

10 new policies facilitate exit and entry procedures

By Xia Yi

Ten new policies to facilitate exit and entry procedures, namely international high-level talents, Chinese people of foreign nationalities, international interns, among others, took effect on July 21.

The policies will allow high-level foreign talents to directly apply for permanent residency. A market-recognized talent system has been established, which will give those approved greater convenience when applying for a long-term residence permit. Visa and residence validity periods will be extended for Chinese people of foreign nationalities. Several of the 10 policies concern internships and business operations for foreigners. For example, international students will be encouraged to start a

business. They can begin working right after graduation, and are able to apply for an internship. These policies will enable more people to apply for a long-term residence permit.

Four types of foreign expats will benefit from the new policies. High-level foreign talents include those who have been recruited by China's Thousand Talent Program, those who have received a professional certification that is recognized internationally, and those who are selected as members of other talent programs or the Free Trade Zone offices.

Chinese people of foreign nationalities who have met the requirements of education and residency time can apply for permanent residence according to the rules. They can also apply

for long-term residence and multiple entry visas to work, study, or visit families here.

International students with an accepted educational background are able to apply for a personal affairs residence permit which will be valid for less than two years if they plan to start a business in Hubei. Those who have been employed by acknowledged local companies will be able to apply for a work residence permit after graduation. Students from other countries can apply for personal affairs visas to obtain an internship in Hubei.

Foreigners who have successfully applied for a work residence permit two consecutive times and have never committed a crime will be able to extend their permit to long term.

Wujiu Railroad north ring to be converted to greenway

By Wang Yaxin



Qingshan part of the Wujiu Railway

Photo by Li Yonggang

An expert review panel of internationally-invited tenders for the Wuhan-Jiujiang Railroad greenway planning and design scheme was in progress on July 18. It was revealed that an obsolete 18-kilometer-long part of the Wuhan-Jiujiang Railway is to be transformed to an open urban public space.

The part of the railway to be converted is the north ring of Wuhan-Jiujiang Railway built in the 1950s. The 17.9-kilometer-long and 20.4-meter-wide outdated railway line involves four stations along the line, namely Wuchang, Shahu, Wuchang North, Badajia, and its terminal station: Nanmu Temple in Qingshan.

The bidders for the designing contract include some world famous companies like Atlas Planning and Design Co., Ltd. and Atkins (British) Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge's main structure finished

By Han Wei

The world's longest under-sea tunnel, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) tunnel, was finished recently, marking the completion of the main structure construction.

Around 20 companies from Wuhan have been involved in building this 55-kilometer-long cross-sea bridge project, accomplishing 60% of all the design and construction work.

China Communications Construction Company's Second Harbor Engineering Co., Ltd. from Wuhan has undertaken the prefabrication of half of the immersed tubes for the underwater tunnel, the steel consumption of which is equivalent to that of the Eiffel Tower. In addition, the China Railway Major Bridge Reconnaissance & Design Institute has been in charge of the supervision and measurement of the tunnel project.

East Lake International Circus debuts

The East Lake International Circus orchestrated by Wuhan East Lake Ocean World officially opened to the public on July 20.

Well equipped with a stage and a thousand seats in a grand round tent, over 40 splendid performers from Russia, Kazakhstan and other countries staged wonderful performances like Tsar's Cavalry, the Flying Trapeze, Romance in the Sky, Bear Brothers, the Flywheel of Death, Beauty and Lion while winning thunderous applause from the audience.

The performance time is 2:30 P.M. (Tuesday to Friday) and 11:30 A.M. or 2:30 P.M. (Saturday and Sunday). On weekends and official holidays, please check the park's notice for possible extra sessions.



The East Lake International Circus Photo by Miao Jian