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Mayor Gong Zheng (right) presents Jeffrey Sean Lehman, vice chancellor of Shanghai New York University, the certificate for Honorary Citizen of Shanghai. — Ti Gong

Shanghai suspends flights over COVID-19

Yang Jian

THE Shanghai Airport Authority said it has tightened the "closed-loop" management on human, cargo and environment at Pudong airport, which is operating normally in the throes of the nation's Spring Festival travel rush.

Amid a new wave in the pandemic caused by the Omicron variant, Shanghai has reported a surging number of imported cases via Pudong airport.

A suspension on four flights to Shanghai, operated by Swiss Air and Aeroflot as well as Shanghai-based Juneyao and China Eastern airlines, has been prolonged by another two to four weeks to curb imported COVID-19 cases.

About 30 passengers on these flights have tested positive at Pudong airport since mid-January, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said on Wednesday.

Among the most severely affected, Aeroflot-Russian Airlines' Flight SU208 from Moscow to Shanghai will be suspended for another four weeks through early April.

Other flights, such as China Eastern's MU570 from Paris to Shanghai and Swiss Air's Flight LX188 from Zurich to Shanghai, will be suspended for another two weeks beginning early March.

12 LOCAL EXPATS HONORED

Yang Meiping

SHANGHAI Mayor Gong Zheng presented medals and certificates to the 2021 winners of the Shanghai Honorary Citizenship and Magnolia Gold Award on Monday in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the city's socio-economic development.

American Jeffrey Sean Lehman, vice chancellor of Shanghai New York University, and France's Jean-Paul Agon, chairman of L'Oréal Group, were the recipients of honorary citizenships, expanding the total number of honorary citizens of Shanghai to 47 since the award was launched in 1997.

"I'm deeply moved to be honored in this way by a city that I admire so much for

its commitment to build and strengthen bridges that cross national borders," Lehman said after accepting the medal and certificate from Gong.

Meanwhile, 10 expats from the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Japan were honored with the Magnolia Gold Award yesterday.

Marie Kieran Waxman, distinguished professor at Fudan University, thanked the city government on behalf of all the recipients.

"We all feel like modern Shanghaiese," she said. "Shanghai is firmly rooted in each of our hearts. From these hearts have grown blossoms that today you have accepted as Shanghai magnolia blossoms."

Shanghai began honoring expats

with the Magnolia Silver Award in 1989 and added the gold award and honorary citizenship into the system in 1992 and 1997, respectively. More than 1,600 awards and honorary titles have been given out so far.



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