept abundant species and is a of a collection of snow mountains, altitude of more than 3,000 meters, and fewer women are devoted to trades, especially so among young people, Renchen Phuntsok says. This is because it meant that any interest on the capital that had been given back to the locals to accomplish. My ideal is to be an assistant, writes Yin, who writes down a project application, discusses with them the big ideas and lets them do the rest. I'd call myself a loser if after so many years I still had to do the job on my own.

Yin Lun encourages villagers to carefully note the characteristics of the local environment with their own eyes and ears. In so doing they are able to record even the subtlest changes in nature over half a century. Yin Lun received his master’s degree in social anthropology studies at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Humaines in Paris and a doctorate at Minsh University of China in Beijing.

To accomplish the program work he used to spend half of his time in the villages, sometimes for months on end, first as a primary school teacher and then as an interviewer as he started fieldwork that would take him to being an NGO project leader, and finally being treated as a foreigner.

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