



Photographers take photos of a model during the Spring/Summer 2023 Shanghai Fashion Week event, which kicked off in Xintiandi last Tuesday and ends today. With the theme "Met a Nature," the Spring/Summer 2023 Shanghai Fashion Show featured more than 80 fashion brands. — Dong Jun

Shanghai wins bid to host 2026 WorldSkills event

Yang Meiping

SHANGHAI won the bid to host the WorldSkills Competition 2026, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security said on Wednesday.

At the WorldSkills General Assembly on Monday, members voted in favor of Shanghai to host the competition after Chinese representatives expressed a willingness to continue strengthening exchanges and cooperation with members of WorldSkills and help workers advance their skills, the ministry said.

The WorldSkills Competition, the world's top-level

vocational skills event, is held every two years.

China joined WorldSkills International in 2010 and has harvested 36 gold medals, 29 silk, 20 bronze and 58 medallions for excellence in the competition.

The 46th WorldSkills Competition was initially scheduled to take place in Shanghai in September 2021 and was postponed to October this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In May, based on the latest global pandemic situation, the competition was canceled. As an alternative to the 46th WorldSkills Competition, special events are being held in 15

countries this year.

"It's a decision for the sake of the health of all participants, including competitors and experts," said Zhang Lan, executive deputy director of the WorldSkills Shanghai 2022 Executive Bureau.

Zhang revealed that the conversion of the Yong'an Warehouse into the WorldSkills Museum is well under way, with structural construction work and most interior decorating to be completed by the end of the month.

"We will start work on exhibit presentations and plan to put it into trial operation in the first half of next year," he added.

How do foreign Chinese apply for permanent residence permit in China?

Zhu Yuting

WHEN foreigners come to China, they might encounter problems with various issues, ranging from visas to residence applications. Here's a frequently asked question from foreign Chinese.

Q: How can foreign Chinese with doctoral degrees apply for permanent residence in China? Are there any limitations on where they can work?

A: They can apply for permanent residence permits at the exit-entry administration bureau if they work in China, according to the National Immigration Administration of China.

Their foreign spouses and minor children can also apply.

The policy is in force nationwide and there are no restrictions on the location of their work.

The following documents are needed:

1. An application form with ID photo;
2. A copy of a valid passport and residence permit;
3. Proof of identity as an expatriate Chinese, including the certificates of your foreign nationality and

cancellation of your Chinese household registration, or other proof issued by local government departments in charge of overseas Chinese to prove your identity;

4. Your PhD diploma. If you graduated from an overseas university, you need to provide the certification issued by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange;

5. A copy of your employer's business license, as well as your employment certificate and work permit;

6. Proof of no criminal record certified by a Chinese embassy or consulate;

7. A health check certificate issued within the last six months by a designated domestic entry-exit health quarantine institution or by a foreign medical institution approved by the Chinese embassy or consulate;

8. If the original versions of the materials are in a foreign language, you need to find a qualified agency to translate them into Chinese and stamp them with the seal of the translation company.

For further information, please call the Chinese immigration service hotline 12367.