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1st batch of exhibits enter venue as CIIE preparations reach peak

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THE first batch of exhibits for the 5th China International Import Expo entered the venue, the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai) in suburban Qingpu District, on Tuesday.

The exhibits are from seven enterprises, including a high-end CT (Computed Tomography) scanner and a nuclear medicine specialized equipment brought by GE HealthCare, a GMC Hummer pure electric sport-utility vehicle from General Motors, and a fully automated sheet metal bending processing system from Amada Co, a large Japanese manufacturer of metal processing equipment and machinery.

Also among the exhibits are Loop Energy's S1200 series of next-generation fuel cell products and Siemens Healthcare's Naeotom Alpha, a photon-counting CT scanner, both of which will make their Asian debut at the expo, to be held from November 5-10.

All exhibits and vehicles are disinfected while relevant personnel have to take nucleic acid tests before entering the venue.

The entry of exhibits signalled that the expo was moving into the phase of



building and decorating booths inside the venue, according to the CIIE Bureau.

Construction of the booths and arrangement of exhibits will be completed by November 2, according to Feng Jianhui, senior logistic manager of the National Exhibition and Convention Center.

Food supply for the expo has also begun with inspectors on high alert to ensure food safety at the venue.

The food supply will cover nearly 10,000 volunteers and staffers working at the center, and the meals will be supplied by five food companies.

On Tuesday, 101 quick tests were conducted on meals supplied to the center, and no substandard food sample was found, according to the Shanghai Administration for Market Regulation.

The five suppliers have been ordered to strictly follow requirements regarding the management of imported cold-chain food ingredients, pandemic prevention and

control on staffers, temperature during the cooking process, and meal serving time to stamp out hazards of cross-contamination.

Meanwhile, the venue and nearby areas are spruced up with a splash of colors.

At the south square of the center, landscaping in the shape of Jin Bao, the mascot of the expo, and "cloud mountain" present an enchanting floral scenery.

The flowers will be in their most vibrant shape during the CIIE, authorities noted.

In a 1-square-kilometer key area around the center, 140,000 pots of flowers such as red sage and zinnia covering 4,100 square meters are planted, and Zhuguang Road, Laigang Road and Yinggang Road E. have been decorated with floral pillars and balls.

Under the south overpass of Zhuguang Road, maple and acer palmatum are planted, turning a gray area into a colorful one with a Jiangnan-style flavor with its blend of landscape decorations.

A brilliant night view will be presented with lights along Songze Avenue, Yinggang Road E. and Zhuguang Road, and Laigang Road will be switched on during the expo, presenting a rainbow of flower scenery.



Workers set up a booth in the venue. — Jiang Xiaowei



The first batch of exhibits entered the CIIE site, the National Exhibition and Convention Center in suburban Qingpu District, on Tuesday as workers (right) prepare the venue. — CFP

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