

New residents get 'green cards'

Newman Huo

SHENZHEN Residence Certificates for Overseas Talents have been awarded to 10 holders of doctor's degrees from abroad.

The certificates, also known as the Shenzhen "green card," were awarded at a ceremony Monday.

"To build Shenzhen into an international city, we'll need more high-level talents like you," Huang

Liman, secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of CPC, told the certificate recipients.

According to the Shenzhen Municipal Bureau of Personnel Director Chen Anren, the awarding of the residence certificates marked the initiation of a new pattern of introducing international talents.

"Over the past years, the city has been endeavoring to introduce

and absorb more international talents," Chen said.

Last year, the city introduced 1,075 returned Chinese students, increasing the total number of returned Chinese students in the city to more than 4,200, Chen said.

"Today, the implementation of the Shenzhen 'green card' will help solve the problems these talents are facing in areas including

social insurance, children's schooling, housing, medical service and taxation," Chen said.

Lily Wang, Shenzhen trade officer of Canada China Business Council, was overwhelmed at receiving the Shenzhen "green card."

"For me, the 'green card' is actually a five-year residence and working permit. For now on, I don't need to go to renew my visa annually," Wang said.

Limited jobs for newcomers

SHENZHEN has limited job vacancies for new migrant workers following the Spring Festival, the labor department said.

There were few changes in the need for labor in Shenzhen. This year's demand was about 3.7 million while last year's demand was 3.68 million, the *Daily Sunshine* reported Monday.

The labor department warned that jobseekers should be careful before joining the migrant workers' rush to find jobs after the Chinese Lunar New Year.

Most of the job vacancies were for skilled workers, the department said after investigating more than 100 local enterprises.

The department expected there

would be about 30,000 to 50,000 job vacancies after the festival as some migrant workers would not return to their jobs in Shenzhen after returning home to inland areas. New jobseekers should have reliable job information before coming to Shenzhen, the department said.

More than 400,000 workers had returned to work and 1.5 million migrant workers were expected to return to Shenzhen before Feb. 20, the report said.

The railway department will see a peak of returning migrant workers around Feb. 15, or the traditional Lantern Festival, which marks the end of the Chinese Lunar New Year. (Windy Shao)

Hopeless jobseekers walk back



Police stop migrants who walk along the railway.

SOME hopeless jobseekers wanted to walk along the railway to go back home or try their luck elsewhere, local Chinese-language newspapers reported Monday.

Local railway police have seized more than 200 people who entered the closed Guangzhou-Shenzhen Railway and sent them to the civil administration department.

Shao Feng, a jobseeker from Hubei, has walked along the railway for three days before being found by the police. He said he had no money to buy a ticket after his jobseeking effort failed in

Shenzhen. So he wanted to walk to Guangzhou to try his luck.

Huang Guangping, another migrant from Guizhou, even wanted to walk back home after giving up hope of finding a job in Shenzhen. He was found by police with eight bowls of instant noodles after walking along the railway for about ten minutes.

Police said that it was very dangerous to walk or play along the busy railway. The behavior will not only risk the safety of the walkers themselves, but also passing trains. (Windy Shao)



Life sentence for spy and terrorist

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Beginning from 1996, according to the court, Wang started writing, publishing books, listing articles on Web sites to air terrorism and agitate terrorist activities such as assassination, kidnapping and bombing. He was also cultivating terrorists abroad during that period.

In January 1998, Wang entered Zhuhai through illegal channels to meet with people in Guangzhou and Shanghai, including Fan Yiping, Feng Guanhui and Ni Jinbin to spread terrorism

and ordered them to obtain guns for kidnapping.

In the same year, Wang appointed Zhang Lin as leader of an "action group" and sent him back to China to wait for action.

In February 1999, Wang appointed Xie Hong as commander-in-chief of the "special action center of the headquarters" and ordered Xie to carry out explosions and assassinations at the National Day celebration ceremony in 1999.

In March 2001, he wrote to the Taiwan authorities, claiming he

had stored a large quantity of dynamite on the mainland and needed capital support for blasting roads and bridges.

From February to July in 2001, Wang had been to Thailand twice in a plot to bomb the Chinese Embassy in Thailand. He even examined the northern parts of Thailand in preparation for building a terrorist training base there.

Wang has the right to appeal in the 10 days after the court verdict, according to China's Criminal Procedural Law. (Xinhua)

Drug rush

People rush to buy drugs in a local drug store to prevent themselves from a pneumonia outbreak.

(Qiu Haibin)

A musician's wish

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MUSICIAN Greg Henry Waters, 60, from New York City, hopes to start a new life in Shenzhen.

He came here Jan. 8 at the invitation of a Chinese friend.

As a composer, Waters enjoys viewing everything as a piece of artwork.

"From my own perspective, the city's magnitude impressed me most at first," Waters said.

After one month in the city, Waters came to like life here.

"The living standard here is equal to or even higher than that in New York. People here are more polite than New Yorkers," Waters said.

Although he believes the city is more advanced in some areas than New York, the biggest problem he thinks the city is facing is not having sufficient infrastructure for musical activities.

"New York has many world famous theaters, and at least six music schools. New Yorkers can go to concerts and performances every night. But where are the music teachers and schools here?"

"But on the other hand, it's good to see that in some way Chinese

Police rescue abducted baby

POLICE in Shenzhen rescued an eight-month-old baby from its abductors during the Spring Festival, the *Shenzhen Special Zone Daily* reported Monday. Three suspects connected with the case have been arrested.

The baby was abducted on Jan. 21 allegedly by Li Dan, a countrywoman of the baby's father. The baby's grandmother saw Li take the baby, but didn't stop her, thinking that Li was playing with the baby.

Later that day, however, Li and the baby could not be found and the family called police.

The police found that Li Dan and her boyfriend Huang Ligu had disappeared from their residence in Shenzhen and suspected the two of abducting the baby.

On Jan. 25, Lin learned the telephone number of Huang Ligu's cousin, Ms. Huang, who works in Huzhou, Zhejiang, together with her husband.

Ms. Huang told Lin that Huang Ligu had asked her husband to find a buyer for a baby, setting the price at about 30,000 yuan (US\$3,600).

On Feb. 2, Ms. Huang's husband phoned Lin and told him that Huang Ligu would take the baby to Huzhou.

The police immediately took action and caught Li Dan, Huang Ligu and another suspect while safely recovering the baby.

With the baby in arms, the parents, Lin Wucong and his wife, went to the Kuichong branch of the Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau to thank the policemen.

The three suspects have allegedly acknowledged their crime. They are expected to stand trial soon. (Deng Hanneng)



Greg Henry Waters

people have not been dominated by pop music yet," Waters said.

He believes Chinese traditional music is on a higher level than today's pop music.

With his professional knowledge and expertise in music, Waters wants to contribute to the spread of "good" American music in the city.

"In about three months, I'm planning to bring an American band to the city," he said.

Announcement

Here I, YE LIYANG (female, born on Dec. 22, 1959), announce that my passport of Belize was lost in Shenzhen, China. The No. of the passport is A002367. The visa of the passport to enter China is from Nov. 19, 2002 to May 19, 2003.

Ye Liyang
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