

Foreigner Work Permit issued in Hubei



Penelope Joquarry with her work permit

Penelope Joquarry, deputy general manager of Wuhan Wanda Dragone Entertainment Co., Ltd., received the Foreigner's Work Permit of the People's Republic of China on April 18.

She was the first person to receive the Foreigner's Work Permit in Hubei Province. The new permit combines the Employment Permit for Foreigners and the Foreign Expert Work Permit.

Joquarry is from Australia.

She has 20 years' experience in stage management. She worked for the Sydney Olympics opening and closing ceremonies.

"The procedure has been greatly simplified, and I only have to go through a process at a department of Hubei Foreign Affairs Office to apply for the new work permit," she said.

Joquarry went to work in Shanghai from her home country in 2011. She had

applied for the Foreign Expert Work Permit which required her to apply for an extension every year. According to the regulations of the new program, because her permit is in the A Category, she doesn't need to apply for an extension again before the end date of her employment.

It was revealed that in the near future, more beneficial policies for foreign expats will be carried out in the Hubei Pilot Free Trade Zone.

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French expert receives Wuhan's 1st Foreigner Work Permit

By Jessie Fan

Abdelmounaim Ezzahir, Vice General Manager at CMI Engineering (Wuhan) Co., Ltd., became the first expat in Wuhan to receive the Foreigner's Work Permit on April 18.

Abdelmounaim is French. He relocated from Beijing to Wuhan on March 1, and only after a very short time, he received the permit in Wuhan.

"The application process for the new Foreigner's Work Permit is quite simple. It only took me five days to get the permit after uploading all documents online. The new work permit is an ID card, very smart and portable. In the future, if I am going to enter and exit restricted buildings, I will be able to scan the card and enter," he said.

He also mentioned that the processing of the permit at Wuhan Citizens Home was very well organized.

Bike-sharing big data reflects city's "riding traits" Wuhan claims title of "city of learning"

By Chen Cheng

Wuhan has become a city of learning, with a large number of bike-sharing riders heading for libraries and universities each day, according to a report released on April 12.

The White Paper of Shared Bikes and City Development, the first of its kind, was released by the Tsinghua Tongheng Urban Planning & Design Institute and bike-sharing startup Mobike, aiming to depict how sharing bicycles has changed people's means of transportation.

The report is based on 100,000 questionnaires and one year of big data that Mobike

has collected from its bike users in 36 major cities. It comprehensively displays the changes that bike-sharing systems, and consequently the revival of bikes, have brought to urban transportation, urban environment, and citizens' lives.

Riding habits reveal cities' diverse characteristics. Beijing has the earliest risers with rides peaking in the morning, while sleepless city Shenzhen has the most riders at midnight and early hours. Chengdu users like to go to recreational spots, while Wuhan riders are frequent visitors to libraries.

The big data shows that

besides school days when bike users frequent such learning places as universities and city libraries, the Spring Festival holiday this year also witnessed citizens' passion for learning. During the seven-day holiday, Hubei Provincial Library and Wuhan Library remained the hottest spots for sharing bikes. According to a city official, Wuhan has become a vigorous place for many young people. Those who want to prepare for postgraduate entrance exams, go abroad, or pursue career development often choose to spend their spare time in libraries, reading and learning.

Southern section of Fourth Ring Road takes shape



Tangxun Lake Overpass Photo by Zhou Di

The southern section of the Fourth Ring Road begins at Gongjiapu, links to the Zhuankou Yangtze River Bridge, and ends at Zhongzhou. It is 17 kilometers long, and it involves the construction of three interchanges. Currently, the Tangxun Lake Overpass, a key project for the Fourth Ring Road, has seen the erection of all its girders, which marks the linking of the two banks of Tangxun Lake.