



Huang Qianyi (left) serves visitors at the 5th CIIE.

Young volunteers rally to make CIIE a success

Hu Min

Getting up at 5am, walking some 20,000 steps, providing services 10 hours a day — all these figures add up to the daily routine of Huang Qianyi, a volunteer who served at the China International Import Expo for the fourth time.

As a veteran volunteer at the expo, Huang, a postgraduate of Shanghai University Of Engineering Science, provided guidance and consultation at the National Exhibition and Convention Center of Shanghai, the venue of the event.

“CIIE witnessed my growth all the time, and I have deep bond with it,” Huang said.

She provided volunteer services in different posts such as consultation, guidance and guest reception.

“I applied to be a CIIE volunteer at the very beginning because I am interested in it,” said Huang. “The interest became a love and I have accumulated a lot of experience as a CIIE volunteer now.”

Huang often fell asleep on the shuttle bus when returning to her university after a day of hard work. She arrives at the exhibition and convention center at 8am and leaves at 6:30pm.

“But I am always full of expectation for my service in the morning,” she said. “I am happy helping guests from around the world and am moved when they express gratitude sincerely.”

“The memories of CIIE are so colorful and vivid, which made me continue my service again this year, and my story with it is going on.”

Huang said being a CIIE volunteer requires a kind of devotion spirit and enthusiasm, as well as hard work and being flexible to handle different kind of situations.

“We also need to update our knowledge base continuously and improve foreign language skills,” she added.

GaoHar Nur, a 19-year-old student of Shanghai Jiao Tong University from Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, who can speak a number of languages such as English and Kazakh, provided multilingual services to guests at the CIIE.

She spent a lot of time on training to get familiar with different venues, routes and their locations before the event started.

“When I saw the recruitment poster in September, I did not hesitate a second to apply,” she said. “I am

curious about the expo because I only learnt about it on TV and I want to make contribution to it.”

When she arrived at the National Exhibition and Convention Center of Shanghai for the first time, she found it was big.

“Due to news reports, I am familiar with iconic buildings at the center, but it still took me long time to remember all the locations and routes, which are complicated,” she said.

She once served as a COVID-19 prevention and control volunteer.

“I want to learn international culture and make exchanges with others during the event, and most importantly, make contributions to the grand event,” she said.

The “tie” with CIIE started in 2018 for Kang Xinli, a student of Shanghai University and second-year volunteer for the expo.

Memories flashed back.

“I was a senior high school student at that time, and I looked forward to be a volunteer serving the expo when I watched TV about the event,” Kang recalled.

She applied immediately when she saw the recruitment poster at university.

“I believed it was an opportunity at a ‘doorway’ when I read the recruitment notice,” she said.

She served as a volunteer for the Hongqiao International Economic Forum last year, and works for the guarantee and technical service team of pavilions this year.

“I want to make progress year on year and grow with the expo,” Kang said.

“I feel like I stand in front of the whole world and I want to show the demeanour

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A birthday party for volunteers of the 5th CIIE. — Photos by Jiang Xiaowei