

Frenchman granted Honorary Citizenship



Honorary citizen of Shanghai

Antonio Duarte

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Frenchman Antonio Duarte, founder and president of the DPark foreign-related economic, innovative & culture park, has been living in Shanghai for 22 years. He likes to call the city his second home.

As a renowned entrepreneur, Duarte was honored with a Shanghai Magnolia Award in 2017. Now, he has been granted Honorary Citizenship of Shanghai, the highest honor for expats who have made contributions to the city's development.

"This is not only a recognition for me personally, but also an affirmation for my team in China, and my Chinese friends who have supported me for so many years," Duarte said.

"It also gives a boost to my French compatriots' confidence in pushing forward their development in Shanghai and enhancing the friendship between China and France ... Shanghai is an extraordinary city, and I have witnessed the evolution of the Pudong New Area from scratch, which is now lined with well-designed skyscrapers

forming a sight so majestic."

As an entrepreneur passionate about international cooperation, Duarte is committed to helping European companies overcome any obstacles they may encounter, and support their growth in China. He knows that by doing so, he can contribute to the economic development of both regions, and strengthen their relationship.

He founded the DPark in 2009 to help European companies set up and develop their business in China. It has so far introduced nearly 100 such enterprises.

The park also actively hosts international events and participates in economic and trade cooperation projects, having been acclaimed as a "small French center" by the French Minister of the Overseas and the Consul General of France in Shanghai.

Duarte realizes that to

promote the development of European enterprises in China, facing cultural clashes, differing linguistic concepts, varying implementation in policies and regulations, cost control and visa restrictions, especially amid the pandemic, are all unavoidable issues.

The main challenge is to make enterprises feel safe and welcome. So Duarte shares his expertise and experience, leading his team to provide guidance and explanations, while also sharing his "Chinese circle of friends" with European entrepreneurs.

"As a foreign capital park, we are especially grateful to the Yangpu District government for its vision, courage and decision in approving the establishment of DPark in 2009," he said.

DPark has now become a successful model of foreign-related projects which play a pioneering role in pilot trials.

Magnolia Gold Award for 2022

Ten expats from Italy, Australia, Canada, Nepal and the United States were honored with Shanghai's Magnolia Gold Awards last week for their contributions to the city's social and economic development. Here are the recipients:



Cosimo Bambi

Italy
Xie Xide Junior Professor, Department of Physics, Fudan University

Cosimo Bambi, 42, is a relativist and cosmologist. He joined Fudan University in 2012.

With research interest in diverse fields, he has more than 150 publications. The Quantum Bambi effect is named after him. In the past 10 years, his work has helped China cultivate talent and improve the quality of education and research in astrophysics.



James Wunderman

United States
President & CEO, Bay Area Council

James Wunderman, 65, a 2019 Shanghai Magnolia Silver Award winner, was honored one of the top 100 influential politicians in California for his dedication to promoting infrastructure, health care, etc in the Bay Area.

Since 2007, he has been leading the Bay Area Council members to carry out mutual visits with officials from Shanghai and other provinces, serving as a bridge for Sino-American friendship.



Ashish Maskay

Nepal
Senior Orthopedic Assistant Surgeon, Shanghai United Family Hospital

Ashish Maskay, 51, is a 2020 Shanghai Magnolia Silver Award recipient. With 19 years in the city, the surgeon is famous in the expatriate and local communities partly for blood donation activities.

Having long been involved in blood donation, he established a team of expatriate blood donation volunteers and launched Bloodline in 2016. It organizes blood donation events regularly.



Jolyon Warren Lewis Bulley

Australia
Chief Executive Officer, IHG China

Jolyon Warren Lewis Bulley, 60, has been working in Shanghai for eight years and received the Shanghai Magnolia Silver Award in 2020.

Under his efforts, InterContinental Hotels Group has contributed to Shanghai's socioeconomic development, and the fight against the pandemic. In the past 10 years, IHG has increased its hotels in Shanghai from 28 to 61.



Michael Farley Moyers

United States
Chairman, Department of Medical Physics, Shanghai Proton and Heavy Ion Center

Michael Farley Moyers, 67, is a world-famous medical physicist with over 30 years' particle therapy experience.

Been in Shanghai for nine years, he is principal physicist at Shanghai Proton and Heavy Ion Center. He has led his team to apply cutting-edge technology in treating cancer. Moyers has been granted the Chinese green card, or permanent residence permit.