Welcome to D+ December 2016 Newsletter. It is the thirty-sixth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in December 2016 on D+.

Again, Congratulation to the winners of the Daily Positive (D+) World’s Most Positive Countries 2016: Switzerland, China, Sweden, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Germany, United States of America and Italy. Also, Congratulation to the Most Positive Regional Countries for 2016: Kenya, Kuwait, Iceland, Cuba and Colombia.

For more on the World’s Most Positive Countries for 2016 visit us at http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries.

In this last edition of the newsletter for 2016, D+ would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our readers, volunteers and well-wishers. We look forward to see you next year.

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Top News Of The Month

Top News Of The Month is selected based on the feedback from D+ Facebook fans from around the world.

Jeison Aristizábal of Colombia named 2016 CNN Hero of the Year for his work of providing educational and medical support for youth living with disabilities in Colombia.

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Caitlin Foord of Australia was crowned Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women’s Player of the Year.

A team of Canadian and American geologists has discovered a new species of bird, named Tingmiatornis arctica, in the Canadian Arctic.

China launched its first carbon tracking satellite TanSat as part of efforts to understand, monitor and tackle greenhouse gas emissions.

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Finland’s capital Helsinki topped the global travel list for 2017, published by Fodor’s travel agency.

French photographer Greg LeCoeur won the Grand Prize at the 2016 National Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year contest for his underwater photo of sardine migration on Wild Coast of South Africa.

Greek and Swedish archaeologists have discovered an unknown 2,500-year-old city at a village called Vlochos, five hours north of Athens.

Scientists in India have discovered a new species of spider, named Eriovixia gryffindori.

Jamaica’s Usain Bolt was named the male World Athletes of the Year at the IAAF Athletics Awards 2016.

Air New Zealand was named Airline of the Year by AirlineRatings.com in its Airline Excellence Awards for the fourth consecutive year.

President of Rwanda Paul Kagame received the United Nations' highest environmental accolade, the Champions of the Earth award, in the Policy Leadership category.

A new law banning smoking in cars when carrying children came into force in Scotland.

Senegal football team ended 2016 as the highest ranked African national team according to the December FIFA listing.

Singapore topped the 2016 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) global education survey, which evaluates the quality, equity and efficiency of school systems.

Hankook Mirae Technology of South Korea revealed the world’s first manned bipedal robot Method-2. The four-metre-tall (13-foot), 1.5 ton robot is built to work in extreme hazardous areas where humans cannot go (unprotected).

Uganda started up its first grid-connected, 10 megawatt solar power plant. The plant, a vast field of some 32,600 photovoltaic panels, is located in Soroti in northeastern Uganda and the electricity generated will help power at least 40,000 homes.

Afghanistan’s flamboyant wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Shahzad won the 2016 International Cricket Council (ICC) Associate and Affiliate Cricketer of the Year award.